

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the special meeting of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 4.00 pm.

**Present:**

County Borough Councillor G Stacey – in the Chair

**County Borough Councillors:**

H Boggis	S Carter	(Mrs) J Cass
W J David	(Mrs) M E Davies	P Griffiths
M A Norris	(Mrs) M Tegg	(Mrs) J S Ward
P Wasley	D W Weeks	R A Yeo

**Officers:**

Mr P J Lucas – Director of Legal & Democratic Services  
Ms Ann Edwards – Scrutiny Support Officer

**51. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors S Lloyd, M Weaver and E Webster.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note that in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, the following declarations of personal interest were made in relation to Agenda Item 3 – Community Review 2013:

County Borough Councillor G Stacey – “I have submitted a proposal for change”

County Borough Councillor Yeo - “I have submitted a proposal for change”

**REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**53. REPORT OF THE PLANNING SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services presented the Committee with the findings and recommendations of the Planning Scrutiny Working Group. He provided the Committee with an overview of the work which had been carried out by the Working Group and the factors which had influenced their recommendations. He explained that a member of the Working Group who was unable to attend this Committee meeting had provided his thoughts on two issues, firstly, should cabinet members be able to sit on a small Development Control Committee and secondly, suggesting that the Council

should not opt for the minimum possible number of members for a Development Control Committee.

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services advised that whilst there was no legal obstacle preventing Cabinet members sitting on the Development Control Committee he reminded Members that previously when there had been a smaller Development Control Committee they had not done so. He explained that this issue, along with the size of the Committee would be a matter for the Council to decide at its AGM. However, he pointed out that there could be a risk in having a Committee of only 11 members as meetings could be adversely affected by such things as holidays and sickness.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:

- (i) to endorse the report and recommendations of the Planning Scrutiny Working Group;
- (ii) that the report be sent to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning;
- (iii) that the report be included as an appendix to the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in respect of the Council's committee arrangements to be presented to Members at the Council's AGM in May 2014

**54. REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP – COMMUNITY REVIEW 2013**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services presented the Committee with the report of the Electoral Administration Scrutiny Working Group. He provided an overview of the Community Review process and reported that there had been some slight slippage in terms of the original timetable set out at 3.3 explaining that it was now intended to present the proposals and recommendations to Council sometime in June 2014 for a final decision.

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services provided a summary of the proposals as set out at Appendix 1 and referred Members to the recommendations of the Working Group set out at Appendix 2.

Members of the Committee wished to record their thanks to all those involved in the review which was a time consuming process.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:

- (i) to note the content of the report;
- (ii) to endorse the recommendation of the Electoral Administration Scrutiny Working Group to support the proposed boundary changes as set out at Appendix 2 of the report.

- (iii) that the views of the Working Group be included along with the proposals and submissions for consideration by Council in June to inform the final decision.

G Stacey  
Chairman

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

