



**COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD BRYG GAN O'R ARWEINYDD Y
CYNGOR, Y CYNGHORYDD A MORGAN**
**RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR A MORGAN OBE**

Yn unol ag Adran 3A Ran 3 (paragraff 3) o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

In accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (paragraph 3) of the Council's Constitution.

Charter for Families Bereaved through Public Tragedy.

PENDERFYNIAD | DECISION


The devastating impact on bereaved families following a major incident or public tragedy cannot be overstated. It is essential that all public bodies act in a transparent manner in the public interest following these incidents and that the support afforded the families following a public tragedy is provided with care, compassion and respect.

At the [Council Meeting of the 12th February](#), Council Agreed to support the Notice of Motion presented in respect of 'The Charter for Families Bereaved Through Public Tragedy', which requested:

- That the relevant Cabinet Member considers formally adopting the Charter for Families Bereaved Through Public Tragedy and commit to embedding its principles in all relevant Council proceedings.
- That Council express our full support for the UK Government's continued commitment to introducing the Hillsborough Law and work collaboratively with all public bodies who adopt this Charter and work towards systematic change.

In adopting the Charter for Families Bereaved through Public Tragedy the Council, along with other public bodies across Wales, is making clear its public commitment to act transparently and in the public interest when responding to and recovering from public tragedy, and to treating families affected by public tragedies with care and compassion.

As the Leader of the Council, and as relevant Cabinet Member I **AGREE** to sign the Charter for Families Bereaved Through Public Tragedy (as attached to this Decision) and commit Rhondda Cynon Taf Council to embed its 6 principles in all relevant Council Proceedings.

 Llofnod yr Arweinydd Y Cyngor/ Leader of the Council's Signature	Councillor Andrew Morgan Priflythrennau /Print Name	19.02.25 Dyddiad / Date
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19.02.25

M. Webber.

Councillor M Webber
Deputy Leader

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CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

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P. Mee

Paul Mee
PRIF WEITHREDWR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

19.02.25

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B. Davies

Barrie Davies
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DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & GROUP DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES

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Charter for Families Bereaved through Public Tragedy

In adopting this Charter I am making a public commitment to ensuring that

learns the lessons of the Hillsborough disaster. This includes ensuring the perspective of bereaved families is not lost during the response of public organisations to major incidents and that families are always treated with care and compassion.

Through the Charter we will strive to:

- 1.** In the event of a public tragedy, support the activation of emergency plans and deployment of resources to rescue victims, to support the bereaved and to protect the vulnerable.
- 2.** Place the public interest above our own reputation.
- 3.** Approach forms of public scrutiny – including public inquiries and inquests – with candour, in an open, honest and transparent way, making full disclosure of relevant documents, material and facts. Our objective is to assist the search for the truth. We accept that we should learn from the findings of external scrutiny and from past mistakes.
- 4.** Avoid seeking to defend the indefensible or to dismiss or disparage those who may have suffered where we have fallen short.
- 5.** Ensure all members of staff treat members of the public and each other with mutual respect and with courtesy. Where we fall short, we should apologise straightforwardly and genuinely.
- 6.** Recognise that we are accountable and open to challenge. We will ensure that processes are in place to allow the public to hold us to account for the work we do and for the way in which we do it. We do not knowingly mislead the public or the media.

Signed: A. Morgan

