



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 5.00 pm at 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 J Bonetto	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor J Brencher	Councillor G Caple
Councillor A Chapman	Councillor A Cox
Councillor A Crimmings	Councillor J Cullwick
Councillor G Davies	Councillor M Diamond
Councillor J Elliott	Councillor S Evans
Councillor S Evans	Councillor H Fychan
Councillor E George	Councillor E Griffiths
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 G Jones
Councillor L Jones	Councillor R Lewis
Councillor W Lewis	Councillor C Leyshon
Councillor D Macey	Councillor A Morgan
Councillor S Morgans	Councillor M Norris
Councillor D Owen-Jones	Councillor W Owen
Councillor S Pickering	Councillor M Powell
Councillor S Powell	Councillor A Roberts
Councillor J Rosser	Councillor G Stacey
Councillor M Tegg	Councillor G Thomas
Councillor W Treeby	Councillor R Turner
Councillor L Walker	Councillor M Weaver
Councillor M Webber	Councillor E Webster
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 S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr G Isingrini, Group Director Community & Children's Services
Mr N Wheeler, Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Public Questions – Item 6

- County Borough Councillor J Rosser –“ I was appointed at the Council's 22nd AGM (17.05.17) to the Board of Governors –Coleg Y Cymoedd for a 4year term, but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Council.
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- County Borough Councillor M Webber " I am on the Governing Body of Heol Y Celyn Primary School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct.”
- County Borough Councillor A Crimmings declared the following personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the item and "I am employed by Coleg y Cymoedd which is referenced within one of the questions”
- County Borough Councillor R Lewis “I am on the Governing Body of YGG Abercynon but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct.”
- County Borough Councillor H Fychan “I am on the Governing Body of YG Evan James and Coedylan School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct”
- County Borough Councillor M Powell “I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School & Coedpenmaen but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct”
- County Borough Councillor J Brencher “ I previously taught at Pontypridd High School”
- County Borough Councillor J Bonetto – “I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School which but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Council.”
- County Borough Councillor S Pickering – “I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School which but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Members Code of Council.”
- County Borough Councillor E Griffiths – “I am a trustee on the Cylch Meithrin Evan James”

- Mr C Bradshaw – Chief Executive - “ I was appointed at the Council's 22nd AGM (17.05.17) to the Board of Governors –Coleg Y Cymoedd for a 4 year term.

Agenda Item 14– SDP

- County Borough Councillor Andrew Morgan " I am the Chair of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Regional Cabinet"

37 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following County Borough Councillors H Boggis, A Calvert, A Davies-Jones, L De- Vet, A Fox, M Fidler Jones, M Forey, D Grehan, K Libby-Jones, W Jones, K Morgan, S Rees, S Rees-Owen, E Stephens and G Williams.

38 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman commenced by making a number of announcements. The first was to formally welcome the new Member, County Borough Councillor E. M Griffiths to her first meeting of Council, following which he advised Members that County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen was now home from hospital following an operation on her back, and Members well wishes were noted.
- The Chairman advised Members that during his year of office as Mayor he had raised over £40,000 for local charities. The Mayor thanked Councillors, Officers and the generosity of the communities of RCT for their donations over the year.
- County Borough Councillor M Webber advised Members of the recent Paris to London Charity Bike Ride that was undertaken by Ashley Christopher, son of the late Anthony Christopher, former Leader of the Council, and asked Members to support the fundraising event that was undertaken for Macmillan Cancer Support with any donations possible.
- County Borough Councillor J Harries also sought Members support for donations to support Ms E Sullivan who was raising funds by jumping out of a plane at 15,000 feet in aid of Alzheimer's Society.
- County Borough Councillor P Jarman advised of the record breaking funds raised by Mountain Ash Comprehensive School for a number of Local Charities in the recent Just Giving event, totalling over £10,000, to which Members congratulated all the pupils involved.
- County Borough Councillor J Williams presented a petition on behalf of County Borough Councillor D Grehan in respect a recent planning and development application in Tonyrefail.
- Members joined County Borough Councillor A Cox in congratulating Ms Rhian Morgan Ellis due to her winning Headteacher of the Year at the annual Professional Teaching Awards Cymru. Councillor Cox

commented that the award was praise of the school (Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda) and to her personally.

- On behalf of County Borough Councillor W Treeby and himself, the Leader, County Borough Councillor A Morgan congratulated Our Lady of Lourdes Schools for being awarded the UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School Award - granted to schools that have fully embedded children's rights throughout the school in its policies, practice and ethos.

39 MINUTES

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve both sets of minutes for the two Council meetings that were held (at 4p.m. and 5p.m.) on the 19th June 2019 as accurate reflections of the meetings.

40 STATEMENTS

- **Statement from the Leader of the Council in respect of Brexit.**

The Leader, County Borough Councillor A Morgan commented on the recent position and issues with Brexit and the discussions now taking place prior to the 31st October deadline, following the recent Conservative Leadership Election. Members were advised that Welsh Government had been in contact with the Leader to re-establish the Partnership Sub Group with preparation underway for a 'No Deal' Brexit. The Leader confirmed that if a 'No Deal' was to be taken forward then a special Council meeting would be called during October to discuss the issue. The Leader commented on the provision within the Council Constitution to allow the Chief Executive to access funds worth half a million, which may need to be utilised to protect services and supply chains for the Council and local businesses. The Leader agreed to keep Members informed of any further updates accordingly.

41 PUBLIC PRESENTATION - "WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION IN PONTYPRIDD."

Members received Ms K Hadley, who provided a PowerPoint presentation in respect of Welsh medium education in Pontypridd, referencing the recent decisions taken by Cabinet in respect of the 21st Century Schools Programme - Proposals to improve Education provision in the greater Pontypridd area. Ms Hadley concluded her presentation by reiterating the school motto of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton; "Eu Hiath A Gadwant? Their Language They Keep".

The Chairman thanked Ms Hadley for her time and presentation at the meeting.

42 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 1. Question from Mrs M Chinnock to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:**

"Could the Leader of the Council, Andrew Morgan comment on the distance that presently a parent/carer/guardian from Ynysybwl has to travel by public transport

to attend a parents' evening or school assembly at Pont Sion Norton and the distance that will be needed to travel to a school in Rhydyfelin?"

Response from the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

"County Borough Councillor A Morgan advised that the distance that parents would have to travel by public transport from Ynysybwl Terminus to YGG Pont Sion Norton was 5.8 miles and the distance that parents would have to travel by public transport from Ynysybwl Terminus to Heol y Celyn Primary is 7.4 miles."

Supplementary from Mrs M Chinnock:

"Mrs Chinnock commented that the distances that were advised upon were incorrect and spoke of her experience of travelling the route from Ynysybwl to Cilfynydd for the past 38 years. Mrs Chinnock further requested details on the provisions that were to be put in place in respect Ysgol Gyfun Evan James in preparation for the pupils of Pont Sion Norton and the transport provision available to the school, and asked the Leader to comment on the same provision in respect of YGG Abercynon."

Response from the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

The Leader advised that a written response would be provided in respect of the provisions available.

- 2. Question From Ms S. Holmes to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:** As the Member of the public was not in attendance at the meeting a written response to the question would be provided.

- 3. Question From Ms. A Gerrard to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:** As the Member of the public was not in attendance at the meeting a written response to the question would be provided.

- 4. Question from Ms. L. Chinnock-Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:**

"Please could the Leader of the Council, Andrew Morgan, comment on the distance, in miles, the 60% of children currently based at Pont Sion Norton from Ynysybwl, Glyncoch and Coed y Cwm would need to travel if a new Welsh Language school was to be built in the empty site at Glyncoch (which according to many FOI requests and reassurance from RCT, has no future plans for development)."

Response from the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

“ The Leader advised that it was not possible for him as Council Leader to comment on the travel implications to a school which does not currently exist, as the catchment areas would have to be drawn. He further added that the 60% referenced would potentially involve 130 individual figures dependent on where each pupil was being picked up from. The Leader continued by commenting that the interpretation of the FOI response that had been referenced was not correct and at no point had any FOI response stated that there were no future plans for development. He added that what had been said was that “An assessment of the schools and catchment areas in this locality, as well as others in the County Borough, will be undertaken in the next phase of the Council’s ongoing school reorganisation reviews.”

Supplementary question from Mrs Chinnock- Davies:

“ Mrs Chinnock Davies asked the Leader whether it was true that the current plans to move the welsh medium education provision from the communities was a draconian measure, which discriminated and isolated the community and discriminated against the welsh culture?”

Response from the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

“The Leader stated that no, this was not a draconian measure and neither did it discriminate as no provision was being removed. He added that the choices were still there for parents to make it was simply a new and better building being provided.”

- 5. Question From Mr. L. Herniman to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:** As the Member of the public was not in attendance at the meeting a written response to the question would be provided.

- 6. Question From Ms. C. Lises to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:** As the Member of the public was not in attendance at the meeting a written response to the question would be provided.

43 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- 1. Question from County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:**

“Can the Member advise how many of the Cabinet speak Welsh, those that are currently learning and those that are planning to learn Welsh in the next academic year?”

Response from County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:

“ Councillor Hopkins commented that he was not in a position to comment on the

question posed, as this was a personal matter for all Members which was not a matter of policy for which he would be responsible for. He added that speaking the Welsh Language was a choice for all Members adding that some Members may not feel competent or comfortable enough to speak the language in any formal setting or in front of others”.

Supplementary from County Borough Councillor Cullwick:

Councillor Cullwick commented that it was heartening to see the changing attitudes to the Welsh Language across RCT and within the Chamber over the last few years. He referenced the Welsh Government target of reaching over 1 million Welsh speakers and commented on the role of the Leader and his Cabinet to support this target. The Member referenced the numerous courses available and opportunities to learn the Welsh Language. The Member asked Councillor Hopkins whether he agreed that with the hosting of the Eisteddfod, whether this was a good opportunity for everyone to try and improve their skills a little?

Response from County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:

“Councillor Hopkins commented that improving Welsh language skills was a personal matter for everyone within the Chamber and again reiterated that this was not a policy matter. Councillor Hopkins commented on his support for the Welsh Government target and the support provided within the Chamber to facilitate and promote the Welsh Language. Councillor Hopkins continued by advising on a range of training opportunities available through the Council including an in-house tutor, all free of charge. He advised that 455 staff had recently conducted lessons in respect of the Welsh Language and some Members from across the political spectrum had also received training. He concluded by adding that all Members could take forward the opportunities available and also referred Members to the Welsh Government website www.learnwelsh.cymru for further opportunities.”

2. Question from County Borough Councillor J Williams, to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:

“In your role as Cabinet Member for Council business can you advise whether there is there a Performance Indicator that measures email response times between officers and Members?”

Response from County Borough Councillor M Webber:

“Councillor Webber advised that there was no specific Performance Indicator in place that measures email response times between Officers and Elected Members - the arrangements noted are, however, continually monitored to ensure that Elected Members are provided with timely feedback on any enquiries made. Councillor Webber also referenced the Internet and Email Acceptable Use Policy that the Council had in place and concluded by adding her commitment to help Councillor Williams resolve any issues that she was experiencing.”

Supplementary question from County Borough Councillor J Williams:

“The Member commented that in most instances the response times she received were fine, however there had been a few occasions when responses had not been received, leading to her chasing officers for a response, usually after a few weeks.”

Response from County Borough Councillor M Webber:

“Councillor Webber commented that she was happy and confident to assist Councillor Williams with her enquiry and to resolve the issue appropriately.”

3. Question from County Borough Councillor G Caple to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:

“Can the Deputy Leader please outline the Council’s ongoing programme of events including what support the Council provides to town centres?”

Response from County Borough Councillor Webber:

“Councillor Webber advised that the Council had already delivered a series of great events in Rhondda Cynon Taf this year, including Armed Forces Day (over 5000 in attendance), Teddy Bear’s Picnic (over 3000 in attendance) and Aberdare Festival, adding that the events were free to enter.

Members were advised that the Big Welsh Bite returns to Ynysangharad War Memorial Park at the weekend, with the event being sponsored by the Glamorgan Brewery. A fortnight later, Orchard Entertainment will be hosting Ponty’s Big Weekend, which will be headlined by Ocean Colour Scene.

Turning to the winter, Councillor Webber commented on the ever popular Nos Galan Road Races and the annual Christmas town centre events, delivered in partnership with local businesses in Treorchy, Ferndale, Tonypany, Porth, Aberdare and Mountain Ash. Support is also provided for the Pontypridd and Llantrisant Christmas town centre events.

Councillor Webber concluded by commenting on the support provided to the Welsh Language Parti Ponty, and the recently announced National Eisteddfod of Wales which will be coming to RCT in 2022, and the events taking place year round in respect of Armed Forces with forthcoming celebrations in respect of VE day and Battle of Britain.”

Response from County Borough Councillor G Caple:

“Councillor Caple commented on the strong support provided within the town centres and the variety of events undertaken. He further asked for information in relation to Rhondda Heritage park and the Welsh Mining Experience?”

Response from County Borough Councillor Webber:

“Councillor Webber added that although this attraction did not fall under her portfolio the events team would be hosting the Spooktacular event at Halloween

and the ever popular Santa's Toy mine and talked of her own experiences of attending the events.

The Member commented on the Welsh Mining Experience and the guided tours and experiences that were available which assisted to promote the cultural heritage of the communities of RCT."

4. Question From County Borough Councillor A Cox to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:

"Can you advise what plans the Authority has to help meet the Welsh Government target of 1 million Welsh speakers, in particular what plans the Authority has to increase the provision of Welsh Medium Education?"

Response from County Borough Councillor J Rosser:

"Councillor Rosser advised that Officers had recently attended a consultation seminar in preparation for the new WG Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) guidance, which is due to be rolled out from 2021. She added that the new WESP guidance was set to include ambitious targets to increase the numbers of Welsh speakers and learners in the County. The work already being undertaken, and the commitments that the Council have made, would provide a solid foundation and place the Council in an excellent position to enable the Welsh Medium learner numbers to be realised.

Councillor Rosser also made reference to the report that was taken to Cabinet setting out RCT's plans for managing and increasing WM pupil numbers and improving educational facilities. Councillor Rosser provided further detail on the investment being taken forward within schools across the County Borough."

Supplementary from County Borough Councillor A Cox:

"Councillor Cox welcomed the support across the Chamber to achieve the Welsh Government target adding that all needed to move from an innocent bystander to an active participant. He continued by referencing the current consultation in respect of the WEP and queried whether the Council would be submitting a positive response to the consultation, whether the Council would be adopting the higher target and did the Cabinet Member agree that any future plans should be considered by the relevant scrutiny Committee?"

Response from County Borough Councillor J Rosser:

"The Cabinet Member commented that once the consultation was concluded the Council would be able to determine how to take things forward. In respect of the question in relation to scrutiny the Cabinet Member added that this would be a matter for the respective scrutiny committee to determine."

5. Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

"Can you highlight any part of your portfolio responsibilities that are under invested in?"

Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

"The Leader advised that there were lots of areas across the Council that could do with lots more investment, however he advised that due to austerity this wasn't possible. The Leader added that whilst certain areas receive greater levels of investment than others, all areas within portfolio are assessed and focussed upon depending on the level of need. The Member was advised that upon the investment taken forward with capital and revenue investment such as Highways, Traffic management, Strategic projects and spoke of the difficult balancing act with the need for investment in the Council's two priority areas - Schools and Social Services. The Leader concluded by advising that when the opportunity arises to invest across the Council then he would look to do so."

Supplementary Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman:

"Councillor Jarman referred to the abolishment of the WDA in 2006 and further commented on Cefn Pennar Tip within her ward, which was previously listed under a land reclamation scheme, although this was not completed. Councillor Jarman continued by adding that as Land reclamation grants are now not available, she believed that land reclamation areas were currently under invested and questioned could the Council fund this previous scheme?"

Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan:

"Councillor Morgan commented that the Council would review funding as soon as the Government made funds available to the Council. He informed Council that he would continue to lobby in this area adding that there were dozens of sites, some in worse conditions than that referenced by Councillor Jarman. The Leader concluded by again reiterating that he would continue to apply pressure to WG for additional capital funding."

44 THE POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL 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 by-election undertaken in the Rhondda Electoral Ward. 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. 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

45 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CBC AND THE RHONDDA CYNON TAF PENSION FUND 2018/19

Mr M Jones, Wales Audit Office presented members with the Audit of financial statements 2018-19 for RCTCBC and RCT Pension Fund, commenting that the process for the audit of accounts had worked well, with the Council completing the audits earlier than the statutory deadline, without sacrificing the quality of the financial statements produced. Members were reminded that once the financial statements had been signed the Auditor General would give his opinion and certificate.

Members thanked officers for the work undertaken in respect of the completion of the financial statements and the timelines achieved, which would assist with the required timelines going forward.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the contents of the presentation slides.

The Director of Finance and Digital Services presented the Council with the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 and following consideration thereof, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To approve and note the Statement of Accounts of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC (Appendix 1), and associated Letter of Representation (Appendix 2).
2. To approve and note the Statement of Accounts for Rhondda Cynon Taf Pension Fund (Appendix 3), and associated Letter of Representation (Appendix 4).
3. To approve and note the audited final out-turn position for the Council with regard to the financial year 2018/2019 and the level of General Fund Balances (paragraph 7.4 of the report); and

4. To note the considerations and comments of the 10th June 2019 Audit Committee as required by the Local Government Measure (paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 of the report).

46 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019/20 - 2022/23

The Director of Finance and Digital Services provided Members with an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019/20 to 2022/23, based on current modelling assumptions in advance of formulating the detailed budget strategy proposals for 2020/21 during the autumn.

Members were reminded that that Public Sector continues to face a prolonged period of real term reductions in funding levels with challenging times expected for services across local government. The Director added that this was coupled with increasing demand and costs associated with many services, in particular Social Care Services.

The Director advised Members that the latest indication from the UK Central Government was that the Comprehensive Spending Review, setting public sector expenditure / funding limits, was not likely to happen in line with the original timescale of autumn 2019 and that the implications of the delay on the 2020/21 local government settlement in Wales would be key to planning the Councils assumptions.

Members were referred to section 7 of the report, with the Director explaining that subject to the level of funding from Welsh Government, a significant budget gap is likely to be faced in 2020/21 and for the following two years. He added that the proactive strategy adopted in recent years through early identification of savings and the targeting of key areas such as procurement and new ways of working could still deliver significant efficiency savings. He concluded by advising that once the Provisional Settlement was received, given the actions already being worked through, any budget gaps will in the first instance be addressed through efficiency actions and process changes thereby protecting, as far as possible, the much valued frontline services.

Members spoke of the uncertainty with the comprehensive spending review and the implications of a roll over budget, with the Leader referencing the uncertainty of specific grants and allocation of funding coming forward that had previously been made available in respect of pensions and teacher pay awards. Following detailed discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the current position modelled in respect of the 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23' and to receive further updates in the Autumn as part of the annual budget setting process.

47 FINANCING OF THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME USING PRUDENTIAL BORROWING

Through his report, the Director of Finance & Digital Services sought Members approval for a capital investment of £9.743M for a new school for Hirwaun Primary School, previously agreed by Cabinet; and agreement towards the financing of building the new school through the Welsh Government's (WG) 21st Century Schools Band B grant and to fund the Council's contribution from Council borrowing using its powers under the Prudential Code.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To agree to the inclusion in the capital programme of a new Hirwaun Primary School at a total cost of £9.743M.
2. To agree that the net capital cost to the Council of £3.410M is funded through borrowing, using the Council's powers under the Prudential Code, with the annual revenue cost of £0.133M being met from savings from this and other previous school reorganisations.

48 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2018/19

In accordance with the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities through Regulations issued under the Local Government Act, 2003, the Director of Finance & Digital Services provided Members with information on the following:-

- The Council's Treasury Management activity during 2018/19; and
- The actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2018/19.

Following the observations made by the Director and a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** – to note the contents of the report.

49 THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20

The Chief Executive provided Members with the Council's draft Corporate Performance Report (CPR) which contained progress for 2018/19 and plans for 2019/20 in respect of the Council's three strategic priorities. Members were also advised that the report also set out how the CPR enables the Council to meet its statutory reporting requirements.

Members were referred to Appendix 1 of the report which detailed the draft CPR, which was structured around the Council's priorities of Economy, People & Place. The Chief Executive commented that the CPR provided elected Members, partners, residents, staff and regulators with an overview of progress and plans, as well as access to further detailed information.

Members were advised that the draft had also been presented to the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee for pre-scrutiny and to the Cabinet on the 8th July.

Members discussed in detail aspects of the report although overall felt that the report was a fair and balanced reflection and assessment of the work of the Council, highlighting both services working well and areas that needed further improvements.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To approve the draft CPR (as attached at Appendix 1 to the report) taking into account Members comments.

50 PROPOSALS FOR A STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION

The Director of Prosperity and Development provided Members with an overview of his report which had received Cabinet endorsement on the 18th June 2019.

The Director advised that the City Deal Agreement gave a commitment to prepare a Strategic Development Plan for the region and to work collaboratively on strategic transport and strategic planning issues. He added that a statutory SDP provided certainty to developers, investors and communities that key strategic decisions around housing, transport, employment and infrastructure provision are being taken at an appropriate regional level, whilst still allowing key decisions on planning proposals to be taken locally through Local Development Plan allocations and policies and thereafter in development management decisions.

Members were informed that a proposal to proceed with an SDP for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) could only be put forward to Welsh Government, by an identified Responsible Authority, once all Councils had formally given approval. Members were advised that the Vale of Glamorgan were to become the 'Responsible Authority' and the Director provided Members with details and reassurance in respect of the governance arrangements going forward of the Strategic Planning Panel, the representatives, including voting rights.

Following detailed discussions in respect of voting rights, funding and scrutiny it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To endorse the content of the report and agree that the Responsible Authority be authorised to submit the Proposal for a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Cardiff Capital Region to the Minister on behalf of the 10 Local Planning Authorities in the region.
2. To endorse the Vale of Glamorgan Council as the Responsible Authority for the Cardiff Capital Region Strategic Development Plan.
3. To endorse that the strategic planning area should comprise the 10 local planning authority areas within the Cardiff Capital Region as shown on the map at Appendix A of the report.
4. To authorise relevant officers to engage with the Welsh Government in drafting the Strategic Development Plan Regulations to establish the governance arrangements for the SDP and Strategic Planning Panel (SPP) as set out in paragraphs 5.10 to 5.24 of the report.
5. To agree that a Regional SDP officer team is established to progress the preparation of the SDP to be appointed by representatives of Interim Strategic Planning Panel, with appropriate human resource support from the Responsible Authority.
6. To agree that the cost of preparing the SDP is shared across the 10 Authorities on a proportional cost based on the voting representation on the Strategic Planning Panel, to be reviewed on an annual basis. This would mean an initial contribution of £6,520 by RCT towards a collective £50,005 is paid to cover the start-up costs likely to be incurred in this financial year 2019/20. Details of these costs and the further annual costs are set out in paragraphs 5.30 to 5.40 of this report.

51 URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a), the Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication reported on an urgent decision that was taken forward through a key delegated decision on the 8th May, 2019 in respect of 'WG Valleys Regional Park Discovery Gateway Grant'; and it was **RESOLVED** – to note the information contained within the report.

52 NOMINATIONS TO THE STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication reported to Members that he had received notification for nominations to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group. Members were advised that the request was for one Member and one Officer representative. Details regarding the purpose of the Group were also advised upon.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To nominate County Borough Councillor R Lewis and the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services (Mr Paul Mee) to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group for a duration of 3 years;
2. That the Director of Democratic Services & Communication communicate the Council's representatives to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.
3. That the reappointment of membership to the reference Group would be considered at the Council AGM 2022.

This meeting closed at 7.45 pm

**Cllr S Powderhill
Chairman.**