

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 23 May 2019 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated 17 May 2019.

Present: County Councillor Dianne Rees (Lord Mayor for Items 1 & 2)
County Councillor De'Ath (Lord Mayor for items 3 - 20)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, 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, Molik, 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

1 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor Burke-Davies.

2 : TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2019 - 2020

The Annual Council received a nomination proposed by Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by Councillor Jo Boyle for 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 Daniel De'Ath be elected Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Chairman of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2019- 2020.

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED – That Councillor Daniel De'Ath be elected as Lord Mayor and Chairman of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the Municipal Year 2019 – 2020.

Councillor Dianne Rees invested the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor Daniel De'Ath with the chains of office.

(Members showed their appreciation with applause).

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

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Daniel De’Ath in the Chair)

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Daniel De’Ath invested the Lady Mayoress, Rebecca Crump with her chain of office.

3 : CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor and Chair of Council addressed the Council following his election as 115th Lord Mayor of the City & County of Cardiff and the first ever Lord Mayor of black heritage of the Capital City of Wales.

He paid tribute to the outgoing Lord Mayor Councillor Dianne Rees who had served the City of Cardiff proud during her year of office.

Like a number of other Lord Mayors, he was not Cardiff born but he spoke about his roots in a mining town in North Warwickshire during its de-industrialisation and the recessions of the 1980’s and 90’s, and the particular challenges of being in the visible minority as a young black person.

His move to Cardiff was to take up a Researcher role at the National Museum of Wales and from his first day, he loved everything about Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor would like his time in office to be an opportunity to celebrate Cardiff’s openness, diversity and tolerance and what this means for Cardiff and Wales, and how Cardiff as one of the greatest cities in Europe can be greater if all its citizens had equal power to shape the city and its society.

4 : TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR 2019 - 2020

The Annual Council received a nomination proposed by Councillor Adrian Robson and seconded by Councillor Keith Parry for to the role of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2019 - 2020.

The nomination was that Councillor Jacqueline Parry be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2019 - 2020.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jacqueline Parry be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff and Deputy Chair of Cardiff Council for the Municipal Year 2019 - 2020.

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor Jacqueline Parry with the chains of office.

(Members showed their appreciation with applause).

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

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lord Mayor's Consort, Nicola Broad with her chain of office.

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

5 : VOTE OF THANKS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor for her dedication and commitment to the role of Lord Mayor and Chair of Council.

Councillor Dianne Rees and her Consort Mr John Rees QC were presented with their badges of office to mark their year. Councillor Thomas also acknowledged the support of the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Rod McKerlich and his Consort Sue for their contribution to the Civic role over the last twelve months.

Party Group Leaders each acknowledged the contribution and exceptional year for the outgoing Lord Mayor, in particular her fundraising for the Noah's Ark Tiny Lives Appeal and the importance she put on the governance of Council meetings.

The immediate past Lord Mayor, Councillor Dianne Rees was invited to respond. Councillor Rees expressed her honour and privilege in being able to serve the City of her birth as its first citizen. It had been a busy, interesting and varied year providing an opportunity to meet many citizens, communities and visitors to the city; attend many poignant events and events of remembrance. There were a number of memorable events including royal visits, hosting ambassadors, recognising sporting success and culminating in the honouring of Dame Shirley Bassey with the Freedom of the City at a special meeting and Spring Ball on 17 May 2019.

The Lord Mayor's Charity had raised £200,037 with the support of many Members across the chamber. The donation will make a real difference to the neo-natal unit at Noah's Ark.

She thanked her consort John for being by her side, and the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor and Consort and the staff in the Protocol Office. She wished Councillor Daniel De'Ath all the very best for the coming year.

6 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors declared a personal interest in Item 15 Members' Remuneration and Allowances 2019 – 2020, which are approved by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

7 : TRIBUTES TO COUNCILLOR WENDY CONGREVE

The Lord Mayor led tributes to a friend and colleague Councillor Wendy Congreve who sadly passed away on 14 May 2019. Councillor Congreve's son Matthew was present at the meeting and the Lord Mayor extended the Council's sincere condolences to him, his sister, and all the family on their sudden loss.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group speak. Councillor Boyle expressed the Groups shock and sadness at the sudden passing of a friend and colleague, and the profound sadness of the loss for her family. Councillor Congreve was a local figure, campaigner and politician with political form having worked with many respected Elected Members for the former South Glamorgan County Council when first elected in 1989 and had been a dedicated public servant for many years, returning as a Councillor to Cardiff Council in May 2017. As a Councillor, she had an old style courtesy and politeness as well as a fierce independence. She was a person held in high regard by friends, colleagues and constituents, and she would be greatly missed

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, and Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Robson and Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group, Councillor Keith Parry all expressed their sympathy to Councillor Congreve's family. They spoke highly of her record as a Councillor, a public servant and community leader and in particular her work as Chair of Governors at Cardiff High School; her passion for helping others and determination to make a difference. She was held in great affection by her Group and colleagues across the chamber, as well as her local community. She will leave a huge whole for the Council and will be missed.

Councillor Bablin Molik as her local ward colleague thanked all members for their sympathy and kind contributions. Councillor Molik spoke Councillor Congreve's work with the community and her family commitments. She referred to the support, guidance and motivation she had given her as a new Councillor and of her friendship and kindness. This was a sad loss for the family, community and colleagues.

8 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 February and 28 March 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

9 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor extended sincere sympathy to Councillors Philippa and Gavin Hill-John on the loss of Philippa's father.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Sean Driscoll on becoming a grandfather following the birth of his first grandchild on 1 May.

10 : CARDIFF UNDERTAKING

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

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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 reaffirmed their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking at the meeting and signed the declaration form.

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

The Leader advised that this was an opportunity to take stock at the end of one municipal year and looking forward to another. He referred to the national context and the challenges of uniting divisions; and resolving key policy issues of housing needs, employment opportunities; transport infrastructure and dealing with climate change and environmental matters. Local Government was not alone in having its own challenges including supporting tolerance and unity; stamping out inequality, providing homes; schools, employment and tackling environmental issues. Supporting the most vulnerable in society – poverty; the homeless; the elderly and young persons. The Council through the Cardiff Ambition and its key commitments tackling job opportunities and development through its Economic Strategy; building Council houses; developing cycle superhighways; developing a solar farm; increasing recycle

The Leader thanked his Cabinet colleagues for their work and support over the last 12 months and looked forward to working with them again this year. He welcomed the input from Scrutiny Committees and the support of all Elected Members and Officers for the positive way they had engaged with the Leader and Cabinet to achieve the best outcomes for Cardiff and its citizens.

12 : TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Leader confirmed the appointment of his Cabinet Members with the following portfolios.

Councillor Sarah Merry	Deputy Leader
Councillor Graham Hinchey	Education, Employment & Skills
Councillor Susan Elsmore	Children & Families
Councillor Lynda Thorne	Social Care, Health & Well-being
Councillor Caro Wild	Housing & Communities
Councillor Russell Goodway	Strategic Planning & Transport
Councillor Michael Michael	Investment & Development
	Clean Street, Recycling & Environment
Councillor Peter Bradbury	Culture & Leisure
Councillor Chris Weaver	Finance, Modernisation & Performance

13 : ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR 2019-2020

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.

The Audit Committee and Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee had agreed alterations to their terms of reference

RESOLVED – That Council

1. approved the establishment and size of the Council Committees and the terms of reference of each Committee including the revised terms of reference for the Audit Committee and Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee for the 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year;
2. authorised the Monitoring Officer to update the terms of reference of the Audit Committee and Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee in the Constitution.

14 : ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Council was requested to determine the allocation of seats on Committees to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance Rules contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended.

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

In addition, Council noted the terms of office of the Independent Members of the Audit Committee, and the re-appointments of Mr Ian Arundale and Mr Hugh Thomas.

RESOLVED – That the Council

1. approved the allocation of seats on Committees for the municipal year 2019/20;
2. appointed Members to each Committee in accordance with the nominations received from Party Groups as detailed on the amendment sheet;
3. re-appointed Mr Ian Arundale as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee with effect from 25 June 2019 to 24 June 2024;
4. re-appointed Mr Hugh Thomas as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee with effect from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2024;
5. noted that the terms of office of the other two Independent members of the Audit Committee shall continue until 2021, as noted in the report; and

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6. requested 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.

15 : ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The Council was requested to elect the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees established by Annual Council. For Scrutiny Committees this was in accordance with the principles set out in section 70 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, as discussed with the political groups. The political group nominations appeared on the amendment sheet. There were no contested Chairs or Deputy Chairs.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Chairs and Deputy Chairs (as appropriate) to the Regulatory and Other Committees were elected in accordance with political group wishes as follows:

Regulatory and Other Committees and Groups	Chair	Deputy Chair
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	Councillor Merry	N/A
Constitution Committee	Councillor Goodway	N/A
Council Appeals Committee	Councillor Lay	N/A
Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Jones-Pritchard	N/A
Employment Conditions Committee	Councillor Weaver	N/A
Licensing Committee	Councillor Mackie	Councillor Sattar
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Mackie	Councillor Sattar
Planning Committee	Councillor Keith Jones	Councillor Lay
Pension Committee	Councillor Weaver	N/A
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	Councillor Owen Jones	N/A
School Governor Panel	Councillor Merry	N/A

2. the proportional allocation of Scrutiny Chairs as set out in the report was agreed;

3. subject to approval of recommendation (2), the proposed appointments of the Scrutiny Chairs to be made by Party Groups pursuant to Part 6 of The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 were noted as follows:

Scrutiny Committees	Chair
Children & Young People Scrutiny	Councillor Bridgeman
Community & Adult Services	Councillor Jenkins
Economy and Culture	Councillor Howells
Environmental	Councillor Patel
Policy Review & Performance	Councillor Walker

16 : 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 on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Council approved the nominations received for appointments to outside bodies as follows: -

Organisation	Number of Representatives	Appointed Members
Cardiff Bus	5 Members (4 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Lib Dem)	Councillors Gavin Hill-John Owen Jones, Lay, Sandrey and Singh
Cardiff and Vale Community Council	3 Members (1 vacancy)	Councillor Susan Goddard
Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly	4 Members (including the Leader of the Council)	Councillors Huw Thomas, Merry, Robson and Boyle
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority	5 Members (3 Labour, 1 Conservative & 1 Lib Dem)	Councillors Dilwar Ali, Ebrahim, Lister, Naughton and Williams
South Wales Police and Crime Panel	2 Members (1 Labour & 1 Conservative)	Councillors Bowen Thomson & Cowan

Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)		
(i) WLGA Council	8 Members	Councillors Huw Thomas, Bradbury, Elsmore, Goodway, Merry, Michael, Thorne and Weaver
(ii) WLGA Executive Board	1 Member	Councillor Huw Thomas

2. No appointments were made to the vacancy on the Willie Seager Memorial Trust. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

17 : MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 2019 - 2020

(In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors declared a personal interest in this item).

The Council received the determined of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on the prescribed levels of Members' Remuneration and Allowances payable for 2019 – 2020 Municipal Year, and was requested to agree those matters reserved for local determination by the Council.

RESOLVED – That Council

- noted the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales made in its Annual Report 2019;
- noted that the annual Basic Salary of £13,868 is payable to all Elected Members for the Municipal Year 2019 - 2020;
- the maximum allocation of Senior Salary positions payable for 2019 – 2020 was agreed as 19;

Bands of Responsibility	Role(s)	No. of Senior Salary Positions
Band 1	Leader	1
	Deputy Leader	1
Band 2	Other Cabinet Members	8
Band 3	Scrutiny Committee Chairs	5
	Planning Committee Chair	1
	Licensing / Public Protection Committees Chair	1

Bands of Responsibility	Role(s)	No. of Senior Salary Positions
Band 4	Leader of largest opposition group (Conservative Group)	1
Band 5	Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group	1
Total		19

4. the Civic Salary payable in 2019 – 2020 for the positions of Civic Head/Lord Mayor (£22,568) and Deputy Civic Head/Deputy Lord Mayor (£17,568) as prescribed by the Panel were agreed;
5. the payment of Co-opted Member fees in 2018 - 2019 should continue to be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year was agreed;
6. a report to approve the published Schedule of Members' Remuneration 2019 – 2020 will be submitted to Council prior to the 31 July 2019 deadline.

18 : PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council Procedure Rules provide that the Annual Council approved a programme of ordinary meetings of the Full Council for each Municipal Year. The Council received the proposed programme of Council, Cabinet and Committees for the period June 2019 to August 2020. Any further adjustments required following consultation with Elected Chairs would be reported to the June Council meeting.

RESOLVED – That Council

1. approved the programme of Council, Cabinet and Committee meeting dates for June 2019 – August 2020, subject to further consultation with Chairs of Committees appointed by Council;
2. delegated authority was granted to the Director of Governance and Legal Services to make any minor alterations to the programme of Committee meetings;
3. a final programme Council, Cabinet and Committee meeting dates for June 2019 – August 2020 will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 20 June 2019 for information.

19 : SIX-MONTH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RULE - APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

This item was withdrawn as no decision was required.

20 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised that no notification of any urgent business had been received.

(Meeting closed at 17.40)

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