

**COUNCIL**

**(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)**

**Members Present:**

**24 April 2019**

**The Mayor:**                      **Councillor D.Keogh**

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

**Councillors:**                      A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, S. ap Dafydd, 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, C.James, H.N.James, C.J.Jones, D.Jones, J.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.A.Knoyle, E.V.Latham, A.McGrath, J.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, S.M.Penry, D.M.Peters, L.M.Purcell, S.Purseley, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor, R.L.Taylor, A.L.Thomas, J.Warman, D.Whitelock, C.Williams, A.Wingrave, R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

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

**Representatives of the Translation Service:**                      Present

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**1. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was with deep regret the Mayor advised that the following had passed away:

Councillor Martin Ellis, the Member for the Pelenna Ward and former Councillor Olga Jones, the Member for the Sandfields West Ward.

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

Following the minute's silence the Leader of the Independent Group said a few words in relation to the courage and determination of Councillor Ellis to continue to represent his Ward and to contribute to the work of the Council, particularly in the services for children and young people. He would be greatly missed.

The Leader of the Council supported these sentiments and said that it had been a privilege to work alongside Councillor Ellis.

## 2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor M.Harvey	Re the Report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer in relation to the Corporate Plan as it mentions CCTV as he is employed by the South Wales Police.
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## 3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the following meetings of Council be confirmed as accurate records:-

14 February, 27 February and 13 March 2019.

## 4. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL PROGRAMME**

The Leader of Council made a statement regarding this Authority's current position in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal Programme.

Council noted that the report of the Chief Executive which was before Members today had been considered and approved at Cabinet held on 17 April, 2019 and was before Members for information only.

Some Members wished to seek an amendment to the recommendation to allow for any further decisions on the City Deal to be referred to Council for decision and not delegated as per the report. The Head of Legal Services confirmed that these were Executive decisions and as such were not able to be taken by Council and the decision as to the delegation had been made in Cabinet previously and could not be amended in Council. Disappointment was expressed at this and at the current position of the Programme as a whole.

Members were given assurances that Council would be informed of developments and any delegated decisions taken.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF A STANDING DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER**

**RESOLVED:** That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer, Mrs Karen Jones, be appointed the Council's Standing Deputy Returning Officer.

6. **CORPORATE PLAN 2019 TO 2022**

The Leader of Council gave Members an overview of the Authority's updated Corporate Plan, which had been commended to Council for approval by Cabinet held on 17 April 2019.

Members noted that there had been good progress made in achieving the aims contained in the Plan. In particular it was pleasing to note that the Authority's Council Tax increase for 2019/20 was one of the lowest increases in Wales.

Going forward achieving a balanced budget was becoming more difficult, with year on year cuts, together with the uncertainty around Brexit and the possible consequences for the Authority's Capital Programme.

The Leader outlined the projects being undertaken and completed which included the Strategic School Improvement Programme, the new Transport Hub in Port Talbot the Homes as Power Stations in Neath, the rollout of the Childcare Offer, etc.

The Leader welcomed feedback to him or members of the Cabinet and advised that a short introductory video would accompany the Plan.

7. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS**  
**2018/19**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be noted:-

Cabinet	23 January 2019
Cabinet	13 February 2019
Cabinet	20 February 2019
Cabinet	6 March 2019
Cabinet	27 March 2019
Education, Skills and Culture	17 January 2019
Education, Skills and Culture	29 November 2018
Education, Skills and Culture	28 February 2019
Education, Skills and Culture (Reconvened)	6 March 2019
Education, Skills and Culture	27 March 2019
Streetscene and Engineering	22 February 2019
Streetscene and Engineering	5 April 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	10 January 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	7 February 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	7 March 2019
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	18 January 2019
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	1 March 2019

8. **URGENT ITEM**

With the permission of the Mayor the following item was raised as an urgent item.

**Reason for Urgency:**

To appoint a Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection.

9. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the following changes to Committee Memberships and Outside Body Representation, be approved:-

Cllr.L.Jones to replace Cllr.A.N.Woolcock as Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection and as a Member of the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board.

Cllr.L.Jones be appointed as a non voting Member of the Personnel Committee and Member on Staff Council.

As a consequence of the above Cllr.L.Jones be removed from the following and that she not be replaced at this time:

Chair of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee;  
Member on the Planning Committee, Registration and Licensing Committee, Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, Audit Committee and Democratic Services Committee and substitute on the Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee.

In relation to Outside Body representation the following changes be made:-

Cllr.L.Jones replace Cllr.A.N.Woolcock on SACRE, Afan Tawe Nedd Crime Prevention Panel, the

Neath Port Talbot Black and Minority Ethnic  
Community Association and the Tata Steel Joint  
Consultative Group.

Cllr L.Jones be removed as one of the Authority's  
representatives on the Swansea Bay City Deal and  
that she not be replaced at this time.

## **CHAIRPERSON**