

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

29 March, 2018

The Mayor: **Councillor D.Keogh**

The Deputy Mayor: **Councillor S.Jones**

Councillors: S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, M.Crowley,
S. ap Dafydd, A.P.H.Davies, D.W.Davies,
O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Edwards, M.Ellis,
S.E.Freeguard, W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, S.Harris,
M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, C.J.Jones,
D.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.A.Knoyle,
E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer,
A.McGrath, J.Miller, S.Miller, R.Mizen,
S.M.Penry, R.Phillips, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell,
S.Purse, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees,
S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards,
A.J.Taylor, R.L.Taylor, C.Williams, A.Wingrave,
R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, H.Jenkins G.Nutt, A.Evans,
A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, K.Jones and A.Manchipp

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

1. **DESIGNATE APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AS MONITORING OFFICER AND APPROVAL TO GRANT DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER.**

RESOLVED: 1. That Marcus Craig Griffiths be designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer for the purposes of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and be entitled to exercise all powers delegated to the Monitoring Officer under the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County

Borough Council and the powers open to the Monitoring Officer under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;

2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer to appoint a Deputy Monitoring Officer pursuant to Section 5(7) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 that shall be capable of exercising the powers of the Monitoring Officer in the absence of the Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer;
3. The Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be updated to incorporate the amendments enclosed as Appendix 1 to the circulated Report.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AS A PROPER OFFICER**

- RESOLVED:**
1. That with effect from 1 April 2018, Marcus Craig Griffiths be designated a Proper Officer for the Council and that he be entitled to exercise the powers delegated to the role in The Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council;
 2. That with effect from the 1 April 2018, Michael Edward Shaw be designated a Proper Officer for the Council for the duration of his appointment as Temporary Principal Solicitor Litigation and that he be entitled to exercise the powers delegated to the role in The Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

3. **REVISED CORPORATE PLAN**

The Leader of Council presented the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services in relation to the Corporate Plan for 2018-2022.

Members noted that the report had been considered by the Policy and Resources/Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 21 March 2018. The

Cabinet had made a number of amendments to the Plan, following consideration by the Scrutiny Committee. The Head of Corporate Services and Democratic Services advised that most of those amendments approved by the Cabinet had been incorporated into the document before Council for approval, however, two further amendments also need to be made before the Plan is published: re-naming the new performance management system so that it is not confused with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS); and changing the KPI on page 82 of the circulated report to read "Value and percent of contracts awarded to local companies" with the targets set out being amended to read 30% across 2018/19 to 2021-22.

Following the presentation Members raised the following:-

- Could a copy of the 'Council Activities' table contained on Page 33 of the report be included in the Council Tax Bills issued to evidence the work carried out by the Authority? In responding the Leader confirmed that he would request officers to put this in place for 2019/20.
- Members asked how confident the Leader was about delivering the Plan. The Leader advised that he was very confident the Plan could be delivered and emphasised that all Members of Council were responsible for supporting the Plan in order to achieve the best for all in the County Borough.
- Members asked for information about the progress of the Members Valleys' Task and Finish Group and the work commissioned to strengthen tourism. The Leader advised that he was expecting final reports in the near future.

RESOLVED: That, having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment, contained in the circulated report, the revised Corporate Plan covering the period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2022 and the associated Equality Impact Assessment, be approved and that the Leader of Council be given delegated authority to make any changes to the Plan, as a result of any comments received today together with any other minor changes that might be necessary prior to the publication of the Plan.

4. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Linet Purcell be replaced by Councillor Alun Llewelyn on the Special Appointments Committee.

5. **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

Council considered the Joint report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) report on Members' Remuneration and Expenses for 2018/19.

Members asked whether they could forgo some or all of their entitlement if they so wished and noted that the entitlement was based on a 3 day week, but if Members wished to do so then they would need to write to the Director with the request.

RESOLVED:

1. That the IRPW report on the basic salary, senior salary and fees for Co-opted Members to be implemented for the financial year 2018/19, be noted;
2. That fees for Co-opted Members be payable for all meetings of Committees on which those Members serve together with any seminars, training events or briefings within the terms of the IRPW report;
3. That senior salaries be paid to those office holders identified in the Schedule of Councillors and Co-opted Members Remuneration for 2018/19 contained in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.
4. That the new standard payment band be applied to Executive Members and Committee Chairs;
5. That Level 2 payment band continue to be applied for Civic salaries;
6. That individual Members advise the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, in writing, of any variation to the Senior Salary amount they wish to be paid in 2018/19;

7. That Option 2 be utilised in relation to the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care.

CHAIRMAN