



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.**

***Agenda Item 6***

**SUBJECT:**

Review of the Council's Car Mileage Rates.

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), P.Cannon, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey,  
E.Hanagan, G.Hopkins, K Montague and M.Webber

**Other Members in Attendance  
County Borough Councillors:**

P. Griffiths, S. Bradwick, R. Lewis, T. Bates, J. Bonetto, T. Leyshon  
and R. K. Turner

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

- To reduce the current Council car mileage rate from 45p per mile to 35p per mile effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015.
- To authorise the Director of Human Resources to publish a statement of the change to the mileage rate to all staff, following discussions with the Trade Unions.
- To request the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services to update the draft 2015/16 budget strategy to reflect the financial implications of any budget related decisions made by the Cabinet, prior to Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. As part of this update, any savings achievable in 205/16 should be used to reduce the level of Transitional Funding (i.e use of the Medium Term Financial Planning and Service Transformation Reserve) needed to deliver a balanced budget for that year.

**N.B** – with the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillor S Bradwick spoke on this matter, questioning whether the same proposal would be taken forward for Elected Members. The Leader commented that Elected Member allowance was dictated by the IRP, and any reduction would need to be taken forward on a voluntary basis, and commented that he was aware that he and other Members of the Cabinet had written letters to the Director, Legal & Democratic Services outlining their intentions to take a reduction to the same level as proposed for staff.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

- The need to consider service change proposals required as part of the Council's Medium Term Service Planning arrangements, specifically in the context of the need to reduce spend and enable the Council to fulfil its statutory responsibility and set a balanced budget from 2015/16 onwards.

**3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

- Discussions to take place with the Trade Unions..

**4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

- County Borough Councillor A Morgan declared the following personal interest - "Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses

- County Borough Councillor P Cannon declared the following personal interest – “Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor M Webber declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor E Hanagan declared the following personal interest: Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor M Forey declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employee of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor R Bevan declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor A Crimmings declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employees of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor K Montague declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employee of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
- County Borough Councillor G Hopkins declared the following personal interest:- Friends and Family who are employee of the Council access the Councils scheme for payment of travelling expenses
  
- The following Officers declared personal and pecuniary interests in this matter due to them being able to access the Councils scheme for payment of Travelling Expenses. The officers left the meeting when the item was discussed and voted upon
  - Mr S Merritt – Chief Executive
  - Mr C Lee – Director, Corporate & Frontline Service
  - Mr.C.Bradshaw –Director of Education and Lifelong Learning
  - Mr.G.Isingrini – Group Director, Community and Children’s Services
  - Mr.C.Hanagan – Service Director, Cabinet & Public Relations
  - Mr D Batten - Head Of Leisure, Parks & Countryside
  - Mr B Davies – Director, financial Services
  
- Mr T Wilkins – Director, Human Resources declared a personal and pecuniary interest although stayed in the meeting to present the report to Members and answer any queries.
  
- Mr C Jones – Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services declared a personal and pecuniary interest although stayed in the meeting to advise Members on any issues of clarification regarding procedural issues.

**5. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**  
N/A

**6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

YES      NO ✓

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **20<sup>th</sup> February 2015** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:**

N/A

**6.(c) SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

**12.02.15**  
(Dated)