# CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the CABINET will be held at the County Borough Council Headquarters, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale (The Council Chamber)

THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 2015 at 10.30AM.

Contact: Mrs Emma Wilkins (Tel No. 01443 424062)

Councillors and members of the public wishing to request the facility to address the Cabinet on any of the business as listed below, must request to do so by 5 p.m. on the  $20^{TH}$  October 2015. It must be noted that this facility is at the discretion of the Chair and each request will be considered based on the agenda items being considered, the public interest/interest of the member in each matter and the demands of the business on that day. To make such a request please contact the Cabinet Office on 01443-424062 or alternatively please email Cabinet@rctcbc.gov.uk.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

## 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

#### Note:

- 1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest; and
- 2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they <u>must</u> notify the Chairman when they leave.

## 2 IMPROVING PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION IN FERNDALE

To receive the report from the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning outlining proposals that seek to close Ferndale Infants' School and transfer its pupils to the nearby Darren Park Primary School, and to seek Members approval to begin the relevant and required statutory consultation.

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3 IMPROVING PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION IN LLWYNYPIA.

To receive the report of the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning outlining proposals that seek to close Ynyscynon Nursery School and transfer its pupils to the nearby Pontrhondda Primary School, and to seek Members approval to begin the relevant and required statutory consultation.

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## 4 RHONDDA CYNON TAF'S WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT 2014/15.

To receive the report from the Chief Executive, informing Cabinet of the feedback received from the Welsh Government in respect of an assessment of the Council's Library Service against the Welsh Public Library Standards for 2014/15.

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## 5 HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL – SWIMMING POOL TRANSFER

To receive the joint report of the Chief Executive and Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services providing Members with the outcome of further detailed discussions with the Head Teacher and Governing Body of Hawthorn High School in respect of the transfer of the Hawthorn Swimming Pool facility to the school.

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## 6 COUNCIL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES – MID YEAR REVIEW

To receive a report from the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services setting out the conclusions of a review of Council Reserves as requested by the Cabinet.

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#### 7 ADOPTION OF AN ETHICIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY (AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ZERO HOURS SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP)

To receive the report from the Director, Legal & Democratic Services providing Cabinet with the findings and recommendations of the Councils Scrutiny working group formed to consider the issue of 'Zero Hours' Contracts.

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8 RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGIONAL SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNIT.

To receive the report from the Group Director, Community & Children's Services seeking Members approval to pursue a regional Social Care Workforce Development Unit across Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil Local Authorities.

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# 9 WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND – REVIEW OF FUND CRITERIA AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

To receive the report of the Director, Regeneration & Planning outlining to Members the current operation of the Welsh Church Act Fund and the proposed changes to the criteria and implementation arrangements of the Fund.

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#### 10 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME: NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016.

To receive the report from the Secretary to the Cabinet outlining the Cabinet Work Programme for the three month period November, December 2015 and January 2016.

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#### **11 URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.

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Service Director and Secretary to the Cabinet