



SPECIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2025 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Gordon – Presiding Member
Councillor E.M. Aldworth – Deputy Presiding Member

Councillors:

M. Adams, C. Andrews, A. Angel, C. Bishop, C. Bissex-Foster, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, P. Cook, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, E. Davies, D.T. Davies MBE, N. Dix, G. Ead, G. Enright, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, A. Gair, N. George, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, A. Leonard, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, E. Stenner, A. Whitcombe, L. Whittle, W. Williams, J. Winslade, C. Wright and K. Woodland.

Together with:

D. Street (Interim Chief Executive), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), L. Donovan (Head of People Services), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING, FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Presiding Member reminded those present the meeting was being live streamed and a recording would be available via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items – [Click Here to View](#). He advised that decisions would be made by Microsoft Forms.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Chapman, C. Elsbury, K. Etheridge, D.W.R. Preece, J. Scriven, J. Taylor, C. Thomas and S. Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

With reference to the Public Interest Test a Member sought clarification regarding the grounds for exemption and the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer provided advice in this regard.

Council considered the Public Interest Test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 48 For, 2 Against and 4 Abstentions) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED that Mr Richard (Ed) Edmunds be appointed as Chief Executive of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2025 they were signed by the Presiding Member.

PRESIDING MEMBER