



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 4.00 pm at The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Council Members in attendance:-

Councillor S Powderhill (Chair)

Councillor M Adams	Councillor H Boggis
Councillor J Bonetto	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor J Brencher	Councillor A Calvert
Councillor G Caple	Councillor A Chapman
Councillor A Cox	Councillor A Crimmings
Councillor J Cullwick	Councillor G Davies
Councillor J Davies	Councillor M Diamond
Councillor J Elliott	Councillor M Forey
Councillor A Fox	Councillor E George
Councillor D Grehan	Councillor M Griffiths
Councillor J Harries	Councillor G Holmes
Councillor L Hooper	Councillor G Hopkins
Councillor J James	Councillor P Jarman
Councillor G Jones	Councillor K Jones
Councillor W Jones	Councillor R Lewis
Councillor W Lewis	Councillor C Leyshon
Councillor D Macey	Councillor A Morgan
Councillor K Morgan	Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Norris	Councillor D Owen-Jones
Councillor W Owen	Councillor S Pickering
Councillor M Powell	Councillor S Powell
Councillor S Rees	Councillor A Roberts
Councillor J Rosser	Councillor G Stacey
Councillor G Thomas	Councillor W Treeby
Councillor R Turner	Councillor L Walker
Councillor M Weaver	Councillor M Webber
Councillor D Williams	Councillor J Williams
Councillor T Williams	Councillor C Willis
Councillor R Yeo	

Officers in attendance

Mr C Bradshaw, Chief Executive
Mr B Davies, Director of Finance & Digital Services
Mr R Evans, Director of Human Resources
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr G Isingrini, Group Director Community & Children's Services
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors S Belzak, D R Bevan, A Davies-Jones, S. Evans, M Fidler Jones, H Fychan, P Howe, G Hughes, D Macey, S Rees-Owen, E Stephens, M Tegg, E Webster. and G Williams.

24 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING - FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEMBERS

Members received the Director of Resources, WLGA and the Council's Director of Finance and Digital Services at the meeting, who each presented PowerPoint presentations in respect of medium term financial planning, to provide members with information in advance of budget considerations at future meetings.

The Director of Resources commenced with a presentation entitled 'Budget Planning and the LGF settlement', with him explaining that medium term financial planning provides a focus on both Revenue expenditure and Capital expenditure as well as setting out the Council's overall Financial Strategy. The Director of Resources advised of the service spend changes since 2009 and the cumulative pressures facing local authorities including particular pressures with regard to children in care and adult social care. Members were provided with a graph from the Wales Fiscal Analysis, Cardiff ~~University, that~~University that demonstrated the projections for the Welsh Government Budget up to 2023-2024. The Director concluded his presentation with reference to specific grants, Council Tax levels and an overview of details of 'what's happening elsewhere' in respect of responding to budget shortfalls.

Following the presentation, the Council's Director of Finance and Digital Services focused his presentation on medium term financial planning in respect of Rhondda Cynon Taf. The Director provided Members with an insight into Revenue and Capital expenditure, WG Funding and income generation in relation to the Revenue Budget before providing more specific detail around medium term financial planning undertaken by the Council. Members were advised that the updated Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 is being updated and will be presented to Cabinet and Council in July. A shortfall of resources against our budget requirements (budget gap) is anticipated over the medium term given likely ongoing real term reductions in funding. The Council's approach to addressing this was outlined along with details of the annual budget setting timeline which members will have the opportunity to contribute to.

Following conclusion of the presentations, the Leader expressed his thanks to the Officers and spoke of the pressures facing the Council and the potential uncertainty around the timing of local government funding settlement announcements in Wales for 2020/21 due to the delay in the Comprehensive Spending Review process to be undertaken by the UK Central Government.

A member enquired about the impact of Council Tax Reduction on the level of council tax levied as opposed to collected and its impact on being the fourth lowest Council Tax per dwelling in Wales. The Director of Finance and Digital

Services confirmed that he would provide the information to the Member.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** to note the information contained within the presentations.

This meeting closed at 4.55 pm

**CIr S Powderhill
Chairman.**