



**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL  
RHONDDA CYNON TAF  
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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The Pavilions  
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**YOU ARE SUMMONED** to a meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at the **The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX** on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2020** at **5.00 PM**.

**AGENDA**

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**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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 Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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**OPEN GOVERNMENT:**

**4. STATEMENTS**

In accordance with Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule

2, to receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders:

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

(**N.B** a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)

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**COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION**

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**6. COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 - PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT**

To receive a report from the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**7. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**8. WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**9. CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT**

To receive a report from the Chief Executive, in discussion with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet's Climate Change Champion.

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**10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL**

To receive a report from the Service Director Democratic Services & Communications.

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**11. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2019**

To receive a report from the Director of Legal Services.

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**12. AUDIT COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBER**

To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services &

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**13. POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

To receive the joint report of the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications and Director Legal Services

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**14. CHIEF OFFICER VER & REDUNDANCY PACKAGES**

To consider the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director, Human Resources

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**15. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

To receive the report of the Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications

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**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

A.To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors S. Rees, G. Jones, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, H Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J Brencher, A Calvert, G. Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L De- Vet, J. Edwards, J Elliott, S.Evans, M Fidler Jones, M. Forey, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, R. Lewis, W Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S Pickering, S. Powell, S. Powderhill, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G Stacey, M Tegg, G Thomas, W Treeby, R K Turner, M. Webber, D. Williams, T. Williams, C. J. Willis and R. Yeo

This Council calls upon the Cabinet's Climate Change Steering Group to consider a report, which explores the opportunities presented through a targeted tree planting programme in our County Borough, to tackle climate change, reduce flooding risk and improve local air quality, This Council believes this could be achieved by:

- 1) Planting trees on council-owned land,
- 2) Growing more trees in public and community spaces,
- 3) And by working with Natural Resources Wales.

This Council notes that doubling tree cover across the UK could draw down 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, which is around 10% of current UK emissions.

Trees also provide additional benefits beyond their critical importance in reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions: trees create more space for nature, supporting hundreds of species of insects, birds and mammals. Trees are also great for public health, helping clean the air and providing access to nature that's

important for our wellbeing.

This Council notes also, the important role of undisturbed soils and natural vegetation in storing carbon. Delivering natural carbon storage solutions, such as those provided by trees, peatbogs, heathlands, dry and marshy grassland and other natural habitats across the County Borough can also help to reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses and enhance our air quality.

Many innovative approaches have already being considered across the UK and as a result of the natural landscape of our County Borough, this Council believes Rhondda Cynon Taf is well placed to take a lead on tree planting for the benefits outlined.

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B.To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors J. Edwards, S. Morgans, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, H Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J Brencher, A Calvert, G. Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L De- Vet, J Elliott, S.Evans, M Fidler Jones, M. Forey, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, G. Jones, R. Lewis, W Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S Pickering, S. Powell, S. Powderhill, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G Stacey, M Tegg, G Thomas, W Treeby, R K Turner, M. Webber, D. Williams, T. Williams, C. J. Willis and R. Yeo.

The planned cessation of free TV Licences for elderly residents over 75 not in receipt of pension credit is yet another example of the Conservative Government's disregard for our communities.

An estimated 3.7 million older people across the UK will be affected by the changes, whilst the charity Age UK has warned that pushing ahead with the plans, which were delivered under a false assurance by the BBC in agreeing to fund a pensioner benefit under the charter agreement reached with David Cameron's Conservative government in 2015, will thrust more than 50,000 pensioners across the poverty line throughout the UK.

Older residents are particularly at risk of experiencing loneliness and social isolation, as evidenced by 4 in 10 saying that the TV is their main source of company, and removing this will have a hugely negative impact on their wellbeing.

Despite the Government's proclamations that austerity is over, pushing ahead with this move will represent yet another benefit being taken from those who need it most and will come as just another hardship that many of our most vulnerable will have to endure.

This Council therefore calls on the four recently elected Members of Parliament for the respective constituencies covering Rhondda Cynon Taf to write to the appropriate Minister to urge the Government to intervene and provide concrete assurances that universal free TV licences for over-75s will remain.

**17. URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services**

**To: All Members of the Council**