

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 May 2023 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 19 May 2023.

Present: County Councillor Hinchey (Lord Mayor)

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

53 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Bowen-Thomson, Owen Jones, Lay

54 : ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2023 - 2024

The Annual Council received a nomination, proposed by Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by Councillor Rodney Berman, elect to the role of the Rt. Hon, the Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Chairman of Cardiff Council.

The nomination was that Councillor Bablin Molik be elected Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Chairman of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2023- 2024.

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED – That Councillor Bablin Molik be elected as Lord Mayor and Chairman of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the Municipal Year 2023 – 2024. The Lord Mayor was invested with his chains of office. (Members showed their appreciation with applause).

The Chief Executive invited the Lord Mayor to sign the Declaration of Acceptance

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Bablin Molik confirmed that the Consort was Mr Molik Musaddek Ahmed for 2023-2024 Municipal Year.

55 : ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2023 - 2024

The Annual Council received a nomination, proposed by Councillor Adrian Robson and seconded by Councillor Andrea Gibson, to the role of election of the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2023 – 2024.

The nomination was that Councillor Jane Henshaw be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2023 - 2024.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jane Henshaw be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2023- 2024

Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor Jane Henshaw was invested with the chains of office.

The Chief Executive invited the Deputy Lord Mayor to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.

The Deputy Lord Mayor confirmed that the Consort Mrs Angharad Anderson.

56 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors present declared a personal interest in Item 14 – Members’ Remuneration and Allowances 2023 – 2024 which are approved by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

57 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 30 March 2023 and the 27 April 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

58 : CARDIFF UNDERTAKING

All Elected Members were required to publicly reaffirm and formally sign their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking annually at the Annual Council meeting.

The Cardiff Undertaking provides an opportunity for Elected Members to commit to using their term of office to work for the Council, the City and its citizens; to commit to the role of being a corporate parent; and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council, which includes a commitment to undertaking all training identified as essential for them to properly discharge their roles.

RESOLVED – That Elected Members present showed their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking by publicly reaffirming and signing a copy of the Undertaking.

59 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am eternally humbled to know that Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk will indeed continue in his office as Honorary Chaplain and it also gives me great pleasure to announce that we will also have our first Muslim female imam, Alima Amina Shaban as Lord Mayor's Honorary Chaplain. This council has for many years welcomed prayers from different faith and none faith groups to reflect the population and we will indeed continue to do so. At the marble hall there will be many civic guests alongside representatives from different groups.

My commitment to the citizens of this great and diverse city is that LM office will be welcoming of all and I will do my utmost to reach out and meet with people from across the city. I look forward to receiving invites from all wards across the city and attending events and functions amongst all communities of Cardiff.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce LM charity of the year UCAN production, UCAN productions is a performance and creative arts organisation for blind and partially sighted children/young people. It is a Cardiff based organisation and they have transformed the lives of many young people in Cardiff, young people that may have been written-off due to their differing abilities. UCAN helps in building an inclusive environment for these young people and also installs confidence in them in such a way that there is absolutely nothing that these children and young people CAN't achieve in life and hence they are UCAN. At the reception you will have the opportunity to meet couple of such extraordinary young people and find out about the charity and my appeal to all in supporting this fantastic charity.

60 : LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO THE COMING MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Leader drew attention to the following. A year since last May's Council elections, one year since the residents of Cardiff put their trust in each and every one of us to represent and serve them and provide leadership for this city. Thanked the fantastic officers and staff for the work they did in a challenging year. The cost of living in particular had hit households hard, with the poorest in the communities hit hardest of all and in times of crisis people had turned to their local council and councillors for support.

The disturbances that had taken place in Ely following the tragic death of two young people, deepest sympathies were conveyed to the families of Harvey Evans and Kyrie Sullivan as they try to make sense of the grievous loss of their two boys. The disorder that followed was shocking, and rest assured that the Council would be doing everything that they could with the local community and key partners to ensure that calm was restored to the area. Moving forward, it was important that a full investigation into exactly what happened took place, and the referral by South Wales Police to the Independent Office for Police Conduct was an important step. Openness and dialogue were vital components of ensuring public trust in the institutions that serve them, as is having the humility to recognise that in some parts of the community, the level of public trust in institutions was not where it needs to be. Members of the bereaved families have called for peace within the community so that

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the investigation can be carried out. The Leader with everyone in the Chamber, joined the family in echoing these sentiments.

The cost of living crisis, the demand on council services had now reached unprecedented levels. The fundamental changes that have been seen, and the scale and complexity of service demand post-Covid were here to stay. New risks and new issues continue to emerge and inflationary and workforce pressures impact all Council services. Despite a better than hoped for financial settlement last year, the medium term financial position was extremely challenging, compounded by difficult market and economic conditions. In the face of these extraordinary circumstances, this Council has continued and would continue to make progress on issues that were important. For example, leading the way in tackling discrimination, with Cardiff Council now being the highest-ranked local authority in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, and the Cabinet accepting every recommendation and taking forward action on the work of the Race Equality Task Force. The successful Levelling Up bid, match funded by the Welsh government, means being a step closer to giving the residents of Cardiff the public transport system they deserve. In the face of that unprecedented demand, the Council were building more council housing and more temporary accommodation, and continue to invest in the future of young people with that record-breaking school rebuilding program. This work was being delivered everyday along with the weight of responsibility and councillors could also take a sense of pride in the role played as community leaders, changing lives for the better and delivering local responses to national and global challenges.

61 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Leader confirmed the appointment of his Cabinet Members and their portfolios

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Councillor Sarah Merry	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Chris Weaver	Finance, Modernisation & Performance
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Housing & Communities
Councillor Caro Wild	Climate Change
Councillor Russell Goodway	Investment & Development
Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies	Culture, Parks and Events
Councillor Dan De'Ath	Transport and Strategic Planning
	Social Services Portfolio
Councillor Normal Mackie	Adult Services
Councillor Ash Lister	Children's Services
	Tackling Poverty, Equality and Public Health
Councillor Julie Sangani	Public Health and Equalities
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Tackling Poverty and Supporting Young People

62 : ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR 2023-2024

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The Constitution provides that the Council, at its Annual meeting, will decide any amendments to its standing committees for the municipal year including amendments to the size and terms of reference of those committees.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to:

Approve, for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year:

- a. the establishment and size of the Council Committees set out in paragraph 3 (Table A); and
- b. the terms of reference of each Committee, as set out in **Appendix A** of this report.

63 : ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES.

The Council was requested to approve the allocation of seats on established Committees in accordance with the Political Balance Rules.

Nominations had been received in accordance with political group wishes to appoint Members to the Committee and these appeared on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED

The Council AGREED to:

- a. approve the allocation of seats on Committees for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out in **Appendix A**;
- b. receive nominations from Party Groups in respect of the seats allocated to each Group.
- c. appoint Members to each Committee in accordance with the nominations received from Party Groups as detailed on the amendment sheet; and
- d. request the Monitoring Officer to make appointments in respect of any remaining vacancies in accordance with any further nominations or changes received from the relevant political groups following this meeting, and to report to the next Council meeting the details of all appointments to committees for information; and
- e. To approve the recommendation of the Governance and Audit Committee and appoint the recommended candidate, **Mr Chris Burns**, as an Independent Member of the Governance and Audit Committee for an initial 5 year term of office, with the possibility of reappointment for one further 5 year term.

64 : ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The Constitution provides that the Annual Council meeting will elect a Chair and a Deputy Chair for each of the Committees. The political group nominations appeared on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to:

1. approve the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs (as appropriate) to the Regulatory and Other Committees and Groups as follows:

Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
Constitution Committee	Cllr Russell Goodway	-
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	Cllr Sarah Merry as Deputy Leader	-
Council Appeals Committee	Cllr Chris Lay	-
Democratic Services Committee	Cllr John Lancaster	-
Employment Conditions Committee	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Licensing Committee	Cllr Michael Michael	Cllr Maliika Kaaba
Pensions Committee	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Planning Committee	Cllr Ed Stubbs	Cllr Irene Humphreys
Public Protection Committee	Cllr Michael Michael	Cllr Maliika Kaaba
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	Cllr Owen Jones	-
Local Authority Governor Panel	Cllr Sarah Merry as Deputy Leader	-
Investment Advisory Panel	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Works Council	Cllr Chris Weaver	-
Health & Safety Advisory Forum	Cllr Chris Weaver	-

1. approve the proportional allocation of Scrutiny Chairs as set out in paragraph 4, Table A of the report; and
2. note the proposed appointments of the Scrutiny Chairs made by Party Groups pursuant to Part 6 of the Local Government Act (Wales) Measure 2011 as follows:

Scrutiny Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
Children & Young People	Cllr Lee Bridgeman	N/A
Community & Adult Services	Cllr Rhys Taylor	N/A
Economy & Culture	Cllr Peter Wong	N/A
Environmental	Cllr Owen Jones	N/A
Policy Review & Performance	Cllr Joel Williams	N/A

65 : APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council received nominations to those outside bodies for which nominations are required on an annual basis or are required at this time in order to meet particular deadlines. Nominations received from Party Groups were included as Appendix A in the report.

RESOLVED: That the Council AGREED to:

- approve the nominations received for appointments to outside bodies as follows:

66 : MEMBERS REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 2023-2024

Council is required, at its Annual meeting, to approve a Schedule of Members Remuneration to meet the requirements of the Council Meeting Procedure Rules, Rule 2(b) (xvi).

RESOLVED

The Council AGREED to:

- a. note the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) in its Annual Report published in February 2023 attached as **Appendix A**.
- b. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to finalise the draft Members' Schedule of Remuneration (Appendix B) to reflect the appointments made at the Annual Council; and
- c. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration in the Constitution and to make any necessary amendments to the 2023-2024 Schedule from time to time during the municipal year in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

67 : PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council, at its Annual meeting, is required to approve the programme of ordinary meetings for the year, and a provisional programme of meetings Council Committees (Council Meeting Procedure Rules, Rule 2(b)(xvii) and (xviii)).

1. The Council is recommended to

- (1) approve the programme of Council meeting dates for for the 2023-24 municipal year as set out in paragraph 5 of this report.

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- (2) Note the provisional dates of Cabinet meetings dates for for the 2023-24 municipal year as set out in paragraph 6 of this report.
- (3) Approve the provisional programme of meetings for the 2023-24 municipal year as in **Appendix A** (to be published on the Amendment Sheet);
- (4) delegate authority to the Director of Governance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Leader and the respective Committee Chairs, to make any necessary alterations to the provisional programme of meetings which may be required.

68 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.