

CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the CABINET will be held at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX
Thursday, 15th December, 2016 at 2.00 pm

Contact: Hannah Williams (Tel No. 01443 424062)

Councillors and members of the public wishing to request the facility to address the Cabinet on any of the business as listed below, must request to do so by 5pm on the Tuesday, 13 December 2016 Councillors and Members of the public have the right to address the Cabinet in the medium of English or Welsh.

It must be noted that the facility to address the Cabinet is at the discretion of the Chair and each request will be considered based on the agenda items being considered, the public interest/interest of the member in each matter and the demands of the business on that day. To make such a request please contact the Cabinet Office on 01443-424062 or alternatively please email Cabinet@rctcbc.gov.uk.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter 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 a prejudicial interest they **must** notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24th November, 2016.

3. CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

To receive the report of the Secretary to the Cabinet updating the Members on the proposed list of matters on the Cabinet Work Programme requiring consideration by Cabinet over the 2016-17 Municipal Year.

(Pages 15 - 42)

4. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS: GOVERNING BODIES ACROSS RCT

To receive the report of the Secretary to the Cabinet, providing Cabinet Members with the conclusions and recommendations of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Working Group which conducted a review in respect of the effectiveness of the Governing Bodies across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

(Pages 43 - 90)

5. PRE SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS - DIGITAL WORKPLACE AGILE WORKING

To receive the report of the Secretary to the Cabinet, advising Members of the scrutiny arrangements in place in respect of Digital Workplace – Agile Working.

(Pages 91 - 122)

6. ARTS CONNECT

To receive the report of the Secretary to the Cabinet, providing Members with information on the Arts Connect.

(Pages 123 - 128)

7. THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES

To receive the report of the Director, HR, informing the Cabinet of the recent review of the Council's Human Resource policies.

(Pages 129 - 132)

8. MOUNTAIN ASH CROSS VALLEY LINK

To receive the report of the Director, Highways & Streetcare Services, seeking Cabinet approval for the submission of a planning application for the Mountain Ash Cross Valley Link.

(Pages 133 - 144)

9. NATIONAL ADOPTION ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

To receive the report of the Group Director, Community & Children's Services, sharing with the Cabinet the National Adoption Service Wales Annual Report 2015-2016.

(Pages 145 - 182)

10. NATIONAL ADOPTION SUPPORT FRAMEWORK

To receive the report of the Group Director, Community & Children's Services, updating the Cabinet on the work that is being undertaken to develop a common Wales wide policy for the payment of financial allowances in adoption cases.

(Pages 183 - 190)

11. TACKLING POVERTY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS: PROGRESS REPORT

To receive the report of the Service Director, Public Health & Protection, updating Cabinet on progress made since the report to Cabinet of 24th November 2015, that set out the recommendations following a strategic review into the Council's approach to tackling poverty.

(Pages 191 - 232)

12. WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

To receive the report of the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning, providing Cabinet with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2017-2020 prior to its submission to Welsh Government by 20th December 2016.

(Pages 233 - 284)

13. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

To receive the report of the Chief Executive, setting out the Council's performance management arrangements in a formal Performance Management Framework.

(Pages 285 - 304)

14. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017-18

To receive the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services, intending to formally set the Council Tax Base for the financial year ending 31st March 2018 for tax setting purposes and setting the level of discount applicable to properties considered as second homes, long-term unoccupied and unfurnished properties.

(Pages 305 - 310)

15. TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

“That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of the Schedule 12A of the Act”.

16. WRITE OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS

To receive the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services providing Members with a position statement on irrecoverable debt and identifies the requirement to write-off certain amounts in accordance with strict review criteria.

(Pages 311 - 322)

17. PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE

To receive the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services, providing Cabinet with an update on progress following the decision to voluntarily terminate the Council's Private Finance Initiative ('PFI') Contract in respect of the Lifelong Learning Centre at Garth Olwg.

(Pages 323 - 328)

18. CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

To receive the report of the Director, Corporate Estates, briefing Cabinet Members on progress with implementation of the work plan of the Corporate Asset Management Plan for Property Assets 2013/2018 (AMP).

(Pages 329 - 342)

19. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.



Service Director and Secretary to the Cabinet

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