



**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL  
RHONDDA CYNON TAF  
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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The Pavilions  
Cambrian Park  
Clydach Vale CF40 2XX

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**YOU ARE SUMMONED** to a meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at **The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX** on **WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2019** at **5.00 PM**.

**AGENDA**

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**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

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

**2. PRESENTATION**

To receive the Commanding Officer Of RAF St Athan - Wing Commander Rowley.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. MINUTES**

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT:**

### **5. STATEMENTS**

In accordance with Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule 2, to receive any statements, to receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders:

### **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- a) Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:**

“How is this Council supporting infrastructure developments in the northern Cynon Valley area?”

- b) Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:**

“Will the Leader make a statement on the work of the Valleys Task Force?”

- c) Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:**

“What action is the Council taking to protect and improve key structures across the Rhondda?”

- d) Question from County Borough Councillor S. Pickering to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:**

“Will the Leader please make a statement on the work of the Valleys Taskforce?”

- e) Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, County Borough Councillor L M Adams :**

“Has Overview and Scrutiny ever scrutinised and evaluated the outcomes and impact of projects and services developed under the RCT Together programme?”

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**[COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME](#) - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION**

- 7. WELSH CHURCH ACT ANNUAL REPORTS 2017/18**  
To receive the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services.
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- 8. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**  
To receive the report of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services.
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- 9. OUT & ABOUT TWO: THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF 2019-2029**  
To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services.
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- 10. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**  
To receive the report of the Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services.
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- 11. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP**  
To receive the report of the Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services.
- 125 - 128**
- 12. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- a)** To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors M. Forey, L.M. Adams, D.R. Bevan, H. Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, A. Calvert, G Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L. De Vet, J. Elliott, S. Evans, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries, G Hughes, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. Jones, R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M.A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S. Pickering, S. Powderhill, S.M. Powell, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, R.W. Smith, G. Stacey, M. Tegg, G. Thomas, W. Treeby, R.K. Turner, M. Webber, D.H. Williams, T. Williams, C.J. Willis, R. Yeo:-
- The ongoing uncertainty of the UK Government's handling of the Brexit negotiations is extremely worrying.
- The European Union has provided an estimated £4bn of structural funding to Wales since 2000, with the West Wales and the Valleys region - of which this Council is situated in - qualifying for more than £2bn of EU aid alone between 2014 and 2020.
- Only recently, major projects in Rhondda Cynon Taf such as the Taff Vale redevelopment (£10m) and the Coed Ely and

Robertstown business units (combined £5.158m) have benefited from European funding, whilst the South Wales Metro was also allocated £119m to progress the Phase II stage of the project. £78.4m of this funding has been allocated to delivering rail line upgrades in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

These examples highlight just how integral EU funding is to the communities making up Rhondda Cynon Taf and the wider West Wales and the Valleys region, and, whilst guaranteed assurances have been given that projects already awarded funding will be honoured, there remains major uncertainty about how key projects will be financed in the long term future. The UK Government has committed to establishing a Shared Prosperity Fund to reduce inequalities between communities across the four nations, although there have been no guarantees that Wales will not be worse off following the UK's withdrawal.

This Council:

- Notes the UK Government's disregard for Wales, evidenced through the refusal to support key projects such as the Swansea Tidal Lagoon and electrification of the South Wales mainline.
  - Calls on the UK Government to ensure that the West Wales and the Valleys region continues to receive every single penny of the money that it currently receives if and when any Brexit agreement is formalised and the UK withdraws from the European Union.
  - Requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the Prime Minister and the Welsh Secretary to seek assurances that this funding will be guaranteed post 2020, should the UK officially cease to be a member of the European Union on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.
- b)** To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors R. W. Smith, R. Lewis, L.M. Adams, D.R. Bevan, H. Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, A. Calvert, G Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L. De Vet, J. Elliott, S. Evans, M Forey, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries, G Hughes, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. Jones, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M.A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S. Pickering, S. Powderhill, S.M. Powell, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G. Stacey, M. Tegg, G. Thomas, W. Treeby, R.K. Turner, M. Webber, D.H. Williams, T. Williams, C.J. Willis, R. Yeo:-

Like Local Government and all other public services, Police forces in England and Wales have been subjected to significant funding cuts over the course of the last decade. This has coincided with a rise in lower-volume but high-harm crime instances since 2014, culminating in the highest number of homicides in the last decade and a steep rise in knife related

crime.

In the recent Budget announcement, the UK Government pledged £160m for counter-terrorism but failed to announce any new money for vital frontline policing, and the allocation of an extra £300m announced in December's Police Settlement merely serves to dress up cuts from Central Government and passes the buck of funding for Forces to local communities by empowering Police and Crime Commissioners to raise the policing element of Council Tax. The £161m grant to be shared amongst the 43 Forces in England and Wales is inadequate, whilst the £153m grant to cover the pension contribution changes still leaves a significant shortfall for Forces to cover with the national police pension shortfall standing at approximately £420m. The blatant lack of adequate funding further increases pressure on our Police Forces, including South Wales Police, and will increase the burdens on Forces across the Country, who have already made significant savings and culled their workforce.

In light of this, the Council acknowledges that under the Conservative-led UK Government:

- Between 2010 and 2017, funding for the police in England and Wales has been slashed by around 20% in real terms.
- Since 2010, central government funding to police forces has been cut by almost a third, in real terms, leading the number of officers to fall by almost 22,000.
- The UK Government's commitment to "protect overall police spending in real terms" in the 2015 spending review has not been met as the central funding element has actually fallen in real terms. Any flat settlements for individual forces are purely contingent on local Council Tax raises which are subject to demographical constraints.
- Morale and conditions within forces have severely deteriorated. The 2018 Police Federation Pay and Conditions survey discovered that a record 7.8% of the 27,000 respondents had taken second jobs, almost 45% worry about their personal finances, and 87.9% do not feel fairly paid after an approximate 18% pay decrease since 2009/10.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Write to the Home Secretary to convey the urgency for frontline policing to be properly funded through a long-term financial solution that reverses the severe cuts and provides much-needed relief to Police Forces across England and Wales.

- Request that a review into the current funding formula be undertaken urgently to remedy the clearly flawed arrangement that currently sees the South Wales Police excluded from receiving Capital City funding.

### **13. URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items which the Mayor, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services**

**To: All Members of the Council**