



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

### **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 4.00pm

This meeting was live streamed, details of which can be accessed [here](#)

#### **County Borough Councillors – The following Councillors were present in the Council Chamber:-**

Councillor G Hughes (Chair)  
Councillor B Stephens    Councillor Sheryl Evans  
Councillor J Bonetto    Councillor D R Bevan  
Councillor J Brencher    Councillor S Bradwick  
Councillor J Cook    Councillor G Caple  
Councillor S J Davies    Councillor A Crimmings  
Councillor S Emmanuel    Councillor R Davis  
Councillor J Edwards    Councillor V Dunn  
Councillor B Harris    Councillor L Ellis  
Councillor G Holmes    Councillor W Hughes  
Councillor K Johnson    Councillor G O Jones  
Councillor G Jones    Councillor W Jones  
Councillor W Lewis    Councillor C Leyshon  
Councillor C Middle    Councillor M Maohoub  
Councillor A Morgan    Councillor N H Morgan  
Councillor S Morgans    Councillor W Owen  
Councillor D Parkin    Councillor M Norris  
Councillor C Preedy    Councillor S Rees  
Councillor G Stacey    Councillor L A Tomkinson  
Councillor S Trask    Councillor W Treeby  
Councillor G Warren    Councillor M Webber  
Councillor R Williams    Councillor T Williams  
Councillor R Yeo

#### **The following Councillors were present online:-**

Councillor M Ashford    Councillor L Addiscott  
Councillor P Binning    Councillor A Dennis  
Councillor E Dunning    Councillor J Elliott  
Councillor P Evans    Councillor D Evans  
Councillor R Evans    Councillor Sera Evans  
Councillor D Grehan    Councillor A S Fox  
Councillor S Hickman    Councillor G Hopkins  
Councillor C Lises    Councillor H Gronow  
Councillor R Lewis    Councillor D Owen-Jones  
Councillor K Morgan    Councillor M Powell  
Councillor A Rogers    Councillor A Roberts  
Councillor D Williams    Councillor J Turner  
Councillor D Wood    Councillor G E Williams  
Councillor K Webb

#### **Officers in attendance**

Mr P Mee, Chief Executive  
Mr B Davies, Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director, Finance, Digital and Frontline Services  
Mr R Evans, Director of Human Resources  
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication  
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal and Democratic Services

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillor A J Ellis    Councillor S Powderhill  
Councillor J Smith    Councillor J Barton

### **38    Welcome**

The Presiding Member welcomed Members to the hybrid Council meeting.

### **39    Declaration of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and following advice given by the Council's Director of Legal Services & Democratic Services, the following declarations were made pertaining to the agenda and declaration (8) in relation to agenda item 7 was declared later in the meeting (Minute 45 refers):

#### **Agenda item 7 – Review of the Council's Terms & Conditions:**

1. Councillor D R Bevan declared the following personal interest- "I have two family members who may be affected by what is set out in the report"
2. Councillor A Morgan declared the following personal interest – "I have a close associate who may be affected"
3. Councillor G Hughes declared the following personal interest – "My mother works for the Local Authority"
4. Councillor W Hughes declared the following personal interest – "My wife works for the Local Authority"
5. Councillor G Stacey declared the following personal interest – "My daughter, Son and Grandson work for the Council"
6. Councillor T Williams declared the following personal interest – "My son works for the Council"
7. Councillor W Lewis declared the following personal interest – " My son works for the Council"
8. Councillor W Treeby declared the following personal interest – "Both my sons work for the Council"

### **40    Minutes**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meetings held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as an accurate reflection of the meeting (subject to it being noted that Councillor S Trask was omitted from those in attendance at the 4pm meeting).

## 41 **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

- Councillor R Harris wished to congratulate the Welsh rugby player Josh Adams who had recently achieved his 50<sup>th</sup> cap at the Rugby World Cup. He also wished the Welsh Rugby team good luck for their up-and-coming game against Australia on the weekend.
- Councillor M Maohoub led the Council in a Minute's silence in memory of all those who had lost their lives in the recent tragic events in Morocco and Libya.
- The Service Director Democratic Services & Communication made the following announcement in the absence of Councillor W Treeby which provided information in respect of Councillor Treeby's Charity Donations during her time as Mayor for Rhondda Cynon Taf during the 2022/23 Municipal Year:

Wales Air Ambulance £26,100

Stroke Association £26,100

These both include £24,000 each of ICCM money.

Green Meadow Riding School for the Disabled £2,100

**Total Donations £54,300**

## 42 **Members' Questions**

Council was advised that question 3 would fall due to the absence of the Member asking the question:

### 1. **Question from County Borough Councillor R. Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:**

"Can the Leader give an update on the Britannia Bridge scheme?"

#### **Response from County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:**

The Leader commented that this question relates to the Eirw Road / Imperial Bridge scheme in Britannia which is now progressing to its conclusion. All the bearings which had seized have been replaced, the parapets and structural steel have been repaired with corroded sections also replaced. The whole bridge, at just under 3,000 square metres of surface, has been stripped and repainted.

The Leader added that the road surfacing has now been removed to re-waterproof the bridge deck and repairs will need to be made to the concrete infill first, and this will add a few weeks onto the programme. He commented that major schemes such as this one and other structural maintenance or replacement schemes can cause disruption locally and therefore the Council is

grateful to residents for their patience and cooperation.

**Supplementary Question from County Borough Councillor R Evans:**

“Can the Leader explain the importance of having a structural repairs and maintenance programme in RCT?”

**Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan:**

The Leader commented that it is hugely important and the Council is currently replacing many bridges across the County Borough alongside the capital programme. The Leader acknowledged the disruption this involves but without investing in the structures, they would close which has long term implications for local residents until they are replaced.

The Leader explained that continued investment following Storm Dennis is inevitable and needed and four bridges will shortly be listed into placed. He added that structures will continue to be replaced as they age or else they will fail.

**2. Question from County Borough Councillor H. Gronow to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:**

“Could the relevant Cabinet Member please give us an update on fly tipping across the county borough”.

**Response from County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:**

Councillor Crimmings responded that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council adopts a zero-tolerance approach to tackling fly-tipping, and we use all available powers to catch those responsible for illegally blighting own towns and countryside and holding them accountable for their actions.

Councillor Crimmings advised that the removal of fly-tipping in the County Borough costs hundreds of thousands of pounds which should be spent on key front-line services, which is obviously vital in the current financial climate. She added that the most frustrating thing is that many of the items recovered on the streets, towns and mountains could have been taken to a Community Recycling Centre or collected from the kerbside at no extra cost. Therefore, there is absolutely no excuse for this behaviour in our communities.

Councillor Crimmings confirmed that once again, Rhondda Cynon Taf has achieved more successful fly-tipping prosecutions than any other Welsh Local Authority, cementing its place as the top performing Local Authority in Wales in this area for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. This has resulted in 123 PACE interviews being undertaken, 64 Fixed Penalty Notices being issued, and 26 prosecutions administered to offenders across the County Borough in the last year.

Councillor Crimmings advised that as well as carrying out routine checks and responding to the reports they receive, the Council has a number of covert, roaming cameras placed in key locations to catch offenders red-handed. The

Council's Environmental Enforcement team remains committed to investigating every incident of fly tipping and prosecuting all offences where enough evidence is present.

Councillor Crimmings recounted one example where an offender was ordered to pay costs of over £2,000 and also given a custodial sentence after fly-tipping 7 times across RCT. The individual had dumped almost 200 black bags of waste across 3 locations, with the waste consisting of large amounts of cannabis waste and related materials, including venting pipes, heat lamps, soil and other items. She added that the particular individual was also a licensed waste carrier at the time, and their vehicle – which contained more black bags and evidence - was seized as part of the investigation. This was a particularly complex case involving different agencies but was very much driven by our Officers and highlights some of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into each case.

**There was no supplementary question**

**(As advised question 3 fell due to the absence of the Member asking the question)**

**4. Question from County Borough Councillor R. Davis to the Cabinet Member for Social Services, County Borough Councillor G. Caple:**

“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the works to deliver an Extra Care scheme in Porth?”

**Response from County Borough Councillor G. Caple:**

Councillor Caple thanked the Member for the opportunity to provide an update on the Council's £60M investment in modernising its residential care homes in order to ensure dignity and respect in old age with modern, state of the art extra care homes with provision for more complex needs such as dementia throughout the county borough. These changes will enhance the wellbeing and independence of older people in a modern-day setting. He added that the Council is able to provide real choice and quality care for the most vulnerable in its society against a background of budget cuts and a financial cost of living crisis together with economic turmoil.

Councillor Caple advised that last year, the Jehu Group, who were originally awarded the contract for the scheme, unfortunately entered into administration. Work on-site was temporarily paused and the site secured, consequently, the Council has been working closely with Linc – its partners for the scheme - to identify a contractor to take over and recommence the project.

Councillor Caple added that whilst there has been a delay, the scheme is still very much considered to be a priority project and the Council remains committed to providing further state-of-the-art, modern and fit-for-purpose Extra Care places and the additional community facilities that accompany it in Porth. He commented that once completed, it will house 60 extra care apartments over four storeys, providing modern accommodation with 24-hour support for older

people's assessed needs, allowing them to live as independently as possible.

Councillor Caple listed the on-site amenities to include a dining area, hair salon, activity room, day care centre and offices. Externally, 33 car park spaces will be provided along with cycle and buggy stores, while the site's existing access will be slightly reconfigured.

In conclusion, Councillor Caple advised that the extra care scheme in Porth at Dan-Y-Mynydd is currently awaiting funding approvals, with a view to signing the Pre-Commencement Agreement (PCA) shortly. However, completion of this stage will enable the detailed design work and further site investigation work to get back underway ahead of a resumption in full site activity in the new year.

### **There was no supplementary question**

### **5. Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:**

"Can the Leader provide Members with an update on the rollout of the Council's Community Wardens team and outline what progress has been made in the further commitment to fund 10 PCSOs with South Wales Police?"

### **Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan OBE:**

The Leader advised that the Council has 14 Community Wardens in post and is funding 10 PCSOs, which have now been recruited by South Wales Police, which means the core manifesto commitment to introduce 24 individuals has been carried out. He added that there are 12 wardens, 2 senior wardens and 10 PCSOs. They can work 7 days a week if necessary, to include two shifts per day, in the morning and afternoon with an overlap during the day. Their main role is to patrol high footfall areas such as parks and town centres to provide a visible and reassuring presence in key locations across the communities. The Wardens are there to support the Police and are linked by radios to the CCTV centre and joint patrols are taking place and effective communication processes are in place between the Supervisors of each organisation.

The Leader explained that they have the necessary powers to issue fixed penalties for dog fouling, littering and dogs on sports pitches although not their main role they will deal with these issues if they see it. They are also supporting the alcohol related PSPO's in Taff Street, Mill Street and Ynysangharad Park in Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centre and the Ynys and issuing significant numbers of fines for drinking alcohol in areas where it is banned and can make referrals for ASB and work closely with the Police.

The Leader advised that through SPF funding an additional member of staff is in post within the Community safety team to support the additional referrals and PSPO breaches. In conclusion, the Leader commented that their presence is already having a positive effect and they are visible and over time they will make

a difference.

**Supplementary Question from County Borough Councillor V Dunn:**

“What are the key priorities for the community wardens and PCSO’s in Aberdare East and what actions have been taken by the wardens and PCSO’s to tackle Anti Social Behaviour in our town centre?”

**Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan OBE:**

The Leader confirmed there are key hotspots which have been identified through intelligence led information as a result of working with the Police and PCSO’s. He added that they are visible, wearing distinctive bright red uniforms so they can be easily identified and explained they have access to free public transport via the trains and with Stagecoach and other bus companies which is important in making themselves seen and approachable on public transport.

The Leader commented on the Member’s area of Aberdare and reassured that regular patrols are being increased in areas of anti social behaviour to provide a reassuring presence on the streets.

**6. Question from County Borough Councillor G. E. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:**

“Can the Leader please provide an update to residents on the progress of the Maindy Road bridge scheme?”

**Response from County Borough Councillor A Morgan OBE:**

The Leader acknowledged that this has been a particularly difficult scheme for the upper Rhondda Fawr especially due to the lack of trains at present. However, he confirmed he was on site with Officers to view the works first hand and added that a statement was published on the Council website recently to confirm that works were progressing well as the precast concrete replacement bridge deck slabs have been installed successfully and Wales and West Utilities now have access to carry out further utilities diversions over the top of the new slabs.

In mind of the disruption, this has been a scheme that we’ve really pushed to progress as quickly as practicably possible, and the replacement of the Maindy Road Bridge has progressed well, with a few weeks ahead of schedule saved on the programme to date. Council officers are continuing to work closely with the contractors for the bridge to be built and opened as soon as possible and before the scheduled date in December.

The Council is looking at the traffic flows in the area but the Leader advised that any changes have to be formally signed off by the approved traffic management companies and many of the options submitted and suggested by residents are not viable. The Leader assured the Member that additional options are being re considered which will be communicated with the local communities shortly. In conclusion, the Leader advised that if the bridge works had not been carried out

following Storm Dennis the bridge would have been closed for a lengthy period of time.

**There was no supplementary question**

**7. Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Communities, County Borough Councillor R Harris:**

“Can the Cabinet Member please update members on its preparations to host the National Eisteddfod in Pontypridd in 2024?”

**Response from County Borough Councillor R Harris:**

Councillor Harris responded by confirming that preparations are well under way for the 2024 National Eisteddfod of Wales to be held in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park in Pontypridd and Council officers have been working with Eisteddfod organisers for many months to make this a truly unique Eisteddfod, whilst ensuring the council can promote the public transport network as part of this being a green and sustainable event.

Councillor Harris added that in addition, plans are being developed for Park and Ride facilities, whilst caravan site locations are being identified for those who wish to stay in camp site arrangements, which is a traditional element of the Eisteddfod, of course. He advised that Officers are continuing to work with the Eisteddfod organisers around logistics and infrastructure, and a high level spatial plan is being finalised by the National Eisteddfod which will be subject to agreement with the Council as soon as practicably possible.

Councillor Harris was delighted to report that the Council had a really successful eight days at this year’s Eisteddfod in North Wales, selling RCT as a tourist destination with all the unique experiences that it has on its doorstep. He commented that the ‘Let’s Talk Eisteddfod’ consultation had received 740 responses with Officers currently working through these responses to inform a communications plan.

Councillor Harris informed Council that community fundraising activities in support of the Eisteddfod funding requirements is a key feature of every annual Eisteddfod and Officers are supporting the three Local Committees. He spoke of the National Eisteddfod as an important legacy for the Welsh Language in RCT and as part of that, the Adult Community Learning and Work and Skills teams have consulted with residents at various community engagement events throughout the summer period. The outcomes demonstrate an increase in the numbers of local residents starting to learn the Welsh Language. Councillor Harris added that additional opportunities will be offered to residents to access taster sessions across the County in partnership with Welsh for Adults (University of South Wales - USW) and Menter Iaith RCT.

In conclusion, Councillor Harris acknowledged the meeting that the Leader had with over 40 Pontypridd Traders / Businesses to discuss the business opportunities and economic boost the Eisteddfod will bring. It was the start of a

conversation and further meetings are planned with Officers but the feedback was extremely positive. This positivity also extends to the engagement Council Officers have had with key partners, sport and community groups in recent months to explore all opportunities for pre-event engagement, participation and the Eisteddfod legacy.

**There was no supplementary question due to the lapse of the 20 minutes.**

#### **43 Council Work Programme 2023/24**

The Service Director Democratic Services & Communication presented an update regarding the adopted and published Council Work Programme. He advised that any deferred items of business from this month will be considered at the subsequent council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. That meeting will also be the last hybrid Council meeting before work commences to decommission the Council chamber in Clydach Vale ahead of the office relocation to Pontypridd. The Service Director confirmed that an invitation to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board to attend Full Council in November would now be postponed and reconvened following the office relocation in the New Year.

In conclusion the Service Director confirmed that a Political Balance report would need to be considered in October in view of the notification of the formation of a new political group, the Independent Group comprising Councillor W Jones and Councillor W Owen.

#### **44 Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 - 2026/27**

The Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director, Finance, Digital and Frontline Services presented an update on the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2023/24 to 2026/27 and Council Reserves through a Power Point presentation under the following headings:

- Council Budget
- Capital Investment
- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Context and Uncertainty
- Council Financial Health and Reserves

Following the presentation, the Director advised that updates will be provided to Council once the provisional settlement has been received from Welsh Government in December 2023. The Director advised that the updated MTFP would be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as part of the first phase of the Council's budget consultation process.

Following discussion there were contributions from the Group Leaders,

it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That Members note the current position modelled in respect of the 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27' and receive further updates in the autumn as part of the annual budget setting process.

An additional recommendation, which was not supported by the majority of Members, was moved and seconded as follows:

2. That this Council writes to all Party Leaders in the UK and Wales, putting them on notice that Wales is sick of having the crumbs off the UK Government's table and that the next UK Government must pledge to substantially increase funding to Wales and ask that the Leaders of all parties that we can call on their support.

#### **45 Review of the Council's Terms & Conditions**

The Director of Human Resources presented the joint report to advise Council of the proposal for change in respect of staff terms and conditions of employment.

The Director advised of the commitment to keep further terms and conditions matters, raised by the recognised trade unions, under review in light of operational and service need, following the change agreed by Council at its meeting on the 28th September 2022. The Director referred Members to the enhancement being proposed, as set out at section 4 of the report, for any hours worked on a Sunday, staff will be paid an enhanced rate of Time Plus a Half, starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. The existing Time plus a Third payment will remain in place for any hours worked on a Saturday.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council agrees to introduce a revised rate of pay for Sunday working based on a Time plus a Half of Time payment;
2. That this change is introduced from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

**(Note:** Councillor W Treeby declared the following personal interest – “Both my sons work for the Council”).

#### **46 Council Investment Priorities**

The Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services presented the report of the Cabinet which set out the position regarding the opportunity for the Council to further invest in its priority areas, aligned to the Corporate Plan, “Making a Difference” 2020 – 2024.

The report sought Council's agreement of the additional investment of £7.730M across the areas as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report which, if agreed, will be incorporated into the Council's Capital Programme.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to agree the additional investment and funding arrangements as set out in paragraph 4, which will be incorporated into the Council's Capital Programme.

#### **47 Multi Location Meeting Policy (MLM)**

The Service Director Democratic Services & Communication presented the report which sought Members' endorsement of the draft Rhondda Cynon Taf Multi-Location Meeting policy (attached at Appendix 1) following its consideration by the Democratic Services Committee and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

The Service Director commented that the draft policy seeks to capture the good working arrangements and practices the Council has adopted, initially meeting virtually only following the onset of the pandemic and more recently on a hybrid arrangement in line with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Elections Act 2021. The broadcasting of meetings has strengthened the opportunity for the public to view proceedings and has promoted diversity within the Council chamber.

The Service Director advised that the draft policy seeks to formalise the approaches taken to date by recognising the need for the hybrid meetings to be conducted to the appropriate standards of professionalism. It also notes a number of important meeting etiquette rules (and general good housekeeping rules) in terms of the environment in which a Member may attend their meetings, contained within a formal multi location meeting policy for the first time.

In presenting his report, the Service Director stated that the draft policy had been considered and supported by the Democratic Services Committee and the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs, following which a number of amendments were proposed and are highlighted in red within the attached appendix. The amendments have also been supported by the Constitution Committee who have recommended adoption by Council.

In conclusion, the Service Director referred Members to two areas of more specific direction within the policy, in respect of the use of cameras at section 6 of the report and in respect of location attendance which ensures the same standards of professionalism are maintained. This is in line with the adopted and consistent approach with the expectation placed on all Council employees, which has recently been formalised as part of the Council's home and agile working arrangements.

In response to a query regarding attendance from remote locations specifically from vehicles, the Service Director referenced section 9 of the report and he emphasised the importance of attending a meeting from a confidential location, one which is professional and fitting for the formal meeting proceedings. He also confirmed the current arrangements for recording votes and the intention to implement the hybrid electronic voting system in the new office location in Llys Cadwyn.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to endorse the draft Multi Location

Meeting policy (subject to the insertion of the full title of the 'Local Education Authority Governors Appointments Committee' at table 4.3), following which the Council Constitution be amended to include a copy of the agreed policy.

#### **48 Establishment of a Corporate Joint Committee -Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

The Service Director Democratic Services & Communication presented the joint report which sought Council's agreement for the creation of a Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as part of the Governance arrangements relating to the Southeast Wales Corporate Joint Committee (the CJC).

The Service Director advised that the process of 'lifting and shifting' the functions of the current CCRC into the corporate joint committee, due to its synergies which exist in respect of its remit for Economic Development is currently underway working towards fully functioning status next year in line with the requirements of the Local Government Wales & Elections Act.

The Service Director advised that the report proposes that the current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides the Scrutiny arrangements for the CJC, under a separate term of reference, as this current arrangement would best satisfy the Welsh Government's intention, as set out in the statutory guidance. He also pointed out that as the report proposes, each local authority would each appoint one substantive member.

The Service Director stated that this would be a lift and shift of the current CCRC scrutiny arrangements into the new CJC and the regulations require that the 10 constituent Local Authorities would need to formally appoint the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the CJC

The Service Director confirmed that the JOSC met on 27th July 2023 and have indicated their agreement in principle to the proposal and as such a letter from the Chair of the JOSC to the Interim Monitoring Officer of the CJC dated 27th July 2023 is attached to the report at Appendix 1. Council was advised that included in the appendices are the draft terms of reference and the Service Director proposed that Council may wish to consider that opportunity is afforded to the new CJC JOSC to review the proposed terms of reference and that any amendments are reported to the constituent local authorities.

In conclusion, the Service Director confirmed that following a request by a number of Members for further information regarding the formation of CJC's, he confirmed that Members would be given the opportunity to be appraised by the Chief Executive in the future of the CJC of its priorities.

The Vice Chair of the CCRC JOSC, Councillor D R Bevan spoke of the opportunity they were provided to pre-scrutinise and support the proposals in the summer and he concurred with the proposal for the new CJC JOSC to have opportunity to review its terms of reference

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. To appoint the JOSC as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the

- CJC;
2. To approve the Draft Terms of Reference for its functions in respect of the CJC, as attached at Appendix 2;
  3. Note the appointment of Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, as the host authority, for the JOSC.
  4. Note that the cost of administering the JOSC for the CJC will be dealt with by a service level agreement between RCTCBC and the CJC, to be concluded in due course.
  5. That opportunity is afforded to the CJC JOSC to review the proposed terms of reference and that any amendments are reported to the constituent local authorities.

#### **49 Change to Outside Body Membership**

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications presented his report which sought to consider the proposed change to the current representation on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd for the remainder of the four-year term (culminating in 2025). The Service Director proposed that Council consider the appointment of Ms Kate Owen in place of Mrs G Davies, Director of Education & Inclusion Services, following her resignation from the position.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To receive member nominations to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd for the remainder of the term of office;
2. To agree the appointment of Kate Owen as the nominated Officer in place of Mrs G Davies, Director of Education & Inclusion Services, following her resignation from the position; and
3. That correspondence be sent to Coleg Y Cymoedd advising them of the appointment (and change) to the Authority's nominated representatives.

#### **50 Appointment of Director of Social Services**

The Director of Human Resources presented the joint report which sought ratification of the decision of the Appointments Committee, regarding the appointment of the selected candidate to the post of Director of Social Services.

Members were informed that following completion of the formal recruitment and selection process, the Appointments Committee determined to unanimously recommend that Mr Neil Elliott be appointed to the post of Director of Social Services.

Members wished to express their support for the appointment and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- i. To ratify the recommendation of the Appointments Committee that Mr Neil Elliot be appointed to the post of Director of Social Services; and

- ii. To note that Mr. Elliot's start date in this post will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg / This document is also available in Welsh

**This meeting closed at 6.18 pm**

**Councillor G Hughes  
Chair.**