



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**SUBJECT:  
COUNCIL FEES & CHARGES POLICY 2018/19**

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), M. Webber, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings,  
G.Hopkins, M.Norris, J Rosser, & C.Leyshon.

**Cabinet Member Apology  
County Borough Councillor:**

R.Lewis

**Other County Borough Councillors  
In Attendance:**

P Jarman.

### **1. DECISION MADE:**

#### **Agreed –**

1. To approve the proposed revised levels for all areas of the Council's fees and charges as set out at section 5 of the report and detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. To implement a 12 month pilot scheme in respect of bereavement fees for armed forces veterans (as detailed within paragraph 5.3.5 of the report).
3. To build the net budgetary impact (£253K for 2018/19) into budget strategy proposals for consideration by Cabinet and Council as appropriate.

**Note:** With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillor P Jarman spoke on this item.

**N.B:** As County Borough Councillor M Webber left the meeting when the item was discussed she refrained from voting on the item.

### **2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to set out proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for the financial year 2018/19 (all to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 or as soon as is practicable thereafter).

### **3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

The Fees and charges income is a critical component of the funding arrangements for many services. At a local level, the proposals intend to ensure the continued provision of a comprehensive range of quality services at affordable prices for users to support the Council's work in: delivering its Corporate Plan priorities; improving the provision of essential services; and at the same time 'living within its means'.

The proposals also complement the requirements of the Well Being of Future Generations Act in helping to provide Services with adequate resources to continue their work in shaping provision fit for the future and, in doing so, enable positive contributions to be made toward meeting the seven national wellbeing goals.

### **4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

As outlined within section 7 of the report a comprehensive budget consultation exercise has been undertaken in relation to the 2018/19 budget requirements.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

County Borough Councillor P Jarman as outlined in section 7.

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

County Borough Councillor P Jarman:

"As granted by the Standards Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 I have a dispensation to speak and vote on all matters for the duration and adoption of the 2018-19 budget process in my capacity as Leader of an Opposition Group; and to speak and vote on all services affected by the Budget, following acknowledgement that my son works in the Streetcare department and resides with me"

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

NO ✓

**8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

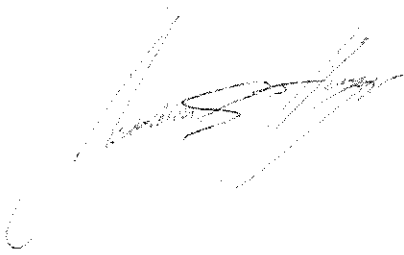
**URGENT DECISION:-**

Reason: - To allow the Fees and Charges to be considered as part of the Council's Budget strategy on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

**8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

  
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(Mayor)

15.02.2018  
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(Dated)

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(Proper Officer)

15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018  
(Dated)