

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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A Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the County Borough Council Headquarters, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale (Council Chamber) on Wednesday, 21st October, 2015 at 5.00 pm.

AGENDA

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct (including whipping declarations).

Note:

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.

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2 MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 23rd September, 2015

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3. LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES 7 – 22

Following the meeting of Council on the 30th September, 2015, to seek the views of Members in respect of the Welsh Government's Draft Direction to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission) which are based on the Minister's merger map published in June of this year (Draft Directions and Consultation Questions attached).

The information circulated at the Council meeting on the 30th

September, 2015 in respect of the Councillor/elector ratio of lower than 1:4000 is also attached.

Note: The comments of both the Cabinet Working Group and this Committee in considering this item will be reported to Council on the 28th October, 2015 to assist in forming the Council's response to the consultation document by the deadline of the 9th November, 2015.

4. CABINET WORK PROGRAMME – PRE-SCRUTINY

To receive the Cabinet Work Programme for the three month period November/December, 2015 and January, 2016, and if felt appropriate to ascertain if there are any topics that can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee or any of the four `themed` Scrutiny Committees.

Note: The meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the 22nd October, 2015 and therefore Members can only assume that the proposed Cabinet Work Programme will be approved at that meeting. Copies of the Work Programme will be circulated to Members when published.

**5. THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME -
MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS – WALES
AUDIT OFFICE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2014/15**

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Prior to the above report of the Wales Audit Office being presented to full Council on the 28th October, 2015, the Committee's consideration is sought on the next steps, particularly in respect of updates being provided at the next meeting of this Committee on the 18th November, 2015 regarding the recommendations that relate to this Council and the progress that has been made/is making towards implementation.

The report is now in the public domain and can be accessed by using the following link:-

<http://www.wao.gov.uk/publication/annual-improvement-report-2014-15-rhondda-cynon-taf-county-borough-council>

The recommendations as set out on pages 32-36 are attached, where Members will note that the first set of recommendations (page 23) relate to the `Good Scrutiny?Good Question!` review which is also included on the Committee's Work Programme.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

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

Circulation:

All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

County Borough Councillors L.M.Adams (Chair) and M.J.Watts (Vice-Chair)

County Borough Councillors;

J.Bonetto	P.Jarman	S.Powderhill
W.J.David	(Mrs.)S.Jones	S.Rees-Owen
(Mrs.)M.E.Davies	R.Lewis	G.Smith
S.Evans	B.Morgan	P.Wasley
A.S.Fox	(Mrs.)S.Pickering	R.Yeo

14th October, 2015

