

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD BY TEAMS ON  
FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2021**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor R G Thomas (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, M Barnes, J Berriman, G Breeze, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, H Hulme, E A Jones, D R Jones, E Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, H Lewis, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, JG Morris, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Rijnenberg, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, K S Silk, D Selby, L Skilton, D A Thomas, T J Van-Rees, J Wilkinson, A Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, J M Williams and S L Williams

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Baynham, E Durrant, A Jenner, K Lewis, P E Lewis, MC Mackenzie, DW Meredith, E Vaughan and R Williams

<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

<b>3.</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION</b>
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Council considered the recommendations of the Democratic Services Committee proposing a number of changes to the Constitution.

**Title of the Economy, Residents, Communities and Governance Scrutiny Committee**

The recommendations were moved by County Councillor Aled Davies and seconded by County Councillor Lucy Roberts and by 53 votes to 0 it was

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p>1. That the title of the Economy, Residents, Communities and Governance Scrutiny Committee should be changed to become the Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021;</p> <p>2. That the Monitoring Officer is authorised to make such changes to the Constitution as may be required to reflect the change set out in Recommendation 1 above.</p>	<p>To reflect the renaming of the Audit Committee as the Governance and Audit Committee as required by Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 and thereby avoid confusion.</p>

**The Membership of Scrutiny Committees**

The recommendations were moved by County Councillor Lucy Roberts and seconded by County Councillor Michael Williams and by 53 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>3. That Rule 7.4 of the Constitution (as set out in a draft revised Section 7 of the Constitution which is attached) is amended with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the membership of Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Scrutiny Committee (Economy, Residents, and Communities Scrutiny Committee) is a maximum of 14 Councillors – Politically Balanced- plus 1 Non-Voting Co-optee for crime and disorder;</li> <li>• The membership of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee is a maximum of 14 Councillors - Politically Balanced – plus ; 3 parent governor representatives; 1 Church in Wales Diocese representative; 1 Roman Catholic Church Diocese representative.</li> </ul>	<p>To allow for participation of more Councillors in Scrutiny meetings.</p>

**Amendments to the Provision of Notices, Summons, Agendas, Decisions and Retention of Documents**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that the Democratic Services Committee had asked that consideration be given to promoting meetings by using social media. The recommendation was moved by County Councillor Linda Corfield and seconded by County Councillor Jonathan Wilkinson and by 52 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>4. That the amendments to Rules 4.23.1 to 4.23.6, 14.9; 14.12 to 14.1 and 14.30.7 (as set out in draft revised Sections 4 and 14 of the Constitution attached to the report) are approved and to take effect as from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.</p> <p>5. That the Monitoring Officer is</p>	<p>To reflect the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001 required by the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021</p>

<p><b>authorised to make such changes to the Constitution as may be required to reflect the changes set out in Recommendation 4 above.</b></p>	
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**Remote Attendance**

The recommendation was moved by County Councillor Pete Roberts and seconded by County Councillor Edwin Roderick and by 55 votes to 0 it was

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p><b>6. That the amendments to Rules 4.27.1 to 4.27.2 as set out in Section 4 of the Constitution attached to the report are approved and to take effect as from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.</b></p> <p><b>7. That the Monitoring Officer is authorised to make such changes to the Constitution as may be required to reflect the changes set out in Recommendation 6 above.</b></p>	<p><b>To reflect the changes required by the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021</b></p>

**Extra Functions for Governance and Audit Committee**

The recommendation was moved by County Councillor Phil Pritchard and seconded by County Councillor Linda Corfield and by 55 votes to 0 it was

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p><b>8. That paragraphs (a) – (d), (da) , (db) and ( e) –(f) are inserted into page 34 and 35 of Section 13 of the Constitution as set out in Section 13 of the Constitution (attached) to the report and in Section 7 of the Constitution (attached) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>To reflect the changes required by the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 and the Local Government Measure 2011.</b></p>

**County Councillor R G Thomas (Chair)**