

No.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Decision Notice – 6th December, 2021.

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Present: Councillor Jayne Norman (Mayor); Councillors Julie Aviet, Vincent Bailey, Rhiannon Birch, Jonathan Bird, Bronwen Brooks, Lis Burnett, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Janice Charles, Geoff Cox, Robert Crowley, Andrew R.T. Davies, Pamela Drake, Vincent Driscoll, Stewart Edwards, Ben Gray, Owen Griffiths, Stephen Griffiths, Sally Hanks, Nic Hodges, Hunter Jarvie, Gwyn John, Dr. Ian Johnson, Gordon Kemp, Peter King, Kevin Mahoney, Kathryn McCaffer, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Michael Morgan, Rachel Nugent-Finn, Andrew Parker, Bob Penrose, Sandra Perkes, Andrew Robertson, Leighton Rowlands, Ruba Sivagnanam, John Thomas, Neil Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams and Mark Wilson.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor Millie Colins.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

There were no declarations received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September, 2021 be approved as a correct record.
- (2) T H A T the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28th September, 2021 be approved as a correct record, subject to it being noted that the report Councillor Kemp had referred to on page 377 was Steve James' report not the report of the Leader.
- (3) T H A T the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11th October, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

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AGENDA ITEM 5. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) RESTRUCTURING (MD) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the outcome of the recent consultation amongst Council staff on proposals for changes to the structure of the Council's Senior Executive Leadership Team be noted.

(2) T H A T the Council's Managing Director be designated as the Council's Returning Officer alongside the associated role of the Council's Electoral Registration Officer with effect from 7th December, 2021, with the duties to continue when the post title changes to the Chief Executive.

(3) T H A T the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect the re-designation of the roles as set out above.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Following consideration of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) To comply with the statutory requirements of the Representation of the People Acts 1983, 1985 and 2000 (as amended).

(3) To ensure the Constitution reflects the change in statutory designation.

NB. All Senior officers involved with the consultation process left the meeting whilst this item was being considered save for the Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer and the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officers and ICT Officer supporting the meeting.

A representative from Geldards Solicitors was, however, present at the meeting to advise as required.

AGENDA ITEM 6. COUNCILLOR SAFETY AND SUPPORT (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T it be agreed where a Councillor is at personal risk or significant threat of harm in carrying out their role that consideration be given to funding appropriate security measures, particularly in instances where such measures have been advised by the Police or security services.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer to consider and determine any request as referred in resolution (1) above for such funding.

Reason for decisions

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(1&2) To support Councillors in carrying out their various elected roles.

AGENDA ITEM 7. DIVERSITY IN DEMOCRACY (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Diversity in Democracy Action Plan be endorsed and the Action Plan adopted.

Reason for decision

To formally adopt the proposed Action Plan and to support the work associated with Welsh Government's Diversity in Democracy Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 8. USE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS (MD) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the Council's Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 9. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2019 – APRIL 2021 (MD) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Scrutiny Committees' Annual Report for the period May 2019 to April 2021 be received.

Reason for decision

To receive the Scrutiny Committees' Annual Report as required under the Council's Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 10(a) REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES GAMBLING ACT 2005 2022-2025 (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Statement of Principles for its gambling functions for the period 2022-2025 be approved and adopted.

Reason for decision

To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duty as a licensing authority.

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AGENDA ITEM 10(b) BARRY BIOMASS INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT
(REF) –

Following the debate and having regard to the fact Councillor Dr. Johnson withdrew his amendment to the Motion, a recorded vote then took place on the Leader's motion -

T H A T the Barry Biomass Independent Review Report be endorsed.

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Julie Aviet	√		
Rhiannon Birch	√		
Vincent Bailey		√	
Jonathan Bird	√		
Bronwen Brooks	√		
Lis Burnett	√		
Christine Cave		√	
George Carroll		√	
Janice Charles		√	
Geoff Cox	√		
Robert Crowley		√	
Andrew R T Davies		√	
Pamela Drake	√		
Vince Driscoll		√	
Stewart Edwards		√	
Ben Gray	√		
Owen Griffiths	√		
Stephen Griffiths		√	

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Sally Hanks	√		
Nic Hodges		√	
Hunter Jarvie	√		
Gwyn John	√		
Ian Johnson		√	
Gordon Kemp		√	
Peter King	√		
Kevin Mahoney		√	
Kathryn McCaffer	√		
Anne Moore	√		
Neil Moore	√		
Michael Morgan	√		
Jayne Norman	√		
Rachel Nugent-Finn		√	
Andrew Parker	√		
Bob Penrose		√	
Sandra Perkes	√		
Andrew Robertson		√	
Leighton Rowlands		√	
Ruba Sivagnanam	√		
John Thomas	√		
Neil Thomas	√		

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Steffan Wiliam		√	
Margaret Wilkinson	√		
Edward Williams	√		
Mark Wilson	√		
TOTAL	26	18	

The Motion was carried.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Barry Biomass Independent Review Report be endorsed.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

NB. The Barrister Annabel Graham Paul was also present to advise Council as required.

AGENDA ITEM 10(c) THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) ORDER 2021 (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the proposals of the Cabinet, as set out in Cabinet Minute No. C729, 22nd November, 2021, be approved.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10(d) POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS: MINI REVIEW (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the proposals of the Cabinet, as set out in Cabinet Minute No. C730, 22nd November, 2021, be approved.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the Council's statutory functions under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

AGENDA ITEM 10(e) TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2021/22 (REF) –

No.

RESOLVED – T H A T the proposals of the Cabinet, as set out in Cabinet Minute No. C735, 22nd November, 2021, be approved.

Reason for decision

To comply with the Treasury Management Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 10(f) COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the proposals of the Cabinet, as set out in Cabinet Minute No. C739, 22nd November, 2021, be approved.

(2) T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (Cabinet Minute No. C739(4)), 22nd November, 2021 (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) be noted.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by 31st January, 2022 and in place for implementation from 1st April, 2022.

(2) The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 11(a) DRAFT RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES: DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (Cabinet Minute No. C672(2)), 27th September, 2021 (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) be noted.

Reason for decision

The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 11(b) DRAFT RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON SHAPING WALES' FUTURE: USING NATIONAL INDICATORS AND MILESTONES TO MEASURE OUR NATION'S PROGRESS (REF) –

No.

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (Cabinet Minute No. C709(2)), 25th October, 2021 (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) be noted.

Reason for decision

The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM 11(c) TRANSFORMING TOWNS: SUPPORT TO IMPROVE TOWN CENTRES (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (Cabinet Minute No. C710(10)), 25th October, 2021 (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) be noted.

Reason for decision

The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.