



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

**Agenda Item: 3**

**SUBJECT:  
DEVELOPING COMMUNITY HUBS IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), M. Webber, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings,  
C.Leyshon, R.Lewis, M.Norris & J Rosser.

**Cabinet Member Apology  
County Borough Councillor:  
G Hopkins**

**Other County Borough Councillors  
In Attendance:**

S Bradwick, J Bonetto, A Chapman, J Brencher,  
H Fychan, P Jarman

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To the phased development of Community Hubs across Rhondda Cynon Taf over a three year period as detailed within the report.
2. That following consideration of the outcomes of the consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the Mountain Ash Day Centre and other matters outlined in the report and its appendix, to the development of a Community Hub at Mountain Ash Day Centre.
3. That following consideration of the outcomes of the consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the Ferndale Community Hub and other matters outlined in the report and its appendix, to the development of a Community Hub at the former Ferndale Infants School, subject to Fern Partnership successfully securing external funding to support the development
4. That further consultation is taken forward with service users in respect of the layout of the Community Hubs and to ensure that current service user needs are incorporated.
5. To approve the capital investment as a match funding contribution towards the Fern Partnership's application for external funding in support of the development of the Community Hub in Ferndale, and
6. That the Council enters into a leasehold agreement with Fern Partnership in respect of the former Ferndale Infants School.

**N.B** with the permission of the Chairman the following County Borough Councillors and Members of the public spoke on this item:

- County Borough Councillor P Jarman
- County Borough Councillor S Bradwick
- Ms C Ballard
- Ms J Rymer
- Ms K Maiden
- Mr D A Jones
- Mrs L Woods

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

The need to advise Cabinet Members of the consultation responses received in relation to the proposed development of community hubs across RCT.

Community Hubs will include a range of services provided by the public and voluntary sector. Bringing services together will provide a better public service offer and create economies of scale in terms of staffing and building costs. Making better, more cost effective use of our community assets and reinvesting resources in new or retrofitted, fit for purpose buildings will enable services to be sustainable in the longer term.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

The development of Community Hubs across the County Borough will contribute to the Council's corporate priorities of Economy, People and Place.

This proposal is consistent with the sustainable approach promoted by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act through the five ways of working and makes a direct contribution to the seven national well-being goals, in particular a prosperous Wales, a resilient Wales, a healthier Wales and a Wales of cohesive communities

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

As outlined within section 8 of the report the following consultations were undertaken:

Mountain Ash: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

Ferndale: 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO 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. **27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

I. COUNCIL FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-

Reason:.....**N/A**.....

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason:.....**N/A**.....

**8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - 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)

**19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**  
(Dated)