

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Hybrid Special Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.

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Present: Councillor Carys Stallard (Deputy Mayor in the Chair); Councillors Anne Asbrey, Julie Aviet, Gareth Ball, Rhiannon Birch, Bronwen Brooks, Gillian Bruce, Ian Buckley, Lis Burnett, Samantha Campbell, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Charles Champion, Janice Charles, Amelia Collins, Marianne Cowpe, Brandon Dodd, Pamela Drake, Vincent Driscoll, Anthony Ernest, Christopher Franks, Wendy Gilligan, Russell Godfrey, Emma Goodjohn, Ewan Goodjohn, Stephen Haines, Sally Hanks, William Hennessy, Nic Hodges, Mark Hooper, Catherine Iannucci-Williams, Gwyn John, Dr. Ian Johnson, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Julie Lynch-Wilson, Kevin Mahoney, Michael Morgan, Jayne Norman, Helen Payne, Elliot Penn, Sandra Perkes, Ian Perry, Joanna Protheroe, Ruba Sivagnanam, Neil Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams, Mark Wilson and Nicholas Wood.

### 554 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Naomi Marshallsea (Mayor) and Rhys Thomas.

### 555 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interests were received.

### 556 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 as contained within the agenda was presented by the Leader, who asked Council to agree re-adoption of the scheme which had been in place since 2013 and needed to be approved by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

She shared the discretions which needed to be applied included:

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks;
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction;
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be adopted.
- (2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government be reflected in the scheme.
- (3) T H A T the national scheme be adopted with the following discretions:

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks.
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction.
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved and in place for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.
- (2) To ensure that the Council’s scheme continued to comply with regulation.
- (3) To reconfirm the three local discretions.