

**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, 27 November 2013** at **5.00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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Nos.**

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 30 October 2013 1 – 10

OPEN GOVERNMENT

- 4 STATEMENTS** in accordance with Procedure Rule 2

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

5 PUBLIC QUESTIONS in accordance with Procedure Rule 3

- (1) **From Mr.Stanely Beynon of Abernant, Aberdare to the Deputy Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor P.Cannon,QPM)**

Why is the Council making these tough decisions on spending cuts and services?

- (2) **From Ms.Catherine Powell of Llanharry to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor Eudine Hanagan)**

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning make a statement on the legality of removing the current full-time school provision for 3 year olds without providing an alternative for those affected?

- (3) **From Mr.Karl Evans of Tonypany to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor Eudine Hanagan)**

I was pleased to hear at the last Cabinet meeting the encouraging news that attainment levels in RCT were “over and above” expectations in the foundation phase.

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning set out how the Council plans to continue to deliver improvements in attainment at the foundation phase and later key stages if the proposed cuts to nursery education are implemented?

- (4) **From Ms.Jane Massey of Tonypany to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor Eudine Hanagan)**

What impact do you think the loss of free transport will have on the intake into Welsh Schools and subsequently the Welsh language within RCT?

- (5) **From Miss Marie Lloyd of Cwmaman, Aberdare to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor Eudine Hanagan)**

Under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child Act which Wales is signed up to, why has no children’s rights impact assessment been done on Proposal 1 education cuts?

- (6) **From Mrs.Kate Evans of Church Village to the Deputy Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor P.Cannon,QPM)**

In Section 5.12 of the report by the Corporate Management Team (author Steve Merritt) it states "There does not appear to be any evidence to show that our current arrangements are having a positive impact upon attainment levels".

I would like to ask what evidence there is to show the current arrangements are having no impact or a negative impact upon attainment levels, particularly in light of Mr.Bradshaw's Educational Performance report dated 11th September 2013 which states that "For four of the five foundation phase indicators, the rate of improvement is faster than the Welsh average"?

6 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- (1) **From County Borough Councillor S.Rees-Owen to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning (County Borough Councillor (Mrs) E.Hanagan)**

"Will you make a statement on the responsibilities of the Central South Consortium?"

- (2) **From County Borough Councillor G.R.Davies to the Deputy Leader of the Council (County Borough Councillor P.Cannon,QPM)**

"Will you make a statement on the work of the Local Service Board?"

- (3) **From County Borough Councillor P.Jarman to the Chairman of the Corporate Governance & Constitution Committee (County Borough Councillor R.Lewis)**

"Will you make a statement on the Terms of Reference of the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee?"

- (4) **From County Borough Councillor C.Davies to the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services (County Borough Councillor (Mrs) A.Davies)**

"As Children's Champion, will you make a statement on the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child?"

- (5) **From County Borough Councillor E.Webster to the Cabinet Member for Council Business and Public Relations (County Borough Councillor M.Webber)**

“As the Open Government Champion, will you make a statement on the Council’s communications strategy?”

7 WALES AUDIT OFFICE – IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LETTER

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14 NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors M.J.Powell

and J.S.James:

“With due regard to the current financial circumstances the Council finds itself in and its proposed cuts to services and staff it will decrease the responsibilities of the Chief Executive and as the post is salaried based on responsibility this Council will reduce the salary by 10% following the necessary human resources and contractual procedures”

15 NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Cannon,QPM, M.Forey, A.Christopher, R.Bevan, A.Davies, E.Hanagan, C.Middle, A.Morgan, M.Webber, C.Willis, L.M.Adams, T.Bates, H.Boggis, J.Bonetto, S.Bradwick, J.Bunnage, A.Calvert, S.Carter, J.Cass, A.Crimmings, W.J.David, A.L.Davies,MBE, J.Davies, M.Davies, L.De Vet, J.Elliott, A.Fox, M.Griffiths, P.Griffiths, G.Holmes, G.Hopkins, S.Jones, L.Langgford, R.Lewis, C.Leyshon, S.Lloyd, R.McDonald, K.Montague, B.Morgan, M.Norris, S.Pickering, S.Powderhill, K.Privett, S.Rees, A.Roberts, J.Rosser, G.Smith, R.Smith, G.Stacey, B.Stephens, M.Tegg, G.Thomas, R.Turner, J.Ward, M.J.Watts, W.D.Weeks, C.Williams, D.Williams, T.Williams and R.Yeo:

“It is proposed that each Member of this local authority personally instruct the Proper Officer of their intention to forgo the one per cent pay increase proposed to be awarded to all Councillors in Wales by the Independent Remuneration Panel for the 2014/2015 Financial Year”.

16 FOR INFORMATION URGENT DECISIONS OF CABINET EXCLUDED FROM “CALL IN” (PARAGRAPH 17.2(A) OF PART 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION)

(1) Cardiff Local Development Plan – Deposit Draft

Decision of the Executive – 18 November 2013

Agreed:

- To support the aims of the Cardiff LDP to provide a framework for future growth for the benefit of the region.
- Object to the plan itself as the transport impacts of significant strategic allocations in the Northwest of

- Cardiff are not fully assessed or mitigated.
- To encourage further dialogue with Cardiff with a view to resolving the issues.
- That this matter be not the subject to the scrutiny call-procedures as the deadline for submission to Cardiff City Council is the 26th November 2013.

Reason for Urgency:

The need for representations to be made by the deadline of the 26th November 2013.

(2) Welsh Government Vibrant and Viable Places Regeneration Framework : Targeted Regeneration Investment

Decision of the Executive – 18 November 2013

Agreed:

- To submit a Stage 2 application to the Welsh Government.
- To authorise the Director, Regeneration and Planning to amend and revise the programme providing that it does not fundamentally alter its composition or impact in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Community Safety.
- That this matter will not be subject to the scrutiny call-in procedure rules as the deadline for submission to the Welsh Government is 25th November 2013.

Reason for Urgency:

The need for submissions to be made to the Welsh Government by the 25th November 2013.

(3) The Potential Establishment of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Rhondda Cynon Taf Town Centres

Decision of the Executive – 18 November 2013

Agreed:

- That Pontypridd be nominated as a pilot town centre for Business Improvement District (BID) development fund.
- That an application be submitted to the Welsh government BID development fund.

- That this matter be not the subject to the scrutiny call-in procedures rules as the deadline for submission to the Welsh Government is the 29th November 2013.

Reason for Urgency:

The deadline for submissions to the Welsh Government is the 29th November 2013.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. J. Lucas', with a horizontal line underneath.

Director, Legal and Democratic Services

To: All Members of the Council

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