# **APPENDIX 2**

# 1. Annual Meeting of the CJC

### 1.1 Timing and Business

In a year when there is an ordinary election of Members, the annual meeting will take place within 21 days of the retirement of the outgoing Members, on a date which the CJC may fix. In any other year, the annual meeting will take place in March, April or May as the CJC may fix.

The annual meeting will:

- (a) elect a person to preside if the Chair of CJC is not present;
- (b) elect the Chair of the CJC
- (c) appoint the Vice Chair of the CJC
- (d) receive any announcements from the Chair and/or Chief Executive;
- (g) appoint any sub-committees as the CJC considers appropriate to deal with matters
- (h) agree such delegations it is for the CJC to agree
- (i) approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the CJC and its Committees for the year, and
- (j) consider any business set out in the notice convening the meeting.

### **1.2 Selection of Members on Committees and Outside Bodies**

At the annual meeting, the CJC meeting shall:

(a) decide which committees to establish for the civic year (being the period from one Annual Meeting to the next, except in the year when there are ordinary elections to the CJC, in which case the Committees – and postholders and outside body appointees (in (e) below) – will run from the Annual Meeting to the date of the election);

- (b) decide the size of, and terms of reference for, those committees
- (d) receive nominations of Members to serve on each committee and outside body, and
- (e) appoint to those committees and also to appoint to outside bodies as appropriate.

# 2. Ordinary Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the CJC will take place in accordance with a programme decided at the CJC's annual meeting. Ordinary meetings will:

- (a) be chaired by the representative of Carmarthenshire County Council in the absence of the nominated Chair or Vice Chair.
- (b) approve the minutes of the last meeting;
- (c) receive any declarations of interest from members;
- (d) receive any announcements from Chair, members or the Chief Executive;
- (e) deal with any business from the last CJC meeting;
- (f) receive reports/proposals from the CJC's committees and receive questions and answers on any of those reports/proposals;
- (g) consider motions; and
- (h) consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting.

The Chair may vary the order of business.

# 3. Extraordinary Meetings

3.1 Calling Extraordinary Meetings

Those listed below may request the Chief Executive to call CJC meetings in addition to ordinary meetings:

- (a) the CJC by resolution;
- (b) the Chair of the CJC;
- (c) the Chief Executive, the S151 Officer or Monitoring Officer; and
- (d) any voting member of the CJC if they have signed a requisition presented to the Chair of the CJC and he/she has refused to call a meeting or has failed to call a meeting within seven days of the presentation of the requisition.

## 4. Appointment of Substitute Members of Committees

## 4.1 Allocation

As well as allocating seats on committees, the CJC may allocate seats in the same manner for substitute members.

### 4.2 **Powers and Duties**

Substitute members will have all the powers and duties of any ordinary member of the committee but will not be able to exercise any special powers or duties exercisable by the person they are substituting.

### 4.4 Substitution

Substitute members may attend meetings in that capacity only:

- (a) to take the place of the ordinary member for whom they substitute;
- (b) where the ordinary member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (c) after notifying the Chief Executive before the start of the meeting of the intended substitution.

## 5. Time, Place of Meetings and Conduct

5.1 The time and place of meetings will be determined by the Chief Executive and notified in the summons.

# 6. Notice of and Summons to Meetings

The Chief Executive will give notice to the public of the time and place of any meeting in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules. At least three clear days before a meeting, the Chief Executive will send a summons signed by him or her by email or via the Mod Gov. System. The summons will give the date, time and place of each meeting and specify the business to be transacted, and will be accompanied by such reports as are available.

## 7. Chair of Meeting

The person presiding at the meeting may exercise any power or duty of the Chair. Where these rules apply to committee and sub-committee meetings, references to the Chair also include the Chair of committees and sub-committees.

## 8. Quorum

8.1 Subject to the provision set out in paragraph 8.3 below the quorum of a meeting will be a representative from each constituent council and at least 70% of all members who are entitled to vote at such meetings. During any meeting if the Chair counts the number of members present and declares there is not a quorum present, then the meeting will adjourn immediately. Remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the Chair. If he/she does not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting.

## 9. Questions by Members

## 9.1 On reports of the CJC

A member of the CJC may ask any question without notice upon an item of the report when that item is being received or under consideration by the CJC.

## 9.2 Questions on Notice at Full CJC

Subject to Rule 9.4, a member of the CJC may ask:

- The Chair of the CJC
- A Member of the CJC
- The Chair of any Committee
- A question on any matter in relation to which the CJC has powers or duties or which affects the area.

## 9.3 **Questions on Notice at Committees**

Subject to Rule 9.4, a member of a committee may ask it a question on any matter in relation to which the CJC has powers or duties or which affect the area and which falls within the terms of reference of that committee.

# 9.4 Notice of Questions

A member may only ask a question under Rule 9.2 or 9.3 if either:

- (a) they have given at least 1 working day notice in writing of the questions to the Chief Executive; or
- (b) the question relates to urgent matters, they have the consent of the Chair to whom the question is to be put and the content of the question is given to the Chief Executive not later than 2 hours before the start of the meeting.

## 9.5 **Response**

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the CJC or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

## 9.6 **Supplementary Question**

A member asking a question under Rule 9.2 or 9.3 may ask one supplementary question without notice of the member to whom the

first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

## **10.** Motions on Notice

#### 10.1 Notice

Except for motions which can be moved without notice under Rule 11, written notice of every motion, signed or confirmed by at least 2 members, must be delivered or sent to the Chief Executive not later than eight clear days before the date of the meeting. These will be entered in a book open to public inspection.

## 10.2 Motion set out in Agenda

Motions for which notice has been given will be listed on the agenda in the order in which notice was received, unless the member giving notices states, in writing, that they propose to move it to a later meeting or withdraw it.

#### 10.3 Scope

Motions must be about matters for which the CJC has a responsibility.

### 11. Motions without Notice

The following motions may be moved without notice:

- (a) to appoint a Chair of the meeting at which the motion is moved;
- (b) in relation to the accuracy of the minutes;
- (c) to change the order of business in the agenda;
- (d) to refer something to an appropriate body or individual;
- (e) to appoint a committee or member arising from an item on the summons for the meeting;
- (f) to receive reports or adoption of recommendations of committees or officers and any resolutions following from them;

- (g) to withdraw a motion;
- (h) to amend a motion;
- (i) to proceed to the next business;
- (j) that the question be now put;
- (k) to adjourn a debate;
- (I) to adjourn a meeting;
- (m) to suspend a particular CJC procedure rule, or other rule where so permitted
- (n) to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules;
- (o) to not hear further a member named under Rule 18.2 or to exclude them from the meeting under Rule 18.3; and
- (p) to give consent of the CJC where its consent is required by this Constitution.

### 12. Rules of Debate

### 12.1 No Speeches after motion proposed

No speeches may be made after the mover has moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it

## 12.2 Right to Require Motion in Writing

Unless notice of the motion has already been given, the Chair may require it to be written down and handed to him/her before it is discussed.

## 12.3 Content and Length of Speeches

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the chairman save for nonexecutive CJC Committees and Sub-Committees (including the Audit, Standards and Overview and Scrutiny Committees) where the time allowed for speeches and/or questions shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson (as a guide around 10 minutes per member)

## 12.5 When a Member may Speak Again

A member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:

- (a) to speak once on an amendment moved by another member;
- (b) to move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since he/she last spoke;
- (c) if his/her first speech was on an amendment moved by another member, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which he/she spoke was carried);
- (d) in exercise of a right of reply;
- (e) on a point of order; and/or
- (f) by way of personal explanation
- (g) with the consent of the Chair, whose decision shall be final.

## 12.6 Amendments to Motions

- (a) An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion and will either be:
  - (i) to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration;
  - (ii) to leave out words;
  - (iii) to leave out words and insert or add others; or
  - (iv) to insert or add words

as long as the effect of (ii) to (iv) is not to negate the motion.

- (b) Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.
- (c) If an amendment is not carried, other amendments to the original motion may be moved.
- (d) If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments are moved.
- (e) After an amendment has been carried, the Chair will read out the amended motion before accepting any further amendments, or if there are none, put it to the vote.
- (f) No amendments may be made to a motion submitted under Rule 10.4 the purpose of which is to admit any person as an honorary freeman or honorary freewoman other than the person named in a Motion on Notice submitted under that rule.

## 12.7 Alteration of Motion

- (a) A member may alter a motion of which he/she has given notice with the consent of the meeting. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion.
- (b) A member may alter a motion which he/she has moved without notice with the consent of both the meeting and the seconder. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion.
- (c) Only alterations which could be made as an amendment may be made.

## 12.8 Withdrawal of Motion

A member may withdraw a motion which he/she has moved with the consent of both the meeting and the seconder. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion. No member may speak on the motion after the mover has asked permission to withdraw it unless permission is refused.

# 12.9 Right of Reply

- (a) The mover of a motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.
- (b) If an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment, but may not otherwise speak on it.
- (c) The mover of the amendment has no right to reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

## 12.10 Motions which may be Moved during Debate

When a motion is under debate, no other motion may be moved except the following procedural motions:

- (a) to withdraw a motion;
- (b) to amend a motion;
- (c) to proceed to the next business;
- (d) that the question be now put;
- (e) to adjourn a debate;
- (f) to adjourn a meeting;
- (g) to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules; and
- (h) to not hear further a member named under Rule 18.2 or to exclude them from the meeting under Rule 18.3

## 12.11 Closure Motions

- (a) A member may move, without comment, the following motions at the end of a speech of another member:
  - (i) to proceed to the next business;

- (ii) that the question be now put;
- (iii) to adjourn a debate; or
- (iv) to adjourn a meeting.
- (b) If a motion to proceed to next business is approved and the Chair thinks the item has been sufficiently discussed, he or she will give the mover of the original motion a right of reply and then put the procedural motion to the vote.
- (c) If a motion that the question be now put is approved and the Chair thinks the item has been sufficiently discussed, he/she will put the procedural motion to the vote. If it is passed he/she will give the mover of the original motion a right of reply before putting his/her motion to the vote.
- (d) If a motion to adjourn the debate or to adjourn the meeting is passed and the Chair thinks the item has not been sufficiently discussed and cannot reasonably be so discussed on that occasion, he/she will put the procedural motion to the vote without giving the mover of the original motion the right of reply.

## 12.12 Point of Order

A member may raise a point of order at any time. The Chair will hear them immediately. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these CJC Rules of Procedure or the law. It is not concerned with the arguments or principles or correctness or incorrectness of statements made in the course of debate. The member must indicate the rule of law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The ruling of the Chair on the matter will be final. If the member fails to specify the rule or procedural rule that is breached, the Chair shall refuse to consider the point of order.

### 12.13 Personal Explanation

A member may make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Chair on

the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

# 13. Previous Decisions and Motions

# 13.1 Motion to Rescind a Previous Decision

A motion or amendment to rescind a decision made at a meeting of CJC within the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion is signed by at least 2 members.

# 13.2 Motion Similar to one Previously Rejected

A motion or amendment in similar terms to one that has been rejected at a meeting of CJC in the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion or amendment is signed by at least 2 members. Once the motion or amendment is dealt with, no one can propose a similar motion or amendment for six months.

# 14. Voting

# 14.1 Voting Procedure

In relation to any matter to be decided at a meeting of the CJC--

- (a) the number of co-opted members entitled to vote may not exceed the number of other members entitled to vote,
- (b) each person entitled to vote has one vote,
- (c) the matter, is to be decided by simple majority, and
- (d) if a vote is tied the matter is not carried save for matters relating to strategic planning where the Chair or Vice Chair has a casting vote..

# 14.2 Other Voting Issues

In the case of a matter to be decided in relation to the calculation of the CJC's budget funding requirement or the adoption of an alternative voting procedure, paragraphs 14.1(c) and (d) do not apply.

Where the matter to be decided relates to strategic planning functions, paragraph 14.1(d) does not apply and the chair (or if presiding, the vice-chair) has the casting vote.

## 14.3 Show of Hands

Unless a ballot or recorded vote is demanded under Rules 14.4 and 14.5, the Chair will take vote by show of hands, or if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.

### 14.4 Ballots

The vote will take place by ballot if a simple majority of members present at the meeting demand it. The Chair will announce the numerical result of the ballot immediately the result is known.

## 14.5 Recorded Vote

If one sixth of the members present at the meeting demand it, the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes. A demand for a recorded vote will override a demand for a ballot.

## 14.6 Right to Require Individual Vote to be Recorded

Where, immediately after a vote is taken at a meeting, any member so requires, there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting whether that person cast a vote for the question or against the question or whether that person abstained from voting. In this paragraph, a meeting means of the CJC, a committee or sub-committee of the CJC or a relevant joint committee or sub-committee of such a committee.

### 14.7 Voting on Appointments

If there are more than two people nominated for any position to be filled and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.

## 14.8 Promote or Oppose Private Bills in Parliament

Any decision to promote or oppose a private bill in Parliament or in the National Assembly for Wales must be made in accordance with Sections 52 and 53 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

## 14.9 Adoption of alternative voting procedure

Subject to the requirements of this paragraph 14.9, the CJC may adopt an alternative voting procedure in relation to any matter to be decided by it but the CJC may not adopt an alternative procedure in relation to any matter to be decided in relation to the calculation of the CJC's budget funding requirement or the adoption of an alternative voting procedure.

A procedure adopted under this paragraph 14 must specify which of the matters to be decided by the CJC it apples to and may not modify paragraph 14.2.2.

A procedure adopted under this paragraph 14 must be adopted by the unanimous agreement of the members entitled to vote on adopting the procedure.

Any alternative voting procedure adopted under this paragraph 14 must be set out in these standing orders.

## 15. Minutes

### 15.1 General Rules

The names of the members of present at a CJC meeting must be recorded.

Minutes of the proceedings of a CJC meeting must, subject to paragraph be drawn up and recorded.

## 15.2 Signing Minutes

The minutes must be approved by the person chairing the CJC meeting or the person chairing the next suitable such meeting by—

(a) signing the minutes, or

(b) by electronically signifying approval.

Minutes purporting to be so signed or approved may be received in evidence without further proof.

Until the contrary is proved, a CJC meeting the minute of whose proceedings has been recorded and signed or approved in accordance with this regulation is to be deemed to have been duly convened and held, and all those present at the meeting are to be deemed to have been duly qualified. (

The next suitable CJC meeting is the next following meeting or, where standing orders provide for another meeting to be regarded as suitable, either the next following meeting or that other meeting.

## 15.3 Minute Discussion

The only part of the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.

## 16. Record of Attendance

All members present during the whole or part of a meeting must confirm their presence before the conclusion of every meeting to assist with the record of attendance.

## 17. Exclusion of Public

Members of the public and press may only be excluded either in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution or Rule 19 (Disturbance by Public).

### 18. Members' Conduct

### 18.1 Chair Standing

When the Chair stands during a debate, any member speaking at the time must stop. The meeting must be silent.

### 18.2 Member Not to be Heard Further

If a member persistently disregards the ruling of the Chair by behaving improperly or offensively or deliberately obstructs business, the Chair may direct that the member be not heard further.

### 18.3 Member to Leave the Meeting

If the Member continues to behave improperly after such a motion is carried, the Chair may direct either the member leaves the meeting or that the meeting is adjourned for a specified period.

## 18.4 General Disturbance

If there is a general disturbance making orderly business impossible, the Chair may adjourn the meeting for as long as he/she thinks necessary.

# 19. Disturbance by Public

# 19.1 Removal of Member of the Public

If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chair will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chair will order their removal from the meeting room.

# 19.2 Clearance of Part of Meeting Room

If there is a general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public, the Chair may call for that part to be cleared.

## 20. Other Rules

## 20.1 Welsh Language

In all proceedings of the CJC, the Welsh Language and English language shall have the same status and validity, with appropriate advance notification being required for simultaneous translation facility requirements.

## 20.2 Recording of Proceedings

- (a) The recording and webcasting of CJC meetings shall be made by the CJC (via placement on the CJC's Website), in accordance with the Webcasting/Recording Protocol (set out at Appendix 1 of these CJC Procedure Rules).
- (b) Other filming, recording and use of social media is permitted during CJC meetings, provided that:
  - (i) The recording or transmission must create no disturbance, disruption or distraction to the good order

and conduct of the meeting;

- (ii) Notice has been given (on the meeting agenda) so that everyone attending the meeting is made aware that they may be recorded and that by attending the meeting they are deemed to consent to this;
- (iii) Any recording must be overt, not covert;
- (iv) There is to be no recording or transmission of proceedings dealing with any exempt or confidential information;
- (v) The Chair shall have discretion, subject to proper consideration of any relevant representations and legal advice, to prohibit a recording or exclude anyone reasonably considered to be in breach of these rules;
- (vi) The person making the recording or transmission shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable legal obligations arising from their actions.

# 20.3 Petitions

Any public petitions must be delivered by the organisers, or any members, to the relevant Directorate; delivery of same must not take place during the actual meeting of the CJC, or a Committee.

## 20.4 Interpretation of CJC Rules

The ruling of the Chair as to the construction or application of any of the CJC rules, or as to any proceedings of the CJC, shall not be challenged at any meeting of the CJC.

## 20.5 Register of Attendance

An attendance sheet, register or roll call shall be provided or undertaken at every meeting on which each Member present at the meeting shall enter her/his name. A Member's Interests sheet or register shall be provided at every meeting on which each Member present at the meeting shall enter all declarable interests relevant to the business to be conducted at that meeting.

Where a member is to leave a meeting any point before the last item is considered, they shall notify the relevant officer who will ensure that it is then recorded in any register of attendance or minutes.

## 20.6 Use of Mobile Phones

Members should refrain from using mobile phones in any meeting of CJC but where mobile phones are being utilised member should consider stepping out from any meeting whilst such phones are being used.

## 20.7 No Smoking

Members should refrain from smoking or using E-Cigarettes during CJC meetings.

## 21. Suspension and Amendment of CJC Procedure Rules

## 21.1 Suspension

All of these CJC Rules of Procedure except Rule 14.6 and 15.2 may be suspended by motion on notice or without notice if at least one half of the whole number of members of the CJC are present. Suspension can only be for the duration of the meeting.

## 21.2 Amendment

Any motion to add to vary or revoke these CJC Rules of Procedure will, when proposed stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the CJC.

## 22. Public Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings

Members of the public attending Planning Committee meetings shall be entitled to address the Committee in accordance with the CJC's Protocol for speaking at meetings of its Planning Committee.

## 23. Application to Committees and Sub-committees

Rules 4 to 21 inclusive apply to the Sub-Committees (including the Audit, Standards and Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

## 24. Remote Attendance

When so determined by the CJC the Remote Attendance annexed at Appendix 1 to these Rules may be implemented and subsequently cancelled by the agreement of the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer and any conflict between these Rules and the Remote Provisions shall see the Remote Rules take priority.

# 25. Validity of Proceedings

The proceedings of the CJC are not invalidated by any vacancy in the membership of the CJC or by any defect in the appointment, co-option or qualifications of the members. This is subject to requirements of quorum.

# <u>Appendix 1</u>

- 1. The Chair will first introduce them self and their Vice Chair and will confirm the meeting, the date and time and the business to be considered
- 2. The Chair will ask all persons participating in the meeting to mute their microphones while other people are speaking, and only turn on their microphones when they need or wish to speak. Members and the Chair will be expected to use the 'Chat" facility available to indicate whether they wish to speak or raise any particular issue and the Chair will monitor this throughout the meeting.
- 3. From the list prepared by Democratic Services, the Chair will conduct an alphabetical roll call of those present, in the following order:
  - (i) The Committee
  - (ii) Other Members
  - (iii) CJC officers present
  - (iv) Any statutory bodies present
  - (v) All other interested parties
- 4. The Chair will also confirm that there is a quorum and that the meeting can therefore proceed.
- 5. The Chair will remind those Members present of the Procedural Rules and this protocol and of the guidance note issued to Members regarding remote attendance.
- 6. The Chair will ask Members for declarations of interest (alphabetically) and Members shall indicate verbally whether they have any interests to declare. Where Members do have a personal/prejudicial interest, the Democratic Services Officer will send the Member the appropriate form following the meeting for the Member to complete and then return to Democratic Services. Members should ensure they take advice on any possibility of a personal/prejudicial interest from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting.

- 7. The Chair will proceed to work through the business in the Agenda in the order listed in the papers.
- 8. Where applicable, the Chair will then ask any interested party/parties to address the Committee with any representations they wish to make. After they have made their representations the Chair will confirm whether they have anything else they wish to add.
- 9. The Chair will confirm that Committee Members have read the item of business being considered
- 10. The Chair will ask the presenting officer whether there is anything they wish to add to the report.
- 11. The Chair will then go to the questions that Members wish to raise.
- 12. Once all Committee Members have addressed the meeting, any other Members will be invited to ask any questions they may have.
- 13. The Chair will then ask Committee Members, other Members, and officers present (including statutory body representatives) whether they have any questions.
- 14. The Chair will read the recommendation that Members will be asked to vote on.
- 15. The Chair will ask for a member to propose the motion.
- 16. A member will then propose the motion and the motion will be seconded.
- 17. The Chair will ask members whether there are any members who wish to object to the recommendation, providing a suitable delay to allow members to respond accordingly they may do so either by relaying the objection verbally, using the hand raise functions on or utilising the chat facility
- 18. The Chair will ask members whether there are any members who wish to abstain on the recommendation, providing a suitable delay

to allow members to respond accordingly – they may do so either by relaying the objection verbally, using the hand raise functions on or utilising the chat facility.

- 19. Following this, it will be assumed that any members who have not indicated to the contrary will be deemed to be in favour of the recommendation.
- 20. The Chair will then confirm whether the recommendation has been approved or not.
- 21. In the event that the Chair is unable to confirm that all members were capable of being heard or they deem a roll call to be necessary to ensure the democratic process is complied with, the Chair shall be entitled to undertake a roll call of all members to confirm their vote.
- 22. Where the Chief Executive or Monitoring Officer are of the opinion that members have not had the ability to be heard, they will advise the Chair that a roll call of all members to confirm their vote should be held, the final discretion as to whether to hold such a roll call will remain at the discretion of the Chair.
- 23. It should be noted that Members will also be able to call for a recorded vote as per the requirements of the CJC's Constitution.
- 24. The Democratic Services Officer will confirm the outcome of the vote.
- 25. The Chair will then move on to the next item.

Where matters are private/exempt the Chair will confirm the reason for considering the matter in private and ask for a proposer and seconder to go into private session. The Chair will ask if there are any objections to this by any member, who shall state what their objection is. If no objection is raised the Chair will indicate, unless there is any further objection, that the motion to go into private session is carried.

26. The Chair will confirm once all matters have been considered and will confirm the close of the meeting.

28. Following the meeting a copy of the recording of the meeting (excluding any exempt or confidential items) will be uploaded to the website of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Youtube Channel for public access. Participating in a meeting is deemed consent to such recordings being taken and uploaded. Where so required by legislation, such meetings will also be live streamed and the principles of this paragraph 28 shall apply to such arrangements.