

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT BY TEAMS ON
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT

County Councillor R G Thomas (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, B Baynham, 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, E Durrant, D O Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, H Hulme, A Jenner, E A 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, K Lewis, P E Lewis, MC Mackenzie, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, DW Meredith, C Mills, G Morgan, JG Morris, R Powell, WD Powell, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J 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, E Vaughan, M Weale, J Wilkinson, A Williams, G I S Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, J M Williams and S L Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors M Barnes, D R Price and R Williams

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported.

3. MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022-2027 AND 2022-23 BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2022-2027

County Councillor Aled Davies moved suspension of Rules 4.37.1, 4.43, 4.49.2.1 and 4.49.2.2 of the Constitution. It was seconded by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan and by 45 votes to 19 it was

RESOLVED to suspend Rules 4.37.1, 4.43, 4.49.2.1 and 4.49.2.2 of the Constitution.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance County Councillor Aled Davies proposed an amendment to the budget recommendations:

1. Council Approves the Revenue Budget for 2022-23 with the inclusion of a 3.4% increase in Council Tax in 2022-23 at a net cost of £396,000 with the Section 151 officer instructed to publish a revised Finance Resource Model (if required) as soon as possible.
2. The cost of recommendation 1 is financed by a reduction in the Minimum Revenue Budget/External Interest Budget of £396,000.

The amendment was seconded by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan.

Council adjourned from 11.10 am to 1.15 pm for the political groups to consider the amendment.

Council voted on the amendment and passed it by 35 votes to 32 and it became the substantive motion.

County Councillor David Thomas moved an amendment to the substantive motion, seconded by County Councillor Matthew Dorrance proposing a 0% increase in Council Tax by utilising the budget management reserve.

Council voted on the amendment and passed it by 34 votes to 31. This became the substantive motion.

Council adjourned from 3.12 pm to 4.00 pm.

Council voted on the substantive motion to Recommendation 2 for a 0% rise in Council Tax. By 31 votes to 33 this was lost.

It was proposed by County Councillor Aled Davies and seconded by County Councillor Michael Williams to suspend the meeting. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to suspend the meeting until 3 March.