



Minutes of the Council

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at 1.00 pm

Present: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s) C Anderson P M Black J E Burtonshaw M C Child J P Curtice C R Dovle W Evans E W Fitzgerald L S Gibbard D W Helliwell T J Hennegan P R Hood-Williams O G James L James Y V Jardine

Councillor(s) M H Jones P K Jones S M Jones L R Jones J W Jones E J King E T Kirchner M B Lewis R D Lewis W G Lewis A S Lewis C E Lloyd I E Mann P M Matthews D Phillips

Councillor(s) C L Philpott S Pritchard J A Raynor B J Rowlands M Sherwood A H Stevens R C Stewart G J Tanner W G Thomas M Thomas L J Tyler-Lloyd L V Walton T M White

# **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): S E Crouch, N J Davies, A M Day, P Downing, M Durke, V M Evans, R Francis-Davies, S J Gallagher, F M Gordon, K M Griffiths, C A Holley, B Hopkins, D H Hopkins, M A Langstone, P N May, H M Morris, A Pugh, C Richards, P B Smith, R V Smith, D G Sullivan and L G Thomas

# 129. 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.

### 130. Announcements of the Presiding Member.

### 1) Webcasting of Council Meeting

The Presiding Member stated that as part of the ongoing works to enable Webcasting of Council, Cabinet, Planning Committee and the Scrutiny Programme Committee; this Council Meeting is being recorded for Webcasting purposes. The meeting will not be streamed live as we are still in the testing period; however it will recorded. If the trial is successful, the meeting will be published online at a later date as a Podcast.

# 2) Phil Roberts, Chief Executive - Best Wishes & Speedy Recovery

The Presiding Member extended the Council's best wishes to Phil Roberts, Chief Executive during his unexpected and unavoidable sickness absence. He wished Phil Roberts well in his treatment and for a full and speedy recovery. Phil has to take whatever time he needs and we all look forward to his return.

### 131. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.

No announcements were made.

#### 132. Public Questions.

No questions were asked.

# 133. Amendment to the Pay Policy Statement 2018-2019.

The Chief Executive submitted a report, which asked Council to amend the Pay Policy Statement 2018-2019.

#### **Resolved** that:

1) Paragraph 11.1 of the Pay Policy Statement 2018-2019 be amended to read as follows:

"11.1 No Chief Officer who was previously made redundant or granted early retirement from the Council will be later re-employed or re-engaged either as an employee (Contract of Service), as a Consultant (Contract for Service) or through an external contractor commissioned to work on behalf of the Council save for in exceptional circumstances when a meeting of Council may waive this requirement."

2) The amended Pay Policy Statement 2018-2019 be adopted.

# 134. Appointment of an Interim Chief Executive.

The Leader of the Council submitted a report, which asked Council to appoint an Interim Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service.

### Resolved that:

- 1) Jack Straw be appointed Interim Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service for a period of 3 months to exercise all the functions currently exercisable by the current Chief Executive including those of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer;
- 2) The Chief Legal Officer be given delegated authority to take any further action necessary to give effect to the content of this report;
- 3) The Leader of the Council in consultation with other Group Leaders and the Chief Legal Officer be granted delegated authority to extend the appointment to 6 months.

The meeting ended at 1.10 pm

Chair