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WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2020

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **COUNTY COUNCIL** WHICH WILL BE HELD **AT 10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.
3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH JULY, 2020.
5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).
6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (NONE RECEIVED).
7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-

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7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW JAMES

During the pandemic period and lockdown, virtual meetings have become the normal and essential means of maintaining communication and carrying out Council business. Given the current situation it is highly unlikely that normal meeting gatherings will resume for quite a while. Having reliable and effective broadband provision is therefore essential to maintain this on-line communication going forward.

However, high-speed broadband access is extremely challenging if not impossible for people living in remote and rural areas. Local businesses, family households and Councillors like myself are frustrated by the unpredictable service currently being provided by BT Openreach. We in the County Council Chamber have had 3 separate presentations from officers from BT during recent years promising to deliver the service we all richly need and deserve, but to date the delivery of Superfast Broadband connectivity has not been realised across the county. Frustration and disappointment is an understatement for how we all feel, so rather than complain let's do something positive.

I therefore call on all Councillors and Local Authorities within the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, including Carmarthenshire County Council, to support the request being sent to the Welsh Minister with responsibility for delivery of this essential everyday service which will benefit both businesses and households alike, which is:-

- Enabling all households and businesses to access the Global download speed of 11.03 Mega Bytes per second. As of 23/07/2020 our download speed at Stangau Farm, Llanddeusant, Llangadog, SA199YL in Carmarthenshire is approximately 2.00 Mega Bytes per second. This in contrast compares to a fast Broadband speed of 11 to 50 Mega Bytes

per second whilst very fast Broadband speed would be 100 Mega Bites per second.

- Further data confirms that the average upload Broadband speed is 0.45 Mbps in our house whilst the average Global upload speed is 1.00Mbps, whilst superfast Broadband upload speed can range from 19 to 24 Mbps.

For those of us living in rural communities with poor broadband provision, our demand for improved access has never been greater.

7 .2 NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DERYK CUNDY

MOTION ON WELFARE

It is proposed that the County Council creates a Welfare Rights Unit made up of Officers to proactively inform people what Benefits they are entitled to including Universal Credit, Pension Credit, ESA, Settled Status, Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Job Seekers Allowance etc. and physically helping them to complete the forms and follow up on their claims until successful conclusion.

and that we implement the following recommendations from the 2014 Task and Finish “The Impact of the Welfare Rights Reform on Communities and Households Throughout Carmarthenshire” as follows:

R7. Ensure that online budgeting tools are accessible and promoted at our public access venues such as libraries, Customer Service Centres, Family Centres and community venues with IT.

R12. Raise awareness by developing e-learning and training sessions for staff, members and partners about the welfare reform and referral mechanisms for relevant advice and support.

R13. Consider which service areas in contact with highly vulnerable people and households might benefit in giving frontline staff more specialist training in benefit and debt advice

7 .3 NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS

Carmarthenshire County Council deplores the decision of the Welsh Government to further delay the construction of the Llandeilo By Pass until 2025/26, so renegeing on an agreement made in 2016 to Adam Price our local Assembly Member

Further it deplores the more the lack of consultation and the failure to produce evidence to support this decision and to provide clear workable alternatives to the grid lock and pollution that has been effecting Llandeilo for over forty years.

It further wonders whether £50M allocated to the project will be sufficient to fulfil this agreement by 2025/26.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor I.W. Davies (Chair)

Councillors:

F. Akhtar	S.M. Allen	L.R. Bowen	K.V. Broom
C.A. Campbell	J.M. Charles	D.M. Cundy	S.A. Curry
C.A. Davies	W.R.A. Davies	T.A.J. Davies	G. Davies
H.L. Davies	J.A. Davies	K.Davies	S.L. Davies
E. Dole	J.S. Edmunds	P.M. Edwards	D.C. Evans
H.A.L. Evans	L.D. Evans	R.E. Evans	W.T. Evans
A.L. Fox	S.J.G. Gilasbey	C.J. Harris	P. Hughes-Griffiths
A.D. Harries	T.M. Higgins	J.K. Howell	A. James
R. James	D.M. Jenkins	J.P. Jenkins	G.H. John
C. Jones	B.W. Jones	D. Jones	G.R. Jones
H.I. Jones	A. Lenny	M.J.A. Lewis	K. Lloyd
K. Madge	S. Matthews	A.S.J. McPherson	E. Morgan
A.G. Morgan	S. Najmi	D. Nicholas	B.D.J. Phillips
D. Price	J.G. Prosser	B.A.L. Roberts	E.M.J.G. Schiavone
H.B. Shepardson	A.D.T. Speake	L.M. Stephens	B. Thomas
D. Thomas	E.G. Thomas	G. Thomas	J. Tremlett
A.Vaughan Owen	D.T. Williams	D.E. Williams	J.E. Williams

Also Present:

W. Walters, Chief Executive
 J. Morgan, Director of Community Services
 C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services
 G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services
 R. Mullen, Director of Environment
 L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law
 P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance)
 G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services
 K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 am - 12.47 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Hughes, T.J. Jones, S. Phillips and G.B. Thomas

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
K. Lloyd	7.3 – Notice of Motion by Councillor Rob James	Is a member of Unison Retirement Section. He has received

		dispensation to speak but not vote
A Lenny	7.1 – Notice of Motion by Councillor L. Bowen	Part of the motion relates to street names and he lives on Picton Terrace. He has had legal advice from the monitoring officer and can speak and vote on a general vote, but not on the part relating to street names if that vote is put separately.
K. Madge	6.1 – Question by Councillor K. Madge to Councillor Jane Tremlett, Executive Board Member for Social Care and Health	His daughter works in Social Services
E. Morgan	7.3 – Notice of Motion by Councillor Rob James	Life Member of Unison
R. James	8.1 – Homes as Power Stations	Representative for the Council on the Swansea Bay Regional Scrutiny Committee
Mr C. Moore	7.3 – Notice of Motion by Councillor Rob James	A Family member has previously been an agency worker at the theatre.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The Chair extended his appreciation to those members of Council who had attended the Annual meeting and to his friends, family and distinguished guests who had recorded short video message for the day;
- The Chair announced that his chosen charities for his Year of Office would be Prostrate Cancer and St Peter's Church, Llanybydder;
- The Chair referred to his recent visit to Llanybydder School to view the preparations made to welcome the children back to school during the Covid 19 pandemic.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

The Chair referred to the three sets of minutes being presented for adoption to Council that day as correct records, and advised that it was his intention, subject to no objections being received, to take the proposers and seconders and any matters of accuracy individually but would take only one vote to adopt all the minutes, subject to any amendments.

4.1. 3RD MARCH 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 3rd March 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4.2. 10TH MARCH 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10th March 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4.3. 10TH JUNE 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10th June 2020 be signed as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

5.1. QUESTION BY A DAVIES TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chair advised that Miss Davies was unable to attend today's meeting and had requested that he ask the following question on her behalf:-

"For several months, me and my friends have been struggling to get to school after our school bus was removed.

We have been relying on our parents to drive us to school, as the paths to school are not suitable.

The school bus being removed is having a big impact on my friends' families with parents being late for work, issues with the service bus and the weather has been horrendous.

I am concerned that the number of people being dropped off by a car is harming our environment.

People keep passing the blame so my question is when will we have our school buses back?"

The Chair advised that a written response would be conveyed to Miss Davies in accordance with part 10.7 of the Council's Corporate Procedure Rules.

5.2. QUESTION BY S. BERE TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chair advised that Ms Bere was unable to attend today's meeting and had requested that he ask the following question on her behalf:-

"Urban green spaces, such as Jackson's Lane in the centre of Carmarthen town, are playing an increasingly important role as part of our urban infrastructure, not least because of their potential to absorb excess rainwater as part of sustainable urban drainage systems, and the ability of their plants and trees to act as natural

air conditioning during heatwaves or dry spells. Local authorities have long recognised that its green spaces provide a range of benefits beyond their recreational value, including natural or 'ecosystem' services such as flood regulation, water quality regulation, noise absorption, carbon storage, wild species diversity, etc. Green spaces are often accurately referred to as the green lungs of a town or city, so in the light of this and the Council's own green credentials will Cllr. Dole initiate an immediate review of the decision to regenerate Jackson's Lane, to satisfy himself that the Council is doing all it can to adhere to its green credentials, whilst ensuring that the health & wellbeing benefits of our town centres are maximised.?"

The Chair advised that a written response would be conveyed to Ms Bere in accordance with part 10.7 of the Council's Corporate Procedure Rules.

5.3. QUESTION BY R. NARAYAN-TAYLOR TO COUNCILLOR JANE TREMLETT, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE

In the centre of Carmarthen town there are currently only two viable areas of green space, Barn Rd. Cemetery and Jackson's Lane where residents can access clean fresh air, engage with nature, relax and meet friends. As a result, it comes as no surprise that they are much loved and in the case of Jackson's Lane very well used, particularly in the spring and summer months. In the light of the growing evidence that such green spaces make a positive contribution to physical and mental health will Councillor Tremlett request an immediate review of the Council's decision to regenerate Jackson's Lane so as to satisfy herself that the council is doing all it can to promote the health and well-being of its residents, whilst meeting its own well-being goals and the goals of the "Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Response by Councillor Jane Tremlett, Executive Board Member for Social Care and Health:-

The points raised by Mr Narayan-Taylor are very relevant in current times and public spaces like Jackson's Lane will play an important role for people's health and wellbeing as we emerge from the Covid – 19 lock-down. I can advise Mr Narayan-Taylor that the Jackson's Lane redevelopment project will be progressed taking into account the Council's commitment to improving its green credentials. As we emerge from the pandemic, consideration will also be given to the revised scheme's ability to meet the objectives of the Well-Being and Future Generations(Wales) Act 2015 in delivering economic resilience and prosperity, whilst protecting our culture; our welsh language; our residents health and well-being; the environment; and promoting equality and cohesiveness.

There was no supplementary question

5.4. QUESTION BY J HEATH TO COUNCILLOR CEFIN CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS

The Chair advised that Mr Heath was unable to attend today's meeting and had requested that he ask the following question on his behalf:-

“In light of the County Council’s commendable decision to declare a climate emergency at the beginning of 2019, followed by its decision to request the Dyfed Pension fund to look at divesting in fossil fuels, followed by its decision in February 2020 to call on the Welsh and Westminster governments to follow its own lead by bringing forward their net-zero carbon targets from 2050 to 2030, will Cllr. Campbell, as the Council’s lead on the environment, request an immediate review of the decision to regenerate the Jackson’s Lane area of Carmarthen town, to satisfy himself that the proposals for Jackson’s Lane are not contrary to the Council’s commendable environment agenda?”

The Chair advised that a written response would be conveyed to Mr Heath in accordance with part 10.7 of the Council’s Corporate Procedure Rules.

6. QUESTION BY MEMBERS:-

6.1. QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR KEVIN MADGE TO COUNCILLOR JANE TREMLETT, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

(NOTE: Councillor K. Madge had earlier declared an interest in this item)

The Covid-19 Pandemic has demonstrated that Social Care is essential to the fabric of our society which underlines the huge financial pressures being faced by Social Care in Carmarthenshire and Wales.

Could we have an update from the Executive Board Member with the latest financial pressures facing this authority in the remaining months of this financial year.

Response by Councillor Jane Tremlett, Executive Board Member for Social Care and Health:-

Thank you Councillor Madge for your question. I would agree that this crisis has highlighted to the whole of society the importance of social care. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the work care staff across our county do. Members will now be aware that we responded to the crisis promptly offering immediate financial support to care homes and domiciliary care providers. To date most of these costs have been met by Welsh Government although there is considerable uncertainty moving forward as to how long this support will last. Care homes, in particular, will need substantial ongoing support as they manage vacancies because of COVID 19.

Whilst I welcome the raising of the National profile for Social Care we await clarity from Welsh Government on what financial support looks like in the long term. This will have a significant bearing on what the final outturn will be for the year and whether the additional funds we allocated in the budget last year will be sufficient. Our corporate budget monitoring process will monitor and report on the position closely as we move forward.

It is clear that we need a long-term solution to the funding of social care and I continue to make the case with the Director that national solutions need to be developed by Government as a matter of urgency.

Supplementary Question by Councillor Kevin Madge:

What more do you think needs to be done at a national level to resolve the pressures on the funding?

Response by Councillor Jane Tremlett, Executive Board Member for Social Care and Health:-

Thank you Kevin. Yes I think its just constant pressure on Welsh Government. I was attending a meeting last week as Chair of the Regional Partnership Board with both the Health Minister and the deputy health minister and the support from all Regional Partnership Chairs for the funding to be closely looked at and to respond as quickly as possible to local authorities because of the critical funding crisis that we face

7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-

7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LIAM BOWEN

(NOTE: Councillor A. Lenny had earlier declared an interest in this item)

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Liam Bowen:-

Addressing Racism in Carmarthenshire

The harrowing death of George Floyd in the USA and the weeks of protest and debate that have followed has given us all an opportunity to reflect on the harsh reality of racism across the world. We pride ourselves on being a caring, open and inclusive County, but it has to be openly acknowledged that sadly elements of racism and intolerance remain within our society today. It is therefore incumbent on this Council to formally recognise these failings, reach out to the BAME community, formulate proactive educational programmes and undertake a re-evaluation of our historical monuments in the light of recent events. Therefore:

This Council

- Makes a clear and unequivocal statement that it abhors racism, prejudice and discrimination in all its forms – past and present.
- Supports the message of 'Black Lives Matter' and believes in the right of citizens to protest peacefully in a safe environment
- Recognises the importance of BAME communities in our county and commits to working with them we aim to educate, identify and eradicate racism in Carmarthenshire.

The council will:

- Listen to the voice of BAME communities in our county and will set up a Cross Party Task and Finish group to take evidence to ensure that their concerns, fears and proposals are fully heard and informs future policy

- Work with the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner to deal with racism, prejudice and discrimination within the judicial system
- Continue to learn from historical events in a factually balanced approach
- Commit to working with our schools to include the themes of colonialism, exploitation, discrimination and racism in the new National Curriculum and in lifelong learning
- Undertake a review of public monuments, including the one to Thomas Picton in Carmarthen, as well as street names and report upon their appropriateness in 21st century Wales
- Embrace Black History Month (October) by holding public events to highlight the reality of the negative impact of racial inequality and celebrate the contribution made by BAME communities to our local and national life

The motion was duly seconded.

The following amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor F. Akhtar that amended bullet points one and five only within Councillor Bowen's Motion ie:

The council will:

- Listen to the voice of BAME communities in our county and will set up a Cross Party Task and Finish group to take evidence to ensure that their concerns, fears and proposals are fully heard and informs future policy, with the group completing the work within six months.
- Welcome the First Minister's announcement to undertake a national review of public monuments, including the one to Thomas Picton in Carmarthen, as well as street names and report upon their appropriateness in 21st century Wales

The amendment was duly seconded

The proposer and seconder of the Amendment were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and outlined the reasons for its submission.

A number of statements were made in support of the amendment.

The Council was advised that the proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted the amendment.

The amendment thereupon became the substantive motion

Council was advised that if the substantive motion was supported it would be referred to the Executive Board.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Substantive Motion be supported and referred to the Executive Board.

7.2. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR KEVIN MADGE

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Madge:-

“With the Amman Valley Railway line coal transportation coming to the end of its life, we believe that Carmarthenshire Council should carry out a feasibility study of the railway line, to see if we could do a modern environmentally-friendly green railway. The modern rail bus would connect the Amman Valley and the Gwendrarth Valley with Llanelli and Swansea.

The line could to help reduce transport poverty, help residents to travel to work and bring tourists into our valleys, creating jobs in the years to come. This line was established in 1842 and we must preserve it for our future generations.

It is essential that a feasibility study be carried out, with the line being mothballed as soon as possible to ensure that any future plans remain affordable to the public”.

The following amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor H. Evans and duly seconded:

This Council:

- Believes that with coal transportation along the Amman Valley Railway line coming to the end of its life, we should look to develop a modern, environmentally-friendly, passenger railway.
- Reaffirms its resolution of October 18th 2017 in calling for the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro to include the Amman Valley, and other Carmarthenshire communities.
- Notes that the Welsh Government has already commissioned a feasibility study into the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro, following a budget agreement with Plaid Cymru in 2017.
- Expresses its disappointment that the Feasibility Study into the development of the Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro has not yet been published.
- Calls on the Welsh Government to publish the feasibility study and to ensure that work is undertaken to identify the potential of reopening the Amman and Gwendraeth Valley railway lines to passengers.

The modern rail would connect the Amman Valley and the Gwendraeth Valley with Llanelli and Swansea.

The line could to help reduce transport poverty, help residents to travel to work and bring tourists into our valleys, creating jobs in the years to come. This line was established in 1842 and we must preserve it for our future generations.

It is essential that a feasibility study be carried out, with the line being mothballed as soon as possible to ensure that any future plans remain affordable to the public.”

The proposer and seconder of the Amendment were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and outlined the reasons for its submission.

A number of statements were made in support of the amendment.

The Council was advised that the proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted the amendment

The amendment thereupon became the substantive motion

Council was advised that if the substantive motion was supported it would be referred to the Executive Board.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Substantive Motion be supported and referred to the Executive Board.

7.3. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ROB JAMES

(NOTE: Councillors K. Lloyd and E. Morgan together with Mr C. Moore had earlier declared interests in this item)

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Rob James:-

That Carmarthenshire Council agrees:

1. To directly employ all the agency staff working in the theatre made redundant by the Agency instead of furloughing them as requested by Carmarthenshire County Council.
2. That the Authority should complete of a full review into the use of agency work within Carmarthenshire County Council and publish its findings on our website as soon as possible.
3. That the Council should seek to TUPE all agency workers employed for more than 2 years as permanent employees.
4. That we should stop the practice of paying fees to agency companies and evaluate opportunities for creating in-house systems to support all departments including but not exclusively, teachers and teaching assistants, social workers and care workers and our hospitality/leisure teams.

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and outlined the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made both in support of and against the Motion.

Council was advised that if the motion was supported it would be referred to the Executive Board.

Following a vote it was

RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be not supported.

8. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

8.1. HOMES AS POWER STATIONS (EXECUTIVE BOARD 16TH MARCH 2020)

(NOTE: Councillor R. James declared an interest at the commencement of this item as a representative of the Council on the Swansea Bay Regional Scrutiny Committee)

The Council was informed that the Executive Board at its meeting held on the 16th March 2020 (minute 9 refers) had considered a report on the Swansea Bay City Deal 'Homes as Power Stations' Regional Business Case, being led by Neath Port Talbot Council, (detailed as appendix 1 to the report) for submission to the Portfolio Management Office, in accordance with the City Deal Implementation plan in order to secure City Deal Funding approval.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Executive Board be adopted:-

“the Homes as Power Stations Business Case, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed and its formal submission to the Portfolio Management Office be authorised in accordance with the City Deal Implementation Plan to secure City Deal Funding approval;

delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Leader and relevant Executive Board Members, to approve any amendments to the business case following approval in light of any amendments that may be required by the Joint Committee of the Swansea Bay City Deal;

the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, the Leader and any relevant Executive Board Members be authorised to enter into any grant agreements or associated documentation that might be necessary to draw down funding from the UK/Welsh Government or the Accountable Body of the Swansea Bay City Deal.”

9. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE:-

The Chair referred to the two sets of Executive Board Minutes to be received by Council and advised that it was his intention, subject to no objections being received, to take the proposers and seconders individually but would take only one vote to receive the minutes.

9.1. 16TH MARCH 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 16th March 2020 be received.

9.2. 1ST JUNE 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 1st June 2020 be received.

CHAIR

DATE

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COUNTY COUNCIL 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY, REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM

REVIEW FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR A.D.T. SPEAKE FROM THE PLAID
CYMRU GROUP AND NOTICE OF WISH TO JOIN THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That as a result of changes to the overall political composition of the Council,

1. To adopt the changes to the number of seats held by the Plaid Cymru Group, and Independent Group as detailed within Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the report.
2. In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2 (2) (n) to approve changes in Committee membership as a result of recommendation 1 above (as detailed within the report).
3. To note that there are no changes to the number of seats held by the Labour Group, New Independent Group and the unaffiliated member.
4. In accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to note that the existing arrangements for the allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Seats remains unchanged.

REASONS:

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, requires a review of the arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted N/A

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

Executive Board Portfolio Holder – Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

<p>Directorate</p> <p>Name of Head of Service:</p> <p>Linda Rees Jones</p> <p>Report Author</p> <p>Gaynor Morgan</p>	<p>Chief Executive's</p> <p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Administration & Law</p> <p>Democratic Services Manager</p>	<p>Tel Nos.</p> <p>01267 224012 LRJ</p> <p>01267 224026 GM</p> <p>E Mail Addresses:</p> <p>Lrjones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>GMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY COUNCIL

9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY, REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM

REVIEW FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR A.D.T. SPEAKE FROM THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP AND NOTICE OF WISH TO JOIN THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

In accordance with the Constitution, the Council is required to appoint members to serve on its committees and to allocate those seats so that they reflect the overall political composition of the Council.

The allocation of seats on the Council's regulatory, scrutiny and other committees should therefore be made to reflect as closely as possible the political composition of the Council as a whole.

The Chief Executive received notice from Councillor Alan Speake that he had resigned from the Plaid Cymru Group on the 9th July 2020, subsequently Cllr Speake joined the Independent Group on the 11th July 2020

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) regulations 1990, as amended, and the Local Government Wales (measure) 2011, the Council is required to appoint members to serve on its committees and to allocate those seats so that they reflect the overall political composition of the Council, as far as possible.

The attached report sets out the suggested revised Committee allocations together with changes in Committee membership put forward by the Plaid Cymru and Independent Groups.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Legal

Committees are to be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) regulations 1990, as amended, and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

The Council is required to appoint members to serve on its committees and to allocate those seats so that they reflect the overall political composition of the Council.

The Council's constitution sets out arrangement for appointment to fill vacancies on Committees

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

1.Scrutiny Committee - Not applicable

2.Local Member(s) - Not applicable

3.Community / Town Council - Not applicable

4.Relevant Partners - Not applicable

5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part//crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made
The Local Government Act 2000		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL MEETING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020
REVIEW OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chief Executive received notice from Councillor Alan Speake on the 9th July 2020 that he had resigned from the Plaid Cymru Group, and had subsequently joined the Independent Group on the 11th July 2020. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) regulations 1990, as amended, and the Local Government Wales (measure) 2011, the Council is required to appoint members to serve on its committees and to allocate those seats so that they reflect the overall political composition of the Council, as far as possible.

2. POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

2.1. Composition of Committees and Panels of the Council

The membership of the political groups as at 1st September 2020 is as follows :-

Political Group	Number of Members (+/- seats in brackets)	%of Council Membership
Plaid Cymru	37 (-1)	50
Labour	17	22.97
Independent	14 (+1)	18.92
New Independent Group	5	6.76
Unaffiliated	1	1.35
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>100%</i>

Council at its meeting held on the 24th May 2017 decided that the total number of seats available on Committees is 168 and these seats must be distributed amongst the political groups and unaffiliated member on a politically balanced basis with the seats on committees also being allocated to reflect, as far as possible, the political balance of the Council as a whole.

The Council democratic structure comprises:

Executive Board	10 members
5 X Scrutiny Committees	68 Members (Non Executive Board Members)
Regulatory and other Committees	100 Members

Note:

- *Only non Executive Members (64) may serve on the Scrutiny Committees.*
- *The members serving on the Standards Committee do not need to reflect the political balance of the Council as a whole but they have been included within the above figures.*
- *It is not a statutory requirement to ensure that the Audit Committee is politically balanced however the Authority has chosen to include the Audit Committee in its calculations Only one member of the Executive Board can serve on the Audit Committee and this must not be the Leader of the Council.*
- *Only one member of the Executive Board can serve on the Democratic Services Committee and this must not be the Leader of the Council.*

TABLE 1

ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON REGULATORY, SCRUTINY AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND THE PENSION COMMITTEE	% COUNCIL MEMBER-SHIP	168
Plaid Cymru	50	84 86*
Labour	22.97	39 (38.59)
Independent	18.92	32 (31.78) 30*
New Independent Group	6.76	11 (11.35)
Unaffiliated Member	1.35	2
TOTAL NO OF SEATS	100%	168

(* Seat allocation as at last review)

Note:

1. *If the allocation of seats on committees is not made on a politically balanced basis then the decision by council to do this must be unanimous “without any member of the authority or committee voting against them.” S17(b) of the Act.*

2. In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, there is a requirement to ensure proportionality across political groups, this does not extend to members who have chosen to be unaffiliated. The Authority has historically assigned any remaining unallocated seats to the unaffiliated members.

2.2. Allocation of Seats

In order to reflect the new arrangements the Plaid Cymru Group's representation on Committees will be reduced by 2 seats from 86 to 84, and the Independent Group allocation will be increased by 2 seats from 30 to 32. There is no change to the Labour, New Independent or Unaffiliated member allocation.

To accommodate this change in the political composition of the Council the Plaid Cymru Group must relinquish 1 Scrutiny Committee and 1 regulatory/other seat to the Independent Group

In order to ensure that the seats on committees are allocated to reflect, as far as possible, the political balance of the Council **as a whole** the number of scrutiny seats held by the New Independent Group will remain rounded down, based on the lowest percentage rounding, this is due to an anomaly which cannot be rectified if rounding up or down by +/- 1 seat.*

It is suggested that the composition of Committees within the democratic decision making structure be amended as shown in Tables 2 and 3 below with the Seats allocated, to reflect as far as possible, the political balance of the Council as a whole. Resultant membership changes put forward by the Plaid Cymru and Independent Groups are included within this report.

TABLE 2a - Scrutiny Committees (68 seats)

5 SCRUTINY COMMITTEES	(+/- seats in brackets)	
Political Group	Number of Seats 68	NEW Allocation of seats on scrutiny Committees
Plaid Cymru	34 (-1)	4 X 7 SEATS & 1 X 6 SEATS
Labour	16 (15.62)	1 X 4 SEATS AND 4 X 3 SEATS
Independent	13 (+1) (12.86)	3 X 3 SEATS & 2 X 2 SEATS
New Independent	4 * (4.59)	4 X 1 SEAT
Unaffiliated Member	1 (0.92)	1 SEAT

It therefore suggested that the allocation of elected member seats on the Scrutiny Committees should be amended as follows:-

TABLE 2B

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	TOTAL NO OF SEATS	PLAID CYMRU GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	IND GROUP	NEW IND GROUP	UNAF
Community	13	7	3	3	0	0
Education & Children	14 + 5 (co-opted)	7	3	2	1	1
Environmental & Public Protection	14	7 (-1) 8	3	3 (+1) 2	1	0
Policy & Resources	13	6	3	3	1	0
Social Care & Health	14	7	4	2	1	0
Total	68	34	16	13	4	1

Following discussion, the Plaid Cymru Group has agreed to relinquish the following seat:-

1 x Seat on the Environmental & Public Protection Committee (seat previously held by Councillor Alan Speake)

The Independent Group has nominated Cllr Alan Speake to fill its additional seat on the Environmental and Public Protection Committee.

TABLE 3 - REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES (100 SEATS)

It is therefore suggested that the allocation of elected member seats on the Regulatory/Other Committees should be amended as follows:-

COMMITTEE/ PANEL	TOTAL NO OF SEATS	PLAID CYMRU GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	IND GROUP	NEW INDEPENDENT GROUP	UNAFFILIATED
Appeals	6	3	1	1	1	0
Appointments A Directors (Leader + 6 EBM's + 9 non executive members)	16	8	5	3	0	0
Appointments B Heads of Service (4 EBM's + 6 non- executive members)	10	5	2	2	1	0
Audit	8	4	2	1	1	0
Democratic Services	5	3	1	1	0	0
Housing Review Panel +1 sub per group	8	4	1	1	1	1
Dyfed Pension Fund Committee + 1 permanent sub	3	1	1	1	0	0
Licensing	14	7	4	3	0	0

Members' Appointments	7	3 (-1) 4	1	2 (+1) 4	1	0
Planning	20	10	4	4	2	0
Standards (+ 4 Independent & 1 Community Rep)	3	2	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	100	50	23	19	7	1

Following discussion, the Plaid Cymru Group has agreed to relinquish 1 x Seat on the Member Appointments Committee (seat previously held by Councillor Alan Speake).

The Independent Group has nominated Cllr Alan Speake to fill its additional seat on the Member Appointment Committee.

3. POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO CHAIR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Part 6 of the Local Government Wales 2011 Measure deals with sets out the requirements for the appointment of Persons to Chair Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The Measure states that in respect of Council's with two or more political groups and multiple scrutiny committees the political groups represented in the executive can only appoint as many chairs as are proportionate to their combined share of the council's overall membership, **rounding down** if this does not equal a whole number of chairs. It is for the executive groups together to decide upon the allocation of their entitlement to chairs between them. The rest of the Scrutiny Chairs are the "property" of those groups not represented in the Executive. If there is only one such group, that group is entitled to all the remaining Chairs, if there is more than one non-executive group, each gets a share of the chairs in proportion to their membership, rounding to the nearest whole number including zero.

Allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Chairs:-

Plaid Cymru and Independent Executive 68.92% = **3**
(3.45 - rounded down)

Labour 22.97% = **1**
(1.15 % rounded to nearest whole number)

New Independent Group 6.76% = **0**
(0.34 – rounded to nearest whole number)

As there is one unallocated Chair following the above calculation, then, under the Measure, the Chair is appointed by the members of that Committee.

Having taken into account the revised political composition, the allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Chairs is **unchanged**.

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COUNCIL 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL ADVISORY PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES SUBJECT TO POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS

REVIEW FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR A.D.T. SPEAKE FROM THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP AND
NOTICE OF WISH TO JOIN THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That as a result of changes to the overall political composition of the Council,

- 1) the allocation of seats on the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel (3) be amended as follows:-

Plaid Cymru (1) Labour (1) Independent (1)
- 2) As a result of recommendations 1 above to approve the membership change as detailed within the report.
- 3) To note that there are changes required to the membership and allocation of seats for the:

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority, Pay Policy Advisory Panel and the Constitutional Review Working Group.

REASONS:

Councillor Alan Speake has resigned from the Plaid Cymru Group and joined the Independent Group.

Under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council is required to undertake a review of the arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted	N/A
Exec Board Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

Executive Board Portfolio Holder: Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

<p>Directorate</p> <p>Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees Jones</p> <p>Report Author Gaynor Morgan</p>	<p>Chief Executive's</p> <p>Designations: Head of Administration & Law Democratic Services Manager</p>	<p>Tel Nos. 01267 224012 LRJ 01267 224026 GM</p> <p>E Mail Addresses: Lrjones@cararthenshire.gov.uk GMorgan@cararthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNCIL

9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL ADVISORY PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES SUBJECT TO POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Chief Executive received notice from Councillor Alan Speake that he had resigned from the Plaid Cymru Group on 9th July 2020, subsequently Cllr Speake joined the Independent Group on the 11th July 2020.

As a result of revised political balance calculations:-

- the Plaid Cymru Group will need to relinquish a seat on the Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Panel to the Independent Group.

The Plaid Cymru Group has relinquished the seat held by Councillor Emlyn Schiavone on the Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Panel. The Independent Group has nominated Cllr Jim Jones to take this seat.

There are no changes required to any other outside bodies/Council advisory Panels.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Legal

Appointments to the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel are set out in Para 31 of Part 4, Schedule 6, Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 which contains a requirement that when considering panel membership a 'balanced appointment' objective is met (as far as is reasonably practicable).

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** - Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** - Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** - Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** - Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - Not applicable

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List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

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Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011		http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents/enacted
The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 29 June 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair);

Councillors:

C.A. Campbell, G. Davies, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P. Hughes-Griffiths, D.M. Jenkins, L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett;

The following Officers were in attendance:

W. Walters, Chief Executive;

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services;

J. Morgan, Director of Community Services;

G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;

R. Mullen, Director of Environment;

J. Jones, Head of Regeneration;

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;

P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);

D. Hockenull, Marketing and Media Manager;

G. Morgan, Democratic Services Manager;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.40 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P.M. Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES - 1ST JUNE 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 1st June, 2020 be signed as a correct record

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

5. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

6. COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

The Executive Board considered a report which provided an assessment of the impact that Covid-19 was having on Carmarthenshire businesses and identified what was important to them in the short, medium and long-term, so that going forward the Authority could provide them with the assistance they most needed.

As a platform to the development and delivery of the County's Economic Recovery Plan, an internal Business, Economy and Community recovery group had been established to coordinate development and delivery. That group had identified

several draft potential action strands and proposals for further consideration. In order to move forward Carmarthenshire County Council was seeking to employ external economic advice to assist with bringing this information together and map out a plan for future projects and tasks in order to provide the right support for local businesses and communities. An overarching advisory group, comprising key private sector industry leaders, would be established to assist with the development and refinement of the draft plan and provide leadership through the current crisis. The group would set the vision and direction for recovery.

Members welcomed the strategy set out in the report and commented on the important contribution local procurement and buying local would make towards the recovery of the Carmarthenshire economy both in rural areas and the major towns.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to receive the report and approve the proposed draft recovery strategy.

7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 UPDATE

The Executive Board considered a report which provided details of additions to the capital programme which had secured external funding since approval of the 2020/21 – 2024/25 programme on 3rd March 2020.

The Board was advised that since the publication of the agenda the Authority had received an additional grant of £1.732m from Welsh Government for local sustainable transport measures in response to Covid-19. The purpose of the grant was to assist local authorities in undertaking works to ensure the continuation of social distancing measures. The package of schemes included the following:

- Access to schools;
- Reallocation of road space;
- Public transport;
- Public realm social distancing;
- Parking;
- Minor works;
- Cycle friendly infrastructure;
- Active travel measures in rural towns.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the capital programme update report be received and the amendments, including the receipt of the abovementioned additional grant, approved.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business but took the opportunity to thank all staff for their continued efforts in helping to deal with issues arising from the current crisis and maintain front line services.

The Executive Board Member for Education and Children referred to the fact that some schools had reopened earlier in the day, albeit in a limited capacity due to social distancing measures, and paid tribute to all officers, head teachers, school staff and governing bodies who had worked hard to make this possible. He expressed the hope that detailed guidance would soon be received from Welsh Government with regard to arrangements for the next school year in September.

CHAIR

DATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 13 July 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair)

Councillors:

C.A. Campbell, G. Davies, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P. Hughes-Griffiths, D.M. Jenkins, L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett.

Also in attendance:

Councillor D.M. Cundy.

The following Officers were in attendance:

W. Walters, Chief Executive;
 C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services;
 J. Morgan, Director of Community Services;
 G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;
 R. Mullen, Director of Environment;
 P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);
 L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;
 J. Jones, Head of Regeneration;
 G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services;
 D. Hockenull, Marketing and Media Manager;
 J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10:00am - 10:22am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. M. Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
G. Davies (raised declaration separately under item 8)	8 – Business Tenants Rent Concession	He is a Director of a company based in a building owned by Carmarthenshire County Council.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE 29TH JUNE 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 29th June, 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

5. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions on notice by Members had been received.

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair reported that there were no items of urgent business.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

8. BUSINESS TENANTS - RENT CONCESSION

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 7 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information contained therein as disclosure would harm the businesses to which the report applies, undermining their position in the marketplace and potentially put jobs at risk and cause harm to the local economy.

[Note: At this point in the proceedings Councillor G. Davies declared a personal interest in this item, he remained in the meeting during its determination and voted.]

The Executive Board noted, as previously reported at its meeting on the 29th June 2020, the COVID 19 pandemic has had a significant negative impact on the business economy in Carmarthenshire. In view of the likelihood that businesses would continue to struggle financially in the foreseeable future, the Executive Board considered a report which provided detailed options open to the Authority for continuing to assist with rent concessions for its business tenants.

With Carmarthenshire Council having a significant business portfolio with one of the highest tenancy occupation rates in Wales, members also considered the potential revenue implications for the Authority as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that Council business tenants are offered a 50% rental concession for July and a further 25% concession for August. The concession would only apply to those tenants who are able to evidence hardship, which will be assessed on a 50% reduction in turnover for July.

CHAIR

DATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 27 July 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair);**Councillors:**C.A. Campbell, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P. Hughes-Griffiths, D.M. Jenkins,
L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett;**Also in attendance:**

Councillor D.M. Cundy;

The following Officers were in attendance:

W. Walters, Chief Executive;

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services;

G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;

R. Mullen, Director of Environment;

J. Jones, Head of Regeneration;

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;

P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);

G. Ayers, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager;

D. Hockenull, Marketing and Media Manager;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.30 am**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Davies and P. Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES - 13TH JULY 2020**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 13th July, 2020 be signed as a correct record.**4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS**

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

6. RESUMPTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Executive Board considered a report detailing options for resuming car parking charges in town centres. It was noted that charges had been suspended for Council operated Town Centre Car Parks since the outset of the Covid 19 Pandemic and continued to be suspended to encourage tourist and visitor activity over the summer. Should charges be reintroduced it was recommended that any increase be delayed until further recovery of town centres.

It was suggested that the parking charges in town centre car parks be reintroduced with effect from Tuesday 1st September 2020 as opposed to Monday 31st August 2020.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

6.1 to approve the reintroduction of parking charges in town centre car parks with effect from Tuesday 1st September 2020;

6.2 that the proposed 20p increase in charges at town centre car parks be postponed until Monday 4th January 2021.

7. ARMED FORCES (AF) COVENANT AND DEFENCE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME (DERS) BRONZE AWARD

[NOTE: This item was withdrawn from the agenda.]

8. NOTICES OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (12TH FEBRUARY 2020 AND 8TH JULY 2020) ADDRESSING RACISM IN CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Executive Board considered a report setting out its proposals following Council's endorsement of the two Notices of Motion on racism in Carmarthenshire on the 12th February 2020 (7.1) and the 8th July 2020 (7.1). The Board was of the view that the concerns raised by each Motion should be addressed in conjunction with each other and that a politically balanced Task and Finish Advisory Panel should be established, as suggested, to listen to the voice of BAME communities in Carmarthenshire. Accordingly, and in order for the work of the Panel to commence as soon as possible, the report detailed arrangements for its membership and proposed terms of reference.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the membership and terms of reference of the cross-party Task and Finish Advisory Panel (Cross Party BAME Review) set out in the report.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair reported that there were no items of urgent business.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

11. FORMER GRILLO SITE, BURRY PORT

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 10 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). The public interest test in respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information contained therein as disclosure would put the

authority at a material disadvantage in any subsequent negotiations with third parties and potentially harm the public purse.

The Executive Board considered a report on the possible acquisition of the site of the former Grillo zinc oxide production factory at Burry Port which could not only promote and facilitate its development together with adjoining Council owned land but also support the Council's regeneration aspirations for Burry Port and delivery of the Burry Port Masterplan. It was deemed that development of this site would bring forward much needed housing in an area of high demand together with some 30 new jobs being created by the commercial element of the development.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

11.1 that the former Grillo Site, Burry Port, be purchased on the basis of Option 3 detailed in the report;

11.2 that the funding be provided from the Development Fund on the basis of an invest to save principle. [The repayment of the Development Fund will occur when the Land is sold on, therefore other conditions of the Development will be set aside in this instance.]

CHAIR

DATE

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