

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
THURSDAY, 27 JULY 2017
AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
C Anderson	P M Black	J E Burtonshaw
M C Child	S E Crouch	J P Curtice
N J Davies	A M Day	P Downing
C R Doyle	M Durke	V M Evans
W Evans	E W Fitzgerald	R Francis-Davies
S J Gallagher	L S Gibbard	K M Griffiths
D W Helliwell	T J Hennegan	C A Holley
P R Hood-Williams	B Hopkins	D H Hopkins
O G James	L James	Y V Jardine
M H Jones	S M Jones	P Jones
L R Jones	J W Jones	E J King
E T Kirchner	M A Langstone	M B Lewis
R D Lewis	W G Lewis	A S Lewis
C E Lloyd	P Lloyd	I E Mann
P M Matthews	P N May	D Phillips
S Pritchard	A Pugh	J A Raynor
B J Rowlands	M Sherwood	R V Smith
A H Stevens	R C Stewart	M Sykes
M Thomas	L J Tyler-Lloyd	G D Walker
L V Walton	T M White	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C R Evans, F M Gordon, J A Hale, H M Morris, C L Philpott, C Richards, K M Roberts, P B Smith, G J Tanner and L G Thomas

35. **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.

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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 C Anderson, P M Black, J E Burtonshaw, J P Curtice, A M Day, P Downing, W Evans, R Francis-Davies, E W Fitzgerald, K Griffiths, T J Hennegan, L James, M H Jones, Y V Jardine, L R Jones, S M Jones, E T Kirchner, M A Langstone, A S Lewis, R D Lewis, P Lloyd, P M Matthews, I E Mann, P N May, R V Smith, A H Stevens, R C Stewart, D W W Thomas, M Thomas, W Thomas, G D Walker, L V Walton & T M White declared a Personal Interest in Minute 42 "Swansea Local Development Plan (LDP) - Update on Deposit LDP Public Consultation, Evidence Base Review and Next Stages."

Officer

- 1) H Evans declared a Personal Interest in Minute 42 "Swansea Local Development Plan (LDP) - Update on Deposit LDP Public Consultation, Evidence Base Review and Next Stages."

36. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the following Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record:

- 1) Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 June 2017;
- 2) Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 June 2017.

37. **WRITTEN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL.**

The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Business Intelligence submitted an information report setting out the written responses to questions asked at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

38. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER.**

1) **Condolences**

a) **Honorary Alderman & Former Councillor Mair E Gibbs**

The Presiding Member referred with sadness to the recent death of Honorary Alderman Mair Gibbs. Honorary Alderman Gibbs served the Bonymaen community. She was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 2005-2006.

Her periods of service are shown below.

Authority	From	To
Swansea City Council	11.09.1986	31.03.1996

City and County of Swansea	04.05.1995	03.05.2012
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These periods amount to a collective total of over 25 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

b) Former Councillor June Gates

The Presiding Member referred with sadness to the recent death of former Councillor June Gates. Former Councillor Gates served the Mynyddbach community during the early 1980's.

All present stood as a mark of sympathy and respect.

2) Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Service Awards 2017

The Presiding Member announced that the Authority has been shortlisted for four National APSE Awards in the following categories:

- Highways;
- Waste Management;
- Building Services and Construction;
- Best Workforce Initiative, which includes our Apprentice Scheme.

Additionally, the Authority had been shortlisted for Council of the year.

The awards take place on the 7 September 2017 in Oxford.

c) Amendments to Council Summons

- i) Item 12 "Asset Management Plan 2017/2021" Should be in the name of the Cabinet Member for Service Transformation & Business Operations
- ii) Item 13 "Membership of Committees". An updated version had been circulated.
- iii) **Urgent Item.** Urgent Notice of Motion relating to Rail Electrification of the Railway Line to Swansea and beyond.

The Presiding Member stated that pursuant to paragraph 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he considered that the Urgent Notice of Motion "Rail Electrification" should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Reason for Urgency: To enable the City and County of Swansea to make an urgent response to the unplanned and sudden announcement by the UK Government in relation to the cancellation of rail electrification between Cardiff and Swansea.

39. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.**

1) Appointment of Chief Executive

The Leader of the Council referred to the appointment of Phil Roberts as the Chief Executive of the City and County of Swansea. He was delighted with the appointment as Phil Roberts was an effective and excellent Officer.

2) Swansea Bay City Region – City Deal Update

The Leader of the Council stated that the Board had met informally on a number of occasions. The governance arrangements were in the process of being drafted. He also provided an update on the City Deal.

3) Liberty Stadium Update

The Leader of the Council stated that meetings with the owners of Swansea City Football Club were ongoing in relation to a new stadium deal option.

4) Visit by the Chinese Ambassador

The Leader of the Council referred to the meeting earlier in the week with the Chinese Ambassador. He said that it had been a positive meeting relating to potential Chinese investment in Swansea and the City Bay Region.

5) City of Culture Update

The Leader of the Council was delighted to announce that Swansea had been shortlisted as the City of Culture. He thanked everybody involved in the bid.

6) Cancellation of the promise of Rail Electrification between Cardiff and Swansea

The Leader of the Council deplored the recent unplanned and sudden announcement by the UK Government in relation to the cancellation of rail electrification between Cardiff and Swansea.

7) Future Generations Cabinet Member

The Leader of the Council stated that Councillors J E Burtonshaw and M Sherwood share the Future Generations Cabinet Member role on a quarterly basis. Councillor J E Burtonshaw is the Cabinet Member until and including 31 August 2017 and Councillor M Sherwood will assume the role for 3 months commencing on 1 September 2017. Their terms of office is set out below:

Councillor	From	To
June Burtonshaw	8 May 2017	31 August 2017
Mary Sherwood	1 September 2017	30 November 2017

June Burtonshaw	1 December 2017	28 February 2018
Mary Sherwood	1 March 2018	31 May 2018

40. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

A number of questions were asked by members of the public. The relevant Cabinet Member responded accordingly. Those questions requiring a written response are listed below:

- 1) Mrs Mayberry asked the Commercial Opportunities and Innovation Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 42 “Swansea Local Development Plan (LDP) – Update on Deposit LDP Public Consultation, Evidence Base Review and Next Stages”.

i) *“Is the Council ignoring the Welsh Assembly’s guidelines on the preservation of green field sites, and UK Government’s White Paper that brown field sites should be used before any green field sites be adopted?”*

The Commercial Opportunities and Innovation Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 2) Sue Elward asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 “Councillors’ Questions – Question 8”.

i) *“The ‘Licence holder’ has multiple responsibilities all and any of which could be covered by the offence of ‘failing to properly manage a house in multiple occupation’. Other councils successfully prosecute under this broad simplification and Swansea Council’s own licencing conditions state that ‘The Council may apply ‘other’ licencing conditions with discretion’. In view of this, can you explain what the offence is that other councils have been using to successfully prosecute landlords who fail to manage their Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)?*

A transgression of any licencing condition amounts to a failure to manage a house in multiple occupation and there is no need for any other reason in order to prosecute.”

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 3) Bill Trimby asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 “Councillors’ Questions – Question 8”.

“City and County of Swansea have advised in a written response to Cllrs Irene Mann and Peter May that:

- *No licence holder has been re-charged per the Housing Act 2004;*
- *There has been no cost to the taxpayer directly attributable to the licence holder for refuse collection;*
- *No legal sanctions have been undertaken by the Council for breaches of Sections 30 and 32 in the last year;*
- *The last time the Council took prosecutions against landlords for failing to comply with HMO licence conditions was May 2013 some 4 years ago.*
- i) *City and Council of Swansea also state they have a "robust approach" to enforcement. How can the Council state that it has a "robust approach" to enforcement when it is not using the provisions available to it in law to protect the interests of the residents of the area?*
- ii) *Can the Council give details of its "robust approach " as there is no visible evidence that this approach is working?"*

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 4) John Row asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 "Councillors' Questions – Question 8".
- i) *"Page 52, Paragraph 2.1. Why are they refusing to put room sizes and bicycle standards in the new Supplementary Policy Guidance (SPG) document, which they have included in the adopted Cardiff SPG on HMO? Being that room sizes and bicycle standards are material considerations that can protect our areas and promote higher quality accommodation for students.*
 - ii) *Page 72, Paragraph 5.12 states 'unless there are material considerations that demonstrably outweigh regarding harmful concentration'. Can you explain please?*
 - iii) *Page 73, Paragraph 5.20. Can you please clarify?*
 - iv) *Page 77, Paragraph 5.27. Can you explain these points (maybe, material considerations, and or exceptional circumstances outweighs 50 metre radius) (but not on every occasion be the final determining factor) in plain English?*
 - v) *Page 77, Paragraph 5.28. Can you explain these statements (even the proposal what not give rise to threshold limits exceeding 50 metres whether or not it is a material consideration)?*

- vi) *Page 78, Paragraph 5.31. Don't understand. Explain what % you would have with more than 34 houses in a small street? Can you please provide the % for larger streets with 40, 50 and 60 houses in the street?*
- vii) *Page 78, Paragraph 5.32 states 'In management areas 1 HMO property will be permitted within the street of 10. In the case of streets of 10 or fewer properties outside the management area a maximum of 2 properties will be permitted. One has 10% the other has 20% Why?'*

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 5) Jayne Keeley asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 "Councillors' Questions – Question 8".

- i) *"It is apparent that the HMO negative issues have continued to cause misery and concern to Uplands and Brynmill. This is a direct result of a lack of enforcement from licensing conditions. Why have you failed to enforce such conditions, which would have gone some way to protecting the welfare of Uplands and Brynmill residents?"*

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 6) John Williams asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 "Councillors' Questions – Question 8".

- i) *"Earlier this month the council tried to pass Supplementary Planning Guidance to allow a limit of 25% in some part of Uplands Ward. This would have allowed about another 300 HMOs to be created. The Council is plainly having difficulty in enforcing the conditions on existing HMOs. How can they reassure us that they could cope with regulating even more?"*

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

- 7) John Thomas asked the Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member questions in relation to Minute 50 "Councillors' Questions – Question 8".

- i) *"Since 2012 apart from Landlords actually prosecuted, how many have been approached by the council following complaints? When/How many of those were repeat calls?"*

The Environment Services Cabinet Member and the Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

41. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION - NONE.**

No Public Presentations were received.

42. **SWANSEA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) - UPDATE ON DEPOSIT LDP PUBLIC CONSULTATION, EVIDENCE BASE REVIEW AND NEXT STAGES.**

The Commercial Opportunities and Innovation Cabinet Member submitted a report, which sought to confirm the findings of the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) consultation and subsequent review of the evidence base that underpins the LDP Strategy, and to approve the next stages of the LDP process.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The content of Appendix C of the report be noted and the Deposit LDP Consultation Report be approved;
- 2) The submission of the Swansea Deposit LDP, and accompanying documentation listed in Appendix D of the report, to the Welsh Government and Planning Inspectorate for independent examination be approved;
- 3) Delegated authority for the Head of Planning and City Regeneration (or appropriate delegated officer) to agree any necessary minor changes to the LDP during, and leading up to, independent examination, in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the examination process be approved;
- 4) The amended LDP Delivery Agreement and timetable set out in Appendix F of the report be approved.

Note: Councillor E W Fitzgerald asked the following questions:

- i) *“Can I have assurances that, following the approval by Council of the Deposit Plan on 16 June 2016, for consultation, no changes have been subsequently made to any boundaries of strategic sites?”*
- ii) *The Preferred Strategy identified a need for 3,210 new homes in the Central Zone so that people could live and work within the same area. How many permanent homes are being delivered via the Deposit Plan and what changes in processes have to led to any increase/reduction in the original figure?*
- iii) *The report indicates that there is a lack of capacity in sewage infrastructure with developers being expected to pay for any upgrades. Welsh Water has requested clarification in regard to these contributions and it's acknowledged that there is a potential for disparity in the time*

frames. Do you agree that sewage infrastructure issues could cause delays in site viability? Do you also agree and that this is an issue that Welsh Government has concerns about (Page 76) pointing out that infrastructure improvements need to be costed and may have a detrimental impact on the viability / timing of sites and ultimately their delivery which is why it held a conference for planners on this matter in January this year?

- iv) *It's stated in the Green Belt and Green Wedge Designation report (June 2016) that land, which included site SD C, needed some form of anti-coalescence protection. However, applying this approach to GBGWD the only question then was whether this should be Green Wedge or Green Belt. Do you agree that you didn't resolve this question but simply proceeded in the GBGWD to reduce substantially the land that would be given **any** form of anti-coalescence protection. Do you also agree that this was not consistent with the staged approach and processes described in GBGWD, and neither was it justified on exceptional ground, and that this undermines the credibility of the planning judgment made on this critical issue?"*

The Commercial Opportunities and Innovation Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

43. **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA - POLICY COMMITMENTS STATEMENT.**

The Leader of the Council (Economy & Strategy Cabinet Member) submitted a report, which sought to adopt an outline of Council Policy Commitments for the City and County of Swansea for the next 5 years.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The City and County of Swansea Policy Commitments be adopted.

Note:

- a) Councillor P M Black asked the following question:

- i) *"Page 108, Paragraph 2.3. Can the Leader of the Council confirm the £1bn over five years is an increase on current budgets? What percentage increase and how will it impact on per pupil funding?"*

The Leader of the Council stated that a written response would be provided.

- b) Councillor P N May asked the following question:

- i) *"How many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) have been issued due to breaches of the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licence conditions?"*

The Leader of the Council stated that a written response would be provided.

44. **ESTYN INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 2013 – UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING THE FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The Children, Education and Lifelong Learning Cabinet Member submitted a report, which provided an update on the progress in meeting the five recommendations in the Estyn Inspection Report.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The progress update on the five recommendations in the Estyn Inspection Report be noted.

Note: Councillor A M Day asked the following question:

- i) *“How many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN’s) have been issued in relation to school absences and the value of those notices?”*

The Children, Education & Lifelong Learning Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

45. **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017/2021.**

The Service Transformation and Business Operations Cabinet Member submitted a report, which proposed an updated Asset Management Plan for the next 4 years.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Asset Management Plan for 2017-2021 as presented in Appendix 1 of the report be adopted.

Note: Councillor C A Holley asked the following questions:

- i) *“Can an update be provided in relation to the Review of Depots?”*
- ii) *Can a copy of the feasibility study referred to on Page 140 ‘Disposals’ be shared with all Councillors?*
- iii) *Can a copy of the JLL report referred to on Page 141 ‘Property Investments’ be shared with all Councillors?*
- iv) *Can an update be provided in relation to the Felindre site?”*

The Service Transformation & Business Operations Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

46. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.**

The Service Transformation and Business Operations Cabinet Member stated that an amended report had been circulated.

He referred to the report stating that the Leader of the Council had also made changes to the Authority's Outside Bodies as outlined below:

- 1) **Gower College Swansea**
Remove Councillor R V Smith.
Add Councillor O G James.
- 2) **Swansea Council for Voluntary Services**
Remove Councillor L V Walton.
Add Councillor P Jones.

RESOLVED that the membership of the Council Bodies listed below be amended as follows:

- 1) **Audit Committee**
Remove Councillor R V Smith.
Add Councillor S Pritchard.
- 2) **Poverty Reduction Policy Development & Delivery Committee**
Remove Councillor O G James.
Add Councillor T M White.
- 3) **Safeguarding Policy Development & Delivery Committee**
Remove Councillor L V Walton.
Add Councillor E T Kirchner.
- 4) **Scrutiny Programme Committee**
Remove Councillor N J Davies.
Add Councillor P Jones.

47. **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17.**

The Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee submitted for information the Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-2017. The report outlined the work of scrutiny during that period.

48. **URGENT ITEM**

The Presiding Member stated that pursuant to Paragraph 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 he considered that the "Urgent Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors R C Stewart, C E Lloyd, J A Raynor, D H Hopkins, R Francis-Davies, M Thomas, J E Burtonshaw, M Sherwood, M C Child, A S Lewis, W Evans and C A Holley" in relation to Rail Electrification should be considered at the meeting for the reasons given.

49. **URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS R C STEWART, C E LLOYD, J A RAYNOR, D H HOPKINS, R FRANCIS-DAVIES, M THOMAS, J E BURTONSHAW, M SHERWOOD, M C CHILD, A S LEWIS, W EVANS AND C A HOLLEY**

Reason for Urgency:

To enable the City and County of Swansea to make an urgent response to the unplanned and sudden announcement by the UK Government in relation to the cancellation of rail electrification between Cardiff and Swansea .

The following motion was proposed by Councillor R C Stewart and seconded by Councillor C A Holley.

“This Council strongly condemns the decision made by the UK Government not to proceed with full electrification of the South West Wales line between Cardiff and Swansea.

This Council deplores the fact that the announcement was made by the Transport Secretary and Secretary of State for Wales without any consultation either locally or with Welsh Government, on the day that the UK Parliament went into Summer recess, thereby denying local MPs the chance to question and scrutinise the decision.

The reasons given by the Transport Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales for the cancellation of electrification, namely disruption, are absurd, insulting and condescending to the people and businesses of Swansea and South West Wales.

We remind the Minister that the investment was promised on numerous occasions by the former Prime Minister David Cameron, previous Transport Ministers and the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns. The investment was agreed on the basis of strong economic, regeneration and environmental evidence. This evidence has not changed.

We must conclude therefore that UK Ministers have deliberately misled local politicians, business leaders and the people of Swansea and South West Wales and this is completely unacceptable.

We note with dismay that since the announcement not to proceed with electrification to Swansea, that the UK Government has stated its support for a £30bn Cross Rail 2 project. This demonstrates an arrogance and disregard for the people of South Wales and other parts of the UK and underlines the London centric thinking of the UK Tory Government.

This Council restates that it believes that this Region and Regional capital requires and deserves a modern transport infrastructure investment to ensure the future prosperity of the Region. Furthermore, this Council and the people of the Region are hugely concerned about the long term environmental and economic impact of continuing with diesel trains instead of the environmentally friendly, efficient sustainable form of power supply offered by electrification.

We are perplexed that while supporting the UK Government announcement that it is to ban petrol and diesel vehicles in the UK from 2040, we believe that this ban should be extended to the rail network and that diesel trains should also be phased out completely by 2040. We implore the UK Government to immediately endorse

renewable energy schemes such as the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon as a matter of urgency, so that the electric vehicles of the future are powered by clean renewable energy and their aspirations are met.

Therefore this council:

- 1. Calls on the UK Transport Minister, to immediately reverse this decision and proceed with electrification to Swansea, while exploring the feasibility of the extension of electrification west of Swansea.*
- 2. Requests that the Leader write to the Secretaries of State and the relevant Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary outlining our concerns as stated in this motion.*
- 3. Requests that the Leader write to the Secretaries of State seeking an urgent meeting with South Wales Local Authority Leaders in Swansea as soon as possible.*
- 4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to seek an urgent meeting with the UK Government to pursue additional capital funding to complete the electrification to Swansea and beyond.*
- 5. Calls upon the Secretaries of State to explain how the UK Government found £1.3bn to fund a deal with the DUP while £430m could not be found for electrification.*
- 6. Calls on the UK Government to extend the proposed petrol and diesel car ban to trains.*
- 7. Reiterates its strong support for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and calls upon the UK Government to confirm the funding for the Tidal Lagoon at the earliest opportunity, while accepting all the recommendations made in the Hendry Report.*

In conclusion, this Council unequivocally condemns the announcement not to proceed with rail electrification to Swansea. It is a complete betrayal of the people of Swansea and the Region which demonstrates an arrogance by UK Government Ministers and, unless reversed, will have significant long term economic and environmental consequences for Swansea and the South West Wales region."

Councillor P M Black proposed an amendment which deleted the word Leader in 2) and 3) above and replaced it with "Political Group Leader". Councillor R C Stewart and C A Holley indicated that they accepted the amendment.

The substantive Notice of Motion was therefore as follows:

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Therefore this council:

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- 2. Requests that the Political Group Leaders write to the Secretaries of State and the relevant Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary outlining our concerns as stated in this motion.*

3. *Requests that the Political Group Leaders write to the Secretaries of State seeking an urgent meeting with South Wales Local Authority Leaders in Swansea as soon as possible.*
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In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30 "Voting" a recorded vote was requested. The voting was recorded as follows:

For (44 Councillors)		
Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
C Anderson	C A Holley	P M Matthews
P M Black	B Hopkins	P N May
M C Child	D H Hopkins	S Pritchard
S E Crouch	O G James	A Pugh
J P Curtice	L James	J A Raynor
N J Davies	Y V Jardine	M Sherwood
P Downing	J W Jones	R V Smith
C R Doyle	P Jones	A H Stevens
M Durke	S M Jones	R C Stewart
V M Evans	E T Kirchner	M Sykes
W Evans	A S Lewis	D W W Thomas
R Francis-Davies	M B Lewis	M Thomas
L S Gibbard	W G Lewis	L V Walton
K M Griffiths	C E Lloyd	T M White
T J Hennegan	-	-

Against (8 Councillors)

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S J Gallagher	L R Jones	W G Thomas
D W Helliwell	M A Langstone	L J Tyler-Lloyd
P R Hood-Williams	B J Rowlands	-

Abstain (0 Councillors)		
Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
-	-	-

Withdrawn from meeting due to declarable interest (0 Councillors)		
Councillor	Councillor	Councillor
-	-	-

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Notice of Motion as amended be approved and adopted.

50. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

1) **Part A 'Supplementary Questions'**

Nine (9) Part A 'Supplementary Questions' were submitted. The relevant Cabinet Member(s) responded by way of written answers contained in the Council Summons.

The following supplementary question(s) required a written response.

Question 1

a) Councillor P M Black asked:

- i) *"Can the Cabinet Member provide an update and timeline relating to the installation of sprinklers in the Authority's high-rise blocks?"*

The Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

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b) Councillor P N May:

- ii) *"Can the Cabinet Member provide further information relating to the 'further cases pending' referred to in the written response? How many are there and when will the Authority see the outcome?"*

The Housing, Energy & Building Services Cabinet Member stated that a written response would be provided.

2) Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions'

Two (2) Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions' were submitted.

The meeting ended at 8.57 pm

CHAIR