

## COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**23 November, 2016**

**The Mayor:** Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Mrs.J.Dudley

**Councillors:** Mrs.A.Chaves, Ms.C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, A.P.H.Davies, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, Mrs C.Edwards, J.S.Evans, M.Harvey, H.N.James, R.James, A.Jenkins, E.E.Jones, M.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, Mrs.K.Lloyd, A.R.Lockyer, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan, Ms.C.Morgans, Mrs.S.Paddison, Mrs.K.Pearson, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, J.Rogers, A.Taylor, A.L.Thomas, J.Warman, D.Whitelock, Mrs.L.G.Williams and A.N.Woolcock

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

**Representatives of the Translation Service:** Present

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### 1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor advised Council of the following bereavements:

Mr Ray Preece who was a well respected Co Optee on the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee and a teacher at Llangatwg Comprehensive School, Sir Brian Moffat OBE, who was Freeman of the County Borough and the sister in law of the Leader of Council.

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

## 2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

Councillor C.Morgans	In relation to the Parliamentary Boundary Review as she is employed by an M.P.
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## 3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the following meeting of Council be confirmed subject to the addition of the 2 Paragraphs contained below under Minute Number 4 Re the Annual Report 2015/16:

“Members raised concerns at the low Key Stage 2 (KS2) outcomes as determined by teacher assessment within the Authority's schools. The Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning responded that although KS2 teacher assessments were low compared with other authorities, pupils' test outcomes gave a more positive picture. There was however a linear improvement through to KS4, with pupils in the County Borough performing very well at the end of their statutory schooling compared to the rest of Wales.

In relation to Coed Darcy Village, Members asked where the pupils who lived in the Village currently attended school and when would the new school be completed. The Director advised that it was likely that most pupils attended their nearest primary schools at Coedffranc and Crymlyn and their nearest secondary school at Dŵr y Felin. He would make enquiries as to when the new school would be completed.”

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#### 4. **PRESENTATION BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

The Mayor welcomed Mr.Chris Davies, the Chief Fire Officer and Mr.Mick Crennel, the Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority to their annual meeting with Council.

The Chief Fire Officer reminded Members that the service covered 6 Local Authority areas and 12,000sq kilometres. During the period 2005-15 the Fire Authority had made savings of £7 ½ m or 17% of its budget. These savings had been achieved as a result of cuts in station based crewing, a reduction in staff numbers and improved business processes. In the 10 years between 2006 and 2016, £9m had been made in savings in the same areas which equated to 20% of the budget.

The Chief Fire Officer then outlined the major incident that had occurred on the 12 July 2016, where a tyre recycling site had been the subject of an arson attack. The site had previously been identified as a risk and as such a plan had been put in place with the Authority's Joint Resilience Team. The fire had resulted in 27 appliances being deployed plus 12 specialist vehicles, 70 firefighters and 26 officers. As a result the fire was extinguished within 24 hours.

In relation to house fires, these had reduced by 50%, while the number of Road Traffic Collisions had increased. The Fire Service focused on young drivers between the ages of 18 to 25, which represented 20% of the driving population but between 40% to 50% of the road traffic accidents.

The Fire Authority worked as Co-Responders with the Welsh Ambulance Service and fire fighters now carried defibrillators. There were 23 co-responder schemes in the area which had resulted in saving the lives of 6 people in the last 12 months.

Members noted that that the Fire Service had no statutory duty to attend incidents of flooding but that this would probably change in early 2017. Concern was expressed by the Chief Fire Officer that there would be no additional resources to cover the additional responsibility. The discussions on funding were taking place with the Welsh Government.

Council was advised that 104,594 Home Safety checks had been carried out over the last 5 years, which now included risk assessment against slips, trips and falls.

The cost per person of the Mid and West Wales Fire Service was 13p per day or £4 per month or £48 per annum, which the Chief Fire Officer maintained was value for money.

Going forward the Chief Fire Officer advised that his aim was to create Community Hubs around fire stations which would protect the future of the stations.

Following the presentation the following points were raised:-

- The service had a £1/2m underspend and reserves of £9m, why did the Fire Authority only use £150k of reserves, Members were advised that measures such as not filling vacancies and using temporary contract had been put in place to reduce the budget and that the underspend was therefore a one off saving. A recruitment campaign had just been completed with a further campaign being held shortly.
- In relation to recent incidents of flooding, Members praised both the Authority's own staff and the Fire Service for the prompt responses. Improvements could however be made in particular around communication. The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that lessons had been learnt.
- Given that the Welsh Government was looking at more cuts into the future, what was the Fire Authority doing to raise income. Members were advised that Rescue 365 had been established as an income generating initiative which would support community safety. In addition the Service was reviewing its risks and mapping the future of the Service against the Authority's major Plans. There may be a need in the future to close stations or make other cuts.
- In relation to the unclaimed VAT, which amounted to £6.2m, has this been repaid to the Fire Service. In response Members were advised that the Fire Service was working with HMRC to resolve the issue and that an internal investigation was being carried out.
- Members were pleased to note that fire fighters now included an assessment into slips, trips and falls as part of its Home Safety Check.
- Should further cuts be required, how would the Service go forward. The Chief Fire Officer advised that should this be the case the level of service provided would suffer.
- In the current financial year the Fire Authority was spending £8.5m or 24% more than the Welsh Government provided through the Revenue Support Grant Settlement. As a result the

Fire Service was precepting £1.3m more than received from Welsh Government which means that during the current financial year the average Band D taxpayer in Neath Port Talbot was paying an additional £28.51. Welsh Government could cap Council Tax increases and this could therefore result in the Authority having to find the additional finances from such things as cuts to schools or social services. Did this mean that the Fire Authority still presented value for money? The Chief Fire Officer accepted the issues facing Local Government but reiterated the fact that the Service could not realise any further cuts financially without the service provision being affected.

- Members pointed out that the Fire Service had to date attended incidents of flooding without any additional resources, could this not continue? In response Members were advised that this could not continue as the number of flooding incidents was rising exponentially.
- In relation to both the slips, trips and falls risk assessments and the work carried out during flooding, the Fire Service could be viewed as saving both the Health Service and the Local Authority resources.

In the absence of the Leader of Council the Deputy Leader then summed up and thanked both Mr.Davies and Mr.Crennel for their attendance at today's meeting.

## 5. **PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Members received the Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on the consultation on the Boundary Commission for Wales' 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies. The closing date for comments was 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and Members considered the proposed response as contained in the circulated report.

Members then raised the following points:

- That the review proposed a higher reduction in the number of parliamentary constituencies, and therefore the number of Members of Parliament representing Wales, than anywhere else within the United Kingdom.
- That the response request that the Wales Bill be amended to increase the powers of the Welsh Government.

- That the proposals would lead to divisions within communities and more confusion for the electorate.
- Members questioned the links between Rule 2, which was the mathematical model, and Rule 5, which was based more on the impact to the electorate themselves and were advised that it was the policy of the Commission to take into account all the factors as listed in Rule 5 as far as possible, subject to the primacy of the statutory electorate range under Rule 2.
- That the draft response be amended to clarify the proposed boundary line location in the Port Talbot, Sandfields East and West Wards and make further reference to significant employers and key infrastructure projects (Associated British Ports and the Harbourside Development) within the area.

The Deputy Leader then summed up and urged Members and their constituents to respond to the consultation.

**RESOLVED:** that the Draft response as contained in the circulated report be approved, subject to the addition of the comments received today as outlined above.

## 6. **MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

Members received, circulated at the meeting, proposed changes to Committee Membership based on the re-calculation of the political proportionality as a result of the recent local government by election in the Blaengwrach Electoral Division.

At this point the Mayor and Members of Council welcomed Councillor Mrs.C.Edwards to her first meeting of Council since her election.

**RESOLVED:** that the political proportionalities contained at Appendix 1 to the circulated report and attached hereto, be approved and that the Membership arrangements as contained in Appendix 2, circulated at the meeting and attached hereto, be approved.

7. **CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor A.Carter be replaced by Councillor J.Warman as this Authority's representative on the Community Health Council.

8. **SECTION 85(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:** that in view of the absence at the present time of both Councillors H.M.Bebell and Mrs P.Bebell from Council business, due to illness, approval be granted for their continued absence until further notice pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the undermentioned Minutes be noted:-

Cabinet	5 October, 2016
Children, Young	6 October, 2016
People and Education	
Social Care, Health	20 October, 2016
and Housing	
Policy and Resources	2 November, 2016
Environment and Highways	13 October, 2016

10. **QUESTION UNDER RULE 9.2 OF THE COUNCIL'S PROCEDURE RULES**

Councillor L M Purcell asked the following question under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules:-

"With reference to the recent Welsh Government budget settlement, will Council consider showing support for small towns in the Borough by applying to access some of the £3m funding allocated to reduce parking charges?"

The relevant Cabinet Member, Councillor Mrs.S.Miller, responded to the question as follow:-

With regard to the allocation of the £3m funding, there is no need for the Council to apply for a contribution as £130k has been placed in the provisional settlement and has been made on an unhypothecated basis to the revenue allocation of the Authority. This means, it is not restricted to car parking or more specifically, reduced charges.

The Council already supports small towns and car parking throughout the County Borough.

As a pilot this year, the Council cut car parking charges in Neath and Port Talbot by 30p per hour to see whether the public would support their local town centre and take advantage of the reduced parking fees. As an alternative example, Pontardawe already enjoys a further enhanced tariff structure, i.e. car parking is already free for the first hour and one can park for up to three hours by paying just 50p. One can park in the by-pass car park for only £2 all day. There has been a significant take-up for this initiative and only last year 16,500 people took advantage of the free one hour ticket. In addition to the above, the Council has agreed to a pilot initiative linked with the new Neath multi storey car park to provide free parking after 3pm each day. This was a partnership approach with Neath Inspired Ltd in support of the town centre retailers.

This has not been done without cost to the Authority, as this year the current car parking account is currently circa £230,000 in deficit as a result of supporting such initiatives. Should the £130,000 unhypothecated reserve revenue allocation be allocated to the car parking budget by Members in the budget round, the account will still be in deficit in support of these revenue reductions. However, car parking is only one element of our support for small towns, for example, significant public realm works and property improvements have been carried out in Pontardawe, as well as Glynneath alongside improvements in Port Talbot and Neath town centres.

In summing up, this Authority supports small towns through its parking initiatives, its regeneration strategies and these are helping to sustain our small towns. The additional money in the settlement is welcome and subject to members' approval (in the budget round) will help to support our financial commitment to car parking that has already been made in small towns.



In accordance with Council's Procedure Rules Councillor Purcell ask one supplementary question, which was to ask for today's response in writing, which was agreed.

11. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No.12 below, the Mayor agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an Urgent Item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

12. **RESIDENTIAL CARE CONTRACT WITH GWALIA**

The Director of Social Services, Health and Housing read a statement in relation to the Residential Care contract between the Authority and Gwalia (Pobl).

Following the statement Members asked whether the decision made on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 had now been postponed pending the outcome of further discussions referred to in the statement and were advised by the Director that the decision still stood.

13. **APPENDIX 1**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUP PROPORTIONALITIES - 2016/2017 as at 23 November 2016**

<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>TOTAL NO. OF SEATS 64</b>	<b>Labour (50)</b>	<b>Plaid Cymru (9)</b>	<b>Independen t Democrats (4)</b>	<b>Unaffiliated Member (1)</b>
CABINET/POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	16	13	2	1	0
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	13	10	2	1	0
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	15† (+8)	12	2	1	0
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	12	9	2	1	0
ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	12	9	2	1	0
PLANNING COMMITTEE	12	9	2	1	0
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE φ	15	12	2	1	0

*LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE $\phi$	15	12	2	1	0
*Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee	3				
AUDIT COMMITTEE	12†(+1)	9	2	1	0
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE	12	9	1	1	1
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	12	9	2	1	0
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE	9	7	1	1	0
TOTALS	155	120	22	12	1
*APPEALS PANEL	(5)	4	1	0	0
*(Appeals Panel Substitutes)	(20)	16	4	0	0
*(STANDARDS COMMITTEE)	(2)	2	0	0	0
*(Standards Committee Substitute)	(1)	1	0	0	0

- Notes:** (1) † In context of voting co-optees - 4 voting Co-optees (with 4 non voting Co-optees) for the Scrutiny Committee; 1 voting Lay Member for the Audit Committee.  
(2)  $\phi$  Registration and Licensing / Licensing and Gambling Acts Committees – same Chair/Vice Chair and Committee Membership.  
(3) # Comprises Chair & Vice Chair of the Committee plus one other Member on a rota/availability basis  
(4) \* 1989 Act does not apply. Separate substitute arrangements also.

14. **APPENDIX 2**

**MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS – November 2016**

<b><i>LEADER / CABINET EXECUTIVE (Cabinet – 9)</i></b>
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Portfolio 1	Community and Strategic Leadership	Councillor A.H.Thomas (Leader)
Portfolio 2	Finance and Corporate Services	Councillor A.N.Woolcock
Portfolio 3	Social Care, Health and Housing	Councillor J.Rogers
Portfolio 4	Children and Young People	Councillor P.D.Richards
Portfolio 5	Education and Lifelong Learning	Councillor P.A.Rees (Deputy Leader)
Portfolio 6	Community and Leisure Services	Councillor M.L.James
Portfolio 7	Economic Development and Property Development	Councillor A.J.Taylor
Portfolio 8	Environment	Councillor E.V.Latham
Portfolio 9	Streetcare and Highways	Councillor Mrs.S.Miller

**CABINET BOARDS**

***Policy and Resources Cabinet Board (2):***

**Cllrs A.H.Thomas and A.N.Woolcock**

***Social Care, Health and Housing Cabinet Board (2):***

**Cllrs J.Rogers and P.D.Richards**

***Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board (2):***

**Cllrs P.D.Richards and P.A.Rees**

***Economic and Community Regeneration Cabinet Board (2):***

**Cllrs M.L.James and A.J.Taylor**

***Environment and Highways Cabinet Board (2):***

**Cllrs E.V.Latham and Mrs.S.Miller**

*Notes: (1) If any Cabinet Board Member is unable to attend, any other Cabinet Member may substitute as a voting Member on the Cabinet Board.*

*(2) Leader and Deputy Leader, as of right, may attend any Cabinet Board; other Cabinet Members may also be invited to attend other Cabinet Boards depending on the issues.*

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

<b>CABINET / POLICY AND RESOURCES (16)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr D W Davies
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A Jenkins
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr Mrs P Bebell, Cllr A Carter, Cllr Ms C Clement-Williams, Cllr M.Harvey, Cllr Mrs K Pearson, Cllr Mrs D.Jones, Cllr A R Lockyer, Cllr.S.Rahaman, Cllr J Warman, Cllr I D Williams and Cllr Mrs A Wingrave
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr A Llewelyn, Cllr L M Purcell
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr Mrs L H James

<b>SOCIAL CARE HEALTH AND HOUSING (13)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs D.Jones
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs A Wingrave
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr.A.Carter, Cllr J S Evans, Cllr H.N.James, Cllr J Miller, Cllr.S.Paddison, Cllr D Whitelock, Cllr Mrs.P Bebell and Cllr C.Morgan
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr L M Purcell , Cllr Mrs C.Edwards
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr A Taylor

<b>CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION (15)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A R Lockyer
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr. H.N.James
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr.H.M.Bebell, Cllr Mrs A.Chaves, Cllr P Greenaway, Cllr R G Jones, Cllr Mrs K Pearson, Cllr M Protheroe, Cllr A L Thomas, Cllr.R.Thomas, Cllr Mrs L G Williams and Cllr D.Whitelock
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr Mrs.C.Edwards and Cllr J D Morgan
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr M Ellis
<b>*Co-opted Voting Members: (4)</b>	Helen Dale, Donna Vaughan, Marie Caddick and 1 vacancy
<b>*Co-opted Non-Voting Members: (4)</b>  <b>(*for education matters)</b>	Anthony Hughes, Roberto De Benedictus and Mrs Cheryl Jones and 1 vacancy
<i>Note: Cabinet Member for Community Safety to be invited to attend the Cabinet Board/ Scrutiny Committee for Community Safety matters, in a non-voting capacity</i>	

<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A Llewelyn
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr I B James
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr C P Golding, Cllr C.M.Crowley, Cllr M.Jones, Cllr D Keogh, Cllr Mrs.M.A.Lewis, Cllr Mrs S Paddison, Cllr S Rahaman, Cllr A Jenkins
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	(Chairperson), Cllr J.D.Morgan
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr A.Taylor

<b>ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr I D Williams
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr.S.Rahaman
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr C.M.Crowley, Cllr D W Davies, Cllr I.James, Cllr C Morgan, Cllr. Mrs.K.Lloyd Cllr E E Jones, Cllr Mrs A Wingrave,
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr R.Davies, Cllr D.M.Peters
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr S K Hunt



**REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr R.G.Jones
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr E.E.Jones
<b>Members Labour:</b>	Cllr Mrs A Chaves, Cllr D W Davies, Cllr D Keogh, Cllr C Morgan, Cllr Mrs S.Paddison, Cllr R.Thomas, Cllr Mrs L G Williams
<b>Members Plaid Cymru:</b>	Cllr Mrs R Davies , Cllr R.Phillips
<b>Members Independent Democrats:</b>	Cllr S K Hunt
<i>Note: the Cabinet UDP/LDP Member to be invited to attend as a non voting Member.</i>	

<b>*REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (15)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr.E.E.Jones
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr H.M.Bebell
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr J Evans, Cllr J Warman, Cllr A Jenkins, Cllr Mrs.D.Jones, Cllr J Miller, Cllr.M.Protheroe, Cllr Ms.C Morgans, Cllr.A.P.H.Davies, Cllr D Whitelock and Cllr Mrs.A.Wingrave
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr.Mrs.C.Edwards and Cllr.D.M. Peters
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr. A Taylor

\* Same Membership for both these Committees

<b>* LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE (15)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr.E.E.Jones
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr H.M.Bebell
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr J Evans, Cllr J Warman, Cllr A Jenkins, Cllr M Protheroe, Cllr Mrs D.Jones, Cllr J Miller, Cllr Ms C Morgans, Cllr.A.P.H.Davies, Cllr D Whitelock and Cllr Mrs.A.Wingrave
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr.Mrs.C.Edwards and Cllr D M Peters
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr. A Taylor

<b>LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS SUB COMMITTEE (3)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr.E.E.Jones
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr H.M.Bebell
<b>Members:</b>	Plus one Member drawn on a rota/availability basis from the remainder of the Members of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee
<p><i>Note: if the Chair or Vice Chair are unavailable, then other Members of the Sub-Committee be utilised for the purpose of maintaining a quorum of three Members for each Sub Committee meeting.</i></p>	

<b>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A N Woolcock
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr S Jones
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr R.James, Cllr Mrs D.Jones, Cllr E V Latham, Cllr Ms C Morgans, Cllr A H Thomas, Cllr A L Thomas, Cllr P A Rees
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr Mrs.C.Edwards and D.M.Peters
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr Mrs L H James
<i>Note: Cllrs J Rogers, P D Richards, M L James A.J.Taylor and Mrs S Miller to attend as non-voting advisers as necessary</i>	

<b>SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (10/11)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A N Woolcock
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A R Lockyer
<b>Members: Labour</b>	<p>Cllr Mrs P Bebell,  Cllr Mrs A Chaves,  Cllr M Harvey,  Cllr H G Rawlings,  Cllr A H Thomas, and <b>one</b> of the following for Heads of Service appointments: <b>two</b> of the following for Corporate Directors appointments</p> <p><i>Chief Executive's and Finance and Corporate Services</i>  Any one/two of the voting Members below:  <i>Social Services Health and Housing</i>  Cllr J. Rogers and  Cllr P.D.Richards  <i>Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning</i>  Cllr Peter Rees  <i>Economic and Community Regeneration</i>  Cllr.M.L.James and Cllr.A.J.Taylor  <i>Environment</i>  Cllr Sandra Miller and E.V.Latham</p>
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr Mrs L M Purcell
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Cllr S K Hunt
<p><i>Note: the relevant Regulatory Chairs or relevant Scrutiny Chair to be invited to attend as a non voting advisers as appropriate to the appointment</i></p>	

<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE (12) + 1</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs.L.H.James
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr J.D.Morgan
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr Ms C Clement-Williams, Cllr D.W.Davies, Cllr J S Evans, Cllr H.N.James, Cllr M Harvey, Cllr I B James, Cllr D.Keogh, Cllr A R Lockyer, Cllr S.Rahaman
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr Mrs R Davies plus Vice Chairman
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Chairperson
<b>Voting Lay Member:</b>	Mrs J Jenkins

<b>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs.L.H.James
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs.C.Morgans
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr M Harvey, Cllr E E Jones, Cllr.A.Jenkins, Cllr R G Jones, Cllr A.L.Lockyer, Cllr.Mrs.K.Pearson, Cllr A. L. Thomas, Cllr A N Woolcock
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr J D Morgan
<b>Members: Independent Democrats</b>	Chairperson
<b>Members: Unaffiliated</b>	Cllr.D.Lewis

<b>APPEALS PANEL (5)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr Mrs L G Williams
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A L Thomas
<b>Members: Labour</b>	Cllr Mrs S Paddison, Cllr Mrs A Wingrave
<b>Members: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr.R.Phillips
<b>Substitutes: Labour</b>	Cllr Mrs P Bebell, Cllr A Carter, Cllr A Chaves, Cllr A P H Davies, Cllr C P Golding, Cllr P Greenaway, Cllr M Harvey, Cllr R James, Cllr A Jenkins, Cllr M Jones, Cllr R G Jones, Cllr D Keogh, Cllr Ms C Morgans, Cllr Mrs K Pearson, Cllr S Rahaman, Cllr Mrs.D.Jones
<b>Substitutes: Plaid Cymru</b>	Cllr J R Bryant, Cllr Mrs R Davies, Cllr J.D.Morgan, Cllr.L M Purcell

<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE (8)</b>	
<b>*Chairperson:</b>	Mr G T Pullen
<b>*Vice Chairperson:</b>	Mrs J E Howells
<b>*Independent Members:</b>	C L Jones, Mrs B Richards
<b>NPTCBC Members:</b>	Cllr A L Thomas and Cllr D.Keogh
<b>Community Council Member:</b>  <i>(* independent members)</i>	Comm Councillor Sandra Davies
<b>Substitutes:</b>  For NPTCBC Members:  For Community Council Member:	Cllr C.M.Crowley  Community Councillor Mary Gunter

<b><i>OTHER MEMBER GROUPS</i></b>
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<b>STAFF COUNCIL (12)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A N Woolcock
<b>Members:</b>	Cllr M L James, Cllr E V Latham, Cllr P D Richards, Cllr J Rogers, Cllr A H Thomas, Cllr Mrs L G Williams, Cllr Mrs R Davies and Cllr S K Hunt, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr S.Jones and Cllr.Mrs.D.Jones
<i>Note: Mrs S Miller to attend as a non-voting member</i>	



<b>COMMUNITIES FIRST MEMBER BRIEFING GROUP (39)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr M L James
<b>Members:</b>	All Ward Members of the Communities first areas (see attached list A)

<b>MODERNISATION GROUP (10)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A H Thomas
<b>Members:</b>	Cllr H M Bebell, Cllr A Carter, Cllr Ms C Clement-Williams, Cllr M L James, Cllr R James, Cllr M Protheroe, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr Mrs L M Purcell, Cllr S K Hunt

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (13)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr A H Thomas
<b>Members:</b>	Cllr P A Rees, Cllr P D Richards, Cllr Mrs K Pearson, Cllr M Harvey, Cllr A.Lockyer, Cllr Ms C Morgans, Cllr S Paddison, Cllr S Rahaman, Cllr I B James, Cllr D Keogh, Cllr M.Ellis, Cllr J D Morgan

<b>SCHOOLS STANDARDS PARTNERSHIP GROUP (6)</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr P.A.Rees (Sub Cllr P.D.Richards)
<b>Members:</b>	Cllr A.Lockyer (Sub Cllr H.N.James) Cllr M.Crowley (Sub Cllr A.Jenkins) Cllr J.D.Morgan (Sub Cllr.A.Llewelyn) Cllr M.Ellis (Sub Cllr S.Hunt) Cllr Mrs.D.Jones

**COMMUNITIES FIRST MEMBER BRIEFING GROUP (LIST A)**

<b><u>ABERAVON DIVISION</u></b>		<b>NEATH NORTH DIVISION</b>	
Councillor C.P.Golding	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor A.R.Lockyer	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor M.Jones	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor M.Protheroe	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor A.Taylor	<b>Social Democratic</b>	<b><u>NEATH SOUTH DIVISION</u></b>	
<b><u>BRITON FERRY EAST DIVISION</u></b>		Councillor A.Jenkins	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor C.Morgan	<b>Independent</b>	Councillor P.A.Rees	<b>Labour</b>
<b><u>BRITON FERRY WEST DIVISION</u></b>		<b>NEATH EAST DIVISION</b>	
Councillor H.N.James	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor J.Miller	<b>Labour</b>
<b><u>BRYN AND CWMAVON DIVISION</u></b>		Councillor Mrs.S.Miller	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor Mrs.M.A.Lewis	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor D.Whiteclock	<b>Labour</b>	<b>ONLLWYN DIVISION</b>	
Councillor I.D.Williams	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor A.H.Thomas	<b>Labour</b>
<b>CIMLA</b>		<b>PELENNA DIVISION</b>	
Councillor J.Warman	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor M.Ellis	<b>Independent</b>
Councillor A.Carter	<b>Labour</b>	<b>PONTARDAWE DIVISION</b>	
<b>CYMMER DIVISION</b>		Councillor M.L.James	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor S.Jones	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor L.M.Purcell	<b>Plaid Cymru</b>

<b>GLYNCORRWG DIVISION</b>		<b>SANDFIELDS EAST DIVISION</b>	
Councillor H.G.Rawlings	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor C.M.Crowley	<b>Labour</b>
<b>GLYNNEATH</b>		Councillor Mrs.L.H.James	<b>Independent</b>
Councillor E.E.Jones	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor E.V.Latham	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor J.D.Morgan	<b>Plaid Cymru</b>	<b>SANDFIELDS WEST DIVISION</b>	
<b>COEDFFRANC CENTRAL</b>		Councillor Mrs.A.Chaves	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor Mrs.P.Bebell	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor J.S.Evans	<b>Labour</b>
Councillor A.P.H.Davies	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor Mrs.S.Paddison	<b>Labour</b>
<b>GODRE'RGRAIG DIVISION</b>		<b>SEVEN SISTERS DIVISION</b>	
Councillor Mrs.R.Davies	<b>Plaid Cymru</b>	Councillor S.K.Hunt	<b>Independent</b>
<b>GWYNFI DIVISION</b>		<b>YSTALYFERA</b>	
Councillor R.Thomas	<b>Labour</b>	Councillor A.Llewelyn	<b>Plaid Cymru</b>
		<b>YSTRADGYNLAIS</b>	
		Councillor H.Williams	
		<b>Chairman: Cllr M.L.James</b>	

**CHAIRPERSON**