

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA. ON
THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2016 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor D W W Thomas (Presiding Member) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
C Anderson	P M Black	J E Burtonshaw
M C Child	R A Clay	U C Clay
A C S Colburn	D W Cole	A M Cook
S E Crouch	J P Curtice	N J Davies
A M Day	P Downing	C R Doyle
V M Evans	C R Evans	W Evans
E W Fitzgerald	R Francis-Davies	F M Gordon
J A Hale	J E C Harris	T J Hennegan
C A Holley	P R Hood-Williams	B Hopkins
D H Hopkins	L James	Y V Jardine
M H Jones	A J Jones	S M Jones
J W Jones	E J King	R D Lewis
D J Lewis	A S Lewis	C E Lloyd
P Lloyd	K E Marsh	P M Matthews
P N May	P M Meara	H M Morris
D Phillips	J A Raynor	T H Rees
I M Richard	P B Smith	R V Smith
R C Stewart	D G Sullivan	G J Tanner
C M R W D Thomas	L G Thomas	M Thomas
G D Walker	T M White	

191. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J C Bayliss, J Newbury, G Owens, C L Philpott, C Richards, C Thomas, L Tyler-Lloyd and L V Walton.

192. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services 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 the following interests were declared:

Councillors

- 1) Councillors P M Black, R Francis-Davies, C A Holley, P N May, R C Stewart and L G Thomas declared a Personal Interest in Minute 193 "Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea to Mel Nurse";

Officers

- 2) Mike Hawes and Chris Sivers declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Minute 194 "Senior Management Structure" and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration;
- 3) Phil Roberts declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Minute 196 "Chief Social Services Officer - Early Retirement" and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration;

193. **HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA TO MEL NURSE.**

The Leader of the Council submitted a report which sought consideration of whether to confer the honorary freedom of the City and County of Swansea to Mel Nurse in recognition of his contribution to sport and the City, specifically his key involvement and leadership in saving Swansea City Football Club.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea be conferred on Mel Nurse in recognition of his contribution to sport and the City, specifically his key involvement and leadership in saving Swansea City Football Club.

194. **SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE.**

The Chief Executive and Director of Place submitted a report which proposed a Senior Management Structure that was fit for purpose.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The structure be approved subject to the consultation as detailed in the report;
- 2) The Chief Executive be authorised to consult all affected staff;
- 3) The Chief Executive be authorised to implement the structure subject to Recommendation 2) not identifying any significant change;
- 4) The reduction of Senior posts and the consequent annual full year saving of just over £300,000 be noted;
- 5) The Chief Executive report back to Council on any 'change costs' and the allocation of duties 'post' consultation.

Note: The Leader of the Council reminded Councillors that Dean Taylor, Director of Corporate Services would shortly be leaving the Authority. On behalf of all Councillors, he, the Leader of the Largest Opposition Political Group and the Presiding Member thanked Mr Taylor for his services to the City and County of Swansea.

195. **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

196. **CHIEF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER – EARLY RETIREMENT**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought approval for an application of Early Retirement by the Chief Social Services Officer.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The application for Early Retirement by the Chief Social Services Officer be approved as outlined in the report.

The meeting ended at 5.31 pm

CHAIR