

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 24 September 2020 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 18 September 2020.

Present: County Councillor De'Ath (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, 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, Phillips, Dianne Rees, Mia Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

62 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for the meeting.

63 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	ITEM	Nature of Interest
Cllr Mackie	Item 7	Personal Interest - Family member employed as Head of Integrated Care
Cllr Mackie	Item 10	Personal Interest – owner of a property in Westgate Street
Cllr Joel Williams	Item 10	Personal Interest - Owner of property in Westgate Street - Director of Cartref Care Homes and Diverse Cymru - Family members employed by the Council
Cllr Bowen-Thompson	Item 10	Personal Interest - Chief Executive of Safer Wales

Cllr Naughton	Item 10	Personal Interest - Family member employed by the Council
Cllr Lister	Item 10	Personal Interest - Family member in receipt of social housing
Cllr Simmons	Item 10	Personal Interest - Board Member and Trustee of ACE (Caerau)
Cllr Henshaw	Item 10	Personal Interest - Family members employed by the Council
Cllr Ebrahim	Item 10	Personal Interest - Family member employed by the Council
Cllr Bradbury	Item 10	Personal Interest - Member of ACE, Caerau - Board Member Caerau Heritage Project - Trustee of Cardiff Story Museum
Cllr Molik	Item 10	Personal Interest - CEO Sight Cymru

64 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2020 were signed as a correct record.

65 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor wished Councillor Jayne Cowan a happy birthday.

66 : GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

The report was to enable the Council to consider updates to its governance arrangements during the restart period when normal business operations were disrupted due to government restrictions and additional service restart pressures as part of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas responded to matters raised in the debate.

The report was CARRIED:
RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

1. Agree to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting of Council on 26th November 2020, and note the modified arrangements being developed to ensure the meeting is COVID-19 secure, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report;
2. Agree that the Chair and Vice Chair of Council be appointed at the 2020 Annual Council meeting, and that their terms of office may be extended until the Annual Meeting in 2022;
3. Agree that full Council meetings from October 2020 shall resume normal arrangements (under the Council Meeting Procedure Rules) for:
 - (i) Leader and Cabinet member statements, questions and answers, in accordance with Rule 3(xii) and Rule 16(a);
 - (ii) Written Questions, under Rule 17; and
 - (iii) Public Questions, under Rule 18.
4. Agree, as an interim measure, the acceptance of Electronic petitions under Council Meeting Procedure Rule 21, subject to the requirements set out in paragraphs 18 of the report, and pending the introduction of a new Petition Scheme;
5. Approve the Programme of Meetings 1st October 2020 to 31st March 2021, appended at Appendix A, which are to be held remotely until any alternative arrangements may be agreed; and delegate authority to the Director of Governance and Legal Services to make any necessary amendments to the Programme of Meetings, in consultation with the relevant Chairpersons.
6. Note that governance arrangements and the issues and future developments set out in this report are being kept under review in light of the changing national position in relation to COVID-19 and the business needs of the Council, and receive further update reports in due course.

67 : WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT

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

The report asked Council to agree and approve the content of the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2019-20, prior to formal publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards, under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

Councillor Owen Jones seconded the report.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas responded to matters raised in the debate.

The report was carried.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

- Approve the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2019-20 (attached as **Appendix A**) prior to formal publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011).

68 : CARDIFF COUNCIL ANNUAL STATUTORY WELLBEING REPORT

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

This report was the Council's annual performance report, providing an assessment of the progress made in the delivery of the administration's Capital Ambition priorities as expressed within the Corporate Plan 2019-22. This report also enables the Council to discharge a number of statutory obligations, such as the publication of an Annual Statutory Well-Being Report as required by the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 and meet the requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to publish an annual report.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills, Councillor Merry seconded the report.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas responded to matters raised in the debate.

The report was carried.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

- Approve the Annual Statutory Wellbeing Report 2019-20

69 : BUDGET STRATEGY REPORT 2021/2022 AND THE UPDATED MEDIUM
TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

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

The report provided an update in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan. Consolidate and updated the financial strategy of the Council in readiness for the preparation of the 2021/22 revenue and capital budgets. Outlined the timetable that the budget process will follow in order to present the 2021/22 Budget to Council in February 2021. Provided an update in relation to the Council's financial resilience.

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

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

Councillor Berman moved the amendment.

In Cabinet Proposal, delete all and replace with:

“Council is recommended to refer back the Budget Timetable Framework to the Cabinet for further reconsideration to enable time for the Cabinet to re-evaluate the business case for continuing to include the proposal for the indoor arena within the Council's budget strategy in the light of the changing economic circumstances which have arisen owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.”

Councillor Taylor seconded the amendment.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

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

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

The Vote was LOST.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on the recommendations in the report.

The report was CARRIED:

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

- Adopt the Budget Timetable Framework set out in Appendix 2 and agree that the work outlined is progressed with a view to informing budget preparation.

70 : ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

The Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Susan Elsmore proposed the report.

The Council was advised that the purpose of this report was for the Cabinet to receive the 11th Annual Report of Local Authority Social Services (Appendix 1) as required under Part 8 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB Act).

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Graham Hinchey seconded the report.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Elsmore responded to matters raised in the debate.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

- Approve the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report for 2019/20

71 : JOINT CABINET STATEMENT

Council received Cabinet Member Statements.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas provided Council with an update on the current situation in Cardiff relating to COVID-19 possible Lockdown of the city.

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

Councillor Mia Rees
Councillor Robert Hopkins
Councillor Emma Sandrey
Councillor Dilwar Ali
Councillor Keith Parry
Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Rodney Berman
Councillor Lyn Hudson
Councillor Fenella Bowden
Councillor Dianne Rees
Councillor Joe Carter
Councillor Jayne Cowan
Councillor Norma Mackie

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

- Schooling for children when self-isolating.
- Cleaning materials being supplied to schools and the cost of cleaning
- Youth Services
- Pollution and air quality
- Policing of the Cardiff boundary if a local lockdown were enforced
- Track, trace and test.
- Wild Water storage
- Parking for the new 400 unit facility at the Heath
- Decommissioning of the Dragon Heart facility
- Opening of Leisure Centres
- Castle Street and the air quality in the city centre
- Coal Exchange
- Students returning to universities

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas took questions from the Group Leaders, Councillors Robson, Taylor and Keith Parry, in relation to the possible COVID-19 Lockdown of Cardiff.

72 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor referred to Council Meeting Procedure Rule 22 (I)

If any Ordinary Motion appears to the Chair to be not presently contained within the approved Council Budget for the year in question, it will still be included on the agenda for the meeting. However a statement from the Chair to this effect and stating that the Ordinary Motion shall be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council so that written legal and financial advice may be given to Members before the motion is debated.

As the costs of a Citizen's assembly would be likely to be in the region of £100k the motion will be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council so that written legal and financial advice may be given to Members before the motion is debated. The approx. cost includes staff resource, fees for experts to present evidence, and reimbursement for low income participants and has been reached on the basis of information reviewed from other local Assemblies, including Oxford's Climate Assembly, which took place over 2 weekends and cost £200k, and the Camden Climate Assembly in 2019 which cost a similar amount.

73 : URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was tabled at the meeting.

74 : 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:

Council AGREED to:

- Appoint to the vacancies on Committee's in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

75 : OFFICER DECISION REGISTER - SMT

Noted

76 : 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.