

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin and via Video Conference on Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Brian Blakeley, Joan Butterfield, Ellie Chard, Kelly Clewett, Ann Davies, Karen Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Gwyneth Ellis, James Elson, Chris Evans, Justine Evans, Bobby Feeley, Gill German, Jon Harland, Elen Heaton, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Martyn Hogg, Carol Holliday, Alan Hughes, Hugh Irving, Alan James, Delyth Jones, Paul Keddie, Diane King, Julie Matthews, Jason McLellan, Barry Mellor, Win Mullen-James, Merfyn Parry, Arwel Roberts (Chair), Gareth Sandilands, Peter Scott, Rhys Thomas, Andrea Tomlin, Michelle Walker, David Williams, Elfed Williams, Eryl Williams, Huw Williams, Emrys Wynne and Mark Young

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive (GB); Corporate Director: Communities (NS); HR Services Manager (LD); Lead HR Business Partner – Organisational Development (AM); Democratic Services Manager (SP); Zoom Host and Webcast (SJ), and Committee Administrator (SLW)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Hugh Evans, Geraint Lloyd-Williams, Terry Mendies, Raj Metri and Cheryl Williams

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

None.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of Annual Council held on 24 May 2022 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of Annual Council held on 24 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Democratic Services Manager introduced the Council Forward Work Programme together with the Council Briefing Forward Work Programme (previously circulated).

***RESOLVED** that the Council and Council Briefing Forward Work Programme be approved and noted.*

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that exempt information (as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

6 APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS

The Leader of the Council and the HR Services Manager advised members of the Special Appointments Panel and the assessment centre activities used to evaluate the candidates. The Panel had identified one candidate who was potentially suitable for appointing and who had therefore been invited to attend the Council meeting today.

The candidate gave a presentation to Council and responded to a series of questions from members.

***RESOLVED** that Gary Williams be appointed to the post of Corporate Director: Governance and Business.*

7 APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR: ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

The Leader of the Council introduced this item and reported that the Special Appointments Panel had identified two candidates to be shortlisted and invited to attend Council today.

The two candidates gave a presentation to Council and responded to a series of questions from the members; both candidates receiving the same questions.

***RESOLVED** that Tony Ward be appointed to the post of Corporate Director: Economy and Environment.*