

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

12 October, 2016

The Mayor: Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Mrs.J.Dudley

Councillors: A.Carter, Mrs.A.Chaves, M.Crowley,
A.P.H.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, J.S.Evans,
M.Harvey, I.B.James, H.N.James,
Mrs.L.H.James, M.L.James, R.James,
A.Jenkins, E.E.Jones, M.Jones, Mrs.D.Jones,
R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham,
Mrs.K.Lloyd, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, J.D.Morgan,
Ms.C.Morgans, Mrs.S.Paddison,
Mrs.K.Pearson, D.M.Peters, M.Protheroe,
L.M.Purcell, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees,
P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.Taylor, A.J.Taylor,
A.H.Thomas, A.L.Thomas, R.Thomas,
J.Warman, D.Whitelock, Mrs.L.G.Williams,
Mrs.A.Wingrave and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, A.Evans, R.George, N. Jarman,
H.Jenkins, S.Phillips, G.Nutt, D.Michael,
Mrs.K.Jones and Mrs.T.Davies

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor advised Council of the deaths of Mr Anthony Thomas, a respected and well liked employee with the Authority, Mr Russell Ward, a former Head of Service with the Authority and Chief Executive of Celtic Leisure, and the artist Mr Andrew Vicari, from Port Talbot.

As a mark of respect Members stood for a minute's silence.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor C.M.Crowley Re Decision Record of the Economic and Community Regeneration Cabinet Board held on 16 September 2016, as it relates to the Aberavon Green Stars as he is its president.

Councillor Mrs.S.Miller Re Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services re Annual Report 2015/16, as she is employed by ABMU, which is a partner of Western Bay and confirmed her dispensation to speak but not vote thereon.

Councillor A.Carter Re Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services re Review of the Compact between the Authority, the Voluntary Sector and Community Sector of Neath Port Talbot, as he is a Member of NPT CVS.

3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2016/17**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the following meeting of Council be confirmed:

Council

7 September, 2016

4. **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

Members received the draft Annual Report for 2015-16, which is a legal requirement under the Local Government Measure, 2009. Members noted that the public summary of the Annual Report 2015-16 had been produced in a different style than in previous years. It

was hoped that the new infograph approach would be more user friendly.

Members discussed the proposed new all through school (ages 3-16) for Coed Darcy Village, including the current education provision for children of the area, and its anticipated opening date. Standards of literacy and numeracy within the Local Authority were discussed, and Members commented on the wonderful achievements that local children had made, despite the level of deprivation within the County Borough.

It was hoped that the new Welsh medium school campus proposed for 2017 for the South of the County Borough would enable more pupils from that area to attend a Welsh medium school, as parents had raised concerns over travelling times to the existing Welsh medium school campus in Ystalyfera. Members noted that there was capacity for every pupil wishing to attend a Welsh medium school to do so.

Members noted some of the highlights from the report from 2015-16, including the opening of the new 3-16 years all through school, Ysgol Bae Baglan, the new Aberavon Health and Fitness Centre on Aberavon seafront and the new Swansea University Campus located on Fabian Way.

- RESOLVED:**
1. that Council adopts the draft Annual Report for 2015-2016 together with summary, as contained in the circulated report:
 2. that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive, to make any further changes necessary prior to final publication and which do not materially change the content of the report.

5. **REVIEW OF THE COMPACT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR OF NEATH PORT TALBOT**

Members emphasised the importance of community groups and the continued importance placed on the relationship between these and the Local Authority.

RESOLVED: that the Compact Agreement, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be endorsed.

6. **CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

Members discussed their responsibilities as Corporate Parents and the priorities of the Corporate Parenting Panel, and were pleased to note that the Panel provided challenge to the Council's work in this area. Members acknowledged the improvements made as a consequence of the Panel's work.

RESOLVED: that the monitoring report be noted.

7. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS 2016/17 (FOR INFORMATION)**

RESOLVED: that the undermentioned Minutes be noted:-

Cabinet 29th July, 2016

(Note: Councillor J.Rogers was present for the above mentioned meeting)

Cabinet	14th September, 2016
Cabinet	28th September, 2016
Children, Young People and Education	8th September, 2016
Children, Young People and Education	9th September, 2016
Social Care, Health and Housing	15th September, 2016
Policy and Resources	21st September, 2016
Economic and Community Regeneration	16th September, 2016
Environment and Highways	1st September, 2016

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Leader advised Council that Ms C.Gadd, a Democratic Service Officer, would shortly be leaving her post with the Authority and thanked her for work within the section particularly in supporting the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee, and wished her every success in the future.

CHAIRPERSON