



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Council

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Friday, 27 July 2018 at 11.00 am

Present: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
C Anderson	D H Hopkins	C L Philpott
P M Black	O G James	S Pritchard
J E Burtonshaw	M H Jones	J A Raynor
M C Child	P K Jones	C Richards
J P Curtice	L R Jones	K M Roberts
P Downing	J W Jones	B J Rowlands
M Durke	E J King	A H Stevens
W Evans	M B Lewis	R C Stewart
E W Fitzgerald	R D Lewis	D G Sullivan
R Francis-Davies	W G Lewis	W G Thomas
D W Helliwell	A S Lewis	M Thomas
T J Hennegan	C E Lloyd	L J Tyler-Lloyd
C A Holley	P Lloyd	
B Hopkins	P M Matthews	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): S E Crouch, A M Day, V M Evans, S J Gallagher, L S Gibbard, K M Griffiths, P R Hood-Williams, Y V Jardine, S M Jones, M A Langstone, H M Morris, D Phillips, A Pugh, M Sherwood, P B Smith, R V Smith, M Sykes, G J Tanner, L G Thomas, G D Walker, L V Walton and T M White

42. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Business Intelligence gave advice regarding the potential personal and prejudicial interests that Councillors and / Officers may have on the agenda.

The Head of Democratic Services reminded Councillors and Officers that the "Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests" sheet should only be completed if the Councillor / Officer actually had an interest to declare. Nil returns were not required. Councillors and Officers were also informed that any declarable interest must be made orally and in writing on the sheet.

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea no interests were declared.

43. Exclusion of the Public.

Council were requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendations to the report(s) on the grounds that it / they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 relevant to the items of business set out in the report(s).

Council considered the Public Interest Test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the item of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant as set out in the report.

Resolved that the public be excluded for the following item(s) of business.

(Closed Session)

44. Appointment Of Senior Management Roles (Director of Education, Director of Social Services & Chief Finance Officer).

The Chief Executive submitted a report, which sought to confirm appointment to the post of:

- 1) Director of Education;
- 2) Director of Social Services;
- 3) Chief Finance Officer.

The Presiding Member stated that an amendment was required to the report as it listed Ben Smith as being the Finance Officer who cleared the report. Ben Smith had declared an interest in the report and the Finance Officer who cleared the report was Paul Cridland.

The Presiding Member stated that as there was only one candidate recommended to Council per post, he proposed that Council Procedure Rule 44 "Suspension of Procedure Rules" be enacted so as to dispense with the requirement for candidates to give a presentation and to answer questions. He further proposed that the requirement for a ballot be dispensed with and that a simple vote be held by way of a show of hands.

The Chief Executive outlined the feedback from the appointments process for each candidate.

Resolved that:

- 1) Council Procedure Rule 44 "Suspension of Procedure Rules" be enacted so as to dispense with the requirement for:
 - i) Candidates to give a presentation and to answer questions;
 - ii) A ballot and that a simple vote be held by way of a show of hands.

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- 2) Nick Williams be appointed as Director of Education;
- 3) Dave Howes be appointed as Director of Social Services;
- 4) Ben Smith be appointed as Chief Finance Officer.

Note: Following this decision, each candidate was invited into the Council Chamber and offered the posts. Each candidate accepted the offer.

The meeting ended at 11.11 am

Chair