



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 5.00 pm at the The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Council Members in attendance:-

Councillor S Powderhill (Chair)

Councillor M Adams	Councillor R Bevan
Councillor H Boggis	Councillor J Bonetto
Councillor S Bradwick	Councillor J Brencher
Councillor A Calvert	Councillor G Caple
Councillor A Chapman	Councillor A Cox
Councillor A Crimmings	Councillor J Cullwick
Councillor A Davies-Jones	Councillor G Davies
Councillor J Davies	Councillor M Diamond
Councillor J Elliott	Councillor M Forey
Councillor A Fox	Councillor E George
Councillor D Grehan	Councillor M Griffiths
Councillor J Harries	Councillor G Holmes
Councillor L Hooper	Councillor G Hopkins
Councillor P Howe	Councillor G Hughes
Councillor J James	Councillor P Jarman
Councillor M Fidler Jones	Councillor G Jones
Councillor K Jones	Councillor L Jones
Councillor W Jones	Councillor R Lewis
Councillor W Lewis	Councillor C Leyshon
Councillor D Macey	Councillor A Morgan
Councillor K Morgan	Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Norris	Councillor D Owen-Jones
Councillor W Owen	Councillor S Pickering
Councillor M Powell	Councillor S Powell
Councillor S. Rees-Owen	Councillor S Rees
Councillor A Roberts	Councillor J Rosser
Councillor G Stacey	Councillor E Stephens
Councillor G Thomas	Councillor W Treeby
Councillor R Turner	Councillor L Walker
Councillor M Weaver	Councillor M Webber
Councillor D Williams	Councillor J Williams
Councillor T Williams	Councillor C Willis
Councillor R Yeo	

Officers in attendance

Mr C Bradshaw, Chief Executive
Mr B Davies, Director of Finance & Digital Services
Mr R Evans, Director of Human Resources
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr G Isingrini, Group Director Community & Children's Services
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

Others in Attendance:

Professor Marcus Longley – Chair of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
Alan Lawrie, Executive Director of Primary, Community and Mental Health,
Dr Ruth Alcolado, Deputy Medical Director,
Greg Dix, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Care.

25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declarations of interest were made pertaining to the agenda:

Item 6 & 9 – Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

- County Borough Councillor R Yeo declared the following personal interest and remained in the meeting when the item was voted upon – “My wife works for Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB, within Prince Charles hospital”
- County Borough Councillor M Forey declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest– “I was the Elected Member representative of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB for 3 years until my period of service ended in January 2016”
- County Borough Councillor J Elliot declared the following personal and non-prejudicial interest: “My sister in law works for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor K Morgan declared the following personal and non-prejudicial interest and refrained from voting on both items: “I work for Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor M Fidler Jones declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “ I work for Tenovus Cancer Care”
- County Borough Councillor J Harries declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “ family and friends work for Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB and I am sub contracted by a local GP surgery with my business”
- County Borough Councillor G Jones declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “ Family member works for Health Board”
- County Borough Councillor J Bonetto declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: ”Member of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Community Health Council”
- County Borough Councillor G Davies declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: Up until May 2018 I was contracted to Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor S Bradwick declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “A family Member is a senior staff member of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor M Adams declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest:” My wife used to work in maternity services at RGH and wife is in receipt of a NHS pension”
- County Borough Councillor P Jarman declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: I am a former Member of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor J Harries declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest:”My niece recently started working for Cwm Taf

Morgannwg UHB”

- County Borough Councillor J Harries declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest:” A close family relative works for Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB”
- County Borough Councillor g Caple declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “ My son is a Junior Doctor and was working within Prince Charles hospital during the relevant review period, although not within maternity services”
- County Borough Councillor J Davies declared the following personal and non prejudicial interest: “Registered with Cwm Taf Nurse Staff Bank”

26 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors S Belzak, L De.Vet, S Evans, S.M Evans, H Fychan, M Tegg, E Webster and G Williams.

27 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed that the agenda would be considered out of sequence as detailed in the minutes set out hereunder.

28 CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

The Chair reminded Members of the request by Council to invite Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board to a Council meeting and on behalf of the Council the Chair welcomed the following Members of the Health Board to the meeting:

- Professor Marcus Longley – Chair of the Board;
- Alan Lawrie, Executive Director of Primary, Community and Mental Health;
- Dr Ruth Alcolado, Deputy Medical Director; and
- Greg Dix, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Care.

The Chair of the Health Board thanked the Council for the invitation to the meeting and commenced by advising of the recent appointment of an interim Chief Executive to the Board due to the current Chief Executive being on an extended period of sick leave.

The Chair spoke of the publication of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists report, which shed light on the serious failings within the Health Board in respect of maternity services and commented on the main issues identified within the report in respect of its criticism of multi disciplinary; data quality; quality governance, data accuracy, serious incident reporting and critical leadership, organisational governance, clinical governance; working cultures and inability to listen to and learn from experiences. The Chair commented that these failings by the Health Board were ‘unacceptable’ and he publically apologised to the families affected.

The Chair provided Members with a brief update in respect of the work undertaken to date following the report and the placement of the Health Board into Special Measures, advising of the work of the independent maternity oversight panel to:

- seek robust assurance from the Health Board that the report recommendations are being implemented against agreed milestones;
- agree a process and establish an independent multidisciplinary clinical review of the identified 43 cases and a look back exercise to 2010, as recommended by the review;
- advise CTM UHB on actions needed for effective public and user engagement in improving maternity services and rebuilding trust and confidence;

The Chair also advised of the commission of an independent review in respect of the non availability of the internal midwife report that was commissioned by the Health Board following identification of unreported SIs during the period in question. The Chairman also spoke of data quality and the need for reliable performance data to assist the Board going forward.

The Chair commented that lessons had been learnt and these be applied not just to maternity services but across all services. Members were advised that due to the failings by the Health Board families were 'voting with their feet' and resorting to giving birth in other hospitals away from Cwm Taf .

The Chair also took the opportunity to commend the staff within the Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB, whom he commented worked above and beyond and spoke of the report's findings into the staffing problems and culture within the Health Board.

Going forward Members were advised of the introduction of Mr. Dix as Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Care and also took the opportunity to comment on the safeguards being taken forward in respect of maternity services.

The Leader of the Council thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and commented on the difficult conversations that had already taken place with the Health Board in respect of the review, and spoke of initial reassurances he had gained following a recent visit to the maternity services. The Leader referenced 4 primary areas of concern in respect of the Health Board relating to A&E performance; CAMHS; Primary Care and Maternity Services. In respect of the latter the Leader commented that he considers he had been misled by the current Chief Executive during one to one meetings regarding the review and the failings of the Health Board in respect of data and reporting. He added that that he did not feel he had ever been misled by the Chair of the Board, but added that false assurances appeared to have been given to the Board. The Leader took the opportunity to provide examples of the issues that were prevalent within the Health Board, that had been ignored through the Health Boards complaints process, and queried the information provided to the Board's Quality and Risk Committee and called for a formal review into how complaints were handled and learnt from. He also referenced the criticism laid at staff and proposed that an apology should be provided to them.

The Chair of the Board thanked the Leader for his observations and advised that the handling of complaints had been prioritised and a commission of a full scale review of the process was being undertaken. He also added that support was being provided by WG in respect of serious incident reporting and implementation, as part of the governance overview.

Before opening the item up to other Members comments the Leader invited

the representatives back to future meetings of the Council to provide updates and to regain the confidence and reassurance of constituents in respect of the services provided by the Health Board, to which the Chair of the Board confirmed he was happy to do so.

The following comments and questions were raised by Members during a lengthy discussion to which the Health Board then responded:

- Findings of the Internal Consultant report and the reason why this appears to have been concealed – An Independent review is to be undertaken as to why this may not have been handled in the normal reporting manner.
- Overcrowding within maternity wards – Confirmed the overcrowding and advised of how this had been rectified through the removal of beds. Also advised of the reduction in births within the maternity ward as planned, relieving the capacity issues.
- Accountability of Board - independent maternity oversight panel will consider each of the professional failings of all of the cases within the review which will reveal the accountability issues.
- Staffing – Newly qualified staff supported through supervision programme and a range of supportive measures put in place including clinical supervisors and 3 new consultant obstetricians.
- Scrutiny – the Chair agreed that scrutiny of the Governance statements was crucial to the success of the Health Board.
- Apology to Staff – The Chair took the opportunity to apologise to all staff and the families involved for the unacceptable behavior of the Health Board and spoke of the priority in ruling out the abusive & bullying staffing culture identified within the report. Representatives spoke of the rebuilding of trust and confidence of staff and the practices put in place including a ‘freedom to speak up guardian’
- South Wales Plan – The Chair advised that the Board were not able to revisit the decisions taken previously in respect of the plan, commenting that such a decision would need to be determined by WG.
- Confidence in Chief Executive – The Chair of the Board reiterated that the current Chief Executive was on a period of sickness absence and was unable to comment specifically any further on this.
- Data quality - The Chair confirmed that the Serious Incident Reporting system had not been followed properly and assured members that such failings were being put right. Representatives also referenced outcomes data and the testing being taken forward by the Panel into a robust system.
- Travel Issues – The Chair acknowledged the issues and costs to patients and their families in respect of the travelling time and public transport availability to the PCH from areas within RCT.
- Pediatrics Downgrading within RGH – Representatives commented that the move from RGH to PCH would be undertaken at a timely juncture and reiterated the reason for the move, acknowledging that there were not enough qualified staff across the two sites. It was added that children known with complex disabilities already had a support pathway in place.
- Bereavement Counselling – The Chair advised that a written robust response would be provided to Members in respect of this issue
- Measures - The Chair advised that the Panel would have oversight

- of the specific measures to be put in place
- Media Speculation? – The Chair advised that a written response in respect of the proposed ‘threat of legal action’ to patients would be provided.
- Ambulance transfers – It was confirmed that this service would be available once the transfer of Pediatrics took place
- Consultant recruitment - Representatives advised of the problems with recruitment to the Health Board and confirmed that the new consultants earlier identified were not new positions but filled existing vacant positions.
- Strategy for building capacity Primary Health Care – Representatives advised of the strides being made to alleviate the pressures on A&E with out of hours and the robust service being taken forward with investment through a multi disciplinary team.
- Board Members with special responsibility for Maternity Services – The Chair advised that there was no specific member with such responsibility.
- Implementation of whistleblowing policy?
- Cost involved with paying 2 Chief Executive salaries as of Monday 24th June – The Chair confirmed that there were financial implications to the interim appointment and commented on the need for expertise to be in place to take the Board forward. He concluded that safety of patients would come before costs.

The Leader took the opportunity to thank the representatives for their attendance and their open and honest responses to the comments made. He repeated his own ‘no confidence’ beliefs in the current Chief Executive and looked forward to receiving the Board Members at future meetings to receive evidence and assurance of the improvement of the discussed services.

The Chair of the Council thanked the Board representatives for their attendance and also acknowledged the conduct of the public in attendance and paid respects to the families present.

(N.B. Due to time constraints a number of questions could not be posed by Members of the Council. It was agreed that written responses would be provided in relation to these questions.)

29 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8

It was **RESOLVED** to continue the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, to allow consideration of the remaining agenda items and continuation of Council business.

30 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Borough Councillor P Jarman and R Bevan led tributes following the news of the sad passing of two former Plaid Cymru Councillors Michael Brittain (former Member for Tylorstown) and Vyvian Williams (former Member for Llanharry) who were dedicated Members of the Council and sympathies were passed to the family Members.
- County Borough Councillor A Crimmings advised Members of the recent

passing of former Councillor John Davies who passed away last weekend at the young age of 56.

(Following the above announcements a minutes silence was held as a mark of respect)

- County Borough Councillor L Hooper presented the Chairman with a petition regarding parking restrictions on lower Church Road.
- County Borough Councillor J James presented the Chairman with a petition regarding residents concerns over the parking and speeding situation along the main road in Llantwit Fadre.
- County Borough Councillor G Hopkins presented the Chairman with a petition regarding a zebra crossing within Llanharan.
- County Borough Councillor L Walker was delighted to announce that Ysgol Ty Coch had been selected by the Times Education Awards for an award in respect of its alternative provision in Education, adding that this was the only school in Wales to be recognised by these awards and he hoped to provide a future update to Members on the success of the school.
- County Borough Councillor D Owen-Jones advised members of the recent Nation Radio 'Pride of Wales' Awards 2019 and took the opportunity to congratulate three of the Pride of Wales winners who all resided in RCT – Elizabeth Williams (Contribution to the Community); Lucy Childs (Carer of the Year) and Wayne Griffiths (Fundraiser of the Year).
- County Borough Councillor D Macey invited Members to an event by Pontypridd High School, supported by the University of South Wales in respect of 'stories of Coal – a history of mining in South Wales'.
- County Borough Councillor Turner led the best wishes to County Borough Councillor G Hopkins on his forthcoming marriage.
- County Borough Councillor A Cox took the opportunity to congratulate Ysgol Gymraeg Llwynceilyn following their recent success at the Urdd National Eisteddfod, and also acknowledged the success of other schools from across the Authority.

31 MINUTES

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 10th April and 15th May 2019 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

32 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. **Question From County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:**

“What are the plans to improve toilet facilities in the Rhondda during the

next 3 years to meet the needs of increasing visitor numbers?”

Response from County Borough Councillor R Lewis:

Councillor Lewis spoke of the timeliness of the question following the publication of the Local Toilet Strategy at the Cabinet meeting on the 18th June, with the strategy being developed following an assessment of need and 12-week statutory consultation. He added that the Strategy had two objectives: to enhance and maximise the use of existing facilities; and, promote additional, appropriate and accessible facilities. Councillor Lewis continued by advising of the £350,000 Investment to maintain and enhance toilet facilities over recent years referencing the recently developed facilities within the new Hubs including ‘changing places’ facilities. The Cabinet Member concluded by adding that it was a balancing act in ensuring provision to also assist in the increase of visitor numbers yet also being mindful of the potential opportunities for Anti-Social Behaviour and vandalism within the facilities.

Supplementary Question from Councillor J Cullwick

Councillor Cullwick commented on the importance of tourism and the opportunities coming forward to increase visitor numbers to the County Borough referencing the forth-coming Eisteddfod, adding that he was pleased with the strategy. The Member commented on the poor response with the consultation and commented that the strategy was more of a reactive strategy rather than proactive. The Member referenced certain opening hours of public conveniences across the County Borough with some only being available between 9-5 Monday – Friday and closed on Sundays and queried whether these times were for the benefit of residents and whether these needed to be reflected on to consider demands. The Member concluded by querying why the strategy was reported to the Cabinet on the 18th June when the statutory deadline for publication was the 31st May 2019.

Response from County Borough Councillor R Lewis:

The Cabinet Member responded by commenting on the number of strategies that needed to be considered in respect of public conveniences, referencing the tourism and town centre strategy’s. He agreed with the Member in respect of the opportunities available to the Council to promote the natural beauty and attractions within the Authority and added that the toilet strategy did recognise these opportunities and had been built into the plan. The Cabinet Member advised of the work being undertaken with 3rd sector parities and private sector to further widen the strategy. In respect of the opening times the Cabinet Member reiterated his comments in respect of the balancing act needed, with providing facilities yet ensuring the safety of cleaning staff due to potential opportunities for Anti Social Behaviour and vandalism which have previously been experienced with some public conveniences across the County Borough. In respect of the consultation the Cabinet Member added that although the consultation feedback was low, the Strategic Equality plan consultation feedback also fed into the strategy.

2 Question From County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:

“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the National Lido of Wales and give a statement on the use of the facility by clubs and groups?”

Response from Councillor A Crimmings:

Councillor Crimmings advised that since 2015, the Lido had seen 285,000 visitors through the doors. Aside from individual-use sessions, the Lido also provides pool time to 3 local swimming clubs over 4 evenings - these are RCT Performers, Pontypridd Swimming Club and Rhondda Swimming Club, accounting to just under 11,000 user numbers. The Cabinet Member also advised Members that the Lido hosts a number of other users, including charities like Tenovus and the Crisis cold water swim for the homeless.

No supplementary question was put to the Cabinet Member.

3 Question From County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:

“Tonyrefail Skatepark is about to register as a charity in order to enable us to make grant applications to open a skate park for young people in the area. Would the Council be willing to support the group with a contribution in order to facilitate the grant applications?”

Response from County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:

Councillor Crimmings commented on her similar fundraising journey within her own ward and commented on the support the Council had already provided to the Tonyrefail Skate Park application including venues for meetings and consultation. The Cabinet Member commented on the rejection by Big Lottery and the meetings with Interlink that were taking place, as facilitated by the Council. The Cabinet Member concluded by adding that she could not see an issue with the Council supporting the skate park with looking for funding applications.

Supplementary question from Councillor Grehan

Councillor Grehan provided Members with a poster illustrating the proposed vision for the skate park and commented on the future tourism the park would bring to the County Borough, adding that the Park was not just for Tonyrefail but for all residents of RCT. He added that the intention was for the park to be placed on the international map due to international competitions and referenced potential competitions with Scotland, Ireland and England. The Member referenced that as Skateboarding was an Olympic sport there were even wider opportunities for the park. The Member concluded that as the Council had assisted with investment in the Lido he hoped that the skate park would receive similar contributions and resources to assist in the attraction going

forward. The Member ended by asking that the park features in the Councils tourism plan going forward and for the vision of the park to be made a reality.

4 Question From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:

“What are the Council’s wellbeing priorities?”

Response from Councillor Lewis:

The Cabinet Member commented on the broad number of priorities and strategies including the Cwm Taf Wellbeing plan, the Cwm Taf Social Services and Wellbeing Regional Plan and the Council’s own Corporate Plan with cross cutting themes and correlating objectives in a wide range of areas. The Cabinet Member referenced tackling loneliness and isolation, building a strong economy and creating healthy people in thriving communities. The Cabinet Member concluded by also referencing the links taken forward with the Cwm Taf PSB priority of loneliness and isolation and the work undertaken with the development of the Community hubs to help tackle this issue.

Supplementary question from Councillor Jarman

Councillor Jarman commented that loneliness was usually only associated with the older generation, however she referenced a recent report by the National Statistics which recognised that loneliness was prevalent in children and young people. The Member queried what cross-cutting strategies were in place to prepare and help younger generations understand and equip young people to deal with this issue?

Response from Councillor Lewis:

The Cabinet Member commented on the young people experiences that were available and referenced the recent development with the Mountain Ash Community Hub as an example, which was available and accessible for all individuals regardless of age or background. The Cabinet Member commented on the opportunities within the Hub for all generations to play an active role in society for both generations to learn from each other. The Cabinet Member also referenced the large role the Youth Service, Schools and Social Services play in ensuring the wellbeing of children and young people in respect of tackling the issue of loneliness and isolation.

5 Question From County Borough Councillor L Walker to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough

Councillor J Rosser:

“The Welsh Government announced in November 2018 that it will increase its share of Capital funding for pupils with additional needs and those in pupil referral units to 75% with delivery partners meeting the remaining 25% of the costs {WG 21st of November 2018}. In view of this most generous offer will this Council set in motion the provision of a new school for Ysgol Ty Coch Tonteg under its 21st Century Schools programme and provide a safe and adequate facility for the most vulnerable children in society to be educated in?”

Response from County Borough Councillor Rosser

The Cabinet Member advised that there were currently no formal plans to include a new school for Ysgol Ty Coch as part of the Band B proposals, adding that the current framework for selecting schools for 21st Century Schools investment includes a number of specific eligibility criteria and, based on these and the condition of the school building, Ysgol Ty Coch would not meet these eligibility requirements for funding. The Cabinet Member continued by commenting that she was pleased to advise that the school had been identified within the Capital Programme for 2019/20 and the plans would be developed shortly.

Supplementary question

Councillor Walker questioned whether the Cabinet Member would support an independent review of the school to see that it was ‘fit for purpose’, proposing a review team of the Chair of Children & Young People Scrutiny, Challenge advisors and a Head teacher from another Authority?

Response from Councillor Rosser

The Cabinet Member confirmed that she was confident with the assessment that had been undertaken and was happy with the assessment made by the Education Department and therefore did not see any need for an independent review.

6 Question from County Borough Councillor G Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

“Can the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways, please make a statement on what external funding the Council is securing, for highways schemes across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”

Response from Councillor A Morgan:

The Leader commented on the number of external sources used to assist the Council in its ongoing investment referencing the Local Transport fund, Safer Routes and the Raft funding streams. He continued by commenting

on the infrastructure bids undertaken and the utilisation of the £1.4b funding underspend by WG which RCT successfully bid for. He added that external funding streams had enabled the Council to draw down additional funding for a number of key projects including the Mountain Ash Cross Valley Link, the A4119 dualling and the Llanharan Bypass, whilst also helping to deliver more localised schemes.

No supplementary question was put to the Cabinet Member.

7 Question From County Borough Councillor G. Cagle to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:

“Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the recent announcement of over £3m for transport projects in RCT?”

Response from Councillor Morgan.:

The Leader advised that the Council had recently been awarded £3.093m of funding from the Welsh Government under the Local Transport Fund, which included significant funding for a range of schemes including £1.6m to enhance the Council's Active Travel offer, £600,000 for improvements to the key strategic A4119 corridor, and allocations for Safe Routes schemes in Llwynypia and Pontyclun which will contribute to improved local road safety for residents in those areas.

33 THE POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL, APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ALLOCATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

In his report, the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication advised Members of the outcome of the review of the Political Balance of the Authority, following the formation of the Independent Group. It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the scheme for the allocation of seats to the different political groups and bodies to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies, as detailed in the Appendix to this report, be adopted.
2. That the Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication be authorised to make appointments to politically balanced bodies upon receipt by him of notification of the wishes of the political groups subject to any subsequent requests for amendment of membership of Committees, being referred to Council.
3. To note that Members of the Cabinet are not eligible for appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Committees.
4. To note that at least one Member of the Cabinet can sit on the Audit and Democratic Services Committees but the Council Leader is excluded from these positions.

5. That the appointment of Chairs of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee be allocated to the Plaid Cymru Group and Alliance Group respectively.
6. In accordance with the nominations received from the appropriate Political Groups, that the following Members be appointed as Chairs to the under-mentioned Scrutiny Committees together with the appointment of Vice-Chairs:--

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Overview & Scrutiny	L.M.Adams	S. Evans
Finance & Performance	M Powell	G.Thomas
Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity	S.Bradwick	T.Williams
Children & Young People	S.Rees-Owen	W.Lewis
Health & Well-Being	R.Yeo	G.Holmes

- 7 To appoint County Borough Councillor M. Diamond as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee and County Borough Councillor M. Webber as Vice-Chair of the Democratic Services Committee in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011;
- 8 To allocate the 20 Notices of Motion as required by Council Procedure Rule 10.2(a) for the Municipal Year 2019 – 2020 as follows:

Labour: 10
 Plaid Cymru: 5
 Alliance: 2
 Independent: 1
 Conservatives: 1
 Unallocated:1

34 COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME 2019 -2020

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication sought Members' approval to the draft Work Programme on the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by Council over the 2019-20 Municipal Year which was attached to his report at Appendix 1. Members were advised that following publication by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales of its Draft Proposals regarding its review of the Council's Electoral Arrangements a report would be presented to the July Council meeting following consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** – to approve the Work Programme for the 2019-20 Municipal Year and that further updates be presented to future meetings of the Council, as and when appropriate.

- A. The following Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors M Webber, P Jarman, M Powell, K. Libby-Jones, J.James, L.M. Adams, S Belzak, D.R. Bevan, H. Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, A. Calvert, G Caple, A. Chapman, A. Cox, J.Davies, A. Crimmings, J. Cullwick, G.R. Davies, A. Davies-Jones, L. De Vet, M Diamond, J. Elliott, S. Evans, S.M. Evans, M Fidler Jones, M Forey, A. Fox, H.Fychan E. George, D. Grehan, M. Griffiths, J. Harries, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, P Howe, G Hughes, G. Jones, L. Jones, W Jones, L Hooper, R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, D. Macey, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M.A. Norris, W Owen, D. Owen-Jones, S. Pickering, S.M. Powell, S. Rees, S. Rees Owen, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G. Smith, G. Stacey, E. Stephens, M. Tegg, G. Thomas, W. Treeby, R.K. Turner, L Walker, M. Weaver E. Webster, D.H. Williams, J. Williams, T. Williams, C.J. Willis and R. Yeo was received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

Following the report by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, which shed light on the serious failures within Cwm Taf, both in terms of providing safe maternity services and the apparent failure of management to escalate these serious concerns, this Council endorses the position of the Council Leader in a vote of no confidence in the Health Board's management.

These failures were compounded by the Patient Experience Report, which highlighted the distressing and unacceptable cases of some of the families affected by the failings in maternity services.

It is clear that, as stated in the report, the "fundamental and worrying lack of leadership and action at the highest levels in the Health Board," coupled with the provision of "false assurances" over the seriousness of the problems facing services to both Board Members and local politicians has allowed the failures in services to continue. The responses in the Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf found overwhelmingly that hospital staff had voiced concerns "repeatedly over a long period of time" yet felt unable to influence change due to senior management being unwilling to "listen to their concerns."

These inconsistent messages have culminated in misleading information being given to key local partners, and, more importantly, to seriously diminished confidence in the ability of the Health Board's senior management to respond to the concerns raised by families affected by the shortcomings in services.

In the absence of the Health Minister and the Health Board directing that the CEO of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board should be removed from Office, the Council therefore **RESOLVED** to:

- Support the Council Leader's position of calling on the Chief Executive of Cwm Taf Morgannwg to consider her position.
- Call on the Health Board to carefully consider its options in addressing these serious concerns at the earliest possible opportunity and to restore public confidence in local Health Services.

(**N.B** the following members who were present during deliberations of the item wished to have their names recorded that they voted in favour of the motion: County Borough Councillors A Morgan, M Webber, R Bevan, A Crimmings, G Hopkins, R Lewis, M Norris, T Leyshon, M Adams, A Fox, S Rees, G Davies, P Jarman, M Weaver, J Cullwick, J Davies, E Stephens, G Hughes, J Elliott, M Griffiths, D Williams, G Caple, R Yeo, S Pickering, G Stacey, C Willis, J Harries, J Bonetto, S Bradwick, W Treeby, T Williams, E George, W Lewis, M Forey, M Powell, L Walker, W Jones, K Libby-Jones, M Diamond, J Brencher, S Morgans, G Jones, A Calvert, D Owen-Jones, S Powell, G Thomas, M Fidler Jones, L Hooper, J James, A Chapman, A Cox, J Williams, D Grehan and D Macey.)

- B** Members **RESOLVED** – that in view of the Secunder of the Notice of Motion, County Borough Councillor H Fychan providing apologies for the meeting, Council Procedure Rule 10.6 be suspended in order that the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, H.Fychan, G.R.Davies, D.Grehan, J.Williams, A. Cox, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, K.Morgan, S.Rees Owen, M. Weaver A.Chapman, S.M. Evans, E.Webster, L. Jones, E.Stephens and D. Macey be considered.

Following recent reports of potential and unprecedented levels of risk to the peaceful enjoyment of our town centres by all our citizens this Council commits to facilitating an urgent Citizen's Youth Conference in the County. The conference will be led by the youth of the County and the subjects for discussion will be the priorities of young people.

For this purpose Rhondda Cynon Taf School Councils and Youth Forum will be invited to play a leading role in establishing key priorities for debate at a local level together with representatives from the South Wales Police Youth Volunteer Hub covering the County.

In order to seek to influence decision makers at a national level, the Council will invite those that represent our County on the Welsh Youth Parliament to participate and drive forward initiatives. We all need to engage and understand the priorities of our young citizens and cater for those needs to achieve a more peaceful, productive and prosperous society. This can only be done by allowing our young people to set the agenda so that their priorities drive forward that ambition.

Following discussions Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the Notice of Motion.

This meeting closed at 9.05 pm

**Cllr S Powderhill
Chairman.**