



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

25 OCTOBER 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION -INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the following Notice of Motion:
- Council on the 14th June 2023, standing in the names of County Borough Councillors S Trask and K Johnson (Loneliness & Isolation).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Notes the information contained within the report in respect of the Notice of Motion (NOM) ([Loneliness & Isolation 14.06.23](#))

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To strengthen the existing notice of motion reporting arrangements, to feedback to Council responses received to motions adopted by full Council.
- 3.2 To provide transparency by informing Members of the progress made following the adoption of a notice of motion through publication of 'information reports' on the Council agenda.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At Full Council on the 14th June 2023 the Conservative Group submitted a notice of motion, proposed by Councillor S Trask and seconded by Councillor K Johnson, which was unanimously adopted. It called for the following actions in respect of the Welsh Government's Loneliness and Social Isolation Fund:

- *This council notes that loneliness and social isolation is damaging the mental health of many residents of RCT, and Welsh Government funding does not go far enough to make a real difference.*
- *This council calls on the Leader of the council to write to Eluned Morgan MS to request the funding level is increased from this year onwards to a level sufficient to make real difference in the lives of RCT residents who benefit from the funding*

4.2 In response to the NOM, the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan wrote to Eluned Morgan MS, regarding the current level of funding to RCT Council.

4.3 On the 7th September 2023, a response was received from Welsh Government which has been published to the [Notice of Motions](#) page on the Council website as an outcome (as agreed at Council at its meeting on the 14th June 2023 to demonstrate '**the formal mechanism in place to report the progress or outcomes of such actions for the public record**').

5. INFORMATION REPORT

5.1 It was also agreed that all such responses or outcomes would be reported to Full Council in the form of information reports.

5.2 It is for Council to note the attachment and track the progress of the NOM and to also note that this update will be formally recorded in the Council minutes.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report. The proposal to introduce specific actions to record all outcomes following the adoption of a NOM assists a more focussed approach and an opportunity for greater transparency.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 The mechanism for reporting outcomes and updates following the adoption of a Notice of Motion to Council was agreed by Full Council on the 14th June 2023 in response to a Notice of Motion submitted by the Plaid Cymru Group requesting such measures. All Members supported the revisions proposed.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 This report advises Members of the outcome of the Notice of Motion to Full Council on the 14th June 2023 through the information reporting mechanism, the format of which which was agreed at the same Council meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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