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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 238 – 244

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 20 October, 2021, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

C. P. Beer	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
A. Evans	J. S. Phillips

238. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand, P. M. Edwards, J. P .Hart and I. G. Wooldridge.

239. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

240. SERVICE PLANS 2021/22

Members considered the half yearly report on the council's service plans for 2021/22 which reviewed the key objectives and targets of the wide ranging services provided for the following groups:-

- Administrative Services;
- Community Services;
- Recreation and Leisure Services; and
- Training Services.

RESOLVED that the update on the Service Plans be accepted.

Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.

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**241. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023**

Further to Minute No. 195, members were circulated with the draft Annual Report 2022/2023 received from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW). In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the IRPW's draft annual report set out proposals for member allowances which would take effect for the financial year 2022.

Members' attention was drawn to sections 10 and 13 of the report. Section 10 advised on a new method for calculating contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance and would apply to all public bodies that were subject to the IRPW's remuneration framework. Whereas section 13 set out the payments to members of community and town councils.

Members were informed that due to the scheduling of the ordinary local elections in May 2022, then for the period 1 April, 2022 to 8 May, 2022, all of the determinations contained in the IRPW's Annual Report 2021/2022 would continue to apply in respect of principal councils and community and town councils. Therefore, the determinations set out in the draft report would not take effect until 9 May 2022.

Having noted the creation of five new community and town council groupings to replace the current model for making payments to members, henceforth the council would be re-categorised as a group 1 council. This meant the council had the option of paying an attendance allowance to members for performing approved council duties. The Clerk then led members through the various local council determinations, and it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The draft annual report determinations be noted for budget preparation purposes for the forthcoming financial year and in anticipation of receiving the final annual report in February 2022.
- (2) In regard to the optional determination of paying members an attendance allowance for performing certain approved duties (up to a maximum of £30 per attendance per member) that this be adopted and a working group comprising Cllrs. T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue, J. S. Phillips and A.G. Morgan be tasked with formulating a proportionate set rate.
- (3) As soon as the set rate has been formulated this shall be presented to the committee for further consideration in anticipation of the attendance allowance figure being factored into next year's budget preparations.

242. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES REVIEW 2023

Members were circulated with correspondence from the Boundary Commission for Wales in regard to initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales.

On 5 January, 2021, the Commission announced the start of the 2023 review of Parliamentary constituencies in Wales, in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended).

Moreover, the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 had reduced the number of Parliamentary constituencies in Wales from 40 to 32. Under the initial proposals, the Commission considered several options and proposed to combine the existing Llanelli

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constituency with electoral wards from the existing Carmarthen East and Dinefwr constituency to meet the statutory national electorate range agreed by Parliament. This would result in the new constituency’s electorate rising to 71,972 compared to the current 62,196 electorate. This was 1.9% below the recommended UK electoral quota of 73,393 electors per constituency.

The proposed constituency included electoral wards wholly within the Carmarthenshire principal council area, and included the whole of the existing Llanelli constituency plus Gorslas (3,906 electors), Llangunnor (2,077 electors), Llangyndeyrn (2,905 electors) and St Ishmael (2,318 electors). The Commission proposed to keep the existing constituency name of Llanelli as a single name for the new constituency.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that Parliamentary Constituencies Review 2023 and the initial proposals set out for the Llanelli constituency be noted.

243. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

244. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Technical and General Operations Manager informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 10:2021 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 9 November, 2021, adopted by the Council.