

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 28 February 2019 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 22 February 2019.

Present: County Councillor Dianne Rees (Lord Mayor)

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

117 : CHAIR OF COUNCIL STATEMENT

The Chair of Council opened the meeting with a personal statement: -

I am making a short statement as a result of the way Members conducted themselves at the last Council meeting, which was not a credit to the Council.

Subsequent to the meeting, Councillor Goodway graciously apologised for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

I do not expect a repeat of that behaviour at this meeting. Meetings are recorded and it is not good for the reputation of the Council.

I expect all Councillors, no matter how inexperienced, and in particular the experienced Councillors, who should know better, to respect the authority of the Chair.

If the Chair calls the meeting to order or stands, any Member speaking at the time must stop and sit down.

If the Chair calls to order any Member, that Member should respect the authority of the Chair.

We should conduct the business of the meeting in a courteous, orderly manner so that we deal with the business at hand efficiently.

118 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Burke-Davies, Congreve, Davies and Molik.

119 : TRIBUTES TO COUNCILLOR JIM MURPHY

The Lord Mayor led tributes to the late Councillor Jim Murphy a friend and colleague who passed away on 1 December 2018. A gentle man of the Council who represented the Ward of Ely, he was a man of good humour who have advice and support to colleagues across the Chamber.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, Leaders of the political Group Councillor Robson (Conservatives), Councillor Boyle (Liberal Democrat) and Councillor Keith Parry (Plaid Cymru) along with his close ward colleagues Councillors Russell Goodway and Susan Goddard, spoke in tribute to a loyal friend, a man of strong rooted values and principles; a socialist and staunch trade unionist and a caring family man. The Council and the community he represented so ardently over many years would sorely miss Councillor Murphy.

120 : ELY BY-ELECTION

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Andrea Gibson to her first meeting of the Council following the By-Election on 21 February 2019. Councillor Gibson thanked everyone for the kind words and paid tribute to Councillor Murphy. She recognised that in her role as Ward Councillor for Ely she had big shoes to follow, and under took to represent the citizens of Ely to the best of her ability, and she looked forward to making a difference for the community she had been elected to serve.

121 : RETIREMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

The Lord Mayor paid tribute to Mrs Christine Salter the Council's Director of Resources and section 151 officer who was retiring from the authority on 15 March 2019 after 45 years exemplary service. This was her last Budget Setting meeting.

The Lord Mayor invited contribution from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, Leaders of the Political Group Councillor Robson (Conservatives), Councillor Boyle (Liberal Democrat) and Councillor Keith Parry (Plaid Cymru) and Councillor Bowden (Independent Member) who all recognised the excellent service and diligence that Christine had provided to the Council throughout her career and in particular in her role as the Statutory Section 151 Officer. Christine was wished all the very best for the future.

122 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct in relation to Items 12 and 13

Councillor	Type of Interest	Interest
Councillor Phil Bale	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Rodney Berman	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Joseph Boyle	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Jayne Cowan	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Daniel De'Ath	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Sean Driscoll	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Lisa Ford	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Russell Goodway	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Gavin Hill-John	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Philippa Hill-John	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Nigel Howells	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Lyn Hudson	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Michael Jones-Pritchard	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Neil McEvoy	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Pension account not active.
Councillor Roderick McKerlich	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Sarah Merry	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Michael Michael	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Daniel Naughton	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Oliver Owen	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Thomas Parkhill	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Michael Phillips	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Dianne Rees	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Adrian Robson	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme

Councillor Emma Sandrey	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Kanaya Singh	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Rhys Taylor	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Graham Thomas	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor David Walker	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Caro Wild	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Joel Williams	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
Councillor Ashley Lister	Personal Interest	As Member of the Cardiff and Vale Pension Scheme as an employee of the Council Pension, account not active.
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Personal Interest	Gabalfa Primary School
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Personal Interest	Hawthorn Primary School
Councillor Phil Bale	Personal Interest	Llanishen High School
Councillor Rodney Berman	Personal Interest	Marlborough Primary School
Councillor Rodney Berman	Personal Interest	Ysgol y Berllan Deg
Councillor Joe Boyle	Personal Interest	Howardian Primary School
Councillor Joe Boyle	Personal Interest	Springwood Primary School
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	Millbank Primary School
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	The Western Learning Campus
Councillor Lee Bridgeman	Personal Interest	Eastern High School
Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies	Personal Interest	Ysgol Glan Ceubal
Councillor Joseph Carter	Personal Interest	St Philip Evans R.C Primary School
Councillor Joseph Carter	Personal Interest	Llanedeyrn Primary School
Councillor Wendy Congreve	Personal Interest	Rhydypenau Primary School (CB)
Councillor Jayne Cowan	Personal Interest	Greenhill School
Councillor Stephen Cunnah	Personal Interest	Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch
Councillor Dan De'Ath	Personal Interest	Albany Primary School (CB)
Councillor Bob Derbyshire	Personal Interest	Rumney Primary School
Councillor Sean Driscoll	Personal Interest	Danescourt Primary School (CB)
Councillor Saeed Ebrahim	Personal Interest	Mount Stuart Primary School (CB)
Councillor Susan Elsmore	Personal Interest	Radnor Primary School
Councillor Susan Elsmore	Personal Interest	Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna

Councillor Susan Goddard	Personal Interest	Ely and Caerau Childrens Centre
Councillor Susan Goddard	Personal Interest	St Francis RC Primary School
Councillor Russell Goodway	Personal Interest	Cardiff West Community High School
Councillor Iona Gordon	Personal Interest	Severn Primary School
Councillor Jane Henshaw	Personal Interest	Baden Powell Primary School
Councillor Gavin Hill-John	Personal Interest	Pentyrch Primary School
Councillor Graham Hinchey	Personal Interest	Birchgrove Primary School
Councillor Graham Hinchey	Personal Interest	Ton-Yr-Ywen Primary School (CB)
Councillor Nigel Howells	Personal Interest	Adamsdown Primary School (CB)
Councillor Nigel Howells	Personal Interest	Stacey Primary School
Councillor Lyn Hudson	Personal Interest	Ton-Yr-Ywen Primary School (CB)
Councillor Owen Jones	Personal Interest	Adamsdown Primary School (CB)
Councillor Jones-Pritchard	Personal Interest	The Pear Tree Federation
Councillor John Lancaster	Personal Interest	Llanishen High School
Councillor Susan Lent	Personal Interest	Howardian Primary School
Councillor Susan Lent	Personal Interest	Roath Park Primary School (CB)
Councillor Ashley Lister	Personal Interest	Grangetown Primary School (CB)
Councillor Mary McGarry	Personal Interest	Albany Primary School (CB)
Councillor Mary McGarry	Personal Interest	St Peter's R.C Primary School (CB)
Councillor Roderick McKerlich	Personal Interest	LA School Governor for Radyr Comprehensive School
Councillor Roderick McKerlich	Personal Interest	LA School Governor for Radyr Primary School
Councillor Dan Naughton	Personal Interest	St David's C.W Primary School
Councillor Oliver Owen	Personal Interest	Ton-Yr-Ywen Primary School (CB)
Councillor Jackie Parry	Personal Interest	St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School (CB)
Councillor Ramesh Patel	Personal Interest	Fitzalan High School (CB)
Councillor Ramesh Patel	Personal Interest	Lansdowne Primary School
Councillor Mike Phillips	Personal Interest	Whitchurch Primary School
Councillor Dianne Rees	Personal Interest	St Mellons C.W Primary School
Councillor Emma Sandrey	Personal Interest	Springwood Primary School
Councillor Kanaya Singh	Personal Interest	Kitchener Primary School (CB)

Councillor Ed Stubbs	Personal Interest	Moorland Primary School
Councillor Ed Stubbs	Personal Interest	Willows High School (CB)
Councillor Rhys Taylor	Personal Interest	Ysgol Mynydd Bychan
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	Willows High School (CB)
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	Ysgol Glan Morfa
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Personal Interest	Grangetown Nursery School
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Personal Interest	Ninian Park Primary School (CB)
Councillor David Walker	Personal Interest	Llysfaen Primary School
Councillor Chris Weaver	Personal Interest	Cathays High School (CB)
Councillor Chris Weaver	Personal Interest	Gladstone Primary School
Councillor Caro Wild	Personal Interest	Kitchener Primary School (CB)
Councillor Joel Williams	Personal Interest	Oakfield Primary School
Councillor Joel Williams	Personal Interest	The Hollies School
Councillor Peter Wong	Personal Interest	Cathays High School (CB)
Councillor Peter Wong	Personal Interest	Roath Park Primary School (CB)
Councillor Diane Rees	Personal Interest	As a member of the Old St Mellons Community Council
Councillor Joel Williams	Personal Interest	As a member of the Old St Mellons Community Council
Councillor Gavin Hill-John	Personal Interest	As a member of the Pentyrch Community Council
Councillor Rod McKerlich	Personal Interest	As a member of the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council
Councillor Graham Thomas	Personal Interest	As a member of the St Fagans Community Council
Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard	Personal Interest	As a member of Tongwynlais Community Council
Councillor Linda Morgan	Personal Interest	As a member of Tongwynlais Community Council
Councillor Jayne Cowan	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Stephen Cunnah	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Jane Henshaw	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Keith Jones	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Adrian Robson	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Councillor Michael	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee
Councillor Caro Wild	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet
Councillor Sarah Merry	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Public Services Board
Councillor Michael	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Councillor Weaver	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Councillor Michael	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Shared Regulatory Services
Councillor Mackie	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Shared Regulatory Services
Councillor Hinchey	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Regional Adoption Collaborative Joint Committee
Councillor Gavin Hill-John	Personal Interest	As a Non-Executive member appointed to the Cardiff Bus
Councillor Chris Lay	Personal Interest	As a Non-Executive member appointed to the Cardiff Bus
Councillor Emma Sandrey	Personal Interest	As a Non-Executive member appointed to the Cardiff Bus
Councillor Sarah Merry	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Cardiff & Vale College & WJEC Board
Councillor Joe Boyle	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Local Government Association General Assembly
Councillor Sarah Merry	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Local Government Association General Assembly

Councillor Adrian Robson	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Local Government Association General Assembly
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Local Government Association General Assembly
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Dan De'Ath	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Saeed Ebrahim	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Dan Naughton	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Joel Williams	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Susan Elsmore	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Russell Goodway	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Sarah Merry	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Michael	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Huw Thomas	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Chris Weaver	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Welsh Local Government Association Council
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	Member of Caerau Sports Trust

Councillor Naughton	Personal Interest	A family member is in receipt of a Pension from Cardiff Bus
Councillor Naughton	Personal Interest	A family Member is currently employed by a contractor who is undertaking work on a School site for Cardiff Council
Councillor Bowden	Personal Interest	In receipt of the Council's Telecare Service
Councillor Driscoll	Personal Interest	As a joint leaseholder of a Council Asset
Councillor Bale	Personal Interest	Member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Bale	Personal Interest	A family member in receipt of a Pension from Cardiff Council.
Councillor Elsmore	Personal Interest	As an independent Member on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board member
Councillor Elsmore	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Simmons	Personal Interest	Member of the Caerau Sports Trust
Councillor Simmons	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Cowan	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Robson	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Williams	Personal Interest	On the Board of Management Cartref Care Homes
Councillor Goddard	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Taylor	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Bowen-Thomson	Personal Interest	As a member appointed to the Police & Crime Panel
Councillor Gibson	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor McEvoy	Personal Interest	As a member of the Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor McEvoy	Personal Interest	Member of Cardiff City Supporters Trust
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Personal Interest	Member of Cardiff City Supporters Trust
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	Member of Cardiff City Supporters Trust

Councillor Peter Bradbury	Personal Interest	As a trustee of the Cardiff Story Museum
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The Lord Mayor advised that the Chief Executive had a pecuniary interest in Item 10, the Appointment of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

123 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting³ 29 November 2018, 31 January 2019 (cancelled meeting) and Extraordinary meeting 14 February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

124 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question 1 – *Mr Cadan Ap Tomos*

What did the Council do to encourage those visiting Cardiff, for Christmas shopping and other festive activities, out of their cars and onto public transport?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

The Council worked with a range of partners to promote the use of sustainable transport modes over the festive season.

A dedicated team of Council officers joined representatives from the retail sector, South Wales Police, bus companies and taxi operators worked closely throughout the festive period to deal with any issues that would arise.

Timetable information was made available through a number of outlets, including Traveline Cymru and the websites of Cardiff Bus and Transport for Wales. Visit Cardiff also published a Christmas events guide supplying travel information on public transport and Park & Ride services.

We also continue to provide provision for people to travel by bike, including the growth of the Nextbike scheme and we have doubled the number of bike stands across the centre of the city.

Supplementary Question– *Mr Cadan Ap Tomos*

Anyone coming into Cardiff in the run up to Christmas would have been met with a very long stationary queue of cars waiting to get into a car park, and frankly, there is no wonder given the travel information that was made available to visitors.

The Council's own website focused on telling people where to park in the City with scarce mention of how to get in by bus, train or Park & Ride. The Winter Wonderland website gives only information about nearby parking nothing on public transport. The Christmas Market website prioritises car travel and parking over public transport alternatives, with no mention at all of the Park & Ride service available. Moreover, all

of this is without thinking of more proactive ways to communicate with those coming from outside of our City.

These should have been easy wins. Nevertheless, sadly it seems the administration is still promoting car travel as the default option.

How do you plan to fix these things for next Christmas and for other busy periods that require special advice, and what proactive steps will you take to encourage Cardiff visitors to leave their cars at home when they visit?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Whilst I take on board that traffic does build up during festive periods, car traffic that is, I have to take your word that it was quite as bad as it seems in terms of the information that was out there, because the information certainly that I saw showed a lot of information pushing people towards those different modes of transport.

I know we opened up Park & Ride on Sundays and we had to put on extra Park & Ride services because of the demand for those services.

In terms of what we are going to do going forward, I don't want to list the whole host of things we are looking to do across public transport in the City, as you will have seen recently a Green Paper to make suggestions on all sorts of sustainable modes. However, I am happy to take on board some of the ideas you have given there and that you may wish to give in the future and I will take those up with Officers. .

Public Question 2, from Mr Gavin Brookman had been withdrawn on his request.

Public Question 3 – *Rahema Zaman*

What is the Council doing to ensure our leisure centres serve the community?

Reply – *Councillor Bradbury*

I really appreciate the opportunity to say what the Council is doing in this area. The Council is fully committed to ensuring that its leisure centres are meeting the needs of the communities that they serve and is working closely with GLL, its leisure partner, to this end.

GLL regularly review the activity programme in order to address the needs of the wider community. This can be evidenced at Fairwater Leisure Centre through the Lets Get Moving Programme, in partnership with the NHS, which supports stroke rehabilitation. At Eastern Leisure Centre, the Walking Netball and Walking Football Programmes are also supporting such rehabilitation.

The #Innerstrength programme has proved very popular, offering young girls the opportunity to participate in physical activity, as well as learning about health and well-being through workshops provided by professional health advisors. This programme takes place at Eastern Leisure Centre and has recently been expanded to offer activities at the STAR Hub.

This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

There is also a strong commitment to improving health, well-being and opportunities across the communities of Cardiff by supporting the next generation of athletes via the GLL Sport Foundation Programme. This operates annually and, last year, 47 young athletes benefitted from a financial and developmental perspective.

Following the creation of the partnership with the Council, GLL have been able to demonstrate an increase in both participation rates and memberships. There has also been significant investment in our leisure centres and, by the turn of the new financial year, the leisure portfolio will have benefitted from £3.4 Million of investment, something I hope Members will vote for today.

This is just a snapshot and against the backdrop of an extremely challenging financial climate, not only do our leisure centres remain open, but also the Council is able to demonstrate a strong commitment to investment in and diversification of the offer, to meet community needs.

Supplementary Question– *Rahema Zaman*

Just to give some context, for the past 25 years I have been able to go swimming with my children at Maindy swimming pool to the female only sessions. However, since GLL have taken over, this provision has been slowly eroded so that mothers now can no longer go swimming with their daughters at Maindy swimming pool. No one aged under 16 can attend the women only sessions.

Will the Cabinet Member look into reinstating these sessions for young girls as my daughter is extremely disappointed that she can no longer go swimming?.

Reply – *Councillor Bradbury*

I am sorry to hear about your personal case with Maindy Leisure Centre and of course am very happy to take up that specific case and speak to GLL about it.

GLL also have to adhere to strict a Health and Safety policy, a key element of which is in relation of use of their swimming pools and their explanation has been that their swimming pool policy requires that an adult who is a competent swimmer must accompany all under 16 no-swimmers. Therefore, they should not be stopping you from going swimming if you are a competent swimmer in the female only sessions.

I am happy to take up your specific case with GLL and hopefully get the outcome you are looking for.

125 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Councillor	No of signatures	Topic
Councillor Hinchey	335	Calling on Cardiff Council to put pressure on Cardiff Bus not to withdrawn bus

		services – 51/53 and 86 from Heath Ward
Councillor Walker	549	Calling on the Cardiff Council to put pressure on Cardiff Bus not to withdraw bus services from Lisvane
Councillor Driscoll	170	Calling on Cardiff Council to put pressure on Cardiff Bus not to withdrawn bus services – 66 from Llandaff Ward

126 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

The Lord Mayor had sent condolences to the widow and family of former Cardiff Councillor Robert (Bob) Smith, Councillor for Llanishen from June 2004 to May 2012 and an active Member of the Licensing and Public Protection Committees.

Former City and County Councillor Frederick Herbert Yeomans passed away on 12 February 2019 at the age of 90. He served on both the City Council from 1973 -1979 and South Glamorgan County Council from 1980 as a Councillor for the Rumney and Llanrumney Wards.

Former South Glamorgan County Councillor Colin Champion who served the Central Ward (part of Cathays in 1981 – 1989 had also passed away.

Civic Events

The monthly report on the [Civic Events](#) since the last meeting had been published for this meeting.

Lord Mayor's Charity Fundraising

The Lord Mayor was delighted to report that her fundraising for the Tiny Lives Noah's Arch Appeal had reached £113,000, and drew Members attention to forthcoming events.

127 : APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER & ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

(The Chief Executive had a pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration)

The Council received a report in respect of the roles of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, which have previously been combined and performed by a single person. Each role is a personal responsibility, independent and separate from their duties as an employee of the council. Currently the roles are held by the Corporate Director Resources due to her extensive experience of election and registration work although it is noted that the vast majority of councils in Wales have appointed their Heads of Paid Service to undertake both roles, a position that is increasingly favoured by the Electoral Commission and reflected in their performance monitoring arrangements.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas proposed and Councillor Robson seconded that the council's Chief Executive undertakes these roles for Cardiff Council on the retirement of the Corporate Director Resources. There were no matters raised in relation to this proposal.

RESOLVED – That

1. the appointment of the Chief Executive as Electoral Registration Officer for the constituencies contained within the area of the City and County of Cardiff was approved with effect from 3 April 2019;
2. the appointment of the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for the election of County Councillors and Community Councillors within the area of the City and County of Cardiff was approved with effect from 3 April 2019.

128 : COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance proposed the recommendation in the report to use discretionary powers for Council Tax Premiums on long-term empty properties. The proposal had been subject to public consultation at the end of last year.

It was recognised that empty and boarded up properties within the city had a significant impact on communities with issues of fly tipping, nuisance, vandalism, criminal activity and visual deterioration, all of which have the potential to adversely affect neighbouring properties and residents.

In addition, empty properties also represent a wasted resource in light of the significant demand for housing within the city. This proposal would act as a nudge to the need to bring these properties back into use.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities seconded the report and drew attention to the need to bring properties back into use. Properties are often empty for a range of complex issues. It was important to balance resources in relation to demand for housing and this proposal would, if successful, help to bring properties back into use.

The Lord Mayor invited debate and in general the proposal was welcomed as a way of bring properties back into use particularly as family homes. Some concerns which were acknowledged by the Cabinet Member were raised around the consultation process its robustness, depth and reach and the importance of engaging with more people. It was recognised that there were a range of reasons for the 1400 empty properties. A concern was also raised about the support given to landlords and around the number of properties private and council left empty for significant periods.

RESOLVED – That with effect 1 April 2019, it was approved that a 50% Council Tax Premium is applied to long term empty dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of 12 months or more.

129 : CARDIFF COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2019-22

The Leader of the Council proposed the new Corporate Plan for 2019-22, which had been developed in tandem with the process for developing and setting the Council's budget for 2019/20. The Plan represented the administrations ambitions and aspirations for the capital city and the people of Cardiff and Wales. The Plan is the Council vision, policy and delivery framework set within the context of ensuring everyone benefits from the city's success; continuing improvements in education and school attainment; the ambition of equity and social justice across all communities; balanced against sustained and severe financial pressures within public services.

The Leader did not accept either of the amendments to the report.

The Corporate Plan was seconded by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Councillor Merry reiterated the administration priorities to deliver on creating opportunities; tackling inequalities, poverty and ill health, action on homelessness and protection of the most vulnerable in society.

The Lord Mayor advised that two amendments to the report had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24a.

Amendment 1

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Robson to propose the amendment.

Councillor Robson advised that the amendment sought to replace the recommendation with the following which would require the Cabinet to consider a policy on how it plans for Council Tax in the future

This Council is recommended to defer consideration of the Corporate Plan until a future Council meeting to enable the Cabinet to bring forward a revised plan in the interim, which includes a clear position for Cardiff residents as to what the administration's plans are for the levels of Council Tax in future years.

Councillor Cowan seconded the amendment.

Amendment 2

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Boyle to propose the amendment.

Councillor Boyle advised that the amendment sought to replace the recommendation with the following, which drew on social determinants to improve the life changes and disparities across the city in the future.

This Council is recommended to defer consideration of the Corporate Plan until a future Council meeting to enable the Cabinet to bring forward a revised plan in the interim that gauges the Council's progress in closing the city's equality gap through specific KPIs for:

- a) *improving outcomes for vulnerable children and families;*

- b) *improving educational outcomes for BAME children;*
- c) *reducing health inequalities, and differences in life expectancy, which exist between different communities in Cardiff including between the most and least affluent communities.*

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Corporate Plan. During the debate observations were made about:

- The ambition and targets in the Corporate Plan and that Cardiff should be striving to achieve more.
- The challenges for services and key priorities such as early intervention and the importance of the early help gateways;
- strengthening of preventative and support services;
- the importance of education opportunities and attainment for all pupils irrespective of their background;
- tackling inequalities particularly in health and poverty,
- tackling homelessness;
- the development of a Food Strategy;
- improved chances for children and young people in and leaving care;
- increasing in number of foster carers;
- involving young people in decisions that effect their future;
- environmental issues such as reduction in carbon emissions; and climate change and waste reduction;
- partnership working on the seven objectives.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader to respond to the points raised.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the first amendment proposed by Councillor Robson.

The vote on the amendment was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the first amendment proposed by Councillor Boyle.

The vote on the amendment was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations in the report as proposed by the Leader Councillor Huw Thomas.

The Vote was CARRIED.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Corporate Plan 2019-22 was approved;
2. delegate authority was approved for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the

Corporate Plan 2019-22 (Appendix A) following consideration by Council on 28 February 2019 and prior to publication by 1 April 2019; and

delegate authority was approved for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the Performance Target Setting Summary 2019/20 (Appendix B) following publication of the 2018/19 Quarter 4 performance results.

130 : BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019 - 2020

(Members declarations of interest under Article 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Minute Number 126 were noted)

The Council was requested to consider and approve the Cabinet Budget Proposals for 2018 - 2019.

Three alternative budget proposals had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, included necessary Statutory Officer advice, and had been circulated as part of the Amendment Sheet.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member, Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver to propose the Cabinet Budget.

The Cabinet Member presented the administration budget for approval. The budget as proposed is set within a challenging financial outlook and aims to build on the Cardiff Ambition principles and maintaining focus on performance and statutory services; modernisation; streamlining services; making best use of technology; income generation and developing stronger partnerships and links locally, regionally and nationally.

The budget would invest in core priorities for the city – education and young people, schools organisational planning - Band B projects; school repairs; housing; community hub programme, infrastructure and cycle highway network; jobs opportunities and economic and growth; protection of the most vulnerable children and adults of the city and taking action to tackle homelessness.

The Cabinet Member detailed proposed budget to address the £32.4m gap. These included a further £19,157m directorate savings; draw down on reserves and a Council tax net increase of 4.9%, which would raise £6,745million. The Cabinet Member referred to the Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital financing, and the use of the Financial Resilience Mechanism and risk assessment, all tools used in the budget planning process for 2019/20. He highlighted the Budget Strategy for future years with the need to plan for approx. £105m savings over next 3 years.

The Cabinet Member welcomed that the amendments broadly supported the principles of the proposed budget however; the use of contingency and resilience would put the Council's resources at risk and weaken its resilience for years to come.

The Cabinet Member thanked Cabinet colleagues; Group Leaders and spokespersons; Scrutiny Chairs, Members, the Section 151 Officer, Senior

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Management, and all those involved in bringing together the budget proposals, and commended the Cabinet proposal to Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas seconded the proposed Budget 2019/20. .

The Leader focussed on the key principles of the Cardiff Ambition of equity and social justice, bridging the gap between those in poverty and those that prosper from education, employment and economy growth. Investing in education; schools and young people was a priority as well as providing access to good jobs, sustainable and accessible public transport and a living wage

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

Councillor Gavin Hill-John proposed the Conservative alternative budget proposal and spoke on the amendment. Councillor Robson seconded the amendment and spoke.

Councillor Berman proposed the Liberal Democrat alternative budget proposal and spoke on the amendment. Councillor Boyle seconded the amendment and spoke.

Councillor McEvoy proposed the Plaid Cymru alternative budget proposal and spoke on the amendment. Councillor Gibson seconded the amendment and spoke.

The Lord Mayor invited debate of the Cabinet proposals and the three alternative proposals.

Members commented on the budget proposals and the amendments and raised a number of matters including the level of the rise of Council Tax and the need for a clear strategy for Council Tax going forward and the burden the rise will put on citizens. Members once again commented on the consultation process and depth of responses and poor engagement with young people.

Members recognised the difficulties in meeting the demands for adults and children's services and the importance of supporting and protecting vulnerable children and adults, the support provided by independent living services and the importance of tackling loneliness and providing support to citizens with dementia, out of county placements. Members welcomed the commitment to further invest in community hubs and libraries.

Members suggested ways of using resources for better outcomes in particular around early help and invention services and family support. The issue of the business rates and the allocation given to Cardiff as the economic hub and the Capital City of Wales was raised.

Members stressed the importance of investment in young people, education, additional learning needs; youth services; fostering services; care leavers, employment and training; development of affordable social housing provisions,

support for rough sleepers and the provision of safe and accessible accommodation; the need to tackle poverty and support for a Food Strategy.

Members discussed investment in infrastructure – potholes and traffic schemes; the promotion of active travel - walking and cycling; safe routes to schools and school transport; and the need for progress on the Central Station.

The importance of Scrutiny feedback was highlighted particularly in relation to the economic and cultural aspects of the city in relation to the city's heritage and parks, tourism and City Centre management. Music Strategy and greater ambition. Environmental issues including clean cities and reduction pollution and waste, clean energy initiatives.

Members raised concerns about the use of contingency and reserve.

The Lord Mayor thanked Members for their contribution to the debate and invited the Cabinet Member Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver to respond to matters raised during the debate.

Lord Mayor took the votes as follows: -

The vote on the Conservative amendment proposed by Councillor Gavin Hill- John was LOST.

The vote on the Liberal Democrat amendment proposed by Councillor Berman was LOST.

The vote on the Plaid Cymru amendment by Councillor McEvoy was LOST.

The vote on the recommendations as proposed in the report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED – That Council

1.	Approved the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 4.9% as set out in this report and that the Council resolve the following terms.	
2.	Noted that at its meeting on 13 December 2018 Cabinet calculated the following number of dwelling equivalents for the year 2019/20 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-	
	(a)	145,499 being the number 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
		Pentyrch
		2,409
		3,280

		Radyr	3,783
		St Fagans	1,423
		Old St Mellons	1,828
		Tongwynlais	817
	being the numbers 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	Agreed that the following amounts be now calculated by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the year 2019/20 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 £396,847).	
			£1,026,008,847
	(b)	Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c).	
			£405,173,000
	(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.	
			£620,835,847
	(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.	
			£444,629,480
	(e)	The amount at 2.1(c) above less the amount at 2.1(d) (net of the amount for discretionary relief of £400,000), 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.	
			£1,213.80
	(f)	Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).	
			£396,847
	(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	
			£1,211.07
	(h)	The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.1(g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned below, divided in each case by the amount at 2.0(b) above, calculated in accordance with Section	

		34(3) as the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which special items relate.
		£
		Lisvane 1,227.26
		Pentyrch 1,258.33
		Radyr 1,243.94
		St Fagans 1,225.48
		Old St Mellons 1,231.31
		Tongwynlais 1,236.77
	(i)	The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.1(g) and 2.1(h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in the Council Tax (Valuation Bands) (Wales) Order 2003 is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
AREA									
Lisvane	818.18	954.53	1090.89	1227.26	1499.98	1772.71	2045.42	2454.52	2863.60
Pentyrch	838.88	978.70	1118.51	1258.33	1537.95	1817.58	2097.21	2516.66	2936.09
Radyr	829.29	967.51	1105.72	1273.94	1520.36	1796.80	2073.22	2487.88	2902.52
St Fagans	816.98	953.15	1089.31	1225.48	1497.80	1770.13	2042.62	2450.96	2859.44
Old St Mellons	820.86	957.68	1094.49	1231.31	1504.93	1778.56	2052.17	2462.62	2873.05
Tongwynlais	824.50	961.93	1099.34	1236.77	1511.60	1786.44	2061.27	2473.54	2885.79
All other parts of the Council's area	807.37	941.94	1076.50	1211.07	1480.19	1749.32	2018.44	2422.14	2825.82

2.2 noted that for the year 2019/20, 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
171.68	200.29	228.91	257.52	314.75	371.97	429.20	515.04	600.88

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 sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-								
VALUATION BANDS									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Area									
Lisvane	989.84	1154.82	1319.80	1484.78	1814.73	2144.68	2474.62	2969.56	3464.48
Pentyrch	1010.56	1178.99	1347.42	1515.85	1852.70	2189.55	2526.41	3031.70	3536.98
Radyr	100.96	1167.80	1334.63	1501.46	1835.11	2168.77	2502.42	3002.92	3503.40
St Fagans	988.66	1153.44	1318.22	1483.83	1819.68	2150.53	2481.37	2977.66	3473.93
Old St Mellons	992.54	1157.97	1323.40	1488.83	1819.68	2150.53	2481.37	2977.66	3473.93
Tongwynlais	996.18	1162.22	1328.25	1494.29	1826.35	2158.41	2490.47	2988.58	3486.67
All other parts of the Council's area	979.05	1142.23	1305.41	1468.59	1794.94	2121.29	2447.64	2937.18	3426.70
2.4	Authorised 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 2019 to March 2020 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £37,469,009.								
2.5	Agreed that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.								
2.6	agreed that the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 namely								
		£							
	County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	113,864							
	Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	12,736							
2.7	Agreed 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.	in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and subsequent amendments and the CIPFA Prudential Code and Treasury Management Codes of Practice:								
	(a)	Approved the Capital Strategy 2019/20.							
	(b)	Approved the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 and							

		authorise the Section 151 Officer to raise such funds as may be required to finance capital expenditure by temporary or long-term borrowing.
	(c)	Approved the Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 to 2023/24 including the affordable borrowing limit
	(d)	Delegated 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 and to bring forward or delay schemes within the Capital Programme.
	(e)	Approved the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2019/20.
4.		Approved the Budgetary Framework outlined in this report including the Affordability Envelope detailed in this report. This will be subject to the approval of a business case in respect of the indoor arena and the financial implications of such a decision being within the affordability and borrowing implications outlined.
5.		Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in the report.

131 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business

132 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Council was requested to approve nominations to vacancies in accordance with political group wishes and as reported on the amendment sheet for Council.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments to Committee vacancies be approved in accordance with Party Group wishes:

Committee	Appointment
Audit Committee	Cllr Susan Goddard Cllr Joel Williams
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	Cllr Sean Driscoll
Council Appeal Committee	Cllr Chris Lay
Democratic Services Committee	Cllrs Chris Lay
Licensing Committee	Cllr Bowen-Thomson Cllr Kathryn Kelloway
Public Protection	Cllr Elaine Simmons
Planning Committee	
Children & Young People Scrutiny	Cllr Stephen Cunnah
Community & Adult Scrutiny Committee	Vacant
Policy Review & Performance	Vacant

Scrutiny	
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	Vacant
Health & Safety Forum	Cllr Graham Hinchey

133 : APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council was requested to approve nominations to Cardiff Bus in accordance with political group wishes and as reported on the amendment sheet for Council.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments are confirmed as Non- Executive Directors on Cardiff Bus: - Councillors Gavin Hill-John, Owen Jones Chris Lay, Emma Sandrey and Kanaya Singh

134 : URGENT DECISION: INTERVENTION ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This report was submitted for information only.

135 : URGENT DECISION: STREETSCENE VEHICLES

This report was submitted for information only.

(The meeting closed at 21.25pm)