

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

25 January, 2017

The Mayor: Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Mrs.J.Dudley

Councillors: A.P.H.Davies, A.Carter, Ms.C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, M.Harvey, S.K.Hunt, H.N.James, Mrs.L.H.James, R.James, A.Jenkins, E.E.Jones, Mrs.D.Jones, R.G.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, Mrs.K.Lloyd, A.R.Lockyer, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan, Ms.C.Morgans, Mrs.S.Paddison, Mrs.K.Pearson, D.M.Peters, R.Phillips, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, 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.A.Wingrave, A.N.Woolcock and Mrs C.Edwards

Officers in Attendance: H.Jenkins, S.Ball, S.Phillips, D.Michael, Mrs.N.Pearce and Mrs.K.Jones

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor E.V. Latham In relation to an Executive Decision of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board (Special) held on 1 December, 2016 regarding the

submission of a reference for Mr. N. Crowley.

2. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 23 NOVEMBER, 2016**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the following meeting of Council be confirmed:
Council 23 November, 2016.

3. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL**

Council received the report of the Chief Executive on the Swansea Bay City Deal, which had been considered and approved by Cabinet on 24 January, 2017 and was being reported to Council for information.

Members welcomed the progress made with the Swansea Bay City Deal and were keen to pursue all potential economic opportunities to improve local communities throughout the Neath Port Talbot area.

RESOLVED: that the above report be noted.

4. **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

Council received the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in relation to above.

RESOLVED: 1. That Council adopts the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 as amended by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 amended by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and further amended by The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (“Uprating Regulations”)

2. that there be no change to the existing discretionary elements in relation to the Prescribed Scheme, as follows:

(a) That no increase in the backdate period for all claimants be applied from the standard 3 months contained in the Prescribed Scheme;

(b) That no increase in the extended reduction period for all claimants be applied from the standard 4 weeks currently contained within the Prescribed Scheme.

(c) Apply a 100% disregard for War Disablement Pensions, War Widows Pensions and War Widower's Pensions for all claimants.

5. **DELEGATED POWERS TO CHANGE DECISION MAKING PROTOCOLS**

Council considered the report of the Head of Planning and Public Protection on proposed changes to the delegated power to change decision making protocols.

- RESOLVED:**
1. that the following, as contained in the circulated report, be approved:-
 - The amended Delegated Arrangements
 - The amended Procedure Note for Public Speaking at Planning Committee
 - The amended Site Visit procedures
 - The amended Cut-off Period for Late Submission of Representations
 2. That delegated authority be given by Council to the Planning Committee for the Planning function, including any further amendments as may be deemed necessary to the above arrangements / procedures in future.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S CONSTITUTION

Council considered the report of the Head of Legal Services regarding the update to the Council's Constitution.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to amend the Council's Constitution (*version dated 14.01.17*) in accordance with the proposals set out in Appendix 1 attached hereto;
 2. That Mr. Gareth Griffiths the newly appointed Principal Solicitor – Property be authorised to carry out those functions which were previously carried out by his predecessor Mr. Aled Roderick: i.e. provisions 9 and 10 of the Head of Legal Services Proper Officer Provisions (Pages 3.109 and 3.110 of the Constitution (version 14.01.17));
 3. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to undertake any reordering and renumbering of the Constitution that he considers necessary, in order to improve the format and layout of that document so that it becomes a more user friendly document for readers.

7. OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- RESOLVED:** that the following amendments to the outside body representation be approved:
1. that Councillor J.Warman be replaced by Councillor Mrs C.Edwards as the Authority's representative on the Community Health Council, as Councillor Warman had reached the maximum number of years he could sit on the Community Health Council in line with its own Rules;
 2. that Councillor A.Jenkins be removed from the Valuation Tribunal for Wales (Appeals), following his resignation from the panel in May 2016;
 3. that Neath Port Talbot College Corporation Board be removed from the list of Outside

- Bodies, as the Board no longer needs representation from the Local Authority;
4. that the list of Outside Bodies be updated, by renaming Care and Repair NPT as 'Care and Repair Western Bay', following the merger between Care and Repair NPT and Care and Repair Swansea.

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

RESOLVED: that the undermentioned Minutes be noted:-

Cabinet	19 October, 2016
Cabinet	26 October, 2016
Cabinet	23 November, 2016
Cabinet	7 December, 2016

NB: A Member raised a query regarding the 2016 Community Review. The minute record was checked and confirmation of accuracy obtained.

Cabinet	4 January, 2016
Policy and Resources	15 December, 2016
Policy and Resources	15 December, 2016
Children, Young People and Education	3 November, 2016
Children, Young People and Education (Special)	14 November, 2016
Children, Young People and Education (Special)	1 December, 2016

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Social Care, Health and Housing	23 November, 2016
Social Care, Health and Housing	13 December, 2016
Environment and Highways	24 November 2016
Environment and Highways	5 January, 2017
Economic and Community Regeneration	28 October, 2016
Economic and Community Regeneration (Special)	14 November, 2016
Economic and Community Regeneration	9 December, 2016

9. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 11 below the Mayor agreed that it could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. **NSA AFAN**

Members were provided with an urgent update by the Chief Executive on the current discussions between the Local Authority and Welsh Government on the status of the community based regeneration organisation NSA Afan.

CHAIRPERSON

