

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 26 February, 2015 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 20 February 2015.

Present: County Councillor Margaret Jones (Lord Mayor).

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Boyle, Bowden, Bradbury, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Ford, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walker, Walsh, Weaver, White, Craig Williams, Darren Williams and Woodman

(Council on 26 March 2015 amended these proceedings as indicated in bold italics on Page 511)

145 : APOLOGIES

No apologies were received for this meeting

146 : WEBCASTING AND RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

Formal approval to record the proceedings was granted.

147 : MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 29 January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson subject to a minor correction on Page 392.

148 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, & to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

The following declarations were made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Ali Ahmed	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Manzoor Ahmed	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) Member of South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (ii) Council tenant (iii) Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Aubrey	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Bowden	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member Diverse Cymru (iii) Supporter/Adviser to Jubilee Community Trust
Councillor Boyle	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Bradbury	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member Caerau Sports Trust (iii) Trustee Cardiff Story Museum
Councillor Burfoot	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Chaundy	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Clark	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Ralph Cook	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Richard Cook	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Cowan	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Cardiff Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Chris Davis	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor De'Ath	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor

Councillor Derbyshire	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee (iii) Member of Caldicot & Wentloog Drainage Board
Councillor Elsmore	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Evans	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Ford	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Goddard	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of St David's Church (iii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Goodway	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) Vice Chair of Cardiff Capital Region Board (ii) Member of Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone
Councillor Gordon	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Grassroots, City Centre Youth Project (iii) Trustee –South Riverside Community Centre
Councillor Govier	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Groves	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) In receipt of Domiciliary Care
Councillor Hinchey	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee (iii) Member of the Welsh Purchasing Consortium
Councillor Howells	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Hudson	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Hunt	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor

Councillor Hyde	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor Javed	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor Margaret Jones	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Joyce	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Kelloway	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Lent	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Lloyd	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Lomax	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee (iii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Love	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Magill	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) Chair, WJEC (ii) Member of CSC Joint Education Service (iii) Director, Cardiff & Vale College
Councillor Gretta Marshall	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor McEvoy	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor McGarry	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor McKerlich	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor Merry	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Council Representative Sherman Cymru

Councillor Mitchell	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Morgan	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Murphy	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Parry	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Patel	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Phillips	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) Temporary LA School Governor Pontprennau Primary School (ii) Member of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor Dianne Rees	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) Temporary LA School Governor Pontprennau Primary School (ii) LA School Governor
Councillor Robson	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as a member of the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Sanders	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Simmons	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Stubbs	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Ben Thomas	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Huw Thomas	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Thorne	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor Walker	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor

Councillor Walsh	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Unite (iii) Member Employment Conditions Committee (iv) Member of the Cardiff Credit Union
Councillor Weaver	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as LA School Governor
Councillor White	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Craig Williams	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal Interest as: (i) LA School Governor (ii) Member of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Woodman	Item 7 Budget Proposals 2014-15	Personal interest as Honorary Vice President of Diverse Cymru who deliver Direct Payment Services.

In addition the Lord Mayor advised that Directors affected by the Senior Management Review have a pecuniary interest in Item 7 - the Plaid Group Amendment and Item 8 and declare an interest under Article 8 of the Code of Conduct for Employees and leave the meeting during consideration of the Plaid Group Amendment under Item 7 and Item 8.

149: ANNOUNCEMENTS

St David's Day

The Lord Mayor advised that as part of the National St David's Day Celebrations on Sunday 1st March 2015 Members had been invited to the at 3pm at the City Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, St. John Street, Cardiff

Congratulations

Congratulations to Councillor Ben Thomas and his partner on the birth of their daughter Lori Madeleine Thomas.

Congratulations to Councillor Michael on the birth of his second grandchild Eleri Sophia Michael

150 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

- 1 Councillor Joyce – 1015 signatures against the closure of the City's Day Care Centres.

- 2 Councillor Cowan – Further 166 signatures against the closure of Rhiwbina Library

151 : RHIWBINA COMMUNITY POLL

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Safety, Engagement and Democracy, Councillor De'Ath to present the report which was seconded by Councillor Hunt.

The report was to receive the result of the Rhiwbina Community Poll on 5 February 2015 consider what action should be taken. Councillor De'Ath advised that the Cabinet's recommendation was that the poll be considered as part of that meeting's budget debate.

The Lord Mayor invited the Local Ward Members to speak. Members asked the Council to note the value of community polls in representing the views of the community. Rhiwbina residents had given its support to the Library and it was worth noting that the poll was proved by the subsequent extension of funding the Rhiwbina Library and the other six standalone Libraries in Cardiff library received. Members sought Cabinet's support to extend the funding of libraries for the length of this administration.

RESOLVED – That the results of the Rhiwbina Community Poll held on 5 February 2015 be considered as part of its deliberation on the Budget Proposals 2015/16

152 : BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015-2016

(Members declarations of interest under Article 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Minute Number 148 were noted.

The Chief Executive, Corporate Director, Resources, County Clerk and Monitoring Officer and County Solicitor declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7 - the Plaid Group Amendment and left the meeting during consideration of the Amendment).

The Council was requested to consider and approve the Cabinet Budget Proposals for 2015 - 16.

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of the agreed conduct of debate for the consideration of the Cabinet Budget Proposals 2015-16, the amendments to the proposals received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules which included necessary Statutory Officer advice. The Lord Mayor indicated that Members would be called to speak in accordance with the agreed Speaking Order.

The Lord Mayor advised that the Labour Group Amendment had been received on time but was not seconded in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 22 (b) and she had therefore ruled the Labour Group

amendment was out of order and the amendment would fall. Two other amendments had been received from the Independent Group and Plaid Group.

The Lord Mayor called on the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Resources and Performance to formally move the Cabinet Budget Proposals 2015-16. Councillor Hinchey moved the Cabinet Budget Proposals and in addition a Cabinet Amendment to the proposals in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 22 (n) and requested the Lord Mayor seek the consent of the meeting for the Cabinet Budget proposals to be altered. The Lord Mayor in accordance with the Council Meeting Procedure Rule ruled that the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes to allow Members time to consider the content of the Cabinet Budget Amendment which had been tabled.

*(Meeting was adjourned at 5.10pm for 20 minutes.
Meeting reconvened at 5.40pm)*

The meeting was reconvened and the Lord Mayor asked Members whether they had had sufficient time to consider the Cabinet Budget Amendment.

It was proposed by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Robson that the meeting be suspended to the following day.

The proposal was put to the vote and the vote was LOST.

It was proposed by Councillor Hinchey and seconded by Councillor Magill that the meeting be adjourned for an hour.

The proposal was put to the vote and the vote was CARRIED

*(Meeting adjourned at 5.50pm.
Meeting was reconvened at 8.35pm)*

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member to present the Cabinet Budget Proposals. Councillor Hinchey advised that he wished to table a second version of the Cabinet Budget Amendment to alter the original proposals. This was seconded by Councillor Bale. The Amendment was tabled as follows:

Alteration to the Cabinet Budget Motion – Version 2

The Cabinet having further reflected on the Budget Proposals for 2015/16 recommend to Council the following alterations to the Cabinet Budget Proposal.

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Line	Directorate	Description	Savings £000	Cumulative £000
<u>Directorate Savings</u>				
47	Corporate Management	Additional reduction in Cardiff Enterprise Zone budget.	(430)	(430)
72	Education & Lifelong Learning	Youth Service – To allow more time for the transition of the street based service and activities undertaken by outreach workers in key areas.	250	(180)
94	Health & Social Care	Re-commission of Day Services for Older People – Remove the saving.	400	220
107	Health & Social Care	Changes to the Cardiff Alcohol & Drug Team Counselling Service	218	438
164	Sport, Leisure & Culture	New Model for Children’s Play – Amended proposals as set out below.	519	957
<u>New or Council Wide Savings Proposals</u>				
202	Council Wide	Discretionary Overtime	(50)	907
		One off Capitalisation Direction – further Capitalisation	(987)	(80)
		Discretionary Standby Payments to Officers	(100)	(181)
<u>Additional Expenditure</u>				
		Support to Neighbourhood Partnership Areas	60	(120)
		New Model for Children’s Play –	120	0
<u>Amended</u>				
		Proposals as set out below		
<u>Impact on Council Tax</u>				
		Retain the current proposal to increase Council Tax by 5%	Nil	Nil

The Lord Mayor invited the Section 151 Officer to explain the variations contained in Version 2 of Cabinet Budget Amendment to the original proposals. The Section 151 Officer explained the alterations in Version 2 from the first Cabinet Budget amendment circulated earlier in the meeting.

The amendment included an additional reduction in the Cardiff Enterprise Zone Budget taking an additional £430,000 to the original Cabinet proposal. The additional funding had allowed the whole of the saving to the Cardiff Alcohol and Drug Team Counselling Service to be removed – changing it from a half year to full year saving.

The other alteration was to Children’s Play where the proposal was for Children’s Play to remain in place and run for 5 evenings a week for as long as it takes for alternative operational arrangements to be put in place. The whole saving had been put back into the budget with an addition element of growth of £120,000 to enable the engagement of three Community Development Workers with small amount of funding to work with developing and supporting the transition to alternative operational arrangements.

The Section 151 Officer drew attention to the narrative contained in the second version of the Cabinet Budget amendment and advised that the recommendations and the appendices take into account these proposed alterations but this did not change the proposals for setting of the Council Tax for 2015-16.

The Section 151 Officer refer to the statement within the narrative of Version 2 of the Cabinet Budget Amendment on the Library Service which altered the original budget proposals by stating that the Cabinet Budget amendment proposes to continue to fund Branch Library Services until the end of the Council term unless, and/or until alternative delivery arrangements are operational. Consequential amendments had been made to the medium term financial plan for 2016 - 17

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote under the Council Procedure Rule 22 (n) to accept the proposed Cabinet Budget alteration.

The Vote was CARRIED

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member, Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Hinchey to present the Cabinet Budget as altered.

Councillor Hinchey expressed his thanks to Cabinet colleagues; Members of all Scrutiny Committees; Members of the Council's Labour Group and Opposition groups; the Trade Unions and the Council's workforce; and the Chief Executive, Senior Management and specifically the Corporate Director – Resources and the Finance team for their professional support in preparing what was a very difficult budget for the Council to set.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the severe and sustained pressure on Public Services and the impact on Service provision and the way the Council has traditionally delivered Council services to the citizens and communities in the city.

The Council has a legal responsibility to set a balanced budget, but this has resulted in difficult choices and needs to implement change to deal with increases in demand and shrinking budgets.

Cardiff has a unique position as the Capital City of Wales. Over the last decade Cardiff has become one of the fastest growing cities in the UK, and is projected to experience the biggest increase in population of any major British city – including London. This growth is a sign of success. People want to live, study and visit our great capital City. That unique ability to attract people is central to the future economic success, not just for Cardiff but of the wider Cardiff Capital Region. This growth will continue to place, additional demand pressures on public services from schools to older people.

The budget pressures facing the Council are well known. In February last year, a budget gap of £31.3 million was anticipated in 2015/16 but the

Council is now facing a budget reduction requirement of over £41 million. Council budgets are complex, wide ranging and often subject to significant and unpredictable changes. The Cabinet Members advised that in order to meet the gap it was proposed to raise Council Tax by 5% to generate additional net resources of £5.4 million. For the average Band D property 5% equates to an increase of 93p per week.

Council was advised that the majority of savings required must come from changing the way we do business. However of the overall Council budget of £574 million, only £227 million, (40%) can be used to make savings. The rest is protected or ring-fenced for areas like schools, precepts and capital charges. The protected schools budget alone is £200 million. It is noted that some of the services included in the £227 million are statutory or the subject of escalating demand – for example, social care and waste collection services, further limiting the scope for targeting cuts.

The Cabinet Member referred to the fiscal pressures from UK Government, Welsh Government and predictions from the Office for Budget Responsibility. The Medium Term Financial Plan(MFTP) for Cardiff requires a further £119million to be found from our budget over the subsequent 3 financial years from 2016-2019 Council therefor can no longer do all the things that it has done in the past. It must prioritise and reform.

The Organisational Development Programme is part of this reform agenda as well as our values of openness, co-operation and partnership. These values have been the basis of our new Partnership for Change agreement which has been signed by all Trade Unions, the Leader and Council.

These values have also underpinned the budget consultation process, which commenced in November 2014, and involved over 4,000 people completed the Changes for Cardiff questionnaire; 500 people attended Council-run engagement events across the city; More than 21,000 people gave their views via petitions; and the short animated information video was played 2,605 times during the consultation period. It was the largest consultation exercise the Council has ever carried out on the budget proposals.

The Council's Cabinet has informed, listened and engaged with citizens, partners and stakeholders which resulted in the Cabinet Budget Amendment to Council.

The Cabinet Member advised that it was proposed to support the sustainability of community services are sustainable, and move to new operational models that an allocation of £474,000 had been made to create a new Community Redesign of Services Team dedicated to the task of capacity building and empowering communities to take over services in certain areas, without the need for ongoing Council funding, and action on these areas will need to continue in the medium term.

The Cabinet Member commended the Cabinet Budget Proposals with the alteration to Council.

At this point Councillor Holden moved a Motion without Notice to suspend Section 5 of the Budget Procedure Rules to remove the limited of 45 speakers and allow all Members if they wished to speak in the general debate.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sanders.

The proposal was put to the vote and the vote was LOST.

The Lord Mayor invited the proposer and seconder of the amendments to formally move their proposal and to speak.

Councillor Robson formally moved the Independent alternative proposal and spoke on the proposal.

Councillor Cowan formally seconded the Independent alternative proposal and reserved the right to speak later in the debate.

Councillor McEvoy formally moved the Plaid Cymru alternative proposal and spoke on the proposal.

Councillor Ford formally seconded the Plaid Cymru alternative proposal and spoke on the proposal.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from the remaining Party Group Finance Spokespersons, Councillors Aubrey and McKerlich before opening up the debate to all Members in accordance with the Budget Procedure Rules. Group Leaders spoke as part of the general debate. The debate raised a number of issues in relation to the Budget setting process; Cardiff Debate consultation; the Cabinet Budget Amendments and the assurances on Library and Play centre services going forward.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member Corporate Services and Performance to respond to matters raised during the debate. Councillor Hinchey emphasised the impact on public services of the fiscal pressures on budgets and underlined that Cardiff was on a transition path of reforming services in collaboration with partners; communities and their citizens and stakeholders, and would protect and maintain statutory services to the most vulnerable people of the city.

Following the debate the Lord Mayor advised that a vote would be taken on each of the amendments received on notice.

(A vote on each of the amendments was recorded using the electronic voting system)

The Independent amendment on the Cabinet Budget Proposal as proposed by Councillor Robson. Voting was as follows:

For (27)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Ford, Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Keith Jones, Kelloway, Lloyd, McEvoy, McKerlich, Dianne Rees, David Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, Woodman and Craig Williams

Against (45)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hinchey, Hunt, Javed, Joyce, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walsh, Weaver, White and Darren Williams

The Independent alternative budget proposal was LOST

The Plaid Cymru alternative budget proposal as proposed by Councillor McEvoy. Voting was as follows:

For (2)

County Councillors Ford, McEvoy

Against (46)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hinchey, Hunt, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walsh, Weaver, White and Darren Williams

Abstain (24)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Kelloway, Lloyd, McKerlich, Dianne Rees, David Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, Woodman, Craig Williams

The Plaid Cymru alternative budget proposal was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for the Vote on the Cabinet Budget Proposal as altered by Cabinet Budget Amendment Version 2. The voting was as follows:

For (46)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hinchey, Hunt, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walsh, Weaver, White and Darren Williams

Against (14)

County Councillors Bowden, Cowan, Ford, Graham, Holden, Hudson, McEvoy, McKerlich, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker and Craig Williams

Abstain (12)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Howells, Hyde, Kelloway, Lloyd, David Rees and Woodman

RESOLVED –That the Council, 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 recommend that Council:

- 1.0 Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 5% as set out in this report and that the Council resolve the following terms:
- 2.0 Note that at its meeting on 11 December 2014 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2015/16 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - a) 139,500 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	2,332
Pentyrch	3,140
Radyr	3,635
St. Fagans	1,200
Old St. Mellons	1,257
Tongwynlais	806

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 2015/16 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 £290,300)

£1,028,091,300
- b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c)

£461,364,000
- 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.

£566,727,300
- 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.

£424,104,261
- 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.

£1,024.54
- f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).

£290,300

- 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.

£1,022.46

- 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.

- i)

	£
Lisvane	1,037.04
Pentyrch	1,049.53
Radyr	1,052.17
St. Fagans	1,037.46
Old St. Mellons	1,043.38
Tongwynlais	1,046.03

- j) 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	691.36	806.59	921.81	1,037.04	1,267.49	1,497.95	1,728.40	2,074.08	2,419.76
Pentyrch	699.69	816.30	932.91	1,049.53	1,282.76	1,515.99	1,749.22	2,099.06	2,448.90
Radyr	701.45	818.36	935.26	1,052.17	1,285.98	1,519.81	1,753.62	2,104.34	2,455.07
St. Fagans	691.64	806.92	922.18	1,037.46	1,268.00	1,498.56	1,729.10	2,074.92	2,420.74
Old St. Mellons	695.59	811.52	927.45	1,043.38	1,275.24	1,507.11	1,738.97	2,086.77	2,434.56

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Tongwynlais	697.36	813.58	929.80	1,046.03	1,278.48	1,510.94	1,743.39	2,092.07	2,440.74
All other parts of the Council's Area	681.64	795.25	908.85	1,022.46	1,249.67	1,476.89	1,704.10	2,044.92	2,385.74

2.2 Note that for the year 2015/16, 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
133.24	155.44	177.65	199.86	244.27	288.68	333.10	399.71	466.33

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 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of Council's Area

VALUATION BANDS

Area	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lisvane	824.60	962.03	1,099.46	1,236.90	1,511.76	1,786.63	2,061.50	2,473.79	2,886.09
Pentyrch	832.93	971.74	1,110.56	1,249.39	1,527.03	1,804.67	2,082.32	2,498.77	2,915.23
Radyr	834.69	973.80	1,112.91	1,252.03	1,530.25	1,808.49	2,086.72	2,504.05	2,921.40
St. Fagans	824.88	962.36	1,099.83	1,237.32	1,512.27	1,787.24	2,062.20	2,474.63	2,887.07
Old St. Mellons	828.83	966.96	1,105.10	1,243.24	1,519.51	1,795.79	2,072.07	2,486.48	2,900.89
Tongwynlais	830.60	969.02	1,107.45	1,245.89	1,522.75	1,799.62	2,076.49	2,491.78	2,907.07
All other parts of the Council's Area	814.88	950.69	1,086.50	1,222.32	1,493.94	1,765.57	2,037.20	2,444.63	2,852.07

- 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 2015 to March 2016 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £27,880,093.
- 2.5 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.
- 2.6 Agree the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 namely
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| | £ |
| The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff | 143,629 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council | 16,221 |
- 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.
- 3.0 Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18 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 2015/16 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 2015/16.
- 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.
- 7.0 Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in the report.

153 : SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW

(The Corporate Director, Resources, County Clerk and Monitoring Officer and County Solicitor declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item).

Council's approval was sought to the creation, public advertisement and remuneration of three new Director posts which form part of the new Tier 1 Senior Management structure agreed by Cabinet on 19 February 2015.

On the 25 February 2015, the Employment Conditions Committee, within the scope of its terms of reference, considered and approved statements specifying the duties of the proposed new posts at Tier 1 of the senior management structure, and the qualifications and qualities to be sought in the persons to be appointed; the terms and conditions of the proposed new posts; and subject to Council, the remuneration for the proposed new posts.

The Cabinet Member, Corporate Services and Performance as the portfolio holder proposed the report and commended the recommendations. Councillor Hunt seconded.

The Lord Mayor opened the item up for debate. There was no opposition to the proposal however the Independent Group wished to put the Cabinet on notice that they would be continuing to monitor the costs of external consultants.

RESOLVED – That

1. the creation and public advertisement of the three new Director posts
 - Director of City Operations
 - Director of Governance & Legal Services
 - Director of Social Serviceson the basis of the duties, role profiles and terms & conditions agreed by the Employment Conditions Committee on 25 February 2015 was approved;
2. the remuneration of the three new Director posts in accordance with the recommendation of the Employment Conditions Committee on 25 February 2015 was approved.
3. The responsibility for the appointment of suitable candidates to the three new Director posts be delegated to the Appointments Committee.

UNOPPOSED COUNCIL BUSINESS

154 : DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 13(a) IN RELATION TO EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

The Council, in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13(a) of the Cardiff Constitution, received notification for information only of two decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Director of Education.

1. Decision No: SMT/14/068 Eastern High School – Intervention and Suspension of Delegated Budget was taken on 19 December 2014 x A.

2. Decision No: SMT/14/069 Eastern High School – Intervention and Appointment of additional Governors was taken on 4 February 2015.

The Officer Decisions were taken in consultation with the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for Education, and the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Children & Young People’s Scrutiny Committee certified that both the decisions should be taken on an urgent basis for the reasons set out in the Decision Notice

RESOLVED – That the report be noted

155 : URGENT MATTER – REQUISITION OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The Lord Mayor advised that during the adjournment earlier in the meeting that she had received a Requisition for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council under Rule 4(b) of the Council Meeting Procedure Rules. The request had been signed by more than 5 Members.

The Business to be transacted at the meeting is a Vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council.

The Lord Mayor advised that she would be asking The County Clerk and Monitoring Officer to publish a Summons for this meeting as soon as possible and at least 3 clear days notice of the meeting will be given.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____