



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 17 December, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor Jayne Brencher
Councillor Heledd Fychan

Agenda Item : 7

SUBJECT: Maximising Community Benefits Trial

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To approve the inclusion of Community Benefits Clauses in all relevant corporate contracts. This could either be in the form of direct work to be delivered within the community and/or a financial contribution to a 'legacy fund';
2. To approve the establishment of a 'Legacy Investment Fund' that will receive the financial contributions generated through Community Benefits to support wider Community Development activities across the County Borough, in line with this Council's corporate priorities; and
3. To commit the resource necessary to continue developments, co-ordinate and mainstream the approach.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide Members with information about the work that has been undertaken on maximising Community Benefits and present the findings of a 6 month trial.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Community Benefits agenda actively supports the Council's three main priorities by seeking to deliver the widest economic, social and environmental benefits. Introducing the 'Legacy Investment Fund' could enhance the reach of these benefits throughout the County Borough.

The proposal is also consistent with the Sustainable Development Principle promoted by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act through the five ways of working:

- Long-term – Community Benefits will seek to achieve long term sustainable change and impact positively on communities and for residents throughout the County Borough;
- Prevention – The Community Benefits initiative makes a significant contribution to Welsh Government's ambition for jobs, growth and tackling poverty in Wales;
- Integration – The Community Benefits initiative actively contributes and supports RCT CBC's well-being objectives and strategic priorities derived from the Corporate Plan and Procurement Strategy;
- Collaboration – Intrinsic to the Community Benefits approach is the collaboration between RCT CBC, businesses, suppliers, contractors, communities and residents;
- Involvement – Communities and residents will be involved by utilising the opportunities made available by Community Benefits. Businesses have been involved in developments through consultation.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The Graduate Officer undertook consultation with key internal and external stakeholders, crucially including current and potential contract holders and local businesses.

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

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **23 December 2019** 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 EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

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

Reason: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER 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:

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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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