

# CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the CABINET will be held at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypandy, CF40 2XX
Thursday, 21st November, 2019 at 10.30 am

Contact: Hannah Williams - Council Business Unit (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 5pm on the Tuesday, 19 November 2019 Councillors and Members of the public should stipulate if this address will be in the medium of English or Welsh.

It must be noted that the facility to address the Cabinet 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 email:- Executive and Regulatory Business Unit@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:

- 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 must notify the Chairman when they leave.

#### 2. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as an accurate record.

(Pages 5 - 16)

#### 3. DIRECT CREMATIONS

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services, proposing that the Council pilot a reduced cremation fee for funeral directors offering direct or simplicity cremations in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

(Pages 17 - 22)

### 4. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUNDING AND DELIVERY OF ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services, providing Members with information in relation to the future of adult community learning.

(Pages 23 - 30)

#### 5. COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2020/21

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, which formally sets out the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2020/21.

(Pages 31 - 34)

### 6. COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT (QUARTER 2)

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, providing Members with an overview of the Council's performance, both from a financial and operational perspective, based on the first six months of this financial year (to the 30th September 2019).

(Pages 35 - 58)

### 7. COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS - LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, requesting that the Cabinet consider a formal period of consultation as part of the Council's forthcoming consultation exercise in relation to the 2020/21 budget.

(Pages 59 - 70)

### 8. SUPPORTING TOWN AND RETAIL BUSINESSES IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF - LOCAL BUSINESS RATE REDUCTION SCHEME

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, providing Members with details of a proposed new Business Rate Reduction Scheme, which will provide town centre and retail businesses with help towards their business rates liability during the financial year 2020/21.

(Pages 71 - 78)

## 9. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) - USE OF RIPA IN 2018-19 BY RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

To receive the report of the Director, Legal Services, which enables enable Members to review the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (as amended) ('RIPA') in 2018-19.

(Pages 79 - 82)

## 10. The impact of the public service vehicle accessibility regulations 2000 on charging for spare seats on mainstream school / college transport

To receive the report of the Group Director, Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services, updating Cabinet on the impact of the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000 (PSVAR), which from 1 January 2020 will affect the discretionary sale of spare seats to mainstream learners who do not qualify for free school/college transport.

(Pages 83 - 98)

### 11. WELSH LANGUAGE STEERING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS - LIST OF STANDARDISED WELSH PLACE-NAMES

To receive the report of the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication, providing the Cabinet with the recommendations of the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group, which considered a report of the Welsh Language Commissioner's revised recommendations for their List of Standardised Welsh Place-names.

(Pages 99 - 150)

#### 12. TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

"That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of the Schedule 12A of the Act".

### 13. CYNON VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY LIMITED AND AMGEN RHONDDA LIMITED - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To receive the report of the Director, Legal Services, providing details of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

(Pages 151 - 212)

### 14. LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION

To receive the <u>Leaders Scheme of Delegation</u> following the recent amendments which include:

- Membership to the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group
- Membership to the Strategic Culture and Arts Steering Group

### 15. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.

**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication** 

### Circulation:-

**Councillors:** 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 Councillor C Leyshon

Officers: Chris Bradshaw, Chief Executive

Christian Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services &

Communication

Andy Wilkins (Legal), Director of Legal Services

Gio Isingrini, Group Director Community & Children's Services Nigel Wheeler, Group Director – Prosperity, Development &

Frontline Services

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