

COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT: RCT Remembrance Parades

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

This report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication as described below:

To seek authority to take forward a new approach to how the Council funds and support Remembrance Services across RCT.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:

AGREED

- i. That the Council supports and delivers 3 Remembrance Service Parades across RCT, those in Aberdare, Pontypridd and Tonypanyd.
- ii. The Council liaises with Town and Community Councils to see if they can offer financial support to cover the cost of delivering any parades/road closures that take place in their communities. Costs could include for example, staffing the implementation of the road closure, risk assessment etc.
- iii. The Council communicates with relevant parties (where they are known) to confirm its position and if they wish to arrange parades/road closures themselves. The Council would cover the cost of the traffic order. If they would like the Council to assist with implementation of the road closure, for example traffic management, risk assessment etc., it can do at a cost.



Llofnod y Prif Swyddog
Chief Officer Signature

Christian Hanagan

Enw (priflythrennau)
Name (Print Name)

03.10.24

Dyddiad
Date

Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

YMGYNGHORI | CONSULTATION

M. Webber.

02.10.24

LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YDY | YES x NAC YDY | NO ✓

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Llywydd, y Dirprwy Lywydd neu Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

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(Llywydd | Presiding Member)

.....
(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Council's Website:- _____ 03.10.24 _____

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

_____ 09.10.24 _____
DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓



Rhagor o wybodaeth | Further Information:

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Enw'r Person Cyswllt Contact Name:	Chris Davies
Swydd Designation:	Corporate Policy & Consultation Manager



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION.

3RD OCTOBER 2024

RCT REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPUTY LEADER, CLLR WEBBER.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to outline the Council's new approach to Remembrance Service Parades and road closures that take place across the Borough each year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

- 2.1 That the Council supports and delivers 3 Remembrance Service Parades across RCT, those in Aberdare, Pontypridd and Tonypany.
- 2.2 That the Council liaises with Town and Community Councils to see if they can offer financial support to cover the cost of delivering any parades/road closures that take place in their communities. Costs could include for example, staffing the implementation of the road closure, risk assessment etc.
- 2.3 The Council communicates with relevant parties (where they are known) to confirm its position and if they wish to arrange parades/road closures themselves. The Council would cover the cost of the traffic order. If they would like the Council to assist with implementation of the road closure, for example traffic management, risk assessment etc., it can do at a cost.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Due to the current financial situation, the Council has needed to review all services and funding to achieve savings.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council has reviewed the current arrangements in place for Remembrance Service Parades and road closures and established that the Council has in the past provided staffing and resources to implement road closures and preparation in advance around traffic orders, risk assessment, etc. across RCT.

- 4.2 Where a parade takes place, the costs have been picked up by the Council in the past, as arranging Remembrance events and/or parades is a civic duty for local authorities. The Royal British Legion ('RBL') and other parties support and attend these civic events, not the other way around. The RBL guidance outlines their stance in more detail - [200821-remembrance-parades-policy-update-final.pdf \(britishlegion.org.uk\)](https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/200821-remembrance-parades-policy-update-final.pdf).
- 4.3 A parade is not the Remembrance event in itself, it is very common to have a Remembrance event that does not include a parade on the public highway. Some road closures are for the minutes silence and others are because of parades or the proximity to major highways.
- 4.4 In RCT there are a large number of events across the area, some with parades and some without. The Council are aware of at least 30 Remembrance Events that take place across RCT, of these 12 currently have parades/road closures as part of the event.
- 4.5 The Council is committed to funding 3 Remembrance Service Parades across RCT, those in Aberdare, Pontypridd and Tonypany. Options going forward could be for branches of the RBL or other parties to become part of these larger scale parades or retain a local event themselves without an on-road parade/road closure.
- 4.6 The other option, if a parade continues, would be for organisations to continue with Parades, with the Council assisting at a cost, or by arranging their own risk assessments, insurance and any other costs.

5 NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 If agreed the Council will Liaise with Town and Community Councils and other local groups, where they are known to advise them of the new approach going forward.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS including socio economic duty

- 6.1 The recently adopted Strategic Equality Plan states that the Council proactively recognises, celebrates and promotes diversity We are proud of our commitment in supporting inclusion. We are committed to the Armed Forces Covenant.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE

- 7.1 There are no specific Welsh language implications aligned to this report.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 There are no consultation requirements aligned to this report however should the recommendations be agreed engagement will take place with all relevant stakeholders including the RBL and Town and Community Councils.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The proposal would result in a cost saving to the Council of circa £8K per annum.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

10.1 Whilst there are no specific legal implications aligned to the report there are legal processes that need to be followed by organisers of events that involve road closures, for example undertaking appropriate risk assessments and identifying insurance considerations .

11. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

11.1 The Council recognises its commitment to ‘Strengthening RCT’s Community Armed Forces Covenant’ identified in its new Corporate Plan 2024-30 - ‘Working with our Communities’. This is a priority within the Culture, Heritage and Welsh Language Well-being Objective that seeks to achieve an RCT where culture and heritage is vibrant, and difference is celebrated in strong communities that enhance well-being. Remembrance Parades play a vital role in building cohesive communities that come together to support RCT’s Community Armed Forces Covenant.

11.2 The recommendations would ensure the Council continues to support key remembrance events across the County Borough

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 The Council has reviewed the current arrangements in place for the large number of Remembrance Service Parades that take place across RCT. The proposal is that the Council funds 3 Remembrance Service Parades across RCT and where there are road closures required for other parades, then organisations will be required to fund those themselves.