

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

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 9 March 2023 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 3 March 2023.

Present: County Councillor Hinchey (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Ash-Edwards, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Brown-Reckless, Burke, Carr, Carter, Chowdhury, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Ferguson-Thorne, Gibson, Goodway, Green, Gunter, Henshaw, Hopkins, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Jones, K Jones, Joyce, Kaaba, Lancaster, Latif, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Littlechild, Livesy, Lloyd Jones, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Molik, Moultrie, Owen, Palmer, Jackie Parry, Reid-Jones, Robinson, Robson, Sangani, Sattar, Shimmin, Simmons, Stubbs, Taylor, Huw Thomas, Thomson, Lynda Thorne, Waldron, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

### 16 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berman, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Owen Jones, Bridgeman and Proctor.

### 17 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The following PERSONAL declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 7 - Cardiff Council's Corporate Plan 2023- 2026

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>NATURE OF INTEREST</b>
Bradbury	Member of Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust
Carter	Interest in the Environment Actions due to employment
Gunter	Partner employed by Council (Economic Development (Arena Project))
Henshaw	Family members employed by Council, one of them with vulnerable children
Molik	CEO Sight Cymru
Molik	Owner of rental property
Thomson	Member – Management Group of Cardiff National Park City
Weaver	WLGA appointments: Board Member Data Cymru Board Member Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Committee Director, Local Authority Mutual Investments Trust

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8  
- Budget Proposals 2023 - 2024

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>NATURE OF INTEREST</b>
Cowan	PA for Dewis
Driscoll	Family Member in receipt of Care Support
Reid-Jones	Trustee & Director, Cartref Care Homes
Molik	CEO Sight Cymru
Molik	Owner of Rental Property
Henshaw	Family members employed by Council, one of them with vulnerable children
Gunter	Partner employed by Council (Economic Development (involved in Arena Project))
Palmer	Family Member employed by Council
Stubbs	Chair of Splott Community Volunteers
Chowdhury	Private Landlord
Weaver	WLGA appointments: Board Member Data Cymru Board Member Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Committee Director, Local Authority Mutual Investments Trust
Thomas	Trustee, Seren in the Community
Carter	Family Member employed at Local Authority School
Ebrahim	Family Member employed by Council
Ebrahim	Employed by Taff Housing
Bradbury	Board Member of ACE
Simmons	Board Member of ACE
Williams	Director, Cartref Care Homes
Williams	Family Member employed by Council
McEvoy	Property Repair Consultant
Waldron	Local Authority Governor (St David's College)
Ali Ahmed	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Ash-Edwards	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Boes	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Carr	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Chowdhury	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Cowan	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Davies	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
De'Ath	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Driscoll	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Ferguson-Thorne	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Gibson	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Goodway	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Keith Jones	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Jacqueline Jones	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Latif	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Lay	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Lewis	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Littlechild	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Livesy	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Mackie	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member

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McEvoy	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Melbourne	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Merry	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Michael	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Naughton	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Owen	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Palmer	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Brown-Reckless	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Reid-Jones	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Robinson	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Robson	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Singh	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Taylor	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Thomas	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Thomson	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Waldron	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Weaver	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Wild	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Williams	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Wood	Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme Member
Ali Ahmed	Local Authority School Governor
Ali	Local Authority School Governor
Ash-Edwards	Local Authority School Governor
Bradbury	Local Authority School Governor
Burke	Local Authority School Governor
Carter	Local Authority School Governor
Chowdhury	Local Authority School Governor
Cowan	Local Authority School Governor
Cunnah	Local Authority School Governor
De'Ath	Local Authority School Governor
Derbyshire	Local Authority School Governor
Driscoll	Local Authority School Governor
Ebrahim	Local Authority School Governor
Ferguson-Thorne	Local Authority School Governor
Goodway	Local Authority School Governor
Green	Local Authority School Governor
Gunter	Local Authority School Governor
Henshaw	Local Authority School Governor
Hopkins	Local Authority School Governor
Humphreys	Local Authority School Governor
Jaqueline Jones	Local Authority School Governor
Kaaba	Local Authority School Governor
Lancaster	Local Authority School Governor
Lent	Local Authority School Governor
Lewis	Local Authority School Governor
Lloyd Jones	Local Authority School Governor
Mackie	Local Authority School Governor
McGarry	Local Authority School Governor
Melbourne	Local Authority School Governor
Molik	Local Authority School Governor

Parry	Local Authority School Governor
Robinson	Local Authority School Governor
Sangani	Local Authority School Governor
Shimmin	Local Authority School Governor
Singh	Local Authority School Governor
Stubbs	Local Authority School Governor
Taylor	Local Authority School Governor
Thomas	Local Authority School Governor
Thorne	Local Authority School Governor
Weaver	Local Authority School Governor
Wild	Local Authority School Governor
Williams	Local Authority School Governor
Wong	Local Authority School Governor
Lloyd Jones	Community Council Member – Radyr & Morganstown
Cowan	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee Member
Keith Jones	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee Member
Lewis	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee Member
Mackie	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee Member
Robson	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee Member
Goodway	Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee Member
De’Ath	Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee Member
Burke	Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee Member
Lewis	Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee Member
Thomas	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Cabinet Member
De’Ath	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Transport Authority Member
Merry	Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee Member
Wild	Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee Member
Weaver	Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee Member
Weaver	Wales Pension Partnership Joint Governance Committee Member
Davies	Non-Executive Director Cardiff Bus Board
Hunt	Non-Executive Director Cardiff Bus Board
Lay	Non-Executive Director Cardiff Bus Board
Taylor	Non-Executive Director Cardiff Bus Board
Merry	Cardiff & Vale Corporation Member

The following **PREJUDICIAL** declaration of interest was received in respect of Item 8 - Budget Proposals 2023 - 2024

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>NATURE OF INTEREST</b>
Williams	Private rental leasing scheme (only required to leave meeting should the scheme be referred to)

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest was received in respect of Item 9  
– Council Tax Premiums

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>NATURE OF INTEREST</b>
Williams	Owner of rental property
Sangani	Joint owner of rental property
Sattar	Owner of rental properties
Ali Ahmed	Family Member is landlord
Ferguson-Thorne	Dealings with rental property in the city (interest in / trustee of)
Brown-Reckless	Interest in property that is vacant or might become vacant
Simmons	Private Landlord
Chowdhury	Private Landlord
Palmer	Joint owner of rental property
Molik	Owner of rental property
Robson	Owner of rental property
Cowan	Owner of rental property
Driscoll	Owner of rental property

18 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 26 January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

19 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

20 : PETITIONS

Councillor Shimmin presented a petition which contained over 51 signatures calling on the Council not to close Alder Road to through traffic.

21 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor provided an updated on a number of events attended since the last meeting of Council;

- Hosted a senior representative of the Government of Catalonia.
- India Centre for Republic Day awards ceremony
- Vision 21 Spectrum project for adult learners in Fairwater
- Welsh Livery Company Awards and met with Honorary Consulates to Wales
- Annual Holocaust Memorial Service and met with Rabbi Rose
- Llandaff Cathedral – Candlemas
- Attended the funerals of two past Lord Mayors – Cllr Keith Hyde (Pentwyn) & Cllr Brian Griffiths (Whit & Tongwynlais) and also the former Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan Mrs Kathryn (Kate) Thomas. Our condolences to all their families.
- Attended the Wales University Royal Naval Unit event at HMS Cambria

- Peace & Solidarity service at Senedd to mark 1 year of conflict in Ukraine and show our support to families who we are hosting here in Cardiff and to those in Ukraine who continue to bravely resist the Russian invasion of their sovereign nation.
- The Leader, Cllr Dilwar Ali and other dignitaries spoke at the Mother Language event at Grangemoor Park, alongside representatives of many countries here in our diverse city
- Lord Lieutenant Awards at Maindy Barracks where a number of young reserve cadets from all three services were honoured for their outstanding work and commitment.
- Taken part in a several British Citizenship ceremonies here in the Council Chamber, one of which was taken by our Dep Lord Mayor Cllr Abdul Sattar.
- Welcomed the Prince and Princess of Wales who attended the Wales v England WRU match at Principality Stadium.
- Welcomed HRH Princess Royal / Princess Anne as Patron of Tenovus attended the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert at St David's Hall last Friday evening.
- St David's Day Civic Service held at St Margaret's church. A special thanks to Reverend Cannon Stuart Lisk for conducting this lovely service.
- A special mention to Cllr Helen Lloyd-Jones who is running in the Cardiff Bay 10k for our LM charity Guide Dogs Cymru. She will be running in a full Guide Dog suit and ask that you support our colleague and spare a few pounds for this incredible woman.

## 22 : CARDIFF COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN 2023- 2026

*Members declarations of interest made in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct were noted.*

There were two Amendments to the report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas moved the report.

To enable the Cabinet to consider the draft Corporate Plan 2023-26 and recommend it to Council for approval.

The Corporate Plan forms part of the strategic policy framework set out in the Council's Constitution and is considered annually by the Council. The document outlines the organisation's strategic policy and performance priorities and also discharges the Council's strategic planning responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The report was seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Sarah Merry.

Councillor Cowan moved the first amendment.

*Delete the current wording for the recommendations in the Cabinet Proposal and replace with:*

*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 contains sufficient proposals aimed at:*

- *Helping to address the lack of interaction with Cardiff taxpayers outside of the working day.*
- *Addressing the lack of detail to compare performance against previous years.*

The first amendment was seconded by Councillor Robson.

Councillor Carter moved the second amendment.

*Delete recommendations and replace with:*

*Council is concerned that the Corporate Plan as drafted does not sufficiently meet the challenges the city faces, and recommends that it is referred back to Cabinet to be strengthened through the inclusion of:*

- *Further measures to urgently address the current growing crisis within the retail sector in the city centre*
- *More ambitious targets to increase the building of council housing and tackle rising homelessness in our city*
- *Measures to restore the bus routes that have been lost and a plan to support public transport in our city*

The second amendment was seconded by Councillor Waldron

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Corporate Plan and the amendments.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader to respond to the points raised in the debate. The Leader confirmed the amendments were not accepted.

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

The vote on the first amendment was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the second amendment proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Waldron.

The vote on the second 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 on the recommendations in the report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to:

1. Approve the draft Corporate Plan 2023-26 (Appendix A), subject to any amendments; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any minor amendments as necessary to the Corporate Plan 2023-26 following consideration by the Council on 9 March 2023 and prior to publication by 1 April 2023.

23 : BUDGET PROPOSALS 2023 - 2024

*Members declarations of interest made in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct were noted.*

The Council was requested to consider and approve the Cabinet Budget Proposals for 2023 – 2024

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

The Lord Mayor informed Council that Appendix 5(b) to this report is exempt information under Schedule 12A of Part 4 and Part 5 paragraph 21 of the Local Government Act 1972 and that should any Member indicate that they wish to discuss any of the information contained in those documents those speakers would be taken last as the Public would have to be excluded for that discussion and the recording stopped.

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

The report was a recommendation to Council of the Cabinet's proposal for the estimates of expenditure and income in order to set the Council Tax in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, having considered and reflected on the responses to all aspects of the budget consultation. The strategy and plan for the control of the Authority's borrowing and investments for the year 2023/24 (the Annual Treasury Management Strategy.) The Capital Strategy for 2023/24 including the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/24. The Prudential Code, capital expenditure and treasury indicators for 2023/24 – 2027/28. Recognise the financial challenges facing the Council, as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan and note the opportunities for savings. Recognise the work undertaken to raise awareness of, and to ensure the financial resilience of the Council. The estimates of expenditure and income for the Housing Revenue Account following the approval of the 2023/24 rent uplift by Cabinet in December 2022. Agree the rates of fees and charges for Council services for 2023/24 (with the exception of HRA fees and charges which were approved by Cabinet in December 2022).

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas seconded the proposed Budget 2023-2024.

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

Councillor Cowan proposed the Conservative alternative budget proposal and spoke on the amendment.

Councillor Robson seconded the amendment and spoke.

Councillor Taylor proposed the Liberal Democrat alternative budget proposal and spoke on the amendment.

Councillor Carter seconded the amendment and spoke.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Budget Proposals.

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

Councillor Weaver confirmed that none of the amendments would be accepted.

The Lord Mayor took the votes as follows:

The vote on the Conservative amendment proposed by Councillor Cowan was LOST.

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

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

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to:

1. Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all associated proposals and assumptions as set out in this report and increasing the Council Tax by 3.95% and that the Council resolve the following terms.
2. Note that at its meeting on 15 December 2022 Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2023/24 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - (a) 150,482 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	2,866
	Pentyrch	3,605
	Radyr	4,057
	St Fagans	1,941
	Old St Mellons	2,485
	Tongwynlais	826

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 Agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the year 2023/24 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 £541,709).
- £1,270,554,709
- (b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c).
- £468,019,000
- (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.
- £802,535,709
- (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.
- £593,605,016
- (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.
- £1,391,07
- (f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).
- £541,709
- (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
- £1,387.47,75
- (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	1,410.85
Pentyrch	1,440.07
Radyr & Morganstown	1,426.64
St Fagans	1,411.68
St Mellons	1,409.47
Tongwynlais	1,417.13

- (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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Area</b>									
Lisvane	940.57	1,097.32	1,254.09	1,410.85	1,724.38	2,037.89	2,351.42	2,821.70	3,291.98
Pentyrch	960.05	1,120.05	1,280.07	1,440.07	1,760.09	2,080.10	2,400.12	2,880.14	3,360.16
Radyr	951.09	1,109.61	1,268.13	1,426.64	1,743.67	2,060.70	2,377.73	2,853.28	3,328.83
St. Fagans Old St.	941.12	1,097.97	1,254.83	1,411.68	1,725.39	2,039.09	2,352.80	2,823.36	3,293.92
Mellons	939.65	1,096.25	1,252.87	1,409.47	1,722.69	2,035.90	2,349.12	2,818.94	3,288.76
Tongwynlais	944.75	1,102.21	1,259.67	1,417.13	1,732.05	2,046.96	2,361.88	2,834.26	3,306.64
All other parts of the Council's Area	924.98	1,079.14	1,233.31	1,387.47	1,695.80	2,004.12	2,312.45	2,774.94	3,237.43

- 2.2 Note that for the year 2023/24, 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
216.31	252.37	288.42	324.47	396.57	468.68	540.78	648.94	757.10

- 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 2023/24 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	1,156.88	1,349.69	1,542.51	1,735.32	2,120.95	2,506.57	2,892.20	3,470.64	4,049.08
Pentyrch	1,176.36	1,372.42	1,568.49	1,764.54	2,156.66	2,548.78	2,940.90	3,529.08	4,117.26
Radyr	1,167.40	1,361.98	1,556.55	1,751.11	2,140.24	2,529.38	2,918.51	3,502.22	4,085.93
St. Fagans	1,157.43	1,350.34	1,543.25	1,736.15	2,121.96	2,507.77	2,893.58	3,472.30	4,051.02
Old St. Mellons	1,155.96	1,348.62	1,541.29	1,733.94	2,119.26	2,504.58	2,889.90	3,467.88	4,045.86
Tongwynlais	1,161.06	1,354.58	1,548.09	1,741.60	2,128.62	2,515.64	2,902.66	3,483.20	4,063.74
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,141.29	1,331.51	1,521.73	1,711.94	2,092.37	2,472.80	2,853.23	3,423.88	3,994.53

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 2019 to March 2020 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £48,826,895.

2.5 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.

2.6 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 namely

	£
County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	152,438
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	17,053

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. 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) Approve the Capital Strategy 2023/24.
- (b) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 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) Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 to 2027/2028 including the affordable borrowing limit

- (d) Delegate 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) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/24.
4. Approve the Budgetary Framework outlined in the report.
5. Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in this report.

## 24 : COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS

*Members declarations of interest made in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct were noted.*

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the Cabinet resolved to undertake a consultation exercise on a proposal to both introduce a premium for properties that are occupied periodically (including second homes) and to consider amending the current level of premium for long term empty dwellings.

There was one amendment to the report.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver formally moved the report.

The report was formally seconded by Councillor Thorne.

Councillor Carter moved the amendment:

- *Amend the following paragraphs and replace as follows:*
- *Paragraph 20 – replace 100% with 200% in the first sentence and 200% to 300% in the last sentence*
- *Paragraph 21 – replace 100% with 200% in the first sentence, and replace 200% to 300% in the last sentence*
- *Paragraph 29 – replace this with – ‘Currently the existing premium of 50% on long term empty property is generating circa £400,000 per annum, Should this premium increase to 200% it is estimated that will generate an additional £800,000 which will take the total to circa £1.2 million per annum.’*
- *Paragraph 34 – replace 100% to 200%*
- *Recommendation (1) – replace 100% with 200%*
- *Recommendation (2) – replace 100% with 200%*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report and amendment.

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

Councillor Weaver confirmed that none of the amendments would be accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the amendment moved by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Taylor.

The vote on the amendment was LOST.

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

The vote on the recommendations in the report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED:

1. That with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the premium charge of 50% be increased to 100% on long term empty dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of 12 months or more.

That with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 that a premium charge of 100% be applied to second homes and furnished dwellings that are not anyone's main home.

25 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

26 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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 AGREED:

To receive the nominations and appoint to the vacancies on the Committee's, in accordance with the Party Group wishes as set out in Table A and on the Amendment Sheet.