

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 27 May 2021 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 21 May 2021.

Present: County Councillor McKerlich (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Gibson, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Hinchey, Hopkins, Howells, Hudson, Jacobsen, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, K Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Lister, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, Melbourne, Merry, Michael, Molik, Morgan, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Phillips, Dianne Rees, Mia Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

1 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fenella Bowden.

2 : ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2021-2022

The Annual Council received a nomination, proposed by Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by Councillor Rhys Taylor, to re-elect to the role of the Rt. Hon, the Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Chairman of Cardiff Council.

The nomination was that Councillor Rod McKerlich be re-elected Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Chairman of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2021-2022.

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED – That Councillor Rod McKerlich be re-elected as Lord Mayor and Chairman of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the Municipal Year 2021 – 2022. The Lord Mayor was invested with his chains of office. (Members showed their appreciation with applause).

The Chief Executive invited the Lord Mayor to sign the Declaration of Acceptance

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Rod McKerlich confirmed that he had the on-going support of the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Sue McKerlick for 2021-2022 Municipal Year.

3 : APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2021-2022

The Annual Council received a nomination, proposed by Councillor Adrian Robson and seconded by Councillor Neil McEvoy, to the role of re-election of the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022.

The nomination was that Councillor Lyn Hudson be re-appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Lyn Hudson be re-appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2021- 2022.

Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor Lyn Hudson was invested with the chains of office.

The Chief Executive invited the Deputy Lord Mayor to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.

The Deputy Lord Mayor confirmed she had the on-going support of her consort Mr Peter Hudson.

4 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors present at the meeting declared a personal interest in Item 15 – Members’ Remuneration and Allowances 2021 – 2022 which are approved by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

5 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 March 2021 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6 : MEMBERS PROTOCOL ON CORPORATE PARENTING

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Hinchey proposed the report.

The report was to consider the proposed Protocol, which aimed to provide guidance and advice to elected Members on their roles and responsibilities in relation to Corporate Parenting.

The Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skill and Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor Merry seconded the report.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Hinchey responded to matters raised in the debate.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the report.

The report was CARRIED

7 : CARDIFF UNDERTAKING

All Elected Members were required to publicly reaffirm and formally sign their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking annually at the Annual Council meeting.

The Cardiff Undertaking provides an opportunity for Elected Members to commit to using their term of office to work for the Council, the City and its citizens; to commit to the role of being a corporate parent; and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council, which includes a commitment to undertaking all training identified as essential for them to properly discharge their roles.

RESOLVED – That Elected Members present showed their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking by publicly reaffirming and signing a copy of the Undertaking.

8 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor backed this year's Dementia Action Week (May 17 -23) by donning his jeans to help raise awareness for his chosen charity Alzheimer's Society Cymru. The Lord Mayor encouraged people to dig out their dungarees, denim jackets, shirts or favourite jeans to wear for the 'Denim for Dementia' campaign and renewed his appeal for Council staff to donate a few pounds from their monthly pay to his nominated charity.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Dianne Rees and her husband John who have become grandparents for the 9th time to Charles Idris Rees.

9 : LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO THE COMING MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Leader referred to the fact that this will now be the second AGM being held virtually in Cardiff which speaks to the scale of change and disruption over the last year. Now however as a result of the great work of public servants across the city and so many others as well as the dedication and discipline of Cardiff residents, case rates are now in abeyance and test positivity rates are low, thankfully there is a stabilisation of the pandemic.

The council has played a vital role in delivering essential public services to many of Cardiff's most vulnerable residents and provided the civic leadership necessary to respond to the crisis by convening a coalition of public private and third sector partners to lead a city wide response.

The Leader thanked opposition leaders for their understanding and support of the Council particularly at the height of the pandemic; the chairs of the scrutiny committees whose adaptability and willingness to adopt innovations ensured that there was ongoing scrutiny accountability and political governance in place throughout the crisis; and Cabinet and Group as well as trade union colleagues, staff, school governors, community leaders and partners across the public private and third sectors and of course to our public servants who delivered the frontline response and protected the most vulnerable.

The Leader referred to the accomplishments of the Council being made possible by the work undertaken with public health partners in establishing a front ranking regional TTP service, which also supported the national response by being the hosting body for the national TTP team providing overflow support to regions across Wales when their local demand outstripped their capacity.

The Council supported the delivery of vaccination programme marshalling assets to enable rapid inoculation and whilst it is hoped that the end is in sight, it is not the end of its impact on our communities. Moving forward it will be vital that the productivity and innovation gains that the Council has achieved over the last 12 months are locked in, but we must also respond to the emerging economic crisis and deal with the reality that the pandemic has hit our poorest and most vulnerable residents the hardest.

The Leader commented on the need to ensure we lead a child friendly recovery and beyond the pandemic know that the risks posed by climate change have not gone away.

Proposals would be brought forward to reimagine and transform Cardiff including progression on the new indoor arena, completing central square and central quay as a new central business district and plans to expand the already extensive council homes building programme. Delivery of the One Planet Cardiff strategy and a new district heating scheme being installed and continuing the school building programme and kick starting the Child Friendly recovery with a summer of smiles programme over the next few months.

10 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET (WHERE SUCH ELECTIONS FALLS DUE)

The Leader confirmed the appointment of his Cabinet Members and their portfolios:

Councillor Sarah Merry	Deputy Leader, Education, Employment & Skills
Councillor Graham Hinchey	Children & Families
Councillor Susan Elsmore	Social Care, Health & Well-being
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Housing & Communities
Councillor Caro Wild	Strategic Planning & Transport
Councillor Russell Goodway	Investment & Development
Councillor Michael Michael	Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment

Councillor Peter Bradbury	Culture & Leisure
Councillor Chris Weaver	Finance, Modernisation & Performance

11 : ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR 2021-2022

The Constitution provides that the Council, at its Annual meeting ,will decide any amendments to its standing committees for the municipal year including amendments to the size and terms of reference of those committees.

RESOLVED: That Council AGREED to

- a) approve the establishment and size of the Council Committees set out in paragraph 3 (Table A); and the terms of reference of each Committee, as set out in Appendix A of this report, for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year; and
- b) authorise the Monitoring Officer to update the Constitution accordingly.

12 : ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Council was requested to approve the allocation of seats on established Committees in accordance with the Political Balance Rules.

Nominations had been received in accordance with political group wishes to appoint Members to the Committee and these appeared on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to:

- a) approve the allocation of seats on Committees for the municipal year 2021/22.
- b) appoint Members to each Committee in accordance with the nominations received from Party Groups; and
- c) authorise the Monitoring Officer to make appointments in respect of any remaining vacancies in accordance with any further nominations or changes received from the relevant political groups following this meeting, and to report to the next Council meeting the details of all appointments to committees for information.

13 : ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The Constitution provides that the Annual Council meeting will elect a Chair and a Deputy Chair for each of the Committees. The political group nominations appeared on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to -

- 1) approve the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs (as appropriate) to the Regulatory and Other Committees and Groups as follows:

Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
Regulatory and Other Committees and Groups		
Constitution Committee	Cllr Russell Goodway	-
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	Cllr Sarah Merry as Deputy Leader	-
Council Appeals Committee	Cllr Lay	-
Democratic Services Committee	Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard	-
Employment Conditions Committee	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Licensing Committee	Cllr Norma Mackie	Cllr Bob Derbyshire
Pensions Committee	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Planning Committee	Cllr Keith Jones	Cllr Ed Stubbs
Public Protection Committee	Cllr Norma Mackie	Cllr Bob Derbyshire
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	Cllr Owen Jones	-
Local Authority Governor Panel	Cllr Sarah Merry as Deputy Leader	-
Investment Advisory Panel	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Works Council	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Health & Safety Advisory Forum	Cllr Chris Weaver	-

- 2) approve the proportional allocation of Scrutiny Chairs as set out in paragraph 4, Table A of the report; and
- 3) subject to approval of recommendation (2), note the proposed appointments of the Scrutiny Chairs to be made by Party Groups pursuant to Part 6 of The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 as follows:

Scrutiny Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
Children & Young People Scrutiny	Cllr Lee Bridgeman	N/A
Community & Adult Services	Cllr Shaun Jenkins	N/A

Economy and Culture	Cllr Nigel Howells	N/A
Environmental	Cllr Ramesh Patel	N/A
Policy Review & Performance	Cllr David Walker	N/A

14 : APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council received nominations to those outside bodies for which nominations are required on an annual basis or are required at this time in order to meet particular deadlines. Nominations received from Party Groups were included on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to

- approve the nominations received for appointments to outside bodies as follows:

Name of Organisation	No of Representatives	Appointed Representative
Artes Mundi	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Peter Wong
Arts Council for Wales – South Wales Area Committee	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Peter Bradbury
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Michael Michael
Butetown Artists	1 Member	Cllr Saeed Ebrahim
Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	1 Member	Cllr Siân-Elin Melbourne
Cardiff & Vale College Corporation	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Sarah Merry
Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council	3 Members (Can be either an elected member or appointment by the Council)	Cllr Dilwar Ali Cllr Susan Goddard Mrs Irene Humphries
Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board	3 Members	Cllr Susan Elsmore Cllr Graham Hinchey Cllr Lynda Thomas
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group	1 Member	Cllr Iona Gordon
Cardiff Local Nature Partnership	1 Member	Cllr Bob Derbyshire
Cardiff Bus	5 Members	Cllr Chris Lay

		Cllr Gavin Hill-John Cllr Owen Jones Cllr Emma Sandrey Cllr Kanaya Singh
Cardiff Business Improvement Board	1 Member	Cllr Huw Thomas
Cardiff Fostering Panel	1 Member	Cllr Susan Goddard
Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee	2 Members (Relevant Cabinet Member + 1 nominated substitute)	Cllr Caro Wild Cllr Russell Goodway
Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee	2 Members (Relevant Cabinet Member + 1 nominated observer)	Cllr Michael Michael Cllr Caro Wild
Cardiff Business Technology Centre (CBTC)	4 Members (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Russell Goodway Cllr Bernie Bowen-Thomson Cllr Graham Hinchey Cllr Owen Jones
Cardiff Mind	1 Member	Cllr Ed Stubbs
Cardiff Museum Development Trust	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Peter Bradbury
Cardiff University Court	3 Members (including Chair of Council)	Cllr Rod McKerlich Cllr Dan De'ath Cllr Joel Williams
Chapter (Cardiff) Limited	1 Member	Cllr Stephen Cunnah
Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Russell Goodway
Cymric Building Preservation Trust	2 Members (Chair and Deputy Chair of Planning)	Cllr Keith Jones Cllr Ed Stubbs
Grassroots (Cardiff) Ltd	1 Member	Cllr Norma Mackie
Cardiff Action for the Single Homeless	1 Member	Cllr Mary McGarry
Joint Council for Wales	2 Members (1 Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Chris Weaver
Living Levels Partnership Board (RSPB)	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Peter Bradbury
Local Access Forum	1 Member	Cllr Bob Derbyshire
Local Government Association	4 Members (including Leader)	Cllr Rhys Taylor Cllr Sarah Merry Cllr Adrian Robson Cllr Huw Thomas
Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust	1 Member	Cllr Peter Bradbury
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PLC		
Mayors for Peace UK and Ireland Chapter Network (Part of NFLA)	1 Member	Cllr Sue Lent
Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA)	1 Member	Cllr Sue Lent
PATROL – Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London	National Group 1 Member Wales Group 1 Member	Cllr Caro Wild
Severn Estuary Partnership	1 Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Michael Michael
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority	5 Members (3 Lab, 1 Con & 1 Lib Dem)	Cllr Dilwar Ali Cllr Saeed Ebrahim Cllr Ashley Lister Cllr Dan Naughton Cllr Joel Williams
South Wales Merchant Navy Welfare Board	2 Members	Cllr Chris Weaver
South Wales Police & Crime Panel	2 Members	Cllr Bernie Bowen-Thomson Cllr Jayne Cowan
South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party – Regional Technical Statement Member Forum	1 Member	Cllr Michael Michael
Sport Wales Community Chest	3 Members (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Peter Bradbury Cllr Chris Weaver
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)	5 Members (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Cllr Sarah Merry Cllr Fenella Bowden Cllr Bernie Bowen-Thomson Cllr Jane Henshaw Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard
Vale, Valleys Cardiff Fostering Panel (formerly Cardiff Adoption Panel)	1 Member	Cllr Sue Lent
Vale, Valleys & Regional Adoption Collaborative Joint Committee	1 Member	Cllr Graham Hinchey
Wales Council for Deaf People	1 Member	Cllr Lynda Thorne
Wales Council for the Blind	1 Member	Cllr Graham Hinchey

Welsh Books Council	1 Member	Cllr Jane Henshaw
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)	8 Members	Cllr Peter Bradbury Cllr Susan Elsmore Cllr Russell Goodway Cllr Sarah Merry Cllr Michael Michael Cllr Huw Thomas Cllr Lynda Thorne Cllr Chris Weaver
WLGA Executive Board	1 Member	Cllr Huw Thomas
Willie Seager Memorial Homes Trust	2 Members (Nominative trustees from the Council – Term of Office – 4 years)	Cllr Joe Boyle Georgina Phillips

15 : MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 2021-2022

Council is required, at its Annual meeting, to approve a Scheme of Members Allowances to meet the requirements of the Council Meeting Procedure Rules, Rule 2(b) (xvi).

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to

- a) note the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) in its Annual Report published on 24 February 2021 as set out in Appendix A of the report
- b) agree to retain the current number and allocation of Senior Salary positions, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report;
- c) note the actions to be taken to address the determinations of the IRPW in respect of arrangements for the Contribution towards Costs of Care and Personal Assistance (CPA) , as set out in paragraphs 9-11 of the report;
- d) adopt the revised Schedule of Remuneration Proforma as recommended by the IRPW and attached at Appendix B;
- e) approve the Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2021/22, as set out in Appendix C of the report for adoption and publication; and
- f) delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration in the Constitution and to make any necessary amendments to the 2021-2022 Schedule from time to time during the municipal year in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

16 : REMOTE OR MULTI LOCATION MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Council were informed of new legislative provisions regarding arrangements for local authority meetings in Wales (under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021) and the arrangements which are to be made.

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to

- a) Note the information set out in the report;
- b) Note the extension of the current remote attendance meeting arrangements and the amended Remote Attendance Standing Order (Appendix A), as referred to in paragraph 12 of the report; and
- c) Receive a further report in due course to consider the recommendations made by the Constitution Committee in respect of multi-location meeting arrangements and associated constitution amendments, for approval by full Council

17 : PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Annual Council meeting is required to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of Council for the year, and a provisional programme of meetings for Council Committees (Council Meeting Procedure Rules, Rule 2(b)(xvii) and (xviii)).

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to:

- a) approve the programme of Council and Committee meeting dates for June 2021 – June 2022, subject to further consultation with Chairs of Committees appointed by Council;
- b) Notes the provisional dates of Cabinet meetings during the period June 2021 – June 2022; and
- c) delegate authority to the Director of Governance and Legal Services to make any necessary alterations to the programme of Committee meetings and request that the final programme be reported to the ordinary Council meeting on 24 June 2021 for approval.

18 : URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was notified.