



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 17 December, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor Jayne Brencher
Councillor Heledd Fychan

Agenda Item : 3

SUBJECT: Community Asset Transfer - Muni Arts Centre

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the progress made with negotiations with Awen Cultural Trust to agree the terms of the lease and the necessary financial support requirements to secure a sustainable future for the Muni Arts Centre;
2. To receive a presentation from Awen Cultural Trust and their architects, Purcell, setting out their proposals for the refurbishment and restoration of the Muni Arts Centre; and
3. That the Council will seek to engage with the local community where necessary in respect of the longer term proposals for the restoration of the Muni Arts Centre.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to update Members on progress in respect of the community asset transfer of the Muni Arts Centre by way of a leasehold transfer and to receive a presentation from Awen Cultural Trust concerning the proposed refurbishment and restoration of the building.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed leasehold transfer of the Muni Arts Centre will support the Council's Corporate Plan "The Way Ahead" (2016-2020), priorities of "creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work".

The refurbishment of the Muni Arts Centre will contribute towards many of the Well-being Goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act, in particular; a prosperous Wales, a Wales of cohesive communities and a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. In addition, the proposals are consistent with the five ways of working in that the Council is working in collaboration to secure the long term future of arts and culture in Pontypridd and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

There are no consultation implications arising from the report. However, it is anticipated that should members be supportive of the ambitious, longer term proposals for the restoration of the Muni Arts Centre when the facility re-opens it will be on the basis that Awen and the Council are working towards a longer term vision, the details of which will be the subject of open consultation and engagement with the local community.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- County Borough Councillor H Fychan declared the following personal interest in respect of the item: 'I am a former Trustee of the Muni and a Board Member of Artis Community'
- County Borough Councillor J Brencher declared the following personal interest in respect of the item: 'I am a Trustee of the YMCA'

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **23 December 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

- I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason: N/A
- II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason N/A

8.(c) 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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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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