



## RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING THE TRUSSELL TRUST TO DEVELOP AND CO-ORDINATE  
FOODBANK ACTIVITY IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To make a donation to the Trussell Trust of £20,000 to support the development of new projects in addition to an electric van to improve the co-ordination of activity and resources at foodbanks across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

### **DELEGATED DECISION (Date):**

The Council make the following donation to the Trussell Trust:

- £20,000 to support the development of new projects, and
- An electric van to support better co-ordination of activity and resources between the foodbanks in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**Chief Officer Signature**

C. ISINGRINI

**Print Name**

5 April 2016

**Date**

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution



A. Morgan

**CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE**

31/3/2016

**DATE**

P. Mee

**OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE**

31/3/2016.

**DATE**

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16**

**REPORT TO ACCOMPANY DECISION OF  
GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Part 1</u></b> <b>(Non-Confidential)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORTING THE TRUSSELL TRUST TO DEVELOP AND CO-ORDINATE FOODBANK ACTIVITY IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF</b></p>

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation this report has been prepared to accompany the decision of the Group Director of Community and Children's Services as described below.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is make a donation to the Trussell Trust of £20,000 in support of the development of new projects in addition to an electric van to improve co-ordination of activity and resources at foodbanks across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 The Council make the following donation to the Trussell Trust:
- £20,000 to support the development of new projects, and
  - An electric van to support better coordination of activity and resources between the foodbanks in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Trussell Trust works in partnership with local communities in the UK and overseas to launch and support life changing, sustainable, community based projects. A network of 35 foodbanks has been developed in Wales, four of which operate in Rhondda Cynon Taf:



- Merthyr Cynon – 11 foodbank centres, 6 of which are in Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Pontypridd – 3 foodbank centres
- Rhondda – 5 foodbank centres
- Taff Ely – 6 foodbank centres

3.2 Since 2009 the foodbanks have provided 28,186 emergency food parcels to people in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Prevailing economic conditions and the growing needs of our communities have led to a year on year increase in demand. In 2014/15, 7,722 emergency food parcels were given out in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Each foodbank operates as an independent charity with the support of the Trussell Trust.

3.3 In response to this growing demand, the Trussell Trust is proposing to develop additional capacity in Rhondda Cynon Taf to enable the foodbanks to widen their support beyond food and develop innovative new projects that will help people in crisis break the cycle of poverty. In addition there is a need to ensure that the foodbanks are able to better co-ordinate their activities and the use of resources across the County Borough and the provision of a vehicle would greatly assist this aim.

3.4 It is therefore proposed that the Council support the Trussell Trust by making the following donation:

- £20,000 to support the development of new projects, and
- An electric van to support better co-ordination of activity and resources between the foodbanks in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Council is committed to doing everything it can to tackle the causes of poverty, support those in need and create prosperity in Rhondda Cynon Taf. The foodbanks provide invaluable support to those in crisis with emergency food parcels. In supporting the Trussell Trust to develop new projects and better co-ordinate their existing activities, the Council is also supporting its strategic priority of tackling poverty in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

