



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Annual General meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 4.00 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 S Belzak
Councillor R Bevan	Councillor H Boggis
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 J Davies	Councillor L De Vet
Councillor M Diamond	Councillor J Elliott
Councillor S Evans	Councillor S Evans
Councillor M Forey	Councillor A Fox
Councillor H Fychan	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 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
Councillor A Roberts	Councillor J Rosser
Councillor R Smith	Councillor G Stacey
Councillor E Stephens	Councillor M Tegg
Councillor G Thomas	Councillor W Treeby
Councillor L Walker	Councillor M Weaver
Councillor M Webber	Councillor D Williams
Councillor G Williams	Councillor J Williams
Councillor C Willis	Councillor R Yeo

### **Officers in attendance**

Mr C Bradshaw, Chief Executive  
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication  
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

## **1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declaration of personal interest was made pertaining to the agenda:

- Agenda Item 14– County Borough Councillor M Fidler Jones “ My wife works within the Wales Co-operative Centre”

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors A Calvert, G R Davies, A.Davies-Jones, L. Jones, S Rees-Owen, R. Turner, E Webster & T Williams.

## **3 TRIBUTES - COUNCILLOR ROBERT SMITH**

Members were aware that County Borough Councillor Robert Smith had sadly passed away on 6th May 2019 and all in attendance stood as a mark of respect, following which tributes were made to County Borough Councillor R Smith.

The following Members paid tribute to Councillor R Smith, who reflected on his work as both a former Council employee and since 2004 in his role as a County Borough Councillor, with Members acknowledging him as a ‘True Gentleman’.

- A.Morgan
- P.Jarman
- M.J.Powell
- J James
- T Leyshon

Members were reminded of the funeral arrangements.

## **4 RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Retiring Mayor took the opportunity to reflect on his term of Office as Mayor of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and the opportunities the role provided to raise aspirations for those living and working within the County Borough and the opportunity of giving young children the chance to be ‘Mayor for the Moment’. Councillor Powderhill reflected on the recent awards ceremony undertaken through the ‘Good Citizens’ Awards and the Mayor’s ‘Community Awards’, recognising the achievements and work of residents in the Community and providing a platform to recognise such local and exceptional talent within the County Borough.

Councillor Powderhill commented on the fundraising achieved for his 3 charities, namely ‘Giving to Pink’, Velindre Hospital and Welsh Hearts, and advised of other forms of support to other charities that he had driven forward over the year.

Councillor Powderhill commented on the humbling experiences he had shared over his term in office and thanked all those that had supported him in making his year a success, in particular noting the work of Ms A. Davies (secretary to the Mayor) who was retiring at the end of the month.

In response, Members paid tribute to the retiring Mayor, who was commended for all his hard work and efforts during her term of office and for doing things ‘My

Way'.

**5 ELECTION OF MAYOR OF RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE 2019 - 2020 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED** – that County Borough Councillor L De Vet be elected as Mayor of the County Borough for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

Following her election, the retiring Mayor presented County Borough Councillor De Vet with her chain of office.

On taking the Chair, County Borough Councillor De Vet thanked the Members for their support and confidence in electing her as Mayor of the County Borough and stated that she would undertake the role with pride and act as a good ambassador. She then paid tribute to the retiring Mayor.

The Mayor announced her chosen charities for the year, namely:-

- Bobath Wales
- New Horizon
- Friends of Animals Wales

The Mayor introduced Pastor B J Stagner as her Chaplain.

The Mayor was congratulated on her appointment by the Council.

**6 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE 2019- 2020 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED** – that County Borough Councillor S Morgans be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the County Borough for the 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year.

Upon her appointment, the Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor with her chain of office and she was congratulated on her appointment.

**7 BLESSING - PASTOR B J STAGNER**

The Mayor called upon Pastor B J Stagner to offer a blessing.

**(Note:** At this juncture in the proceedings the Mayor, County Borough Councillor L. De Vet left the meeting to attend to her guests and the Deputy Mayor, County Borough Councillor S.Morgans took the Chair.)

**8 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2019- 2020.**

**RESOLVED** – That County Borough Councillor A.Morgan be appointed Leader of the Council for the 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year and to note that County Borough Councillor M.Webber to be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.

County Borough Councillor A.Morgan thanked Members for supporting his appointment and spoke of the positive work accomplished and the investment in services even through austere times.

Members took the opportunity to congratulate the Leader on his appointment.

## **9 EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - LEADERS SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Leader of the Council announced his Cabinet, comprising nine Members (including himself) and their individual designations, as follows:-

- County Borough Councillor M.Webber, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business
- County Borough Councillor R.Bevan, Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development & Housing
- County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings, Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services
- County Borough Councillor G.Hopkins, Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language
- County Borough Councillor M.A.Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
- County Borough Councillor J.Rosser, Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services
- County Borough Councillor R.Lewis, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-Being & Cultural Services
- County Borough Councillor C.Leyshon, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People

Members were advised that the Leader's Scheme of Delegation would be made available on the Council website following the meeting.

## **10 APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING MEMBER**

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication referred Members to his report and the recommendation of the Council's Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee to appoint a Presiding Member (and Deputy Presiding Member) into the Council structure to undertake the administrative functions of the Chair of the Council as set out in Article 5 of the Council's Constitution, with such an appointment being taken forward on an annual basis, commencing from the 2019 Council Annual General Meeting.

Clarification on the role of the Presiding Member was provided with the Service Director explaining that if taken forward the ceremonial and civic functions would become a stand-alone role to be undertaken by the Mayor (or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor).

It was added that if remunerated, a Presiding Member would be entitled to a Band 3 Senior Salary (for 19/20 £22,568) and the post would count towards the Senior Salary cap for this Council of 19 posts.

Following a detailed discussion it was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the recommendation of the Corporate Governance & Constitution Committee to appoint a Presiding Member (and Deputy Presiding Member) on an annual basis with such appointment being made at the Annual General Meeting, commencing from the 2019 Council Annual General Meeting.
2. Appoint a Presiding Member (and Deputy Presiding Member) into the Council structure whom would undertake the administrative functions of the Chair of the Council for which are currently carried out by the Mayor.
3. Agree that the Director of Legal Services (as Monitoring Officer) amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the required amendments detailed in the above recommendations and make any consequential
4. Appoint County Borough Councillor S Powderhill and County Borough Councillor G Hughes as Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member, respectively for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

**N.B.**

- The Plaid Cymu Group Members, Alliance Group Members, Conservative Group Members and unallocated Members in attendance at the meeting wished to record that they voted against the appointment of a Presiding Member and Deputy Member role to the Council Structure.
- County Borough Councillor S Powderhill took the Chair following his appointment.

**11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE' - PROPOSED SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication provided Members with details of the proposals in response to the Wales Audit Office 'Fit for the Future' review in respect of the Council's Scrutiny arrangements and sought approval to amend the Constitution to reflect the proposals contained within the report, subject to the proposed amendments recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

The Cabinet Member for Council Business spoke of the importance of all political groups having the opportunity to be represented on Scrutiny Committees, where practicable, and indicated an amendment would be proposed to the number of seats on the Scrutiny, Democratic and Audit Committee membership for 2019 – 2020 from the previous 15 to 14 to allow for greater member engagement.

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the observations and responses to the proposals of the WAO Fit for the Future review as outlined within the report and its appendix.
2. To agree that following prior consultation with the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs, the Terms of Reference of each of the Scrutiny Committees be reviewed, refined and agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny

Committee at its first meeting, of the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

3. To agree that authority is provided to the Director of Legal Services (as Monitoring Officer) to update the Council Constitution accordingly to reflect the changes to the Committees Terms of Reference, once agreed upon.
4. To agree to the further recommendations outlined within the review report, subject to the proposed amendments by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as highlighted within section 3.3 of the report and referenced in Appendix B.

## 12 THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND ANCILLARY MATTERS

Members considered the Joint Report of the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication and the Director of Legal Services which sought Committee's approval of amendments to the Council's Constitution together with ancillary matters and following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. 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: 9  
Plaid Cymru: 4  
Conservative: 1  
Alliance: 2  
Unallocated (x4) – 1 each
2. To note that at the meeting of the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Members resolved to commend to Council the adoption of the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution as detailed in the report;

### Members Questions

- 3(i) For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 5.1-5.10 of the report to amend Council Procedure Rule 9.2 as follows:

A maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for Questions on Notice at Full Council. Any questions that are not dealt with in this time limit shall fall. The order of questions to be asked at each meeting shall be determined by a ballot conducted by the Proper Officer. Any questions on notice not answered will need to be resubmitted to the Proper Officer for the next full Council meeting in accordance with these rules. This rule does not prevent a Member asking an urgent question to which the Mayor has agreed can be put in accordance with Rule 9.4(b). Any such urgent questions shall be put prior to the commencement of the 20 minutes allocated for questions received on notice.

- 3(ii) For the reasons outlined in paragraph 5.12 of the report to amend Procedure Rule 9.5(c) as follows:

(c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer

provided subsequently to the questioner, within 10 working days and a copy of the answer circulated to all Members.

#### Motions on Notice

- 4 For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 5.14-5.15 of the report to amend Council Procedure Rule 10.1(b), second bullet point, as follows:
- in writing, by fax or e-mail (with the names of the Proposer and Secunder clearly stated) signed by the Proposer; and

#### Content and length of speeches

- 5 For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 5.17-5.18 of the report to amend Council Procedure Rule 12.4 as follows:

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Mayor acknowledging that flexibility shall be given where a speech is being delivered through the medium of Welsh to allow for simultaneous translation.

#### Substitution

- 6 For the reasons outlined in paragraph 5.20 of the report to amend Council Procedure Rule 22.4(iii) as follows:

(iii) after notifying the Proper Officer via e-mail, fax or telephone by 8.30a.m. on the day of the meeting of the intended substitution.

### **Proposed amendments to the Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rules**

#### Public Questions

- 7(i) For the reasons outlined at paragraphs 6.1-6.2 of the report to amend Rule 3.2 to stipulate that the Proper Officer will conduct the ballot noting, as is current practice, that all Leaders of Political Groups (or their nominated substitute) and any unallocated Members would be entitled to attend the ballot should they wish to do.
- 7(ii) For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 6.3-6.4 of the report to amend Rule 3.3 as follows:
- A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing, fax or by electronic mail to the Proper Officer not later than 5.00pm at least eight clear working days (not including the date of the meeting) before the date of the meeting. Each question must give the name and address of the questioner and must specify the Member to whom it is to be put.
- 7(iii) For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 6.5-6.6 of the report to amend Rule 3.10(c) as follows:

(c) a written answer (with a copy of that answer being circulated to all Members).

#### Public Presentations

- 8 For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 6.8-6.9 of the report to amend Rule 4.1 as follows:

Any resident of or Council taxpayer or non domestic ratepayer in the County Borough may make a presentation to Council on a matter for which the Council has responsibility. Presentations will be selected by a draw to be undertaken by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor which shall take place as soon as possible after the period for submission of presentations has expired. A maximum of two, 5 minute presentations will be permitted per meeting provided that a written submission summarising the presentation(s) is received by the Proper Officer not later than 5.00pm at least eight clear working days (not including the date of the meeting) before the date of the meeting.

#### Proposed amendments to the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

- 9 For the reasons outlined in paragraphs 7.1-7.2 of the report to amend the second paragraph of Rule 2(b) as follows:

Any amendments to the proposals of the Cabinet to be proposed by Members at Council may not be considered by Council unless notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing, by fax or via e-mail (with the names of the Proposer and Seconder clearly stated) to the Proper Officer and signed by the Proposer not later than 5:00pm at least 8 clear working days (not including the date of the meeting) before the date of the Council meeting.

#### Proposed amendments to the Pension Fund Committee terms of reference

- 10(i) For the reasons outlined in section 8 of the report to amend the terms of reference, specifically Paragraph 14.1(a) by adding a new bullet point 'a (vi)' as follows and renumbering existing bullet points a (vi) and a (vii) accordingly:

vi) Stewardship Code – approving the Fund's Stewardship code to promote best practice in stewardship that is consistent with seeking long – term investment returns;

- 10(ii) For the reasons outlined in section 8 of the report to amend Paragraph 14.1(c) to as follows:

(c) Considering the Fund's financial statements as part of the approval process and to receive the Fund's Annual Report. Receive internal and external audit reports on the same.

#### 'Proper Officer' references

- 11 For the reasons outlined in section 9 of the report to amend relevant



'Proper Officer' references in the Council's Constitution from the Monitoring Officer to the Service Director – Democratic Services and Communications.

#### Petitions

- 12 For the reasons outlined in section 10 of the report to adopt an agreed set of procedures for the receipt and processing of petitions within a Petitions Protocol.

#### Proposed amendments to the Audit Committee terms of reference

- 13 For the reasons outlined in section 11 of the report to amend the terms of reference of the Audit Committee as shown in Appendix 1(ii) of the report.

#### Nomination of deputy Section 151 Officer and deputy Monitoring Officer

- 14(i) To note that Mr. Barrie Davies, Director of Finance and Digital Services (in his capacity as Section 151 Officer) has nominated Mr. Paul Griffiths, Service Director – Finance and Improvement Services to act as deputy Section 151 Officer in his absence.
- 14(ii) To note that Mr. Andy Wilkins, Director of Legal Services (in his capacity as Monitoring Officer) has nominated Mr. Paul Nicholls, Service Director – Legal Services to act as deputy Monitoring Officer in his absence.

#### Authorisation to make amendments to the Council Constitution.

- 15 To agree that the Director of Legal Services (as Monitoring Officer) amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the required amendments detailed in the above recommendations and make any consequential changes.

### **13 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2019-2020**

Following consideration of the report of the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication, and a resolution to agree an amendment to the Committee Membership size of the Council's Scrutiny Committees, Democratic Services Committee and Audit Committee from 15 to 14 it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To appoint the under-mentioned Committees for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year, subject to the amendment that the Council's Scrutiny Committees, Democratic Services Committee and Audit Committee be appointed with 14 seats to allow the Conservative Group Members a seat on those Committees ( as discussed during agenda item 6):-
  - Planning and Development Committee (x11 Members)
  - Licensing Committee (x11 Members)
  - Appointments Committee (x5 Members)
  - Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committee (x5 Members)

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee (x14 Members)
  - Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee (x14 Members)
  - Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee (x14 Members)
  - Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (x14 Members) plus Statutory Co-optees
  - Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee (x14 Members)
  - Audit Committee (x14 Members) plus 1 Lay Member
  - Democratic Services Committee (x14 Members)
  - Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee (x8 Members)
  - Pension Fund Committee (x5 Members)
2. To appoint x5 Members to the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Members of which are to be nominated from the membership of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  3. To appoint County Borough Councillor G Thomas and County Borough Councillor G Caple (as the Member and reserve Member respectively) to the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee for a Term of Office until the Local Government Elections.

#### **14 QUASI JUDICIAL BODIES/AD HOC COMMITTEES 2019-2020**

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication sought the Council's consideration to the appointment of Members to sit on the Quasi Judicial/Ad Hoc Committees listed in his report.

#### **RESOLVED –**

1. That the under-mentioned Members be appointed to the following politically balanced Quasi Judicial Bodies/Ad Hoc Committees:-
  - Local Education Authority Governors (Appointments) Committee (x5 Members – 3 Labour, 1 Plaid Cymru and 1 Alliance) - County Borough Councillors J.Brencher, D Owen-Jones, S.Rees-Owen, J.Rosser. and M.J.Powell
  - Voluntary Early Retirement/Redundancy Panel (x5 Members – 3 Labour, 1 Plaid Cymru and 1 Alliance)  
County Borough Councillors J.Bonetto, W.Treeby, M.Weaver and M.Webber. and M.J.Powell
2. To appoint County Borough Councillors A.Crimmings, R.Lewis, A.Morgan and M.Webber (4 Members) to the (non-politically balanced) Joint Consultative Committee.

#### **15 THE POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

In his report, the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication advised Members of the outcome of the review of the Political Balance of the Authority, whilst also advising that a further report would need to be presented in respect of the Political Balance of the Council at the next available Council meeting following notification immediately prior to the meeting of the formation of

a new political 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

## 16 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS 2019-2020**

In his report , the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication sought consideration to the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2019-2020, and it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To appoint the following Members to the posts of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Committees as listed below:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Planning & Development	S.Rees	G.Caple
Licensing	A.S.Fox	D.H.Williams
Appointments	D.Owen-Jones	M.Webber
Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals	J.Bonetto	S.Pickering
Pension Fund	M.A.Norris	M.Griffiths

- 2 To appoint County Borough Councillor J.James 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;
- 3 To note that under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Chair of the Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Audit Committee;
- 4 To agree that the responsibility for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee be delegated to the Audit Committee;

- 5 That the appointment of Chairs of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee be allocated to the Plaid Cymru Group;
- 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:--

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Overview & Scrutiny	L.M.Adams	Sherrill Evans
Finance & Performance	J.Williams	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 note the appointment of the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member as the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee.
- 8 To note that for the Municipal Year 2019-2020 the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('JOSC') is to be appointed by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, and to appoint County Borough Councillor J Bonetto (member of the overview & Scrutiny Committee) as Chair of the Committee for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.
- 9 To note that for the Municipal Year 2019-20 the Vice-Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board JOSC will be appointed by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

## **17 MEMBERS' SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES - THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES' ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication informed Members of the current position regarding both Members' salaries and allowances following the publication of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Eleventh Annual Report (the 'IRP Report') and he sought approval for Members' salaries and allowances for the Municipal Year 2019-2020.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To note the current position with regard to Members' salaries and allowances following the Independent Remuneration Panel's ("the Panel") findings in its Eleventh Annual Report;
2. That in accordance with the Civic Salary remuneration bandings as

detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report, that the Mayor be remunerated and the post of Deputy Mayor not be remunerated for the Municipal Year 2019- 2020;

3. That the following qualifying post holders be paid a Senior Salary, the amounts of which are shown at Appendix 1 to the report for the 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year:-
  - Leader of the Council
  - Deputy Leader of the Council
  - Executive (Cabinet Members) (x7)
  - Chair of Planning & Development Committee
  - Chair of Licensing Committee
  - Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
  - Scrutiny Committee Chairs (x4)
  - Chair of Democratic Services
  - Leader of the main Opposition Group
  - Presiding Member
4. To note that should the Audit Committee not appoint the Lay Member as the Chair that the post will remain a non-salaried position, as taken forward during the 2018- 2019 Municipal Year ;
5. To agree that payments to co-opted Members continue to be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year for each Committee to which an individual may be co-opted and eligible to attend;
6. To agree that the undertaking of constituency duties should not be included as an approved duty for the purpose of claiming travel allowances;
7. To reconfirm that subsistence claims for official business which takes place in-county shall not be reimbursed by the Council;
8. To note the publicity requirements of the IRP Report that the Council will need to undertake in respect of the arrangements for the publication of the remuneration received by Members during the Municipal Year.
9. That in accordance with paragraphs 3.31 – 3.33 of the report in respect of the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care to agree that the total amount reimbursed by the Council during the year but not attributed to any named Member be adopted in respect of publication purposes.
- 10 That given the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has removed the provision for making payments to Chairs of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees that the Council makes an application to the Panel for a specific salary relating to the position of Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the application being made based on a £6770 salary which is consistent with how the remuneration of the post was calculated in previous IRP reports.
- 11 That the application outlined in 10 above be reviewed on an Annual basis at the Council's Annual General meeting.

## 18 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019-2020

Through his report, the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication sought the approval of the Calendar of Meetings for 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year which was shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

In accordance with Section 6(2) of the Local Government (Wales), Measure, 2011, Members were informed of the results of the survey that was recently undertaken to assess Members' preferences regarding the future timing of meetings.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the content of the report.
2. That following consideration of the responses to the Survey in respect of the Timing of Meetings as outlined in paragraph 4 of the report, the times of meetings remain unchanged.
3. That with the exception of the July Council (for the reasons outlined in paragraph 4.9 of the report) and the Planning and Development Committee, meetings will not be convened during School holidays, unless urgent business needs require.
4. To agree the proposed Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/2020, as attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
5. That the provision of training no longer be scheduled before Council or other related Committee meetings and that until the provision of E-Learning is available Members be invited to training sessions to be held separate from Committee meetings and commencing at 5pm to maximise Member attendance.

## 19 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.

## 20 OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Following consideration of the report of the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication it was **RESOLVED** – that the under-mentioned Members be appointed to the following non-executive Joint Committees and Outside bodies for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year:-

- a) Consortium Local Authority Wales (C.L.A.W.) (1 Member – County Borough Councillor M Norris.
- b) Joint Council for Wales (2 Members) – County Borough Councillors M Webber and D Williams.
- c) Welsh Local Government Association (5 Members) – County Borough Councillors Robert Bevan, Geraint Hopkins, Andrew

Morgan, Rhys Lewis and Maureen Webber.

- d) WLGA Executive Board (previously referred to as Welsh Local Government Association Co-ordinating Committee) (1 Member and 1 Substitute Member) - County Borough Councillor Andrew Morgan and Cllr Maureen Webber as the Substitute Member.
- e) Wales Co-op Centre Board (1 Member) – County Borough Councillor R Lewis.
- f) Edward Thomas Charity (4 Members) – County Borough Councillors A Fox, E George, R Lewis and S Pickering.
- g) The Alliance (3 Members) – County Borough Councillors J Brencher, G Jones and G Thomas.
- h) Tower Colliery Liaison Committee (3 Members) – County Borough Councillors H Boggis, K Morgan and G Thomas.
- i) Valuation Tribunal Wales – Appointments Panel (1 Member) – County Borough Councillor M Webber.
- j) Age Concern Cymru (1 Member) – County Borough Councillor G Hopkins.
- k) Cynon Valley Indoor Bowls Committee (1 Member) – County Borough Councillor A Morgan.
- l) Community Chest (3 Members) – County Borough Councillors - J Bonetto, A Crimmings and J Harries.
- m) Police Crime Panel (2 Members) – County Borough Councillors R Lewis and G Thomas.
- n) Combined Fire Authority for South Wales (4 Members) - County Borough Councillors S Bradwick, S Pickering, A Roberts and J Harries.
- o) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (1 Member) - County Borough Councillor G Thomas

**21 Standards Committee, Audit Committee & Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Reports 2018-2019**

Members received Mr M Jehu (Chair of Standards Committee); Mr R. Hull (Chair of Audit Committee) and County Borough Councillor M Adams (Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee) who each presented the 2018-2019 Annual reports of their respective Committees. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** – to note each of the reports.

**This meeting closed at 7.32 pm**

**Cllr S Powderhill  
Chairman.**

**Cllr L De Vet  
Mayor**

**Cllr S Morgans  
Deputy Mayor**