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RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
The Pavilions
Cambrian Park
Clydach Vale CF40 2XX

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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, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020** at **5.00 PM**.

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10.1. AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION

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Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

To: All Members of the Council

COUNCIL MEETING 5th FEBRUARY 2020
AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION AS SET OUT IN ITEM (10B) OF THE
COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.4.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution the following amendment was received in the names of County Borough Councillors H. Boggis, J. Edwards, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, 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 Hughes, G. Jones, R. Lewis, W Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, 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, to the Notice of Motion as set out at item 10(B) of the Council Agenda.

This Council values the great contribution that Citizens Advice makes to the quality of life of the residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf. It is therefore very concerned about the cuts in outreach services in the County Borough. Citizens Advice services have been completely withdrawn from Cwmbach, Pontyclun, Pontygwaith, Treherbert and Ystrad. In other areas the service has been curtailed. This will inevitably mean that vital advice will be more difficult and expensive to access. This is at a time when Universal Credit is being rolled out across the County Borough and legal aid has been decimated. Sadly three members of staff have been made redundant.

These cuts are the result of the reallocation of resources by the Welsh Government resulting in the loss of £144k in revenue to RCT Citizens Advice.

{Add: This Council notes the significant funding already provided by this Local Authority, totalling £447,000 per annum, which has been protected in recent years to provide the resources for Citizens Advice RCT to support residents impacted by the challenges of Universal Credit and the impact of austerity locally.

This Council calls on the Welsh Government to consider additional support for Citizens Advice RCT so they are not adversely affected by the new funding reallocation}.

Council calls for ~~[Delete: an urgent meeting with representatives of Citizens Advice and]~~ the Welsh Government to remedy the situation and if necessary explore alternative funding sources for this vital service.

The motion amended will read:-

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