

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

29 January 2020

The Mayor: Councillor S.Jones

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor J.Warman

Councillors: A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, H.C.Clarke, C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, S.apDafydd, A.P.H.Davies, N.J.E.Davies, O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Galsworthy, W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, C.James, H.N.James, C.J.Jones, D.Jones, J.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, D.Keogh, S.A.Knoyle, E.V.Latham, D.Lewis, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, A.McGrath, J.Miller, R.Mizen, S.M.Penry, D.M.Peters, M.Protheroe, S.Pursey, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards, M.Spooner, R.L.Taylor, D.Whitelock, C.Williams, R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, N.Pearce, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, C.Morris, C.Furlow-Harris and A.Manchipp

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

1. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

The father of the Leader of Council:
The father of Councillor Suzanne Renkes:
The wife of Councillor Mike Harvey and

The former Interim Head of Change Management and Innovation, Mr Philip Graham.

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

2. **PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

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

16 October and 27 November, 2019.

3. **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

RESOLVED: That Council approve the following in relation to establishing its Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the 2020/2021 financial year:

- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 as further amended by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, be approved;
- The retention of the existing discretionary elements in relation to the Prescribed Scheme, be approved:
 - (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.

4. **NEATH PORT TALBOT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2026**

The Leader of Council introduced the item. Members agreed the importance of raising the public's awareness of the review. In particular members expressed the view around the balance between towns, valleys and the coastal areas. Policies around, for example, Houses in Multiple Occupation could be looked at during the review.

Members then noted that the current Local Development Plan (LDP) would extend until 2026, while the new plan would cover the period 2020 to 2035. The review itself would take four years and would extend into the new Council in 2022.

Officers urged Members to contact officers should they have any queries.

RESOLVED: That the draft Local Development Plan (LDP) Review Report, as contained in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved as forming the basis for targeted consultation and that the publication and consultation procedures as set out therein be implemented.

5. **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE - TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEMBER**

RESOLVED: That Community Councillor Carl Williams be appointed as the Community Councillor representative to the Standards Committee and that Town Councillor Gerry Reynolds be appointed as the substitute.

6. **CHANGES TO THE CYCLE OF MEETINGS**

Members asked that consideration be given to limiting meetings during school holidays, if possible, when the committee cycle for the new civic year was being finalised.

RESOLVED: That, for the reasons contained in the circulated report, the frequency of the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee/Cabinet Board revert to a six weekly cycle until the new civic year 2020/2021 and that further consideration be given to limiting meetings during school holiday periods.

7. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS 2019/2020**

RESOLVED: That the following be noted:-

Cabinet	30 October 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	17 October 2019
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	18 October 2019

Regeneration and Sustainable Development	29 November 2019
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8. **URGENT ITEMS**

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

Reason for Urgency:

Due to the time element.

9. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL**

The Leader of Council advised members that at a meeting of the Joint Committee held on 28 January 2020, the Authority's re-worked projects had been approved. The value of the project was in the region of £60m, £45m of which would be drawn down through the

City Deal Programme. The projects would now be forwarded to both the UK and Welsh Governments for approval.

Members were pleased with the news and noted that a new programme director had been appointed to the City Deal Programme Office.

CHAIRPERSON

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