

# MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of County Council held  
at Council Chamber - Council Chamber on Wednesday, 4th May, 2016 at 4.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor B. Strong (Chairman)  
County Councillor J. Higginson (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: D. Batrouni, J. Prosser, M. Powell, V. Smith,  
G. Burrows, P. Clarke, D. Dovey, D. Evans, P. Farley, P.A. Fox,  
L. Guppy, E. Hackett Pain, M. Hickman, P.A.D. Hobson, P. Jones,  
S.B. Jones, P. Jordan, P. Murphy and F. Taylor

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Nicola Perry	Democratic Services Officer
Claire Marchant	Chief Officer Social Care, Health & Housing
Sally Thomas	Interim HR Manager

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors D. Blakebrough, R. Chapman, J. Crook, G. Down, A. Easson,  
D. Edwards, R. Edwards, R.J.W. Greenland, R. Harris, B. Hayward, G. Howard,  
S. Howarth, D. Jones, S. Jones and S. White

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **3. Appointment to the role of Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal**

The Chief Executive thanked Members for their attendance and explained that the purpose of the session was to appoint a Monitoring Officer. Structural changes had been discussed at the Cabinet meeting prior to the meeting, and it was considered an appropriate time for permanent arrangements to be made for a Monitoring Officer/ Head of Legal Services.

We heard that the current Head of Legal Services and Acting Monitoring Officer, Mr. R. Tranter, had been through an interview process throughout the morning and was now in attendance for interview by full Council.

We welcomed the candidate who gave a presentation and was interviewed by the Council. The Candidate was then asked to leave the chamber.

The Chief Executive outlined the feedback received. The Leader of the Council recommended that Mr. Tranter be offered the position, which was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. Members agreed unanimously with the recommendation.

Mr. Tranter returned to the meeting, accepted the appointment, and was congratulated by Members and officers.

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**The meeting ended at 5.00 pm**