

**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<sup>th</sup> April 2016** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. **1 - 16**

- 4 OPEN GOVERNMENT:**

- 5 STATEMENTS** in accordance with Procedure Rule 2

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

## **6 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) **From County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to County Borough Councillor J. Rosser, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Libraries and Heritage**

“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on Digital Inclusion?”

- (b) **From County Borough Councillor G. Smith to County Borough Councillor A. Morgan, Leader of the Council**

“Please could the Leader update Members on the recent landslip which took place on Maerdy Mountain?”

- (c) **From County Borough Councillor R.B. McDonald to County Borough Councillor A. Morgan, Leader of the Council**

“Could the Leader please provide an update on the progress of the City Deal?”

- (d) **From County Borough Councillor C. Williams to County Borough Councillor A. Morgan, Leader of the Council**

“Will the Leader make a statement on Highways Investment?”

- (e) **From County Borough Councillor P.Jarman to County Borough Councillor K. Montague, Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty, Engagement and Housing**

“As Cabinet Member for tackling poverty, housing and other matters, will you make a statement on your accountabilities and associated responsibilities?”

## **7 Medium Term Service Planning – Update Council Revenue Budget 2016/17**

To consider the report of the Cabinet

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## **8 Financing of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme Using Prudential Borrowing**

To consider the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

“This Council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This Council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.
2. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
3. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local

- decision-making must be protected from ISDS.
4. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
  5. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of its communities.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to the Welsh First Minister and Minister for Public Services; RCT MPs and AMs; and all Welsh MEPs, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
2. To write to the Local Government and Welsh Local Government associations to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with Government on our behalf.
3. To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
4. To publicise the Council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.
5. To contact the municipalities twinned with Rhondda Cynon Taf in Europe asking them to consider passing a similar motion on TTIP
6. To request the appropriate Cabinet Member to take forward these actions and for the matter and any subsequent responses and actions to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee."

## **10 NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors L.M.Adams, G.Smith, (Mrs) T.Bates, D.R.Bevan, H.Boggis, J.Bonetto, S. Bradwick, (Mrs) J.Bunnage, A.Calvert, P.Cannon, S.Carter, J.Cass, A.Crimmings, W.J.David, A.Davies.MBE, (Mrs) A.Davies, J.Davies, (Mrs) M.Davies, (Mrs) L. De Vet, J.Elliott, E.Evans, M.Forey, A.Fox, M.Griffiths, P.Griffiths, (Mrs) E.Hanagan, G.Holmes, G.Hopkins, (Mrs) S.J.Jones, W.L.Langford, R.Lewis, (Mrs) C.Leyshon, S.Lloyd, R.B.McDonald, C.Middle, K.Montague, A.Morgan,

B.Morgan, M.Norris, S.Pickering, S.Powderhill, K.Privett, S.Rees, (Mrs) A.Roberts, J.Rosser, R.Smith, G.Stacey, B.Stephens, (Mrs) M.Tegg, G.Thomas, R.K.Turner, (Mrs) J.S.Ward M.J.Watts, (Mrs) M.Webber, D.Weeks, C.Williams, D.H.Williams, T.Williams, C.J.Willis and R.Yeo:

“This Council instructs the Director of Legal & Democratic Services to present a report to the Annual General Meeting setting out a proposal to enable all non-executive members to participate in the scrutiny process.”

**11 To consider passing the under-mentioned resolution:-**

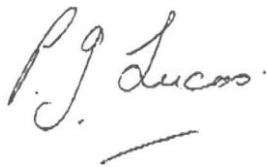
“That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

**12 Chief Executive Post – Temporary Arrangements**

To consider the report of the Director of Human Resources containing exempt information.

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



**Director, Legal and Democratic Services**

**To: All Members of the Council**

**20 April 2016**

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