

## THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 25 June 2020 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 19 June 2020.

Present: County Councillor De'Ath (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, 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, 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, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

### 38 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Susan Goddard.

### 39 : 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 Williams	6	Personal as employed by BCB International.

### 40 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 21 May 2020 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

### 41 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Both the Lord Mayor and Councillor Rodney Berman paid tribute to former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Cardiff Jacqui Gasson who recently passed away. A minutes silence was held.

The Lord Mayor also wished Chris Lee, Corporate Director Resources a speedy recover having recently had an accident.

42 : PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/2021

The Lord Mayor noted that as the report made reference to Senior Officer salaries, those that had been present left the meeting by switching off both their microphones and cameras.

The Lord Mayor welcomed Jon Rae from the Welsh Local Government Association to the meeting to provide advice to Council if required.

Councillor Chris Weaver, Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance proposed the report, which asked the Council to agree a Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21, in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

The report was seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Council.

A reference back had been received from the Conservative Group, proposed by Councillor Joel Williams and seconded by Councillor Adrian Robson. That document had been circulated previously – [Reference Back](#)

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the item.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Weaver to respond to the points raised. The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the reference back as proposed by Councillor Joel Williams and seconded by Councillor Adrian Robson.

The reference back was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations as outlined in the report.

The report was CARRIED.

43 : 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. Nineteen questions had been received on a politically proportional basis from the following Councillors:

Councillor Robert Hopkins  
Councillor Mia Rees  
Councillor Owen Jones  
Councillor Joe Carter  
Councillor Jayne Cowan  
Councillor Iona Gordon  
Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies  
Councillor Keith Parry  
Councillor Sean Driscoll

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Councillor Ashley Lister  
Councillor Jane Henshaw  
Councillor Rodney Berman  
Councillor Mary McGarry  
Councillor Adrian Robson  
Councillor Bob Derbyshire  
Councillor Lyn Hudson  
Councillor Bablin Molik  
Councillor Keith Parry  
Councillor Thomas Parkhill

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members responded to questions raised on the following matters:

- Education, opening of schools and support being provided to both children and parents;
- Support provided to key workers children and vulnerable children during the school recess;
- Homelessness and how the Council were dealing with rough sleepers;
- The opening of Rhiwbina Library;
- Active Travel, the temporary orders in place and if these orders could be used to stop traffic driving past schools;
- Transport, extension of the 20mph zone in Llandaff North;
- Bus services being established to support pupils being taken to and from schools, including the restart of essential routes in Cardiff;
- Transport, maintaining the levels of less traffic on the city's roads to improve air quality;
- The re-opening of play areas in the city;
- Supporting the re-opening of local business';
- The current status of the Coal Exchange;
- Re-starting the city centre, local centres and maintaining jobs;
- Business Grants, Council support to local businesses;
- Household Waste and Recycling Centres, access to this service and the amount of visits being made;
- The number of black and ethnic minority workers employed by the Council and what the Council could do to support and develop its BAME workforce; and
- The timetable in place to re-open schools.

#### 44 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Lord Mayor confirmed that Urgent Business had been received in relation to the suspension of a Councillor which Council had been asked to note.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to note that Councillor Neil McEvoy had been found in breach of the Members Code of Conduct and suspended as a Councillor for a period of 4 months with effect from 23 June 2020 until midnight on 22 October 2020.

#### 45 : CALENDAR OF REMOTE MEETINGS

The Council was asked to agree the programme of remote Council meetings to 30 September 2020, and note the proposed programme of Cabinet and Committees for that period with further consultation to be undertaken to finalise the details of some committees.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to:

1. Approve the Proposed Programme of Remote Meetings until 30 September 2020 at Appendix A
2. Note the dates of the scheduled Cabinet meetings
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Governance and Legal Services, in consultation with Chairs of Committees and relevant officers, to make any minor alterations to the Programme of Remote Meetings, to address any essential decisions required to be made during this period.

#### 46 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENTS

The Council received nominations in order to 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 AGREED to appoint vacancies on Committee's in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Groups wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

#### 47 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, Rule 17(f) [Written Questions](#) received for consideration and the response will be included as a record in the minutes of the meeting.