

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 24 May 2018 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 18 May 2018.

Present: County Councillor Derbyshire (Lord Mayor)

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

1 : ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Annual Council received a nomination proposed by Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by Councillor Jo Boyle for to the role of Chair of Cardiff Council.

The nomination was that Councillor Dianne Rees be elected Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2018- 2019.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Dianne Rees be elected Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2018 – 19.

(Councillor Dianne Rees in the Chair)

2 : APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Annual Council received a nomination proposed by Councillor Adrian Robson and seconded by Councillor Keith Parry for to the role of Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2018 -2019.

The nomination was that Councillor Rod McKerlich be appointed Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2018 - 2019.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Rod McKerlich be appointed Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2018 – 2019.

3 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Cowan, Tim Davies, Owen, Parkhill and Sandrey.

4 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to a minor typographical error on Page 306.

5 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors declared a personal interest in Item 13 Members' Remuneration and Allowances 2018 – 2019, which are approved by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

6 : CARDIFF UNDERTAKING

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

It was recommended that the Council Procedure Rules be amended to reflect the annual declaration by Elected Members.

RESOLVED – That

1. Elected Members present showed their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking by publicly reaffirming and signing a copy of the Undertaking at the meeting.
2. The Monitoring Officer was authorised to amend Council Procedure Rule 2 (b) (vi) to reflect the annual declaration by Elected Members.

7 : CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair expressed the Council's sincere sympathy to Councillors Rodney Berman and Jayne Cowan whose fathers had recently passed away.

The Chair reminded Councillors of an invitation from Councillor Ali Ahmed to the Iftar event on Sunday 27 May 2018 on the City hall Lawn at 8.45pm. Iftar was a break in the daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Chair congratulated Councillor Stephen Cunnah and his partner on the birth of their baby son in April and Councillor Ed Stubbs and his partner on the birth of their baby daughter the previous weekend.

Also the Chair congratulated the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas on his recent engagement to be married

Details of the [Recognition and Awards](#) since the last meeting had been published as part of the Council papers and the Chair was very pleased to recognise the achievement of officers of the Council.

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

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas congratulated Councillor Dianne Rees on her election as Chair of Council and Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and thanked Councillor Bob Derbyshire the outgoing Lord Mayor.

The Leader thanked his Cabinet colleagues for their work and support over the last 12 months and would continue in their roles for the next year. The Leader also thanked Elected Members and Officers for the positive way they had engaged with the Leader and Cabinet to achieve the best outcomes for Cardiff and its citizens.

9 : ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR 2018/19

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

1. the establishment and size of the Council Committees and the terms of reference of each Committee for 2018 – 2019 were approved.
2. the Monitoring Officer was authorised to update the Constitution accordingly, to include incorporating the size of each of the Council's Committees into the Constitution, Article 6.1 (Scrutiny Committees); and Article 8.1 (Regulatory and Other Committees) as shown in Appendices A1 and A2 respectively.

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

The Council was requested to approve the allocation of seats on the established Committees and receive nominations from the political groups to the seats.

Nominations received in accordance with political group wishes to appoint Members to the Committee and these appeared on the [amendment sheet](#).

The Conservative Whip, Councillor Joel Williams advised of an additional nomination from the political group of Councillor Fenella Bowden (Independent for Heath and Birchgrove) to the Conservative vacancy on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED – That

1. the allocation of seats on Committees for the Municipal Year 2018- 2019 were approved;
2. Members were appointed to each Committee in accordance with the nominations received from political groups;
3. the Monitoring Officer was authorised 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.

11 : ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The Council was requested to elect the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees in accordance with political group wishes. The political group nominations appeared on the [amendment sheet](#). There were no contested Chairs or Deputy Chairs.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Chairs and Deputy Chairs (as appropriate) to the Regulatory and Other Committees were elected in accordance with political group wishes as follows:

Regulatory and Other Committees and Groups	Chair	Deputy Chair
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	Councillor Merry	N/A
Constitution Committee	Councillor Goodway	N/A
Council Appeals Committee	Councillor Murphy	N/A
Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Jones-Pritchard	N/A
Employment Conditions Committee	Councillor Weaver	N/A
Licensing Committee	Councillor Mackie	Councillor Murphy
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Mackie	Councillor Murphy

Planning Committee	Councillor Keith Jones	Councillor Lay
Pension Committee	Councillor Weaver	N/A
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	Councillor Owen Jones	N/A
School Governor Panel	Councillor Merry	N/A

2. the proportional allocation of Scrutiny Chairs as set out in the report was agreed;
3. subject to approval of recommendation (2), the proposed appointments of the Scrutiny Chairs to be made by Party Groups pursuant to Part 6 of The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 were noted as follows:

Scrutiny Committees	Chair
Children & Young People Scrutiny	Councillor Bridgeman
Community & Adult Services	Councillor McGarry
Economy and Culture	Councillor Howells
Environmental	Councillor Patel
Policy Review & Performance	Councillor Walker

12 : APPOINTMENTS 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 t

1. the Council approved the nominations received for appointments to outside bodies as follows: -

Organisation	Number of Representatives	Appointed Members
Cardiff Bus	7 Members (4 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Lib Dem)	Councillors Stubbs, Lay, Patel, Simmons, Gavin Hill-John, Robson and Sandrey
Local Government	4 Members (including	Councillors Huw

Association (LGA) General Assembly	the Leader of the Council)	Thomas, Merry, Robson and Boyle
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority	5 Members (3 Labour, 1 Conservative & 1 Lib Dem)	Councillors Dilwar Ali, De'Ath, Ebrahim, Williams and Naughton
South Wales Police and Crime Panel	2 Members (1 Labour & 1 Conservative)	Councillors Bowen Thomson & Davies
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)		
(i) WLGA Council	8 Members	Councillors Huw Thomas, Bradbury, Elsmore, Goodway, Merry, Michael, Thorne and Weaver
(ii) WLGA Executive Board	1 Member	Councillor Huw Thomas

2. No appointments were made to the two vacancies on the Cardiff and Vale Community Council. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

13 : MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 2018/19

The Council received the determined of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on the prescribed levels of Members' Remuneration and Allowances payable for 2018 – 2019 Municipal Year, and was requested to agree those matters reserved for local determination by the Council.

RESOLVED – That

- the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales made in its Annual Report 2018, were noted;
- the annual Basic Salary of £13,600 payable to all Elected Members for the Municipal Year 2018 - 2019 was noted;
- the maximum allocation of Senior Salary positions payable for 2018- 2019 was agreed as 19.

Bands of Responsibility	Role(s)	No. of Senior Salary Positions
Band 1	Leader	1

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	Deputy Leader	1
Band 2 (Level1)	Other Cabinet Members	8
Band 3 (Level1)	Scrutiny Committee Chairs	5
	Planning Committee Chair	1
	Licensing / Public Protection Committees Chair	1
Band 4	Leader of largest opposition group (Conservative Group)	1
Band 5	Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group	1
Total		19

4. the Civic Salary payable in 2018 - 2019 for the positions of Civic Head/Lord Mayor (£24,300) and Deputy Civic Head/Deputy Lord Mayor (£18,300) at Level 1 as prescribed by the Panel were agreed;
5. the payment of Co-opted Member fees in 2018 - 2019 should continue to be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year was agreed;
6. a report to approve a Schedule of Members' Remuneration 2018 - 2019 will be received at the next full Council meeting.

14 : PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

The Council Procedure Rules provide that the Annual Council approved a programme of ordinary meetings of the Full Council for each Municipal Year. The Council received the proposed programme of Council, Cabinet and Committees for the period June 2018 to August 2019. Any further adjustments required following consultation with Elected Chairs will be reported to the June Council meeting. Attached to the report were indicative dates for Council meeting from September 2019 to August 2020.

RESOLVED – That

1. the programme of Council, Cabinet and Committee meeting dates for June 2018 – August 2019, subject to further consultation with Chairs of Committees appointed by Council was approved subject to the removal of the Policy Review & Performance Committee meeting scheduled for 3 July 2019.

2. delegate authority was granted to the Director of Governance and Legal Services to make any minor alterations to the programme of Committee meetings;
3. a final programme Council, Cabinet and Committee meeting dates for June 2018 – August 2019 be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 21 June 2018 for information.
4. the indicative dates of Full Council meetings for the period September 2019 – August 2020 were noted.

15 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised that no notification of any urgent business had been received.

16 : URGENT DECISION: INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT - PEAR TREE FOUNDATION

This report was received by Full Council for information only in relation to an urgent decision taken by the Director of Education in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Local Ward Members on making of an Instrument of Government under The Federation of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2014 for the Pear Tree Federation. The Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and Monitoring Officer on the basis of the consultation and legal requirement agreed that the decision should be taken on an urgent basis and was therefore not subject to call-in. The Director of Education in accordance with his delegated took the decision on 20 March 2018.

(The meeting closed at 17.30)