

NOTICE of the Decisions of the meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held virtually on 14 September 2020

Present: Councillors John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, A M Jones (Chair), Richard Owain Jones, Dylan Rees (Vice-Chair), Alun Roberts, J A Roberts, Nicola Roberts and Bryan Owen

Co-opted Member: Mr Keith Roberts (The Catholic Church)

Portfolio Members

Councillors Llinos Medi Huws (Leader and Portfolio Member for Social Services), Richard Dew (Portfolio Member for Planning and Public Protection), Carwyn Jones (Portfolio Member for Major Projects & Economic Development), R. Meirion Jones (Portfolio Member for Education, Youth, Libraries & Culture) Alun Mummery (Portfolio Member for Housing and Supporting Communities) R.G. Parry, OBE, FRAGS (Portfolio Member for Highways, Property and Waste), Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Portfolio Member for Council Business), Robin Williams (Portfolio Member for Finance) Ieuan Williams (Portfolio Member for Transformation & the Welsh Language)

By Invitation: Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Chair of the Finance Scrutiny Panel)

In Attendance: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer, Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer, Director of Education, Skills & Young People, Interim Director of Social Services, Head of Highways, Waste & Property, Head of Housing Services Interim Head of Adults' Services, Head of Democratic Services, Head of Profession (HR) & Transformation, Chief Public Protection Officer (LP), Scrutiny Manager (AGD) Committee Officer (ATH)

Apologies: Councillors Lewis Davies, Anest Frazer (Co-opted Member - The Church in Wales)

Also Present: Councillor Kenneth Hughes, Mr Alan Hughes (Audit Wales), Mr Gareth Wyn Williams (Local Democracy Reporter), Accountancy Services Manager (BHO), Energy Island Programme Delivery Manager (LD), ICT Team Manager (MH)

(1:00 pm to 3:30pm)

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	1 Declaration of Interest Not applicable
DECISION	Councillors Richard Griffiths, Aled Morris Jones, Richard Owain Jones, Dylan Rees, Nicola Roberts, Alun Roberts and Robin Williams (not a member of the Committee) declared a personal but not prejudicial interest with regard to Item 3 on the agenda on the basis of voluntary work which they had variously undertaken during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT	2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
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MATTER	Not applicable
DECISION	The minutes of the previous meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 9 March, 2020 were presented and were confirmed as a correct record.

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	3 Scrutinising the Council's Response to the Covid-19 Emergency (Including the Financial Impact) Report by the Chief Executive
DECISION	<p>Following consideration of the report and a full discussion of the matters raised therein, the Committee RESOLVED –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the Council's response to the pandemic thus far and to commend the commitment of Officers and staff in their response to the emergency. • To note the lessons learnt and good practices developed specifically in managing the 2 sisters outbreak and preventing wider community transmission and also in responding to an outbreak at one Council owned care home. • That a letter be sent to Welsh Government's Minister for Health and Social Services and the NHS Chief Medical Officer by the Chair of this Committee to emphasise the Committee's concerns about the following– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to testing and in particular the need to ensure that care homes have easy access to the UK Portal and that test results are returned in a timely way. • Ensuring compliance with guidance and the need therefore to make available sufficient resources to support effective enforcement under the Trace Track and Protect strategy. • To recognise that the Covid-19 crisis and related lockdown restrictions may lead to additional demands on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and to note that capacity within CAMHS will be raised and addressed through regional structures. • That the well-being of Council employees and communities and monitoring the effectiveness of the Trace, Track and Protect strategy be included as priority areas on the Committee's forward work programme during 2020/21 and beyond. • To recommend to the Executive that the Programme Boards submit regular progress reports to both scrutiny committees on recovery planning and delivery for the next norm.

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ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	4 Forward Work Programme Report by the Scrutiny Manager
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2020/21 subject to the inclusion of the well-being of Council employees and communities, and monitoring of Trace, Track and Protect as priority areas to be revisited in future. • To note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme. <p>ACTION: Scrutiny Manager to update the forward work programme accordingly.</p>