

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 21 May 2015 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated 15 May 2015.

Present: County Councillor Margaret Jones (Lord Mayor)

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

1 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ali Ahmed, Kirsty Davies, Carter, Goodway, Hunt, Kelloway Love, and Huw Thomas.

2 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.

3 : 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.

4 : TO ELECT THE LORD MAYOR OF COUNCIL FOR 2015/16

The Council, at its meeting on 26 March 2015 approved the nomination of County Councillor David Walker as Lord Mayor Elect.

The nomination was formally proposed by County Councillor Woodman and seconded by County Councillor Cowan.

RESOLVED – That County Councillor David Walker be elected as Lord Mayor of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for 2015/2016.

Councillor Margaret Jones invested the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor David Walker with the chains of office.

The Lord Mayor invested the Lord Mayor's Consort, Mrs Jan Walker with her chain of office.

(Members showed their appreciation with applause.)

5 : ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor was delighted and honoured to be elected Cardiff's 111th Lord Mayor and thanked Councillor Judith Woodman and Councillor Jayne Cowan for their kind words.

The Lord Mayor thanked his wife Jan, family and friends colleagues on the Council for their support.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Dilwar Ali on his inauguration as Deputy Lord Mayor for the City of Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor appreciated the high expectations of the role of first citizen and welcomed the support of the Lady Mayoress, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Dilwar Ali and his consort Monowara Ali, family, friends and colleagues who would assist ably with the making this year successful. The Lord Mayor was looking forward to the challenge of ensuring that Wales' Capital City and all it has to offer, continues to be projected in the best possible light nationally and internationally.

The Lord Mayor was delighted to announce that Velindre Cancer Centre will be his nominated charity for the 2015 / 2016.

Velindre Cancer Centre is the largest non - surgical cancer hospital in Wales and has been providing support and care to cancer patients for nearly 60 years. The Centre is the premier provider of radiotherapy and other specialised anti-cancer treatments in Wales and their specially trained and highly committed staff who strive every single day to make cancer patients as comfortable as possible during this difficult period.

The Lord Mayor would be working with the charity representatives on many fundraising events over the future months, and would welcome any support where possible from Members in supporting the events planned throughout the mayoral year.

In conclusion the Lord Mayor on behalf of Council colleagues, the people of Cardiff and those benefitting from her charitable work, thanked Councillor Margaret Jones and Lawrence for being superb ambassadors for our capital city.

6 : TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR OF COUNCIL FOR 2015/16

The Council, at its meeting on 26 March 2015 approved the nomination of Councillor Dilwar Ali as Deputy Lord Mayor Elect.

The nomination was formally proposed by County Councillor Dianne Rees and seconded by County Councillor Bale.

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff with the chains of office.

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lady Mayoress, Monowara Ali with her chain of office.

The Chief Executive invited the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor signed the Declarations of Acceptance.

(Members showed their appreciation in the appropriate way.)

7 : VOTE OF THANKS

The Leader welcomed this opportunity to thank the Lord Mayor for her the tremendous work during the last Municipal Year.

Councillor Margaret Jones and her consort Lawrence had been superb ambassadors for the Council and for the City, and had embraced her role as Chair of Council with warmth, tact and good humour.

The Leader thanked Councillor Ali Ahmed for the excellent support he provided as Deputy Lord Mayor during the year.

On behalf of the City of Cardiff the Leader presented Councillor Jones and Lawrence Jones with their badges of office.

Each Party Group Leaders: - Councillor Woodman Leader of the Liberal Democrats; Councillor Dianne Rees as Leader of the Conservative Group; Councillor Cowan, Leader of the Independents and Councillor McEvoy, Leader of the Plaid Group offered their thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor for an excellent year of office and the work she had done in promoting the role of Lord Mayor the City; her fair and approachable style with good humour as the Chair of Council and her tireless work supporting events to raise money for her nominated Charity Tenovus.

8 : ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST LORD MAYOR

It had been an honour and a privilege to serve as the Lord Mayor of Cardiff for the last 12 months. Over the year Councillor Jones advised that she had attended many memorable events and occasions and met countless citizens with amazing stories – many who have overcome disadvantages and are now flourishing and achieving their potential.

In addition she had represented the people of the city at the extremely poignant and heartfelt acts of Remembrance for Holocaust and the victims of two world wars and other genocides. These events are even more poignant this year as we continue to commemorate the start of World War 1.

There are many other enjoyable occasions such as the St David's Day Civic Service on 1st March 2015, the many Royal Visits, Courtesy Calls by Forces representatives, members of the public and Ambassadors representing countries worldwide.

Councillor Jones was honoured to be representing the people of Cardiff at a number of NATO related events during September 2014, and meeting President Barack Obama at a reception hosted by HRH The Prince of Wales was certainly the highlight of the Mayoral Year.

Over the past year the Lord Mayors nominated charity, Tenovus Cancer Care, has benefitted greatly from the support of Members, local communities and members of the public. This year's fundraising total for Tenovus Cancer Care is over £40,000. This donation will make a real difference by bringing support and treatment to the heart of communities for cancer patients and their families. Councillor Jones thanked all the Members who had helped with fundraising events and donations.

Councillor Jones, thanked her Consort, Lawrence for his continual support throughout the past year, it had been a great privileged for them both to attend so many events and met so many wonderful people.

Councillor Jones thanked the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Ali Ahmed for his support over the past year and wished him and the outgoing Deputy Lady Mayoress my very best for the future.

In conclusion Councillor Jones wishes Councillor David Walker all the very best as he takes on the role of Lord Mayor of Cardiff, and to wish him a wonderful year as first citizen.

9 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

10 : ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor was pleased to congratulate Councillor Mary McGarry who had become a grandmother on 20 May 2015.

11 : THE CARDIFF UNDERTAKING FOR COUNCILLORS

On 1 July 2004, Council approved the Cardiff Undertaking to provide an opportunity for Members to publicly commit to using their term of office to work for the Council, the City and its citizens, and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council.

Elected Members were asked reaffirm their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking at the meeting.

It was requested that the important role of Councillors as Corporate Parents should be an integral part of the Cardiff Undertaking and that the Constitution Committee be request to consider an amendment to the Undertaking as soon as practicable.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the Cardiff Undertaking be endorsed and signed by Members;
- (2) the Constitution Committee consider amending the Cardiff Undertaking to reflect the role of Councillors as Corporate Parents.

12 : TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Leader thanked Councillor Julia Magill for all her support and work in raising standards in schools and her work in improving educational opportunities as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills for the last three years.

The Leader formally moved that Councillor Sarah Merry be appointed to the Cabinet with the portfolio for Education.

Councillor Phillips seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Merry be appointed to the Cabinet with the portfolio for Education. .

13 : LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader offered his thanks to all Members around this chamber for their hard work representing, supporting, and indeed championing their communities over the past year.

The Leader expressed particular thanks to the Council's Cabinet, and Members of the Council's scrutiny committees commended them for their diligence and commitment.

The Leader made a personal tribute to Councillor Julia Magill's for her hard work over the past three years and the very real difference she has made to Education in Cardiff and to the lives of countless children and young people in our city. Councillor Magill will continue to serve and do the very best for residents of Llanishen and Thornhill as the Ward Councillor. The Leader on behalf of all Members wished Councillor Magill the very best for the future.

The Leader was pleased to welcome Councillor Sarah Merry as the new Cabinet Member for Education. Councillor Merry has worked over the last five months on reshaping the youth services in the city in her role as Assistant Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning.

The Leader advised that Education remained one of the top priorities for the year ahead and a great education is vital in giving people the opportunity to realise their potential and succeed in life. A great education system is also a critical factor in supporting our city's economy. Cardiff has more people with degrees and fewer people without qualifications than any of the ten major core cities. He stressed the importance of tackling underperformance and was pleased that the latest results show that this work was having an impact.

Over the next few years, the Council will invest over £182 million to modernise the school estate; continue to drive up our GCSE performance and increase attendance rates at our primary and secondary schools; intervene to make sure that no school in Cardiff is failing; and the administration was committed that every school in Cardiff, without exception, would be a good school.

The Council would continue to work to create more and better jobs in our capital city. More jobs are being created in Cardiff than many other major British cities. Unemployment is now at its lowest level for six years and is lower in Cardiff than in any of the other ten major core cities as well. The administration is committed to working with the private sector to make sure that this continues; and are determined to transform Central Square, creating a major new business destination and a major new bus station for the city. We will continue to secure a city deal for the Cardiff capital region.

The Council will be asked to adopt a Local Development Plan and the administration proposes to launch an energy prospectus and develop a cycle strategy benchmarked against the very best in Europe.

The Leader highlighted the challenges for the Council going forward, in particular the reality of austerity. Members will know that the Council has already had to make over £85 million in savings over these past three years, and over the next three years, that figure will be around £120 million not including £41 million that has been removed from the budget this year.

14 : MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2015/16

The report detailed for consideration the prescribed levels of Members' remuneration and allowances that are payable in 2015/16, as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW), and agree those matters which are reserved for local determination by the Council. The Panel is not recommending any changes to Salaries or allowances.

The Independent Panel has determined that there is no change to the maximum proportion of the Council's membership that is eligible to receive a Senior Salary in 2015/16 . In Cardiff this equates to a maximum of 19. The Council at its Annual meeting 29 May 2014 agreed to allocate 18 out of the 19 Senior Salaries and this was reflected in the table in the report.

Councillor Hinchey moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Phillips seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That

1. the allocation of 18 Senior Salary positions for 2015/16 and an additional one senior salary position to be determined be agreed;
2. the Civic Salary payable for the positions of Civic Head (Lord Mayor) and Deputy Civic Head (Deputy Lord Mayor) be set in accordance with the Band A level of Civic Salary payments 2015/2016; and
3. the payment of Co-opted Member fees should continue to be based on a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year in 2015/16.

15 : ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, THEIR SIZE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Constitution provides that the Council will at its Annual Meeting, decide which committees to establish for the municipal year, the size and terms of reference of those committees, and the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.

Councillor De'Ath moved the recommendations.

Councillor Phillips seconded

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the Committee structure, size and terms of reference of each committee be approved as detailed in the appendix to the report;
- (2) the 'alternative arrangements' for the allocation of seats on each Committee as set out in Appendix B and agreed by Party Group Whips on 11 May 2015 be approved

16 : NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Following the establishment of Committees and the allocation of seats on each Committee, in accordance with the requirement to achieve political balance, Council was required to give effect to the wishes of party groups with regard to the identities of the persons who were to represent that group on each Committee.

The Council received nominations for Committee Chairs and where required Deputy Chairs; and Members of Committee, details of which were included on the amendment sheet.

Councillor Craig Williams as the outgoing Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee expressed his thanks to the Committee for all their hard work and support over the last 2 years. Councillor Williams also thanked all Members of Council for

their good wishes following his recent election to Member of Parliament for Cardiff North. He advised that he would formally tender his resignation as a Councillor on 22 May 2015.

Councillor De'Ath moved the recommendations.

Councillor Phillips seconded

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the nominations received from the political groups to the seats allocated to each group be noted;
- (2) the Chief Executive report to the next Council meeting the details of all nominations received from political groups for information, taking into account any further nominations or changes notified as part of and following this meeting;
- (3) the following Chairs and Deputy Chairs be elected:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Planning Committee	Councillor Michael (Chair) Councillor Lomax (Deputy Chair)
Licensing Committee	Councillor Parry (Chair) Councillor Goddard (Deputy Chair)
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Parry (Chair) Councillor Goddard (Deputy Chair)
Constitution Committee	Councillor De'Ath
Employment Conditions Committee	Councillor Hinchey
Council Appeals Committee	Councillor Lent
Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Clark
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Richard Cook
Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	Councillor McGarryl
Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee	Councillor McKerlich

Environmental Scrutiny
Committee

Councillor Ralph Cook

Policy Review & Performance
Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Howells

The Chairs of the Audit Committee and the Standards & Ethics Committee are appointed by their respective Committees.

The Corporate Parenting Committee appoints its own Chair.

The Chairs of the Appointments Committees and Disciplinary & Appeals Committees are elected when required.

17 : NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Constitution provided that the Council would, at its Annual Meeting, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies. Nominations were invited.

Councillor De'Ath moved the recommendations.

Councillor Phillips seconded

RESOLVED – That the following nominations to outside bodies be approved:

- (a) Cardiff Bus: - Councillors Goddard, Lomax, Simmons, Benjamin Thomas, White (Labour); Councillor Hudson (conservative); and Councillor Aubrey (Lib Dem); one vacancy
- (b) LGA General Assembly – Councillors Bale, Elsmore, Howells, and one vacancy.
- (c) South Wales Fire Authority Councillors Dilwar Ali, Javed, and Phillips (Labour); Councillor Hyde (Lib Dem) and Councillor McKerlich (Conservative).
- (d) South Wales Police and Crime Panel - Councillors De'Ath and Lloyd.
- (e) WLGA Council – Councillors Bale, Bradbury, De'Ath, Elsmore, Hinchey, Lent and Patel.
- (f) WLGA Co-ordinating Committee – Councillor Bale.

18 : PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2015/16

Council was asked to approve an interim the calendar of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for June to August 2015. A full Calendar of Meetings for 2015/16 would be submitted to the June Council.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the programme of Council and Ordinary Committees for June to August 2015 be approved;
- (2) notes that a full programme of all Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2015/16 will be submitted for consideration and approval at the June Council meeting

19 : URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There was no Urgent items.

(Meeting closed at 18.05pm)

Chair: _____

Date: _____