



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 18 June, 2019**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),  
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,  
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and  
Councillor C Leyshon

***Agenda Item : 11***

**SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF THE MUNI  
ARTS CENTRE, PONTYPRIDD**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

Following the consideration of the report of the Director, Public Health & Protection containing exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), it was

**AGREED**

1. To take forward a tenancy with Awen Cultural Trust following consideration of the summary and assessment of the two business plans received in respect of the asset transfer of the Muni Arts Centre.
2. To authorise Officers to enter into detailed negotiations with Awen Cultural Trust to agree the terms of the lease and necessary financial support requirements to secure a sustainable future for the Muni Arts Centre, and
3. That only if suitable terms can be agreed between both parties, authorise the Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services to make the necessary arrangements to transfer the Muni Arts Centre to Awen Cultural Trust, and
4. That if suitable terms cannot be agreed, the Council to consider other alternatives for the future of the Muni Arts Centre.

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

The need to advise Cabinet of the proposals for the Community Asset transfer of the Muni Arts Centre Pontypridd, following the recovery of the lease by the Council in January 2019.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed leasehold transfer of Muni Arts Centre will support the Council's Corporate Plan "The Way Ahead" (2016-2020), priorities of "creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work".

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

Formal consultation was previously undertaken to inform the Council's decision to close the Muni Arts Centre as part of its Medium Term Planning Service Change proposals in May 2014.

As part of its community asset transfer process, the Council advertised in January 2019 via a fourteen day "Window of Opportunity", the opportunity for community organisations and businesses to "Express an Interest" in the leasehold transfer of Muni Arts Centre.

Individuals, local partners and community groups who have been interested in the future sustainability of the Muni Arts Centre have been signposted through to the shortlisted candidates who have undertaken some light touch contact and engagement with key groups during the development of their business plan. Both prospective tenants recognise that further engagement and consultation work is required to fully inform their delivery plan.

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

Strategic Arts & Culture Steering Group – [13<sup>th</sup> June 2019](#).

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

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

N/A

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

Yes

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **24 June 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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

**I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**

Reason: N/A

**II. URGENT DECISION:-**

Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER 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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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**