



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Council

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Monday, 1 February 2021 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
P M Black
J E Burtonshaw
M C Child
A M Day
P Downing
C R Doyle
C R Evans
V M Evans
W Evans
E W Fitzgerald
R Francis-Davies
S J Gallagher
L S Gibbard
F M Gordon
K M Griffiths
D W Helliwell
P R Hood-Williams
B Hopkins

Councillor(s)

D H Hopkins
L James
O G James
Y V Jardine
J W Jones
L R Jones
M H Jones
E J King
M A Langstone
A S Lewis
M B Lewis
W G Lewis
C E Lloyd
P Lloyd
I E Mann
P M Matthews
P N May
H M Morris
C L Philpott

Councillor(s)

S Pritchard
A Pugh
J A Raynor
C Richards
B J Rowlands
M Sherwood
P B Smith
R V Smith
A H Stevens
R C Stewart
D G Sullivan
G J Tanner
M Thomas
L G Thomas
W G Thomas
L J Tyler-Lloyd
L V Walton
T M White

Officer(s)

Huw Evans
Adam Hill
Tracey Meredith
Phil Roberts
Ben Smith
Allison Lowe
Helen Morgan-Rees

Head of Democratic Services
Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Resources
Chief Legal Officer / Monitoring Officer
Chief Executive
Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Interim Director of Education

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice, N J Davies, C A Holley, P K Jones, E T Kirchner, R D Lewis and K M Roberts

57. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

The Chief Legal Officer 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.

58. 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)

59. Appointment of Director of Education.

The Presiding Member stated that only one candidate had been recommended to Council by the Appointments Committee for the post of Director of Education. He proposed that Council Procedure Rule 44 "Suspension of Procedure Rules" be enacted so as to dispense with the requirement:

- i) For the Candidate to give a presentation and be interviewed by Council.
- ii) To hold a written ballot

The Chief Executive, Phil Roberts provide feedback from the Appointments Process relating to the appointment of a Director of Education.

Resolved that:

- 1) Council Procedure Rule 44 "Suspension of Procedure Rules" be enacted so as to dispense with the requirement:

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- i) For the Candidate to give a presentation and be interviewed by Council.
 - ii) To hold a written ballot.
- 2) The verbal update on the assessment process be noted.
- 3) Helen Morgan-Rees be appointed to the post of Director of Education.

The meeting ended at 5.12 pm

Chair