

**Minutes of a Meeting of a Special meeting of CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL  
held at Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely via  
video-conference on  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Maldwyn Lewis (Chair); Councillors Shelley Childs, Bryan Davies, Catrin M S Davies, Clive Davies, Euros Davies, Gareth Davies, Gethin Davies, Ifan Davies, Marc Davies, Rhodri Davies, Amanda Edwards, Endaf Edwards, Eryl Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Keith Evans, Raymond Evans, Wyn Evans, Keith Henson, Paul Hinge, Hugh R M Hughes, Chris James, Gwyn James, Ceris Jones, Gareth Lloyd, Sian Maehrlein, Caryl Roberts, Mark Strong, Wyn Thomas, Alun Williams and Carl Worrall.

**(2.10pm – 3.15pm)**

**Procedure**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Maldwyn Lewis welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was being webcasted.

**1 Apologies**

Councillors Meirion Davies, Elaine Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Ann Bowen Morgan and John Roberts and apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

Councillor Rhodri Evans and Matthew Vaux apologised for their inability to attend the meeting due to being on other Council duties.

**2 Disclosure of personal / prejudicial interests**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**3 Personal matters**

None.

**4 EXEMPT ITEM**

The report relating to item 5 on the agenda, Enclosure B is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. If, following the application of the Public Interest Test, the Council resolves to consider this item in private, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration, in accordance with Section 100B(2) of the Act.

Members were requested, when dealing with the item, to consider whether to exclude the public and press from the Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press during consideration of item 5 below on the basis that the application contained personal information which should not, on balance, be disclosed to the public and press. The Chairman confirmed that the webcasting would be suspended during item 5 below.

**5 Post of Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cynnal (and Statutory Director of Social Services)**

The Council received a presentation and response to set questions from the applicant who had been shortlisted for appointment to the vacant post of Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cynnal (which also acts as the Council's Statutory Director of Social Services). Feedback was also provided by the Chair of the Shortlisting Committee, Councillor Bryan Davies; Councillor Alun Williams, Cabinet Member for Through Age Wellbeing and the Chief Executive.

Following a vote taken by ballot, it was **RESOLVED** to offer the post to Ms Audrey Somerton-Edwards.

Consideration was given to the salary that would be offered. It was proposed and seconded that the post be offered on the fourth incremental point on the Corporate Lead Officer A2 pay scale (£90,164) along with a market forces supplement (£7,336) giving a total of £97,500.

Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED** that the post be offered on a salary of £97,500, the fourth incremental point on the Corporate Lead Officer A2 pay scale (£90,164), along with a market forces supplement of £7,336, giving a total of £97,500.

Ms Audrey Somerton-Edwards, on being offered the post, accepted the position on a salary of £97,500 which is on the fourth incremental point of the Corporate Lead Officer A2 pay scale, along with a market forces supplement; effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The public and press were then invited to enter the meeting.

The Chairman confirmed that Ms Audrey Somerton-Edwards had been offered and accepted the position starting on the fourth incremental point of at the Corporate Lead Officer A2 pay scale, along with a market forces supplement; to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Council held on 23 January 2024**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_