

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 July 2020 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 17 July 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, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, 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, McGarry, McKerlich, Melbourne, Merry, Michael, Molik, Morgan, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Dianne Rees, Mia Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

48 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for Councillor Mike Phillips

49 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	Item	Nature of Interest
All Councillors	Item 5	Personal interest as Councillors in receipt of remuneration set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
Cllr Joel Williams	Item 7	Personal interest as employed by BCB International. Currently supplying PPE to the Council and partner agencies.
Cllr Thomas Parkhill	Item 9	Personal Interest, family member is founder and trustee of ACMA (a racial equality charity working within healthcare and medical settings).
Cllr Bablin Molik	Item 9	Personal Interest as BAME community member in Cardiff.
Cllr Bowen-Thomson	Item 8	Personal Interest as Chief Executive – Safer Wales which

		runs Radio Cardiff which gives a voice to the multicultural communities in Cardiff.
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50 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020 were signed as a correct record.

51 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor drew attention to the lighting up of Cardiff Castle in response to global coronavirus pandemic.

Last Thursday night, Cardiff Castle was illuminated in support of the Disasters Emergency Committee's Coronavirus Appeal, which is raising money to help the world's most fragile states threatened by COVID-19.

The appeal which was launched on Tuesday 14 July, brings together 7 leading charities in Wales, who are already on the ground in places like Yemen, Syria and South Sudan, helping communities to tackle the deadly coronavirus threat.

It was hoped that the appeal, which is being matched by the UK government through the Department of International Development's Aid Match scheme, will help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities access vital supplies and handwashing facilities.

Donations to the DEC Emergency Appeal can be made online www.dec.org.uk, via text (Text HELPU to 70150 to donate £10) or on 0370 60 60 900. Cheques can be sent to DEC Coronavirus Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC3A 3AA.

52 : MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2020 - 2021

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Weaver proposed the report. The report was to note the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) in its following reports.

- Annual Report published in February 2020
- Supplementary Report published in May 2020 in respect of the principles relating to the Reimbursement of Costs of Care.

Members were also asked to approve the report for publication by 31 July 2020, the Members' Schedule of Remuneration of the IRPW in its Annual and Supplementary Reports.

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

The report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

The Council AGREED to:

1. note the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) in its following reports:
 - Annual Report published in February 2020;
 - Supplementary Report published in May 2020 in respect of the principles relating to the Reimbursement of Costs of Care.
2. agree to retain the current number and allocation of Senior Salary positions, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report;
3. note the actions to be taken to address the recommendations of the IRPW in respect of arrangements for the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report;
4. approve the Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2020/21, as set out in **Appendix A** to this report for publication by 31 July 2020; and
5. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration in the Constitution and to make any necessary amendments to the 2020-2021 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.

53 : SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 RESTART

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the report. The report was to allow the Council to restart its five standing scrutiny committee's to support effective and proportionate scrutiny of decision making during the COVID-19 restart period. There was also an amendment to paragraph 9 of the report.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Weaver seconded the report.

One Amendment to the report had been received from the Liberal Democrat Group.

Councillor Carter moved the amendment.

"We would like to amend part 1 of the recommendations and remove part 2.

We would therefore replace:

'1. Approve the restarting of the five standing scrutiny committees of the Council with a specific remit, within their area of responsibility, to:

- a) Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of all Cabinet decisions, where appropriate and proportionate to do so;
- b) Scrutinise any issues which are time critical and or may have a significant adverse reputational impact on the Council; and
- c) Develop priorities for potential scrutiny consideration during 2020/21, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member/s and Directors.

2. Note that it may be necessary for the Covid-19 Scrutiny Panel to continue to discharge its scrutiny functions in the event of a second peak in Covid19 cases and further lockdown measures, until such time as the standing scrutiny committees are able to be supported to resume their functions.'

With:

1. Approve the restarting of the five standing scrutiny committees of the Council with a specific remit, **to meet virtually** within their area of responsibility, to:

- a) Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of all Cabinet decisions, where appropriate and proportionate to do so;
- b) Scrutinise any issues which are time critical and or may have a significant adverse reputational impact on the Council; and
- c) Develop priorities for potential scrutiny consideration during 2020/21, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member/s and Directors."

Councillor Boyle seconded the amendment.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Huw Thomas, proposer of the report to respond to matters raised in the debate. Councillor Thomas confirmed the amendment was not accepted.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the Amendment proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Boyle.

The Vote was LOST.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the recommendations in the report, subject to the amendment at paragraph 9 of the report.

The Vote was CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

1, Approve the restarting of the five standing scrutiny committees of the Council with a specific remit, within their area of responsibility, to:

- a) Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of all Cabinet decision, where appropriate and proportionate to do so;
- b) Scrutinise any issues which are time critical and or may have a significant adverse reputational impact on the Council; and
- c) Develop priorities for potential scrutiny consideration during 2020/21, in consultation with relevant Cabinet member/s and Directors

2. Note that it may be necessary for the COVID-19 Scrutiny Panel to continue to discharge its functions in the event of a second peak in COVID-19 cases and further lockdown measures, until such time as the standing scrutiny committees are able to be supported to resume their functions.

54 : JOINT CABINET STATEMENT

Council received the Joint Cabinet Statement, which included updates from all Cabinet Member Portfolios.

Eighteen questions had been received on a politically proportional basis from the following Councillors:

Councillor Oliver Owen
Councillor Joe Carter
Councillor Bowen-Thompson
Councillor Lister
Councillor Robson
Councillor Boyle
Councillor Driscoll
Councillor Keith Parry
Councillor McGarry
Councillor Gordon
Councillor Dilwar Ali
Councillor Hopkins
Councillor Ahmed
Councillor Jones-Pritchard
Councillor Mackie
Councillor Berman
Councillor Melbourne
Councillor Hudson

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

- Footfall in parks and if more bins were being provided.
- The preparation involved to open playgrounds.
- Care Home staff and the work carried out to support residents during this time.
- The feedback provided by partners in relation to Youth Offending
- What consultation had been carried out on the temporary closure of Castle Street and if this closure was permanent.
- Flood prevention at Ely Bridge.
- Housing, pathway for people to be re-housed.
- Number of Council houses being built in the city, especially in the Llandaff North area.
- Education, funding for Schools.
- Number of families supported through foodbanks
- Education, IT equipment that has been supplied to pupils during the period of home schooling.
- Provision and support for children during the school holidays and volume of pupils requiring the service.
- Support for local business' and local communities, including looking at the current Economic Strategy, based on principles that support the city centres.
- Vandalism of local cemeteries
- Number of disabled spaces at local shopping centres.

55 : NOTICE OF MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Adrian Robson and seconded by Councillor Shaun Jenkins had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. One amendment had been received

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Adrian Robson to propose the motion as follows:

"This Council notes the July 2020 inspection of Youth Offending Services in Cardiff undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.

This Council further notes that the Cardiff Youth Offending Service sits within the portfolio area of the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

This Council has no confidence in the Cabinet"

The motion was seconded by Councillor Shaun Jenkins

The Lord Mayor invited the proposer of the amendment Councillor Rhys Taylor to table the amendment:

Add before "This Council has no confidence in the Cabinet."

"This Council calls for a full and independent investigation to understand the circumstances which led to the service failure identified by the HMIP's inspection.

"The investigation will report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and to Council.

"This Council will implement any findings which arise as a result of the investigation"

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Berman

The Lord Mayor invited debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Robson to respond to items raised during the debate. Councillor Robson did not accept the amendment.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the Amendment proposed by Councillor Taylor.

The Amendment was LOST

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Motion.

The Motion was LOST.

56 : NOTICE OF MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Ebrahim and seconded by Councillor Burke-Davies had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

An alteration to the Motion had been received in line with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 22 (q). The alteration had been circulated to all members of the Council. No member objected to the alteration.

One amendment had been received

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Ebrahim to propose the motion as follows:

This Council notes:

That Sir Thomas Picton is celebrated in a statue in the Marble Hall as part of the Heroes of Wales collection.

That recent events have brought to wider attention the behaviour of Picton, and his role in the transatlantic slave trade – including his reputation as a particularly brutal man, and his conviction for the illegal torture of a 14-year old girl.

That in the public vote held in 1913, the public did not vote for Sir Thomas Picton to be included amongst the statues in Cardiff City Hall

That Cardiff is a diverse, welcoming city

This Council believes:

The behaviour of Picton as Governor of Trinidad was abhorrent, even in his own era, and not deserving of a place in the Heroes of Wales collection.

That heightened awareness about the history of slavery must include a reassessment of the regard in which we hold Picton, and many others who were actors and beneficiaries of slavery.

That in hindsight it was an error to have included Picton as an option in the 1916 public vote, and an error that he had not been removed sooner.

That a democratic decision, by the representatives of the people of Cardiff, to remove the statue will send a message to Black people in Cardiff and across the world that the city recognises the role people like Picton played in slavery, and that we must seek to address the systemic racism that still exists due to slavery and Empire.

This Council resolves:

- To remove the statue of Sir Thomas Picton from the Marble Hall, and to consider placing it elsewhere with a clear explanation of his actions.
- To welcome the introduction of a Task Force by the Leader to address the inequalities BAME people face and to include representation from Cardiff's Black communities
- To support the work of the Task Force and calls on Cabinet to implement it's recommendations
- That Black lives matter, and that none of us are equal until all of us are equal.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Burke-Davies

The Lord Mayor invited the proposer of the amendment Councillor Cowan table the amendment:

This Council notes:

That Sir Thomas Picton is a celebrated statue in the Marble Hall as part of the Heroes of Wales collection, due to his role and ultimate death at the Battle of Waterloo.

That recent events have brought to wider attention the behaviour of Picton and his role in the transatlantic slave trade.

That the accompanying notes for the painting of Sir Thomas Picton in the Queen's Royal Collection of over 250,000 pieces of art will be the first to be amended to include links to his actions.

This Council also notes:

That Cardiff is a diverse and welcoming city.

That on 16th July 2020, the Cabinet established a new Race Equality Task Force to act on race inequality and address racial injustice in Cardiff.

This Council believes:

That the role of Picton both at the battle of Waterloo and as Governor of Trinidad should be put into historic context so that future generations do not forget the history and importance of these events.

This Council resolves:

1. To consult with relevant organisations, such as the Royal Collection Trust, on appropriate forms of recognition of people and/or other events of historical

importance. In the case of Sir Thomas Picton, this should include a plaque or other description which can be added near the statue in the Marble Hall.

2. To ensure that all Councillors have an opportunity to input in the work of the Race Equality Task Force.
3. That no recommendation made by the Race Equality Task Force will be implemented without consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee and discussed at Full Council. To simply implement recommendations without involvement of democratic processes potentially fetters the Council's discretion.
4. That black lives matter, and that none of us are equal until all of us are equal.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Parkhill.

The Lord Mayor invited debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Ebrahim to respond to items raised during the debate. Councillor Ebrahim did not accept the amendment.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the Amendment proposed by Councillor Cowan

The Amendment was LOST

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Motion.

The Motion was CARRIED

57 : URGENT BUSINESS

None

58 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council received a report 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 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.

59 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

To appoint Local Authority School Governors to fill vacancies

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel, the Council approves the new 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.

60 : OFFICER DECISION REGISTER - SMT/19 20/84 - NO 39

Noted

61 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

The meeting finished at 20.40 pm