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COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
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 **The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX** on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2020** at **5.00 PM**.

AGENDA

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16.1. AMENDED NOTICES OF MOTION

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Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

To: All Members of the Council

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COUNCIL MEETING 15th January 2020

AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION AS SET OUT IN ITEM 16(A) OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.4.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution the following amendment was received in the name of Councillors P Jarman (Proposer) & G Davies (Seconder), E. Webster, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, J.Williams, A.Cox, H.Fychan, D.Grehan, E.Griffiths, K.Morgan, S.Rees Owen, M.Weaver, , S.Evans, A. Chapman, L.Jones & E.Stephens

~~Delete: This Council calls upon the Cabinet's Climate Change Steering Group to consider a report, which explores the opportunities presented through a targeted tree planting programme in our County Borough, to tackle climate change, reduce flooding risk and improve local air quality, This Council believes this could be achieved by:~~

- ~~1) Planting trees on council-owned land,~~
- ~~2) Growing more trees in public and community spaces~~
- ~~3) And by working with Natural Resources Wales.~~

{ Add- This Council welcomes the intention of the Cabinet's Climate Change Steering Group to explore the opportunity to plant more trees in the County to tackle the effects of climate change and to develop a Council tree strategy as set out in paras 5.6 to 5.8 of the Chief Executive's report following discussions with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Andrew Morgan and the Council's Climate Change Champion Councillor Rhys Lewis which was considered as an item of business earlier in today's meeting.

In anticipation of the Steering Group taking evidence in support of this initiative from all interested parties including Full Council we wish to put the following forward for their consideration.

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This Council notes that doubling tree cover across the UK could draw down 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, which is around 10% of current UK emissions.

Trees also provide additional benefits beyond their critical importance in reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions: trees create more space for nature, supporting hundreds of species of insects, birds and mammals. Trees are also great for public health, helping clean the air and providing access to nature that's important for our wellbeing.

This Council notes also, the important role of undisturbed soils and natural vegetation in storing carbon. Delivering natural carbon storage solutions, such as those provided by trees, peatbogs, heathlands, dry and marshy grassland and other natural habitats across the County Borough can also help to reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses and enhance our air quality.

Many innovative approaches have already being considered across the UK and as a result of the natural landscape of our County Borough, this Council believes Rhondda Cynon Taf is well placed to take a lead on tree planting for the benefits outlined.

The motion amended will read:

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Older residents are particularly at risk of experiencing loneliness and social isolation, as evidenced by 4 in 10 saying that the TV is their main source of company, and removing this will have a hugely negative impact on their wellbeing.

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{Add - In an effort to remedy this injustice in the future this Council calls on the UK Government to devolve responsibility for Broadcasting and Welfare to Wales where a more compassionate approach will be taken on such matters}

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