



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 24th September, 2015.

Agenda Item 4

SUBJECT:
Review of the Coroner Service

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

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

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- That the following recommendations be put before Council at its meeting on the 30th September, 2015.
 - That Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council confirms its decision to act as relevant Authority for the merged Coroner Area on the terms set out in the Business Case attached as Appendix 2 to the report.
 - That a Collaboration Agreement be entered into with Merthyr, Bridgend, Powys, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Council as set out in paragraph 14 of the Business Case
 - That the Appointment panel for the post of Full Time Senior Coroner for the newly merged area comprise the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the largest opposition group.
 - That the Director, Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to appoint the Area Coroner and Assistant Coroners for the merged Coroner Area in consultation with the newly appointed Senior Coroner and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder
 - That if the merger is not approved by the Lord Chancellor, the post of Full Time Senior Coroner for the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys Coroner Area be advertised as soon as possible.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to update Members on the progress in pursuing the amalgamation of the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys and Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Coroner Areas, as agreed by Council on the 26th February, 2014.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Consultation with the 5 other Local Authorities involved in the merger proposal as outlined in 3.5 of the report (Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, Powys, Cardiff and Merthyr Tydfil)
- Report to Council 26th February 2014
- Report to Cabinet – 19th February 2014

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- None

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:

YES NO

N/A as the matter is to be reported to Council at its meeting on the 30th September, 2015.

6. (b) 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)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

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(Dated)