



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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The Pavilions
Cambrian Park
Clydach Vale CF40 2XX

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YOU ARE SUMMONED to a meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at **The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX** on **WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2019** at **5.00 PM**.

AGENDA

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1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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 6th March 2019.

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OPEN GOVERNMENT:

4. STATEMENTS

In accordance with Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule 2, to receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders:

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. From County Borough Councillor E. George to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:

“Can the Leader provide an update on the services provided by the Council following the roll-out of Universal Credit in RCT?”

2. From County Borough Councillor G. Jones to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:

“A range of factors continue to impact upon High Streets across the country. What can this Council do to support our Town Centres and make them fit for the future?”

3. From County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:

“Will you please provide an update on the progress of the Council’s Town Centre Maintenance Grant Scheme?”

4. From County Borough Councillor G Davies to Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:

“Will you provide a statement on the Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision in Welsh-medium education in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”

5. From County Borough Councillor A. Fox to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:

“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Council’s Empty Properties Strategy?”

[COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME](#) - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION

OFFICERS' REPORTS

6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCORPORATING INVESTMENT STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) STATEMENT FOR 2019/2020

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

7. 2019/20 CAPITAL STRATEGY REPORT INCORPORATING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

8. THE COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To receive the report of the Director, Human Resources.

9. BREXIT

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

A. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of J. James and L. Hooper :-

This Council notes its disappointment at the recent defeat of the Autism Bill at the National Assembly for Wales, a Bill that was developed in partnership with the National Autistic Society and received cross-party support.

Though this Council, of course, recognises that legislation alone is not the answer to improving access to services for those with autism in our communities, by simply rejecting the Bill and without bringing forward a credible alternative, the Welsh Government is sending the wrong signal on this important subject.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Request that the Leader of the Council writes to both the First Minister and the Minister for Health and Social Services, outlining this Council's concern at the recent defeat of this Bill, whilst also seeking reassurances that the Welsh Government will be bringing forward its own legislation on this issue.
- Request that the Health and Wellbeing Committee of this Council produce a piece of work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, on what more this Council can do to support those living with autism in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

B. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, G.Davies, E. Webster, S.M. Evans, A. Chapman, L.Jones, E.Stephens, H,Fychan, D,Grehan, K.Morgan,S.Rees Owen, M.Weaver, D.Macey,J.Davies, J.Cullwick, J.Williams and A.Cox,

There are some 7,720 residents in Rhondda Cynon Taf living with sight loss and many thousands more residents suffering mobility

difficulties such as wheelchair users as well as young people with pushchairs, who are finding it difficult to navigate streets because of obstructions on pavements.

As a consequence this Council will work with the Royal National Institute for the Blind Cymru (RNIB Cymru) and other disabled persons organisations to develop a Street Charter Toolkit to eliminate the risks and disadvantage associated with street clutter and obstructions.

That this motion once accepted by Council will refer the matter to the relevant Scrutiny committee to develop a Draft Street Charter. The terms of reference for that Committee will include working in partnership with RNIB Cymru and other Access and Disability Forum Groups by taking evidence from people with sight loss and other disabilities who endure disadvantage. The draft Street Charter will then be presented to both the Cabinet and Full Council for formal adoption.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

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

Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services

To: All Members of the Council