

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2017 AT 3.00 PM

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

S Aspey	SE Baldwin	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell
NA Burnett	MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins
HJ David	P Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards
J Gebbie	T Giffard	RM Granville	CA Green
DG Howells	A Hussain	RM James	B Jones
M Jones	MJ Kearns	DRW Lewis	JE Lewis
JR McCarthy	DG Owen	D Patel	AA Pucella
JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands	B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw
CE Smith	SG Smith	RME Stirman	G Thomas
T Thomas	JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables	SR Vidal
MC Voisey	LM Walters	KJ Watts	CA Webster
DBF White	PJ White	A Williams	AJ Williams
HM Williams	JE Williams	RE Young	

Apologies for Absence

RL Penhale-Thomas and JC Spanswick

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Julie Ellams	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Andrew Jolley	Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services
Gary Jones	Head of Democratic Services
Darren Mephram	Chief Executive
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities
Kelly Watson	Group Manager Legal & Democratic Services

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

The Mayor

The Mayor welcomed all those present to the first ordinary meeting of council. She reported that a petition had just been received regarding the waste contract and would be passed onto the relevant officers for consideration.

During the first couple of weeks, the Mayor had been finding her feet and it had been interesting to see the different events going rapidly into her calendar. She was excited to attend her first engagement as Mayor – a fundraising event for a community centre. The Mayor and her consort also had a fantastic time representing the County Borough at the National Eisteddfod.

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The Mayor looked forward to a busy and rewarding year and if anyone knew of any organisation that would like a civic visit in order to support their initiative, they should be directed to the Mayoral office for their request to be considered.

On a more sombre note, the terrible events in Manchester last week had shocked and saddened all and the Mayor was honoured to be asked to speak at the Vigil that was held in Bridgend Town Centre last Wednesday. The Mayor joined the hundreds of local people young and old who came together to remember the victims and their families and thanked Councillor David White for his swift organisation of this special and moving event.

The Mayor had written to the Lord Mayor of Manchester expressing her sorrow and offering thoughts and support during this very difficult time. In remembrance of all the people who were affected by the bombing in Manchester the Mayor asked that all observed one minute's silence.

Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader reminded members about forthcoming training events.

Corporate Parenting training would take place on 12th and 19th June, Rights of Way Sub-Committee training on 14th June, Equalities Committee training on 20th June, and Treasury Management training and Audit Committee training on 26th June.

The next meeting of Council on 28th June would feature a pre-council presentation on the theme of 'Policing in the County Borough'.

Cabinet Member Communities

The Cabinet Member Communities explained that he was sure that members were already very aware that one of the single biggest changes to a service that touched every home in the county borough would commence on Monday 5 June. He was referring to waste and recycling collections, but as members had already received lots of information about the new scheme and there was a motion tabled as part of the agenda, he did not intend to go into the details of 'why' and 'how'. He did draw members' attention to the website, "recycleforBridgend.wales". This had been set up as an easy to use, one-stop-shop of information. It explained the rationale behind the scheme, clarified how people should use the new equipment, and featured a series of frequently asked questions that were regularly updated. It was part of a wider programme of publicity surrounding the new scheme, and as people started to use the new equipment and become accustomed to the new procedures, the website could prove to be extremely useful – both to members, and to constituents.

The Cabinet Member Communities referred to the old South Wales Police headquarters at Waterton. It was originally built as part of the infrastructure for the manufacture of munitions during the second world war and had become a local landmark. Now the building had become even more significant with the addition of a two-storey extension that had been recognised at the regional Building Excellence Awards. Constructors Willmott Dixon picked up the accolade for 'Best Large Commercial Building' after winning in the same category during the Bridgend County Borough heat of the awards. It was a stand-out project, and he was sure that members would join him in wishing it luck as it went forward to a national ceremony which would be held at Cardiff's Millennium Centre later in the year.

Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help

With the new waste and recycling procedures set to begin in a few days' time the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help asked members to remind their constituents that they could take advantage of the free absorbent waste collection service.

The service would cater for both adults and children, and would incorporate nappies, wipes, paper tissues, stoma bags, incontinence pads, absorbent bed sheets, plastic gloves and disposable aprons. While the majority of users would be parents of babies and young children, there were a number of people in the county borough who were elderly, ill or vulnerable, and the council appreciated that a smaller number of residents would feel more comfortable with a discreet collection. They would be able to discuss and request this by contacting Kier on the 643 643 number, or by emailing them. Full details were on the website, "recycleforbridgend.wales". He was sure that members would want to let their constituents know about this very useful service.

Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations

The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations reported that a new fostering scheme had been launched which aimed to support vulnerable parents and their children and help them stay together as a family. She explained that called the 'Parent and Child' scheme, it helped parents improve their confidence in caring for a child independently while building supportive networks within their local community. The scheme placed the parent and child together within a foster carer's home for up to 12 weeks so they could learn essential parenting skills in an environment where readily available support was at hand. The council was seeking local people who were interested in taking part. Full training would be provided, and no previous experience was necessary. It was hoped that members would help spread word of this very worthwhile scheme among their constituents. For more details, members were advised to contact the council's fostering team.

Finally, congratulations were sent to the Simply Out of School club at Maes Yr Haul Primary and Sadie and Frank's Day Nursery in Nantyllyllon for winning the 'Gold Standard Healthy Snack Award'. The award was a Western Bay initiative designed to raise awareness of healthy eating practices and demonstrate what could be achieved by providing nutritious snacks for children within childcare settings. The council's Childcare Team had been closely involved in the creation and development of this award, and were working with other local childcare settings to help them achieve it, too.

Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration reminded Members that if they hadn't already had a chance to do so, he hoped that members would make an effort to visit the Urdd Eisteddfod before it closed on Saturday 3 June. As well as forming an important part of our culture, the Urdd brought thousands of visitors into the area and was a huge benefit to the local economy. He also hoped that members were able to enjoy last weekend's Street Roots Festival weekend in Bridgend town centre. This free event was organised by the CF31 group of local traders with support from the council and town council, and saw the town's pedestrianised streets filled with live music, world cuisine, street markets, a street circus, parades, drumming and more. It demonstrated the town centre's potential for hosting further such events and it was hoped that there would be more developments like this in the future.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration reported that a host of former Ryder Cup captains, Open champions and Champion Golfers of the Year would be lining up to take part in the 2017 Senior Open Championship when it returned to Porthcawl in July. Star names including Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Colin Montgomery and Tom

Watson were all eligible to play and the event was certain to be a must-see for sports fans, and would be a huge boost for local businesses while also showcasing the county borough on an international stage. Tickets were available from the senior open championship website.

Finally, he mentioned that the county borough's first ever award-winning farm park had opened in the grounds of Bridgend College's Pencoed campus. Ddraig Valley Farm Park was the brainchild of three local college students. It allowed visitors get close to traditional farm animals as well as the likes of iguanas, terrapins and alpacas. The farm also served as a base for students studying related courses at Bridgend College. He had been impressed with Ddraig Valley Farm Park and recommended that members pay it a visit. As well as having already won a wide number of accolades, it was a valuable educational asset and fast becoming a popular visitor attraction.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive advised that he had two announcements to make:

1. City Deal

The Chief Executive explained that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal was an agreement between ten local authorities, UK and Welsh Government with an investment fund of £1.2 billion. The City Deal was also contributing to the South Wales Metro scheme. It would unlock significant economic growth across the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) and the aims of the CCR City Deal were to create jobs and boost economic prosperity by improving productivity, tackle worklessness, build on foundations of innovation, invest in physical and digital infrastructure, provide support for business, and ensure that any economic benefits generated as a result were felt across the region.

The Chief Executive reported that Heads of Terms had been agreed for the completion of a compound semi-conductor supply chain. This was a unique opportunity and a joint venture between Cardiff University, IQE and Welsh Government. It allowed full movement from research to the production stage. A proposal had also been received from the private sector for £39 million, an anchor for further investment. This had been approved by Cabinet on 2nd May 2017. This was the first major investment deal and a specific commitment making it different to other City Deals. The plan would be brought back to Council for approval in due course.

2. Security Position.

The Chief Executive reported that the threat level had recently changed from critical to severe however further incidents were likely. Staff should focus on challenging anyone without an identity badge and be aware of tail-gating at security doors. Visitors should be escorted within the building.

19. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER

The Leader reported that the funeral service had taken place that morning in the Senedd for Rhodri Morgan. Rhodri Morgan was the first first Minister and had been remembered with real affection and respect across political parties and across Wales as a leader who shaped the modern nation.

Devolution had a difficult and contested birth in Wales, Rhodri's leadership was essential to building that fragile new institution into the national Assembly for Wales, now at the heart of public life in the Nation.

He was a uniquely gifted politician, genuine, smart, funny and engaging he was able to relate to everyone he met. Whenever he came to Bridgend he had time for everyone and they had time for him. As a proud son of Wales he believed in the great potential of a more, confident can do Wales. This spurred him on through a life of public service. He would be rightly remembered in history as a founding father of devolution to Wales and his legacy would live for a long time.

The Leader reported that he was very pleased that Maesteg would be receiving a new Sunday rail service once the Wales and Borders rail franchise began in October 2018. For ten years, residents of the Llynfi Valley and their elected representatives had been campaigning and lobbying for this service. Last week the Economy and Infrastructure Cabinet Secretary Ken Skates AM confirmed in a meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies AM and himself that it would form part of the Welsh Government's procurement exercise for the rail network element of the South Wales Metro project. In addition, Mr Skates confirmed that work was underway to look at opportunities for enhancing the line infrastructure so that services between Bridgend and Maesteg could be doubled in frequency.

Fast and efficient public links were essential for all local communities. The authority was continuing to lobby for other parts of the county borough that were not connected via the rail network to benefit from the South Wales Metro by having access to improved and rapid bus services, universal ticketing, digital information for passengers and joined-up timetabling that reduce journey times. In the meantime, he was sure that members would agree that this was a significant step forward, and very welcome news for the county borough.

Finally this was a new Council and the Chief Executive had agreed to convene regular meetings with all the Group Leaders to discuss how they would work together to ensure progress was made. The Leader hoped that all members were settling in well and not too overwhelmed by the volume of information.

20. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17 TO 2026-27

The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer presented a report to obtain approval from Council for a revised capital programme for 2016-17 to 2025-26. On 1st March 2017 Council approved the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2017-18 to 2020-21, which included a revised capital programme covering the period 2016-17 to 2026-27.

Since the Medium Term Financial Strategy was approved, Cabinet had received a number of reports which required that Council approved changes to the capital programme, either to add in a new scheme or to remove a scheme. There were also changes required to the highways schemes relating to two 21st Century School schemes.

On 28th March 2017 a report was presented to Cabinet on 'School Modernisation: Outcome of the Evaluation Regarding the Proposed Relocation and Enlargement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School to a Remodelled School Building and New Provision on the Current Cynffig Comprehensive School Site'. The report outlined the outcome of the re-evaluation of both current junior and comprehensive school sites for primary provision and it was considered that the proposal did not represent value for money. Consequently, a recommendation was made to Cabinet to abandon the scheme. Cabinet accepted this proposal and that Council approve the removal of the school scheme from the capital programme, along with the associated highways works.

The current capital programme, approved by Council on 1 March 2017, included the Mynydd Cynffig Primary School total scheme budget at £7.050 million, comprising

funding from BCBC and Welsh Government. The removal of this scheme from the programme would release £3.238 million of Welsh Government funding and £3.812 million of BCBC funding, comprising capital receipts, general capital funding and earmarked reserves.

The capital programme also included a budget of £700,000 in respect of highways works. This was also proposed to be removed from the capital programme.

For Brynmenyn Primary School, the initial cost estimates for highways improvements associated with the new school were based on desktop feasibility work and transport assessments undertaken by Capita consultancy at the pre planning application stage . At the planning and development control stage, conditions imposed with the planning application included the additional creation of pedestrian and cycle route links to the new school in light of the new active travel legislation, it also subsequently became apparent that more comprehensive works to two junctions leading to the school was required, including the movement of some utilities provision.

More detailed estimates for this work had now been provided following pre tender design work, and this had resulted in a significant increase in the overall estimated cost, leading to a budget shortfall of £620,000. As stated, the increase in cost had occurred in two main areas - the introduction of Active Travel link costs and highway junction improvement cost estimate variance. At the time the initial school scheme was drawn up the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 was in its infancy. However, as a school specific transport assessment and travel plan was developed, as part of the planning process, the requirement for an active travel route was identified. This was subsequently included as a condition of the planning application to promote a sustainable means of travel to and from school. This accounted for over £200,000 of the £620,000 shortfall.

The balance of the shortfall related to a difference in early cost estimates initially indicated by Capita consultancy for the highway junction works improvements, and a second later in-depth detailed cost estimate provided by the Council's internal engineering service following initial design work. This increased cost could be met from unallocated capital receipts.

Council agreed funding of £310,000 for the Pencoed Primary School Highways Works in October 2016. Since then the cost of the scheme had increased to £370,000 as a result of the inclusion of planning conditions necessitating improved schemes for traffic calming on Penprysg Road and additional street lighting at Cae Talcen to meet the requirements of creating a ' safe route ' to school. This increase in cost could be met from unallocated capital receipts.

There were also a number of other adjustments required to the capital programme approved in March to reflect further slippage into 2017-18 following the closure of the 2016-17 accounts (£7.670 million), new external funding approvals, reduced spend on externally funded projects and changes to expenditure profiles across financial years.

A Member raised serious concerns regarding Capita and what percentage of the original feasibility work the £200,000 equated to. If the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 had been enacted then it should have been taken into account when the original estimate was made. This accounted for £200,000 of the £620,000 shortfall and this was unacceptable because unallocated capital receipts could have been used for other things. The Corporate Director- Communities explained that he was not happy with this piece of work and that this would be pursued at the next Capita board meeting. He explained that there was always a balance to be struck between the amount of early feasibility work that was undertaken which might lead to more accurate estimates but at increased initial

cost, against the risk of abortive costs if that scheme, for whatever reason, then did not go ahead.

A Member asked why the decision had been taken to abandon the scheme to relocate Mynydd Cynffig to the Comprehensive site and if the funding for the scheme would be returned to the 21st Century Schools programme. The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer explained that there had been match funding and the balance would be returned to the "general funding pot" for future use. The Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support explained that negative feedback had been received from the community following a stakeholder consultation and revised budget estimates lead to the conclusion that the proposal did not represent value for money.

A Member asked why the proposal to relocate and enlarge Mynydd Cynffig Primary School had been considered in the first place. The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration explained that proposals had been developed to create a school for 3 to 19 year olds. This would also deal with refurbishment and traffic concerns with the existing building and under occupancy at Kenfig. The consultation was unsuccessful and the issues would be reconsidered. Surveys would be reviewed to check if any urgent works were required.

A Member asked how much the scheme had cost prior to it being abandoned. The Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support reported that the total cost had been £327,802.

A Member raised a number of concerns in relation to when the shortfall was identified, the lack of adequate provision for dropping off young children and clarification of the future use of Brynmenyn Primary School. The Corporate Director- Communities explained that he would find the date the shortfall was identified and make that information available to the local member. The future use of the current Brynmenyn School site had not been decided but if the property was surplus to requirements of the Council then it would be disposed of. The Corporate Director- Communities agreed to brief the Member at a later date.

A Member asked if the item, "Unadopted Highways" related to a specific scheme. The Corporate Director- Communities explained that no future expenditure was planned for unadopted highways at this time as largely the responsibility for bringing highways up to an adoptable standard lay with the developer and not the Council. It was a matter for Council whether they wanted to prioritise this moving forward and make an allocation to do this work.

A Member asked why the inclusion of improved schemes for traffic calming and additional street lighting had not been included in the Pencoed Primary School highways works beyond those originally identified at the outline stage. The Corporate Director- Communities explained that it was a requirement of a planning condition and he was satisfied that it there would be no other additional requirements.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the revised Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

21. **NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALEX WILLIAMS**

2017/18 Budget to be reviewed by the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel to realign the budget to protect local authority spending on education while ensuring a balanced budget.

Councillor Alex Williams proposed amendments to the motion as detailed below:

- That this Council requests that the 2018/19 budget is reviewed now and in subsequent years by the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel, to realign the budget to protect local authority spending on education, whilst ensuring a balanced budget and the Community Action Fund is considered as part of the review.

The amendment was seconded. Councillor A Williams requested a recorded vote and presented the motion. He explained that the election on May 4th 2017 had resulted in a change to the political dynamic with many new councillors. The 18/19 budget should reflect new council priorities and they should not be bound by previous decisions. In the spirit of collaboration he also welcomed a response from the Leader. He believed that the priorities of the Corporate Plan to support a successful economy and to raise aspirations and drive up educational achievements were laudable. Education was the catalyst and if the authority failed to protect its students, it would be failing generations of young people. There were already significant numbers with no qualifications and Bridgend already had the lowest ratio of spending per pupil. Lack of school improvements, the morale of staff and the loss of teachers in both the primary and secondary sectors were already issues of concern. Recommendations had been made by the scrutiny committees and these should be revisited by the Budget Research & Evaluation Panel as soon as possible, including consideration of the Community Action Fund. It was important to balance the budget but not by penalising children.

A Member welcomed the proposal and said that with the City Deal bringing in thousands of highly skilled, well paid jobs it was important to educate children to the same level.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that he couldn't disagree with some of the comments made and he welcomed the more rational and measured motion. The Budget Research & Evaluation Panel would be involved in future consideration of the budget to balance scarce resources and that he would be disappointed to lose the Community Action Fund because it was a way of empowering councillors.

A Member thanked Cllr Williams for the motion. He had been a former member of the panel and it was a concern that when 98% of the budget went on staffing, any cuts would lead to a loss of jobs, potentially 40 in primary schools. Bridgend was the 21st lowest funder for schools and the schools were already under considerable pressure.

The Leader welcomed the interest in the budget setting process and the problems identifying savings. If the issue could be considered as one council then it would be easier. Cabinet and CMB had already started to look at various proposals. It was important to have context and to be aware that there were those without qualifications but also that Bridgend had just recorded the best GCSE and A level results with schools "punching well above their weight". Efficiency savings had already been made and further efficiencies were planned although when it came to school catering, children needed to have hot meals during the day. Head teachers would be consulted when proposals around support services were considered.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the reinvigorated scrutiny of the budget. It was a complex area and important to have a whole council approach. Pay protection had been introduced and this was the equivalent of more than 1% and budgets had been protected for the last eight years.

A Member reported that even though school budgets were slightly higher than last year, schools had to find increases in salary. This would impact on staff levels resulting in redundancies and bigger class sizes. Imposing four years of cuts would undo all the good achieved.

The Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help said that austerity had to be recognised and that many employees had already lost their jobs. Education had been protected for seven years. It was important to look forward with all parties working together.

Members were unable to participate in a recorded vote.

They considered the substantive motion and voted in favour.

RESOLVED That Council agreed that the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel review the 2018/19 budget now and in subsequent years, to realign the budget to protect local authority spending on education, whilst ensuring a balanced budget and that the Community Action Fund be considered as part of the review.

22. **NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALEX WILLIAMS**

Overwhelming public concern regarding the new waste management and recycling scheme and the operation of the waste contract to be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

Councillor Alex Williams put forward the following motion and sought Council's support:

- That this Council: 1) recognises the overwhelming public concern regarding the new waste management and recycling scheme and 2) refers the operation of the waste contract to Scrutiny for consideration and reporting to Cabinet.

Councillor Alex Williams presented the Notice of Motion. A 3000 signature petition had been delivered to Council demonstrating the strength of feeling and Members of the Public were in attendance. He thanked officers for the workshop regarding the new waste contract and accepted that it was unreasonable to reverse the contract. However, a scrutiny committee could be charged with investigating the new system and making recommendations. In order to reach targets it was important to keep up momentum and encourage more socially responsible behaviour rather than penalising residents. A petition had been delivered, concerns had been raised and social media required the authority to act. The vast majority of residents were keen to do their bit.

He raised a number of issues including the bin lorry refusing to collect from certain lanes, the lack of privacy for residents using incontinence bags, 2 bags not being enough for some families and no allowance for pets. Concerns were raised on how it would be policed, poor planning and project management.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the motion and accepted that there was significant rather than overwhelming public concern with many residents just getting on with it.

A member thanked officers for the training and recognised that the contract had been signed so they would need to work within the framework and there could be financial implications. The member requested that exempt minutes from previous scrutiny meetings where this had been considered, be released to inform future discussion regarding the new scheme. The member also suggested that the contract for enforcement should be put on hold until scrutiny had had the opportunity to review arrangements.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration explained that they could not insist on the contract being put on hold. He thanked the officers who recently visited an

over 50's complex to talk about the new arrangements. The audience congratulated the officers on the way it was explained and were already using colour coded bins and the system was working well. He disputed the term "overwhelming" but accepted that social media was being used to "sound off". A cultural change was needed in Wales to achieve the levels of recycling achieved in other countries such as Germany. A Scrutiny Committee would review the scheme and the meetings would be open to the public.

A Member referred to a discussion with a distressed resident and her concerns regarding the disposal of cat litter. These concerns did need to be addressed and improvements made. The member had researched the information available and claimed there was no correlation between recycling figures and restricting the number of black bags collected. Education and engagement were more successful when encouraging residents to engage in the new scheme.

A member referred to scrutiny in Bridgend and that it was robust, holding Cabinet Members and officers to account. A Scrutiny Committee should look at the scheme when there was something to evaluate and not as a knee jerk reaction. He suggested it should be a priority on the forward work programme.

A member referred to the fact that this would impact on every household in Bridgend. Residents were frustrated because they faced severe disruption during the "bedding in" and their concerns were not being dealt with. By referring to scrutiny at this stage the main thrust of the contract could be controlled. He whole heartedly accepted the need to recycle but change was a problem for residents.

A member welcomed the briefing that morning. Residents were not opposed to recycling but the next few months would be painful. The disruption had started already and calls had been received from distressed residents. More thought was required.

A Member said that he was pleased that scrutiny papers were in the public domain and supported the release of other documents. The contract should be open to discussion if members wanted to consider it.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration explained that he was reacting to the assumption that individuals were entitled to be involved in discussions relating to the contract rather than the Council acting as a whole.

A member stated that there was a fundamental issue with privacy and basic human rights when it came to the use of purple bags. She was aware of an overwhelming reaction against the use of these bags.

The Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help explained that concerns regarding this issue had been noted and dealt with. It was a large contract and there would be hiccups as there had been in other authorities when they had implemented similar schemes. It was important to work together in a professional manner.

The Cabinet Member for Communities stated that to scrutinise at this stage would not be helpful to take the process forward but if a sufficient time period was allowed for the new system to be implemented any scrutiny would then be better informed and more meaningful.

Members considered the motion and voted in favour.

RESOLVED: That this Council: 1) recognised the overwhelming public concern regarding the new waste management and recycling

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scheme and 2) referred the operation of the waste contract to Scrutiny for consideration and reporting to Cabinet

23. URGENT ITEMS

None