

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF  
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL SUMMONS**

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**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, 25 January 2012** 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 meeting of the Council held on 21 December 2011 1 – 5

**OPEN GOVERNMENT**

- 4 STATEMENTS** in accordance with Open Government Procedure Rule 2

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

**5 PUBLIC PRESENTATION** in accordance with Open Government Procedure Rule 4

To receive a presentation from Mr.D.Rowland of Clydach Vale in respect of 'Roads surrounding the Cwm Clydach Primary School and the safety of the parents, children and road users'.

**PRESENTATION**

**6 WELFARE REFORM – THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

To receive a presentation from Mr.N.Elliott, Service Director, Commissioning, Business and Housing Systems and Mr.N.Jones, Service Director, Operational Finance

**7 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** on notice in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9

**(A) From County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Safer Communities (County Borough Councillor P.Cannon,QPM)**

- (i)** Would the Cabinet Member make a statement on how he sees the proposed Enterprise Zones announced by his Assembly colleague Edwina Hart affecting Rhondda Cynon Taf?
- (ii)** Why have there been no Pontypridd Town Forum meetings for over two years?
- (iii)** Has any consideration been given to the introduction of "licensing saturation zones" in areas of RCT such as Treforest where the rapid growth in takeaways is seen by some as threatening to wipe out any other businesses in the area?
- (iv)** Would the Cabinet Member comment on the low take up rate with regard to the Townscape Enhancement Programme in Pontypridd?
- (v)** Would the Cabinet Member update members on the current position with regard to any funding applications to regenerate Ynysangharad Park and the Lido?

**(B) From County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor (Mrs) E.Hanagan)**

- (i) How does the Cabinet Member view the recently announced school banding tables and how will they be used to improve the standards of teaching and learning in Rhondda Cynon Taf?
- (ii) Will the Cabinet Member agree that the Pupil Deprivation Grant as introduced into the Assembly budget as a result of the actions of the Welsh Liberal Democrats will provide welcome funding for our schools and does she see this as an additional tool to help raise standards?
- (iii) Could the Cabinet Member say on when the Education department will be giving the RCT schools their indicative budgets for 2012/2013?

**(C) From County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee (County Borough Councillor R.B.McDonald)**

- (i) Why, under the old Development Control "Area Committees" were all of the Cynon Valley Area Committee Members invited to attend and allowed to speak at their site meetings when Rhondda and Taff-Ely Members were not allowed to even attend, as councillors, site meetings of either the Rhondda or Taff-Ely site meetings?

**(D) From County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Customer Care and Emergency Planning (County Borough Councillor A.Morgan)**

- (i) Does Councillor Morgan agree that with the removal of all of the 25mm kerb up stands from the Pontypridd renewal scheme that it is a lot safer for pedestrians?
- (ii) Will RCTCBC look at introducing bollards to safely separate vehicles and pedestrians in Mill Street in Pontypridd town centre and any other areas where they feel there is the possibility of vehicles and pedestrians coming into conflict within the Pontypridd renewal area?

**(E) From County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell to the**

**Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor R.Roberts)**

- (i) Does Councillor Roberts agree with Mr.Ed Balls MP (Shadow Chancellor) that there should be a freeze in all public sector workers pay increases?
- (F) From County Borough Councillor G.R.Davies to the Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor R.Roberts)**
- (i) Further to my question at the Council meeting dated December 21<sup>st</sup> 2011, would you make a statement on the lessons learnt from the audit undertaken on a property in the Treherbert NRA? What action does Council propose to undertake to ensure that the mistakes and omissions in that particular scheme have not occurred elsewhere?

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**8 A Compact for Change between the Welsh Government and Welsh Local Government**

To consider the report of the Chief Executive 7 – 19

**9 Welsh Church Act Fund Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011**

To consider the report of the Group Director, Corporate Services 21 – 58

**10 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals**

To consider the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services 59 – 62

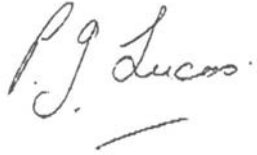
**11 Appointment of New Independent Members of the Standards Committee**

To consider the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services 63 – 65

**12 Implications of the Bribery Act 2010**

To consider the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services 67 – 71

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

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**Director, Legal & Democratic Services**

**To: All Members of the Council**

**18 January 2012**