

COUNCIL MEETING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019

AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION AS SET OUT IN ITEM 11 (B) OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.4.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution the following amendments were received in the name of Councillors P.Jarman, G.Davies, S.Rees Owen, M. Weaver, J.Williams, A.Cox, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, L.Jones, E.Stephens, H.Fychan, D.Grehan, K.Morgan, E.Webster, D.Macey, A.Chapman and S.Evans to the Notice of Motion as set out at item 11(B) of the Council Agenda standing in the names of County Borough Councillor J Bonetto and M Webber:

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As part of this, hardworking public sector staff have also suffered through years of pay restraint that has contributed to a real-terms decrease in wages, despite increasing workloads and job insecurity. As a result, this Council would like to place on record its thanks for the immense contribution Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's staff make each and every day in providing the best possible services in challenging circumstances.

This Council believes that:

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- As a consequence of this, the Council believes that the UK Government [add... and the Welsh Government] must take responsibility and fully fund a fair increase in pay for Council staff and not transfer the responsibility to local authorities.

This Council therefore resolves to:

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- Call on the WLGA and LGA to make representation to the UK Government [add... and the Welsh Government].
- Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State [add...for Wales] to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from [delete –central] [add UK] government.
- Meet [add...cross party] with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim.

- Continue to encourage all Council employees to join a trade union.

The motion amended will read:

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