

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL SUMMONS

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Cambrian Park
Clydach Vale CF40 2XX**

Ms.Karyl May (Tel.No.01443-424045)

YOU ARE SUMMONED to a meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on **Wednesday, 25th April, 2018** at **5.00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1** To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct
1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject 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 prejudicial interest they **must** notify the Chairman when they leave.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 28th March, 2018.

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4 OPEN GOVERNMENT:

5 STATEMENTS in accordance with Procedure Rule 2

To receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders

6 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- (a) **From County Borough Councillor M.Powell to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure (County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings)**

“What is the reasoning behind the restrictions on using photographic equipment in Council run swimming pools?”

- (b) **From County Borough Councillor M.Forey to the Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor A.Morgan)**

“Will you make a statement on the Council’s investment priorities over the course of this Council term in relation to the Corporate Plan?”

- (c) **From County Borough Councillor K.Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure (County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings)**

“What plans or specific projects does the Council have in place to improve and increase leisure and tourism activities in the north of the Cynon Valley?”

- (d) **From County Borough Councillor G.Caple to the Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor A.Morgna)**

“What discussions has the Council had with Dwr Cymru in respect of its infrastructure works in the Rhondda?”

- (e) **From County Borough Councillor J.Harries to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Council Business (County Borough Councillor M.Webber)**

“Will the Deputy Leader please outline what employment opportunities the Council provides to young people in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 7 Welsh Government Consultation – Green Paper – Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People**

To consider the joint report of the Director, Cabinet & Public Relations and the Director, Legal & Democratic Services

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8 Urgent Executive Decisions

To consider the report of the Secretary to the Cabinet.

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9 Notices of Motion

- (a)** To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors S.Belzak and J.James:-

“In this centenary year of the granting of votes to women, and in light of the contribution of feminism to such landmark legislative reforms as the Equal Pay Act 1970, the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and others:-

- (1) Council notes with deep regret the decision of the Welsh Government to remove the topic of feminism (and additionally, multiculturalism) from the Welsh syllabus for Government and Politics at A-Level commencing September 2018;
- (2) Further notes that the outcome of a similar review undertaken by the Westminster Government resulted in a decision to retain feminism on the syllabus in England;
- (3) Further notes that while it is theoretically open to schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf and indeed, in Wales as a whole, to opt to pursue syllabuses of Examination Boards based in England, such a decision would not, under the present policies of the Welsh Government attract funding.

This Council therefore RESOLVES to:

Contact the Welsh Government directly as a matter of urgency requesting that it review its decision, and to also make this Council's views known indirectly by way of locally elected Assembly Members and through appropriate forums such as the Welsh Local Government Association”.

- (b)** To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors M.J.Powell and L.Walker:-

“Council notes the many glaring discrepancies in the Councillor to elector/resident ratio of many wards that make up RCTCBC.

Members also notes that with the ability to use more advanced communication technology the number of representatives elected to RCTCBC can be reduced considerably thus freeing up much needed resources to be put into frontline services such as education.

With these points in mind Members will now direct the Officer responsible for elections to produce a report for Members on how the county wards can be realigned to provide a more fair and equitable Councillor to elector/resident balance via a Working Group of the responsible Scrutiny Committee”.

- 10 To consider any items which the Mayor, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Jones'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Director, Legal and Democratic Services

**To: All Members of the Council
18th April, 2018**