

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 /18

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

26TH JULY 2017

**URGENT BUSINESS – AGENDA
ITEM 3**

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCIL MEETING – 19TH JULY,
2017**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' consideration to the Notice of Motion (as amended) that was adopted by full Council on the 19th July, 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 Consider the Notice of Motion (as amended) that was adopted by full Council on the 19th July, 2017 and following a review into the matter, the findings and recommendations therefrom be reported to Cabinet and/or Council, if felt appropriate in October, 2017.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of the full Council held on the 19th July, 2017, the following Notice of Motion, as amended in accordance with paragraph 10.4.1 of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution was adopted:-

“That this Council will research the availability of free sanitary products, such as tampons and towels, in all Secondary Schools in the County as an acknowledgement that they are as essential as toilet paper for the personal hygiene of female pupils.

Request that a report be presented to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee which will consider the availability of hygiene products in RCT schools and, if appropriate, bring forward recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet in respect of this matter relating to dignity, equality, health and

wellbeing and its effect on education in a County that has such a high number of pupils living in poverty”.

- 3.2 Members will recall that at the Council Meeting held on the 19th July, 2017, many Councillors spoke on this item and suggested many areas that could be reviewed by this Committee such as the provision of such products to be made available free of charge in primary schools as well as secondary schools, and therefore research be undertaken as to whether this provision is available in any or all of the primary schools; a standardised approach to be used across all schools in RCT; Members of the Committee to hear the views of pupils.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 At the Council Meeting it was felt by Members that this matter be expedited in order that the findings and recommendations from Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee can be reported to Cabinet and or Council, if felt appropriate in October of this year.