

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 7 March 2024 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 1 March 2024.

Present: County Councillor Molik (Lord Mayor)

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

110 : TRIBUTES TO CLLR ABDUL SATTAR

The Lord Mayor led the tributes to Cllr Abudul Sattar:

"I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Cllr Abdul Sattar, just three weeks ago today, as I am sure colleagues across the chamber were.

Cllr Sattar was first elected to represent Grangetown in 2017, after being an active member of the community through his local business for almost 25 years. The first Deputy Lord Mayor of Pakistani heritage, Cllr Sattar served on many council committees and supported his residents and customers on a daily basis.

I am sure that Council will join me in sending our prayers to Cllr Sattar's wife, Waheeda, as well as his four daughters and two grandchildren."

A minute's silence was held, after which the leaders of each group and his ward colleagues paid their own tributes.

111 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Saleh Ahmed, Ebrahim, Green, Keith Jones, Joyce and Kaaba.

112 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received 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 2024 – 2027

Councillor	Nature of Interest
Cllr Joe Carter	Employment as it relates to environment and transport
Cllr Callum Davies	Employed within the Housing sector
Cllr Neil McEvoy	Employment as it relates to Children's Services and housing disrepair

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8 – Budget Proposals 2024 - 2025

Councillor	Nature of Interest
Cllr Calum Davies	Employed within the Housing sector
Cllr Neil McEvoy	Employment as it relates to Children's Services and housing disrepair
Cllr Jen Burke	Family member employed by Cardiff Council
Cllr Dan Naughton	Family member employed by Cardiff Council
Cllr Dan Naughton	Family member in receipt of a Cardiff Bus pension
Cllr Joe Carter	Family member employed by Cardiff Council
Cllr Joel Williams	Family members employed by Cardiff Council
Cllr Sean Driscoll	Joint leaseholder of a council owned commercial property
Cllr Sean Driscoll	Family member in receipt of Care support
Cllr Peter Bradbury	Family member is a Local Authority School Governor
Cllr Peter Bradbury	Trustee of Caerau and Ely Sports Trust
Cllr Emma Reid-Jones	Family member in receipt of Care support
Cllr Jayne Cowan	Paid Carer
Cllr Lister	Family member is currently being assessed for care support

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8 – Budget Proposals 2024 – 2025 on the basis that Elected Members were Members of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Fund

Cllr Ali Ahmed	Cllr Neil McEvoy
Cllr Mike Ash-Edwards	Cllr Siân-Elin Melbourne
Cllr Rodney Berman	Cllr Sarah Merry
Cllr Claudia Boes	Cllr Michael Michael
Cllr Kate Carr	Cllr Dan Naughton
Cllr Jasmine Chowdhury	Cllr Oliver Owen
Cllr Jayne Cowan	Cllr Marc Palmer
Cllr Calum Davies	Cllr Bethan Proctor
Cllr Dan De'Ath	Cllr Catriona Brown Reckless
Cllr Sean Driscoll	Cllr Emma Reid-Jones
Cllr Susan Elsmore	Cllr Sara Robinson
Cllr Grace Ferguson-Thorne	Cllr Adrian Robson
Cllr Andrea Gibson	Cllr Kanaya Sing
Cllr Russell Goodway	Cllr Rhys Taylor
Cllr Jacqueline Jones	Cllr Huw Thomas
Cllr Imran Latif	Cllr Leonora Thomson
Cllr Chris Lay	Cllr Daniel Waldron
Cllr Margaret Lewis	Cllr Chris Weaver

Cllr Peter Littlechild	Cllr Caro Wild
Cllr Rhys Livesy	Cllr Joel Williams
Cllr Norma Mackie	Cllr Ashley Wood

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8 – Budget Proposals 2024 – 2025 on the basis that Elected Members were Local Authority School Governors

Cllr Ali Ahmed	Cllr John Lancaster
Cllr Dilwar Ali	Cllr Ash Lister
Cllr Mike Ash-Edwards	Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones
Cllr Rodney Berman	Cllr Norma Mackie
Cllr Peter Bradbury	Cllr Mary McGarry
Cllr Joe Carter	Cllr Siân-Elin Melbourne
Cllr Jasmine Chowdhury	Cllr Jess Moultrie
Cllr Jayne Cowan	Cllr Bethan Proctor
Cllr Stephen Cunnah	Cllr Emma Reid-Jones
Cllr Dan De'Ath	Cllr Julie Sangani
Cllr Bob Derbyshire	Cllr Jon Shimmin
Cllr Sean Driscoll	Cllr Kanaya Singh
Cllr Susan Elsmore	Cllr Ed Stubbs
Cllr Grace Ferguson-Thorne	Cllr Rhys Taylor
Cllr Russell Goodway	Cllr Huw Thomas
Cllr Jane Henshaw	Cllr Leo Thomson
Cllr Graham Hinchey	Cllr Lynda Thorne
Cllr Robert Hopkins	Cllr Chris Weaver
Cllr Irene Humphreys	Cllr Caro Wild
Cllr Garry Hunt	Cllr Joel Williams
Cllr Owen Jones	Cllr Peter Wong

The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8 – Budget Proposals 2024 – 2025 as Elected Members were members on the following Community Councils, Joint Committee and Boards

Councillor	Reason for Interest
Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones	Radyr & Morganstown Community Councillor
Cllr Margaret Lewis	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Cllr Norma Mackie	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Cllr Adrian Robson	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Cllr Jon Shimmin	Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Cllr Russell Goodway	Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee
Cllr Dan De'Ath	Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee
Cllr Jen Burke	Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee
Cllr Margaret Lewis	Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee
Cllr Huw Thomas	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Cabinet
Cllr Dan De'Ath	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Transport Authority
Cllr Sarah Merry	Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee

Cllr Caro Wild	Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Cllr Chris Weaver	Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Cllr Chris Weaver	Wales Pension Partnership Joint Governance Committee
Cllr Calum Davies	Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Cllr Garry Hunt	Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Cllr Chris Lay	Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Cllr Rhys Taylor	Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Cllr Sarah Merry	Cardiff & Vale Corporation

The following **PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 8 – Budget Proposals 2024 – 2025

Cllr Joel Williams	Member of the Council's private rental leasing scheme
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The following **PERSONAL** declarations of interest were received in respect of Item 9 – Budget Proposals 2024 – 2025

Cllr Joel Williams	Landlord
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113 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 25th January meeting were approved and signed by the Lord Mayor as a correct record.

114 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were two public questions; the question from Mr Paul Rock to Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member for Investment and Development was deferred until the next meeting of Council due to technical difficulties.

Jeremy Sparkes to Councillor Merry, Cabinet Member for Education.

In your capacity as Cabinet Member for Education, I'm sure you will be aware of the deeply worrying figures from road safety related experts which show the alarming incidence of death and serious injury to schoolchildren in Wales, and that Cardiff has the worst record. You will, I'm sure, share the great concern of the people of Cardiff about these figures, and also about the increasing levels of traffic pollution near schools.

Please can you set out the role the education department plays in evaluating schemes proposed by other parts of the council that directly or indirectly impact traffic flows, volumes of motor traffic and speeds in and around schools, and confirm that your department has the remit to stipulate alterations to such schemes where the school leadership has set out reasonable grounds for concern?

Reply – Cllr Merry

Thank you for your question. Road safety, particularly the safety of children and young people, is something that we take very seriously and something that we monitor closely. I must say that we are not aware of any data which suggests that Cardiff has the worst record for deaths and serious injuries to schoolchildren in Wales. In fact, Welsh government data makes it clear that Cardiff did not have the highest incidence of school-aged children killed or seriously injured on our roads in any of the last five years. In 2015, 11 young people aged 0-15 were unfortunately seriously injured or killed in Cardiff, but in 2022 that figure fell to 2, one of the lowest in Wales.

We do, however, continue to take the issue extremely seriously, which is why making streets safer for our local residents is a priority for this administration. As you will know, we have pioneered the implementation of 20mph zones within residential areas of the city in the last ten years. We have led the way in Wales in promoting active travel through the development and implementation of school active travel plans, and we have also implemented a range of projects such as School Streets, providing schools with bike fleets, increased cycle and scooter parking, and delivered highway engineering measures to improve road safety and facilitate active travel journeys to and from school. These measures are in addition to road safety programs such as cycle and pedestrian training delivered by the council's Road Safety team.

Being a child friendly city means that children and young people are at the heart of policymaking in Cardiff and will continue to do so. We will continue to do what is needed to make our streets and our communities even safer. I can also confirm that officers from the council's education and lifelong directorate, together with headteachers, teaching staff and school health and safety officers, work very closely with transport officers, and in particular the active travel schools team, to identify and deliver interventions in and around schools to support active travel and road safety. The joint working arrangement and channels of communication between the council's education and transport teams on policy matters and projects are well-established and provide every opportunity for discussion and comment on the transport implications of any education proposals and vice versa.

Supplementary question – Jeremy Sparkes

I am surprised Cllr Merry, as I did send you the data several months back. This included that an EU-funded citizen data project has found over half a million cars, vans and lorries using Blenheim Road in Penylan, the very road where Marlborough Primary School is located. As you know, the council is proposing to increase this traffic by 15-20%, simply to save motorists 20-30 seconds' wait at the traffic lights by Penylan Library.

You mentioned UNICEF, and they make clear that a child friendly city requires a flexible management approach. Will you please confirm in this public forum that you fully back the request of Marlborough School governors for Cllr De'Ath, who is responsible for this area of work, to be flexible, scrap this element of the scheme, so that the lives and safety of our children can continue to be paramount to this council's priorities and planning?

Reply – Cllr Merry

Survey data indicates that very few vehicles currently make the manoeuvre from Marlborough Road onto Penylan Road, therefore the number of vehicles that might take an alternative route through Plasnewydd and Penylan following completion of the current works is also likely to be minimal. Monitoring surveys undertaken last month as well as on-site observation and updated traffic modelling have confirmed that traffic levels are comparable to the outcome of the modelling work that was undertaken previously.

What I would also like to underline, of course, is that you referred to the child friendly city element. One of the issues that is brought up by more children than ever, whenever I go out to schools, is around the environment. It's about safe active travel, about being able to cycle safely around the city, and it's about being able to walk safely around the city. I also had a very moving email from a parent at Marlborough Primary who specifically referred to the dangers that the current arrangement at that junction actually present to the children, and therefore any consideration about the impact on children and young people must be taken in the entirety of the proposal.

115 : PETITIONS

Cllr Rodney Berman presented a petition which contained 872 signatures opposing cuts to waste and cleansing services.

116 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements:

- The theme of International Women's Day 2024
- Throughout her term of office, she had made every effort to open the mayoral office to the diverse communities of Cardiff, engage with young people and elders, people from all walks of life, abilities, gender and religion. She hoped that engagement with the citizens of Cardiff would be kept as broad as possible for all first citizens in the future too.
- She referenced a monument in Grangemoor Park which replicated the Shohid Minar (Martyr Tower) in Bangladesh. That monument symbolised the sacrifice of students who were killed during the Bengali Language Movement demonstrations of 1952, a key event leading to the independence of Bangladesh in 1971. She wanted to share this piece of history as the first Lord Mayor of Bangladeshi origin. The Lord Mayor thanked Cllr Dilwar Ali for arranging the event at the monument.
- International Mother Language Day and its theme of this year '*Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning*' and it had been fantastic to have young people from Welsh and English medium primary schools at the celebratory event at the monument this year performing songs and poetry in English and Welsh. She thanked Cllr Dilwar Ali for arranging the event at the monument.

- The flag raising for Commonwealth Day would take place at Mansion House on 11th March, all Members were invited.
- Ramadan would begin on 10th-11th March, the ninth and most holy month of the Islamic calendar. Followers of Islam would be fasting from sunlight to sunset every day for a month as a means of drawing closer to God and cultivating self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. The next Council meeting on 28th March would take place during Ramadan, Councillors were invited to join her in fasting for the day and to break the fast during the meeting, perhaps sponsored to raise funds for her chosen charity UCAN Productions.
- Cllr Michael Michael had organised a fundraising darts evening for UCAN Productions at 6:30pm on 23rd March, and welcomed support for this.

The Lord Mayor referred to the sad passing of former Councillors Neil Salmon and David English and Ieuan Edwards who had served as the County Librarian for a number of years, and sent her condolences to the families.

117 : CARDIFF COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN 2024 - 2027

The Council was requested to consider and approve the Corporate Plan 2024-2027.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader, Cllr Thomas to propose the Corporate Plan. This was seconded by Councillor Merry.

There were two amendments; the Lord Mayor invited Cllr Lancaster to move the first amendment, this was seconded by Councillor Reid-Jones.

The first amendment was as follows:

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 to include:

- KPI's: By ensuring all sections in the plan have measurable KPI's, including timescales, detailing the effectiveness of delivery and value for money to the public;
- Transparency: by including the last three years performance against targets set;
- Stronger, Fairer Greener: By ensuring all plan sections KPIs clearly outline how they make our City stronger, fairer, and greener (reviewed annually).”

The Lord Mayor invited Cllr Berman to move the second amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Carter

The second amendment was as follows:

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Delete recommendations and replace with:

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

- Clear measures outlining a strategy to reduce the number of schools having to set deficit budgets in the short- to medium-term;
- Greater reflection of the needs and desires of Cardiff residents, taking on board the concerns raised by the cross-party and cross-committee scrutiny performance panel about the lack of consideration of citizen voice, thereby ensuring a stronger link between citizen feedback and views with performance assessment and target setting;
- A more complete set of KPIs, basing them where necessary on Q3 outturns, rather than leaving many of them not currently specified and only to be agreed following the end of the 2023-24 financial year.”

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Corporate Plan and the amendments. The Leader confirmed the amendments were not accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the first amendment as proposed by Cllr Lancaster and seconded by Cllr Reid-Jones.

The vote on the first amendment was LOST.

FOR (22)

Councillors Berman, Brown-Reckless, Carter, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Gibson, Hopkins, Lancaster, Latif, Littlechild, Livesy, McEvoy, Melbourne, Naughton, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson, Shimmin, Taylor, Williams and Wood

AGAINST (48)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Chowdhury, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong

There were no abstentions.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the second amendment as proposed by Cllr Berman and seconded by Cllr Carter.

The vote on the second amendment was LOST.

FOR (22)

Councillors Berman, Brown-Reckless, Carter, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Gibson, Hopkins, Lancaster, Latif, Littlechild, Livesy, McEvoy, Melbourne, Naughton, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson, Shimmin, Taylor, Williams and Wood

AGAINST (48)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Chowdhury, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong

There were no abstentions.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations in the report as proposed by Cllr Thomas.

The vote on the recommendations in the report was CARRIED.

FOR (50)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Chowdhury, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Gibson, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Livesy, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong

AGAINST (12)

Councillors Brown-Reckless, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Lancaster, Littlechild, McEvoy, Melbourne, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson and Williams

ABSTAIN (8)

Councillors Berman, Carter, Hopkins, Latif, Naughton, Shimmin, Taylor and Wood

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to:

1. Approve the draft Corporate Plan 2024-27;
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 2024-27 following consideration by the Council on 7 March 2024 and prior to publication by 1 April 2024.

118 : BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024 - 2025

The Council was requested to consider and approve the Cabinet Budget Proposals for 2024-2025.

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 advised Council that Appendix 4(b) to this report was exempt information under Schedule 12A of Part 4 and Part 5 of the Local Government Act
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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 Cllr Weaver, Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, to propose the report, which was seconded by Cllr Thomas.

The Lord Mayor invited the proposer and seconder of each of the of the alternative budgets to move their proposals.

Cllr Davies proposed the Conservative amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Lancaster.

Cllr Carter proposed the Liberal Democrat amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Berman.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Budget Proposals.

The Lord Mayor thanked Members for their contribution to the debate and invited Cllr Weaver to respond to the matters raised.

Cllr Weaver confirmed that neither of the amendments would be accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Conservative amendments as proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Lancaster. The vote was LOST.

FOR (11)

Councillors Brown-Reckless, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Lancaster, Littlechild, Melbourne, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson and Williams

AGAINST (55)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Berman, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Carter, Chowdhury, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Gibson, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Hopkins, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Latif, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Livesy, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Naughton, Palmer, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Shimmin, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild, Wong and Wood

There were no abstentions.

The vote on the Liberal Democrat amendment as proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Berman was LOST.

FOR (10)

Councillors Berman, Carter, Gibson, Hopkins, Latif, Livesy, Naughton, Shimmin, Taylor and Wood

AGAINST (58)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Brown-Reckless, Burke, Carr, Chowdhury, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Littlechild, Mackie, McGarry, Melbourne, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Owen, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Reid-Jones, Robinson, Robson, Sangani, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild, Williams and Wong

There were no abstentions.

The vote on the recommendations proposed in the report by Cllr Weaver and seconded by Cllr Thomas was CARRIED.

FOR (47)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Chowdhury, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Jones, Owen Jones, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong

AGAINST (11)

Councillors Brown-Reckless, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Lancaster, Littlechild, Melbourne, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson and Williams

ABSTAIN (10)

Councillors Berman, Carter, Gibson, Hopkins, Latif, Livesy, Naughton, Shimmin, Taylor and Wood

RESOLVED: 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 6.0% and that the Council resolve the following terms;
- 2 Note that at its meeting on 14 December 2023 Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2024/25 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - a) 151,372 being the amount 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.

Lisvane	3,068
Pentyrch	3,709
Radyr	4,090

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St Fagans	2,006
Old St Mellons	2,512
Tongwynlais	830

being the amounts 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 2024/25 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 £568,735):
£1,326,949,735
- b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c):
£480,997,000
- 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:
£845,952,735
- 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:
£623,157,566
- 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:
£1,474.48
- f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1):
£568,735
- 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:
£1,470.72

h) The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.1(g)
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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	1,494.35
Pentyrch	1,523.32
Radyr & Morganstown	1,511.13
St Fagans	1,496.49
St Mellons	1,492.72
Tongwynlais	1,505.54

- l) 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.

Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Lisvane	996.23	1,162.27	1,328.31	1,494.35	1,826.43	2,158.50	2,490.58	2,988.70	3,486.82
Pentyrch	1,015.55	1,184.80	1,354.07	1,523.32	1,861.84	2,200.35	2,538.87	3,046.64	3,554.41
Radyr	1,007.42	1,175.32	1,343.23	1,511.13	1,846.94	2,182.74	2,518.55	3,022.26	3,525.97
St. Fagans	997.66	1,163.93	1,330.22	1,496.49	1,829.05	2,161.59	2,494.15	2,992.98	3,491.81
Old St.									
Mellons	995.15	1,161.00	1,326.87	1,492.72	1,824.44	2,156.15	2,487.87	2,985.44	3,483.01
Tongwynlais	1,003.69	1,170.97	1,338.26	1,505.54	1,840.11	2,174.67	2,509.23	3,011.08	3,512.93
All other parts of the Council's Area	980.48	1,143.89	1,307.31	1,470.72	1,797.55	2,124.37	2,451.20	2,941.44	3,431.68

- 2.2 Note that for the year 2024/25, 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
235.11	274.30	313.48	352.67	431.04	509.41	587.78	705.34	822.90

- 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 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of Council's Area									
VALUATION BANDS									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Area									
Lisvane	1,231.34	1,436.57	1,641.79	1,847.02	2,257.47	2,667.91	3,078.36	3,694.04	4,309.72
Pentyrch	1,250.66	1,459.10	1,667.55	1,875.99	2,292.88	2,709.76	3,126.65	3,751.98	4,377.31
Radyr	1,242.53	1,449.62	1,656.71	1,863.80	2,277.98	2,692.15	3,106.33	3,727.60	4,348.87
St. Fagans Old St.	1,232.77	1,438.23	1,643.70	1,849.16	2,260.09	2,671.00	3,081.93	3,698.32	4,314.71
Mellons	1,230.26	1,435.30	1,640.35	1,845.39	2,255.48	2,665.56	3,075.65	3,690.78	4,305.91
Tongwynlais	1,238.80	1,445.27	1,651.74	1,858.21	2,271.15	2,684.08	3,097.01	3,716.42	4,335.83
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,215.59	1,418.19	1,620.79	1,823.39	2,228.59	2,633.78	3,038.98	3,646.78	4,254.58

- 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 2024 to March 2025 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £53,384,363;
- 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 2024 to 31 March 2025, namely:
- County Council of the City and County of Cardiff £155,460
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council £17,620
- 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:
- Approve the Capital Strategy 2024/25
 - Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 and authorise the Section 151 Officer to raise such funds as may be required to finance capital expenditure by temporary or long-term borrowing
 - Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 – 2028/29

- (d) including the affordable borrowing limit
Delegate to the Section 151 Officer the ability 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 in the Capital Programme
- (e) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2024/25

- 4 To approve the Budgetary Framework outlined in this report;
- 5 To maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in this report.

119 : COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS

Council was requested to consider and approve the proposal to charge higher amounts of Council Tax (Premiums) on long-term empty dwellings provided for by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

The Lord Mayor called upon Cllr Weaver, Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance to move the report. The report was formally seconded by Cllr Thorne.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

Cllr Weaver responded to matters raised.

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

The vote on the recommendation was CARRIED.

FOR (55)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ali, Ash-Edwards, Berman, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke, Carr, Carter, Chowdhury, Cunnah, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Gibson, Goodway, Gunter, Henshaw, Hinchey, Hopkins, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Owen Jones, Latif, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Livesy, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Moultrie, Naughton, Palmer, Parry, Proctor, Robinson, Sangani, Shimmin, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Thomas, Thomson, Thorne, Weaver, Wild, Wong and Wood

AGAINST (12)

Councillors Brown-Reckless, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Lancaster, Littlechild, McEvoy, Melbourne, Owen, Reid-Jones, Robson and Williams

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to:

Increase the premium charge of 100% on long-term empty dwellings to 200% for dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 24 months, and to 300% for dwellings that
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have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 36 months, with effect from 1st April 2024.

120 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

121 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Council was requested 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: Council AGREED to:

Receive a nomination and appoint to the vacancy on the Committee, in accordance with the Party Group wishes, as set out in Table A in the report.

122 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive nominations and make appointments of Members to outside bodies to fill vacancies which have arisen.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to:

Approve the nomination and appoint to outside bodies as set out in Table A in the report.