

## COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**27 October 2021**

**The Mayor:** Councillor J.Warman

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor J.D.Morgan

**Councillors:** H.C.Clarke, C.Clement-Williams, A.P.H.Davies, O.S.Davies, C.Edwards, S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy, W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, S.Harris, M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, J.Hurley, C.James, H.N.James, C.J.Jones, D.Jones, J.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, D.Lewis, S.Lynch, A.McGrath, J.Miller, S.Miller, R.Mizen, S.Paddison, S.M.Penry, L.M.Purcell, S.Pursey, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds, P.D.Richards, M.Spooner, A.J.Taylor, R.L.Taylor, D.Whitelock, C.Williams, A.Wingrave, R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:** K.Jones, A.Thomas, N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, A.Thomas, R.George, S.Curran and J.Woodman-Ralph

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### 1. **Mayor's Announcements**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor highlighted the recent murder of Sir David Amess, MP for Southend West on Friday 15 October 2021. Council's thoughts were with the family and friends at this time.

As a mark of respect Members observed a minute's silence.

On a happier note, Council congratulated Councillor S.Rahaman and family on the birth of a son.

Also, Council congratulated Olivia Rachel Thomas, 10 years old from Taibach Ward, on her recent success in the World Karate Championships in Romania.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **Public Speaking at Council Meetings**

Councillor J.D.Morgan, Chairperson of the Democratic Services Committee introduced the report and recommended the Public Speaking at meetings to Council for approval.

It was highlighted that the proposal is one of the requirements of the Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021. Local Authorities are required to establish ways of promoting and facilitating processes by which local people may make representations to the principal council about a decision before, and after, it is made as detailed in the circulated report.

A Public Speaking Protocol has been developed as part of the requirements of the Act and was considered and supported for commending to Council at the Democratic Services Committee on 11 October 2021, with effect from 3 January 2022.

Councillor J.D.Morgan thanked the Democratic Services Committee for all the work they had undertaken to bring this proposal to Council today.

Future work for the committee was looking at Public Participation which would be brought to Council in due course.

**RESOLVED:** Having due regard for the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment:

1. The Public Speaking Protocol as set out as Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved with an implementation date of 3 January 2022.

2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to update the Constitution to include reference to the Public Speaking Protocol.

4. **Member Induction 2022 and Diversity in Democracy Programme**

Councillor J.D. Morgan, Chairperson of the Democratic Services Committee introduced the report which was for Council to note.

5. **2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies - Revised**

The Chief Executive, K.Jones, gave council an overview of the report.

**RESOLVED:** That a response be sent to the Boundary Commission, containing the views of officers within the circulated report, along with other matters raised by Members at this meeting of Full Council.

6. **Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution**

None were received.

7. **Questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules**

None were received.

8. **Urgent Items**

None were received.

**CHAIRPERSON**