

RHONDDA CYNON TAFF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
20th APRIL 2016**

Agenda Item No. 6

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL &
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCIL MEETING 23rd MARCH 2016**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Members' consideration to the establishment of a Scrutiny Working Group to deal with the Notice of Motion as presented and agreed at the Council meeting held on the 23rd March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Agree to the establishment of a Working Group of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with the Notice of Motion as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, agree that a meeting of the Scrutiny Working Group be convened once developments with regards to the future of Tata Steel's operations in Wales are more certain; and
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Working Group be given delegated authority to report directly to Council with its recommendations.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of Council held on the 23rd March 2016 the following Notice of Motion was considered and agreed by Council that it be dealt with by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee and reports therefrom be reported back to future meeting(s) of the Council: -

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, G.Davies, C.Davies, E. Webster, S.Evans-Fear, S.Rees-Owen, M.Weaver, K.Morgan and I.Pearce:

"In an effort to support the Welsh Steel Industry, this Council will, in future, make it clear in its Contract and Tender specification documents, that as a preference, all work and structures requiring the use of steel should be sourced from Welsh Steel Works".

- 3.2 As Members will be aware there is currently much uncertainty as to the future of Tata Steel's operations in Wales. At the time of writing this report discussions were ongoing between Tata Steel, both the UK and Welsh Governments and potential buyer's of Tata Steel's operations.
- 3.3 Both the UK and Welsh Government's are also undertaking reviews of how steel is procured across the UK and Wales respectively. Any revised guidance issued or applicable to local authorities on how they should procure contracts where the use of steel is required in future will also be relevant to the work of the Working Group.
- 3.4 In light of the above it is proposed that a Working Group be established and that once developments in this area appear more certain appropriate meetings of the Working Group be convened.
- 3.5 It is also proposed that the recommendations from the Working Group be given delegated authority to report direct to Council.
- 3.6 The movers and seconders of the Notice of Motion, if not Members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will be invited to attend the meetings of the Working Group.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972
as amended by
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
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