

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2016

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Phil Bale (Chair)
Councillor Sue Lent
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Dan De'Ath
Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Councillor Graham Hinchey
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Ramesh Patel

Observers: Councillor Dianne Rees
Councillor Neil McEvoy
Councillor Judith Woodman

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer
Marie Rosenthal, Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

Apologies:

96 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting of 21 January 2016 be approved.

97 CORPORATE PLAN

The Cabinet considered the draft Corporate Plan 2016-18. The Corporate Plan forms part of the strategic policy framework set out within the Council's constitution and is considered annually by Council.

The Corporate Plan captured the Council's contribution to delivering Cardiff's seven outcomes, setting out the organisation's priorities and what will be done to deliver against these priorities. The Plan was structured around four priorities; better education and skills for all, supporting vulnerable people, creating more and better paid jobs, and working together to transform services.

The Plan had been informed by the findings of the consultation on the budget proposals for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Corporate Plan 2016-2018 as set out in **Appendix A** to the report be approved for consideration by Council on 25 February 2016;
2. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make any necessary amendments to the draft Corporate Plan, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take account of the views expressed by the Council's Scrutiny Committees; to correct any typographical errors and to include any additional performance data in the Appendix to the Plan, in order to finalise the document for consideration by Council on 25 February 2016.
3. Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any consequential amendments to the Corporate Plan following consideration by Council on 25 February 2016.

98 ASSISTANT TO CABINET MEMBER

Cabinet received a report proposing the appointment of an Assistant to Cabinet Member – Housing and Tackling Poverty.

RESOLVED: that the appointment of Councillor Caro Wild as the Assistant to Cabinet Member – Housing and Tackling Poverty be approved

99 DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT WALES BILL

Cabinet considered the proposed response to the Welsh Government consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.

As part of the development of the Council's submission reports on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill had been considered by the Standards and Ethics Committee, Democratic Services Committee and Audit Committee, in addition, comments were sought from all Members.

RESOLVED: that

1. the submission (Appendix A) to the Welsh Government on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill be approved; and
2. authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to notify the Welsh Government of any subsequent amendments to the Council's response.

100 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2015/16

The Cabinet received the Council's performance report for Quarter 3 (October to July) of 2015/16 financial year. It was noted that across all Directorates 69% of Corporate Plan commitments are Green and 56.8% of Performance Indicators are Green.

RESOLVED: that the current position regarding performance and the delivery of key commitments and priorities as at Quarter 3 and the action being taken to address areas of concern be noted

101 BUDGET MONITORING - MONTH 9 REPORT

The Cabinet received an update on the financial monitoring position of the authority as at month 9. The report provided details of the projected outturn for 2015/16 compared with the budget approved at Council on 26 February 2015.

It was noted that the month 9 revenue position indicated a potential surplus of £988,000 an increase of £679,000 reported at month 6, this due to an improvement in the monitoring position on directorate budgets.

Despite this, financial pressures and shortfalls against budget savings targets continue to result in projected overspends. However these are to be offset by projected savings on capital financing, an anticipated surplus on Council Tax collection and by NDR refunds on Council properties.

RESOLVED: that

1. the potential outturn position based on the first nine months of the financial year be noted
2. it be noted that the requirement for all directorates currently reporting overspends as identified in this report to put in place actions to reduce their projected overspends be reinforced.
3. Approval in principle be given to the projected surplus of £988,000 being transferred to the Council's General Fund Balance at the year end.
4. the budget virement of £1.0 million in the Housing Revenue Account be approved to reflect the transfer of funding from capital financing budgets to the Housing Repairs Account.

102 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016/17

The Cabinet considered the budget proposals for 2016/17 prior to recommending them to full Council.

RESOLVED: that, having taken account of the comments of the Corporate Director Resources in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, and having considered the responses received to the Budget Consultation Council be recommended to:

1.0 Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 3.7% as set out in this report and that the Council resolve the following terms.

2.0 Note that at the Cabinet meeting on 10 December 2015 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2016/17 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) 141,288 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, as its Council Tax base for the year.

b) Lisvane 2,347
Pentyrch 3,184
Radyr 3,655
St. Fagans 1,234
Old St. Mellons 1,289
Tongwynlais 812

being the amounts calculated in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

2.1 Agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) (including Community Council precepts totalling £296,100). £1,048,880,100

b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c). £472,793,000

c) Amount by which the aggregate at 2.1(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.1(b) above calculated in accordance with Section 32(4) as the budget requirement for the year. £576,087,100

d) Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council Fund in respect of Revenue Support Grant, its Council Tax Reduction Scheme, redistributed Non-Domestic Rates. £426,284,786

e) The amount at 2.1(c) above less the amount at 2.1(d) (net of the amount for discretionary relief of £300,000), all divided by the amount at 2.0(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 33(1) as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year. £1,062.39

f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).
£296,100

g) Amount at 2.1(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.1(f) above by the amount at 2.0(a) above, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special items relate.
£1,060.29

h) The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.1(g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those part of the council's area mentioned below, divided in each case by the amount at 2.0(b) above, calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) as the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which special items relate.

	£
Lisvane	1,074.78
Pentyrch	1,086.99
Radyr	1,091.07
St. Fagans Old	1,074.88
St.Mell ons	1,081.70
Tongwynlais	1,083.72

i) The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.1(g) and 2.1(h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in the Council Tax (Valuation Bands) (Wales) Order 2003 is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

VALUATION BANDS

Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Lisvane	716.52	835.94	955.36	1,074.78	1,313.62	1,522.46	1,791.29	2,149.55	2,507.81
Pentyrch	724.66	845.43	966.21	1,086.99	1,328.54	1,570.09	1,811.64	2,173.97	2,536.30
Radyr	727.38	848.61	969.84	1,091.07	1,333.53	1,575.99	1,818.45	2,182.14	2,545.83
St. Fagans	716.58	836.02	955.45	1,074.88	1,313.74	1,552.60	1,791.46	2,149.75	2,508.05
Old St. Mellons	721.13	841.32	961.51	1,081.70	1,322.08	1,562.46	1,802.84	2,163.40	2,523.97
Tongwynl ais	722.48	842.89	963.30	1,083.72	1,324.54	1,565.37	1,806.20	2,167.44	2,528.68
All other parts of the Council's	706.86	824.67	942.48	1,060.29	1,295.91	1,531.53	1,767.15	2,120.58	2,474.01

Area

- 2.2 Note that for the year 2016/17, the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
138.57	161.66	184.76	207.85	254.04	300.23	346.42	415.70	484.99

- 2.3. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.1(i) and 2.2 above, the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of Council's Area

VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Area									
Lisvane	855.09	997.60	1,140.12	1,282.63	1,567.66	1,852.69	2,137.71	2,565.25	2,992.80
Pentyrch	863.23	1,007.09	1,150.97	1,294.84	1,582.58	1,870.32	2,158.06	2,589.67	3,021.29
Radyr	865.95	1,010.27	1,154.60	1,298.92	1,587.57	1,876.22	2,164.87	2,597.84	3,030.82
St. Fagans	855.15	997.68	1,140.21	1,282.73	1,567.78	1,852.83	2,137.88	2,565.45	2,993.04
Old St. Mellons	859.70	1,002.98	1,146.27	1,289.55	1,576.12	1,862.69	2,149.26	2,579.10	3,008.96
Tongwynlais	861.05	1,004.55	1,148.06	1,291.57	1,578.58	1,865.60	2,152.62	2,583.14	3,013.67
All other parts of the Council's Area	845.43	986.33	1,127.24	1,268.14	1,549.95	1,831.76	2,113.57	2,536.28	2,959.00

- 2.4 Authorise the Corporate Director Resources to make payments under Section 38 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 from the Council Fund by equal instalments on the last working day of each month from April 2016 to March 2017 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £29,366,937.

- 2.5 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.

- 2.6 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 namely

	£
The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	114,904
The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough	12,976

Council

- 2.7 Agree that notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive be given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 2.8 In the event that the final settlement figure differs from the provisional figure, the Council approve a proportionate adjustment to the general reserves.
- 3.0 Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2016/17, 2017/18 & 2018/19 delegating to the Section 151 Officer the authority to effect movement between the limits for borrowing and long term liabilities within the limit for any year.
- 4.0 Approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2013 and the Local Authority (Capital Finance & Accountancy) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and subsequent amendments.
- 5.0 Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2016/17.
- 6.0 Authorise the Section 151 Officer to raise such funds as may be required to finance capital expenditure by temporary or long term borrowing within the limits outlined above, and to bring forward or delay schemes within the Capital Programme.
- 8.0 Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in the report.
- 8.0 Resolve that the City Deal Document referred to in paragraph 235 to 239 of the report be signed on behalf of the Council (on the understanding that the document will provide that it will be subject to the agreement of the Full Council). Pursuant to the City Deal Document the Council continues to work with the Cardiff Capital Region partner local authorities, UK and the Welsh Government to develop the final City Deal Agreements, and further reports on this matter be submitted to Council as appropriate to keep members apprised of developments.

Resolved: that

having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the budget and the adequacy of reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and having considered the responses to the Budget Consultation:

- 9.0 the changes to fees and charges as set out in Appendix 11 to the report be approved
- 10.0 authority be delegated to the appropriate Director in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance to amend or introduce new fees and charges during the year.
- 11.0 the rents of all Housing Revenue Account dwellings (including hostels and garages) be increased having taken account of WG guidance.

- 12.0 all service charges and the management fee for leaseholders as set out in Appendix 11(b) be approved
- 13.0 all Housing Revenue Account rent increases take effect from 4 April 2016.
- 14.0 the work undertaken to raise awareness of the financial resilience of the Council be recognised and the steps taken within the budget to improve this position be approved
- 15.0 the financial challenges facing the Council as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan be recognised and the opportunities for savings over the medium term be noted
- 16.0 the Supporting People Spending Plan for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 15 to the report be approved
- 17.0 the Day Opportunities Strategy and its implementation be approved.