



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

URGENT BUSINESS – AGENDA ITEM 10

SUBJECT : FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT VOLUNTARY MERGER PROSPECTUS

The Chairman of the meeting being of the opinion that the report of the Chief Executive be considered in accordance with the provision of Section 100(b)4(B) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances i.e. following the meeting of Cabinet held on the 2nd October, 2014, the need for Cabinet to be provided with appropriate information in order that Members can make recommendations to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 26th November, 2014 in relation to the response to be made to the Welsh Government by the deadline of the 28th November, 2014.

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 20th November, 2014

Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:

A.Morgan (Chairman), P.Cannon, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey,
E.Hanagan, G.Hopkins, K.Montague and M.Webber

Other Members in Attendance
County Borough Councillor E.Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- To note the Voluntary Merger Prospectus as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.
- To note the position described in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report which resulted from the actions agreed by Cabinet when the matter was considered at its meeting held on the 2nd October, 2014.
- To approve the proposed response as detailed at Appendix 3 to the report and that the Council be requested to endorse the same at its meeting on the 26th November, 2014.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- Following the meeting of Cabinet held on the 2nd October, 2014, the need for Cabinet to be provided with appropriate information in order that Members can make recommendations to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 26th November, 2014 in relation to the response to be made to the Welsh Government by the deadline of the 28th November, 2014.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Cabinet – 2nd October, 2014.
- Letters sent by the Leader as shown at Appendix 2 to the report to the following local authorities seeking views on whether an expression of interest to consider a voluntary merger was appropriate:
 - Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
 - Caerphilly County Borough Council
 - Cardiff City Council
 - Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council
 - Bridgend County Borough Council

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor K.Montague declared a prejudicial interest on this matter "I work part-time for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council". Councillor Montague left the meeting when the matter was discussed and voted upon.

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

N/A

6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

N/A as the matter is to be reported to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council being held on the 26th November 2014.

6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:

N/A

6. (c) 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:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

24th November, 2014
(Date)