

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met remotely on 21 May 2020 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 15 May 2020.

Present: County Councillor Dan De'Ath(Lord Mayor)

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

27 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elsmore and Walker

28 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

Councillor	Item Number	Nature of Interest
Councillor Simmons	7	Personal as Member Pension and Credit Union
Councillor Williams	7	Personal as employed by BCB International who supply PPE to public bodies, including the Council

29 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 27 February 2020, were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

30 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cardiff Council Staff Working for Cardiff

The Lord Mayor personally thanked the thousands of Cardiff Council staff working incredibly hard for the city throughout the COVID-19 crisis and expressed his and his

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Councillors colleagues' gratitude, appreciation and pride in the work that is being undertaken.

From social care to education, supporting the homeless to providing food and provisions for those in need, continuing to support the vulnerable, collecting waste and recycling, keeping our parks and green spaces safe - the list of services that are being provided under incredibly challenging circumstances is a long one.

1,200 Registered Volunteers

The Together for Cardiff volunteer force is a 1,200-strong group of residents from across the city.

Volunteers that have joined Together for Cardiff are doing vital work in helping the vulnerable, including delivering provisions and providing support throughout this difficult time.

Donations to the Food Appeal

Cardiff Council's Food Appeal has raised almost £100,000 to help people in need with emergency food and essentials.

The initiative has been set-up to ensure that those experiencing financial difficulties are able to buy food, and to provide for those who cannot shop for themselves at this time.

All of the money raised from the appeal will be spent on food and essentials.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Democratic Services Officers who have supported all elected members to access this meeting, provide training and support this way of working going forward.

31 : GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the report, which allowed Council to agree changes to its governance arrangements during the period when normal business operations were disrupted due to government restrictions and additional service pressures arising from the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Leader made reference to the amendment received from the Liberal Democrat Group and confirmed that the amendment had been accepted. The establishment of the COVID-19 Scrutiny Panel, comprising of the five Scrutiny Chairpersons

The report was seconded by Councillor Adrian Robson who reiterated how Council services and priorities were being adapted to support the crisis.

An amendment had been received from the Liberal Democrat Group, proposed by Councillor Boyle and seconded by Councillor Berman

Council is recommended to:

Bring forward by the time of the next Council meeting, a proposal for the reintroduction of written questions, to which answers would be provided as part of the formal record of the meeting.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the item.

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

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations in the report, including the additional recommendation 6 outlined on the amendment sheet.

The Vote was CARRIED.

32 : LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Council Councillor Huw Thomas to propose the nomination for the Lord Mayor Elect.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Adrian Robson to second the nomination.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that Councillor Rod McKerlich was the Lord Mayor Elect for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Joe Boyle to propose the nomination for the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Welsh National Party, Councillor Keith Parry, to second the nomination.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that Councillor Lyn Hudson was the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

33 : STATEMENT OF THE LEADER IN RELATION TO COVID 19

Council received the [Statement of the Leader](#), which included updates from all Cabinet Member Portfolios.

Questions had been received to the Statement from all Political Groups and Councillor Bowden. Fifteen questions had been received on a politically proportional basis from the following Councillors:

Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Sean Driscoll
Councillor Bablin Molik
Councillor Keith Parry
Councillor Norma Mackie
Councillor Lyn Hudson
Councillor Mia Rees
Councillor Lee Bridgeman
Councillor Rodney Berman
Councillor Owen Jones
Councillor Dilwar Ali

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Councillor Iona Gordon
Councillor Burke-Davies
Councillor Oliver Owen
Councillor Rhys Taylor
Councillor Fenella Bowden

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members responded to questions raised in relation to:

- Finance, lost income discussion with Welsh Government. Staff income based eligible for furlough. Alternative budget when the Council starts to come out of crisis as current the budget was now out of date.
- Transport, reduction in traffic, plans to install infrastructure in relation to new crossings and cost of schemes.
- Financial viability of transport for Cardiff during the crisis.
- 20 mile hour speed signs in the City and measures in place to enforce them.
- Homelessness, how the Council responded to the homeless and the support provided when dealing with the crisis, including providing accommodation.
- Traffic signs, re-design of public spaces and shopping centres, operation of hubs and libraries when they re-open.
- Specialist provision for primary aged children and timescales.
- Children's Services, key workers and contact with children placed on the at risk register.
- Impact on vulnerable groups, health and equality, issues with obesity, impact the virus has on black and minority groups. Impact on people from deprived areas.
- Effort provided by Waste Management recognised by residents. Timescales for waste collections and the support provided by Litter picking teams.
- Sourcing of PPE and distribution of food supply to vulnerable people.
- Measures taken to use temporary traffic orders to extend space for walking and cycling and promotion of active travel.
- Managing the cities recovery to support business and shops to re-open.
- Education, Welsh Language schools and the support provided to children with limited teacher pupil contact.
- Provision for vulnerable learners and special learners.
- Looked After Children currently placed outside of Wales receiving different advice in relation to COVID-19 response and ensuring their safety.

34 : URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent items were received.

35 : DECISIONS WHERE CALL IN HAS BEEN DISAPPLIED – FOR NOTING

- SMT/19 – 20/59
COVID-19 Civil Contingency Commission to Wild Water Cold Storage for Temporary Morgue Storage Services.

- SMT/19 – 20/61

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COVID-19 Supplier relief for Greenwich Leisure LTD (GLL)

36 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

For Council to approve appointments as Local Authority School Governors.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel, the Council approves the new appointment and re-appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out in Appendix 1, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment.

37 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes.

RESOLVED: The Council was recommended to appoint to the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.