

# **NOTICE of the Decisions of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee Meeting held at the Virtual Meeting on Monday, 24 January 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Aled Morris Jones (Chair), Councillor Dylan Rees (Vice-Chair) , Councillors John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, Bryan Owen, Gary Pritchard, Alun Roberts

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 and Economic Development), R. Meirion Jones (Portfolio Member for Education, Libraries, Culture and Youth), Alun Mummery (Portfolio Member for Housing and Supporting Communities), R.G. Parry, OBE, FRAgS (Portfolio Member Highways, Waste and Property), Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Portfolio Member for Corporate Business), Ieuan Williams (Portfolio Member for Transformation and the Welsh Language), Robin Williams (Portfolio Member for Finance)

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer, Acting Director of Function (Council Business)/ Monitoring Officer, Director of Education, Skills and Young People, Director of Social Services, Head of Service (Housing Services), Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property), Head of Service (Regulation and Economic), Head of Adults' Services Head of Profession (HR) & Transformation and Interim Head of Democratic Services Service Manager (Housing Strategy, Commissioning & Policy), Programme, Business Planning and Performance Manager, Scrutiny Manager (AGD) Committee Officer (ATH)

**Apologies:** Councillors Richard Owain Jones and Nicola Roberts

**Also Present:** By invitation for the Budget items: Councillors Glyn Haynes, Kenneth Hughes, Trefor Ll. Hughes, MBE, Eric Jones, Robert Ll. Jones, Dafydd Roberts (Chair of the Finance Scrutiny Panel)

(9:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.)

<b>ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>1 Declaration of Interest</b>
<b>DECISION</b>	Councillor Dylan Rees declared a personal but not prejudicial interest with regard to item 6 on the agenda as a volunteer with Bwyd Da Môn to which reference was made in the report under item 6.
<b>ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>
<b>DECISION</b>	On the basis of the above [i.e. advice given], it was resolved to approve the remainder of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16

	November, 2021.
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ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<b>3 2022/23 Revenue Budget Setting</b>
DECISION	<p>Having considered the information presented both within the report and verbally at the meeting, the Committee welcomed the opportunity provided by the financial settlement to invest in services whilst also acknowledging that there remain risk and uncertainty going forwards making it necessary to have a prudent level of resources in reserve. It was therefore resolved to endorse the recommendations of the report as Scrutiny's formal response to the draft initial proposed revenue budget for 2022/23 and to recommend the following to the Executive –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An initial proposed budget for 2022/23 of £158.365m</li> <li>• A proposed Council Tax increase of 2% taking the Band B charge to £1,367.46</li> <li>• That the Executive seek the opinion of the public on the initial budget proposal and Council Tax rise for 2022/23</li> </ul>

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<b>4 2022/23 Capital Budget Setting</b>
DECISION	<p>Having considered the information presented both written and verbally at the meeting it was resolved to recommend to the Executive the draft proposed Capital Budget for 2022/23 as presented.</p>

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<b>5 Finance Scrutiny Panel - Progress Update</b>
DECISION	<p>The Committee noted the Panel's recommendations and thanked Councillor Dafydd Roberts for the feedback.</p>

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<b>6 Local Housing Strategy 2022-27</b>
DECISION	<p>Having considered the documentation presented and the response given to the questions raised, it was resolved to</p>

	recommend approval of the Housing Strategy 2022-27 to the Executive.
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ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<b>7 Forward Work Programme</b>
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2021/22</li> <li>• To note progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.</li> </ul>