

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE:12th February, 2015.

Agenda Item 9

SUBJECT: The Council's 2015/16 Revenue Budget

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 Councillors:

P. Griffiths, S. Bradwick, R. Lewis, T. Bates, J. Bonetto, and R. K. Turner

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

That the proposed 2015/16 budget strategy proposals be presented to Council on the 4th March, 2015, subject to the Group Director, Corporate and Frontline Services updating the draft 2015/16 budget strategy to reflect the financial implications of the budget related decisions made by cabinet prior to Council on the 4th March, 2015. As part of this update, any savings achievable in 2015/16 should be used to reduce the level of Transitional Funding (i.e. use of the Medium Term Financial Planning and Service (transformation Reserve) needed to deliver a balanced budget for that year.

N.B – Members received County Borough Councillor R.K.Turner, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who presented the feedback on the budget consultation process which was undertaken with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the four Service Scrutiny Committees.

Councillor Turner relayed Scrutiny Members comments in respect of the use of the Transitional Funding, the Council's General Fund Reserve, the Council Tax increase and local residents awareness of the Police Authority precept.

Councillor Turner concluded his feedback by commenting positively on the proposed increase in trade waste charges, which it was hoped would have a positive and encouraging effect on the councils recycling performance figures.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

 Following the meeting of Cabinet held on the 22nd January, 2015, the need for Cabinet Members to give consideration to the second stage of the consultation process, in order that the draft budget strategy can be amended, prior to the budget proposals being presented to Council on the 4th March, 2015.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Cabinet 22nd January, 2015.
- Scrutiny Committees, School Budget Forum, Older Persons Advisory Group and online consultation as identified in Appendices 2, 3 and 4 of the report.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None.

 IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: YES NO √ Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. 20th February 2015 to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. 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 	5.	DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE): N/A	
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(Proper Officer)

12.02.15 (Dated)