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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 **The Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX** on **WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020** 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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th January 2020.

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4. CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

To receive representatives from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, providing Members with a further opportunity for discussion and updates in respect of the work of the Board.

OPEN GOVERNMENT:

5. STATEMENTS

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

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

(**N.B** a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)

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COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

7. THE COUNCIL'S 2020/21 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To receive the report of the Director of Human Resources in respect of the Council's 2020/21 Pay Policy Statement.

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8. APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

To receive the report of the Director of Human Resources.

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9. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

To receive the report of the Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications.

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10. NOTICES OF MOTION

A. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors G Hughes, G. Caple, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, H Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J Brencher, A Calvert, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L De- Vet, J. Edwards, J Elliott, S.Evans, M Fidler Jones, M. Forey, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries 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. Powell, S. Powderhill, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G Stacey, M Tegg, G Thomas, W Treeby, R K Turner, M.

Webber, D. Williams, T. Williams, C. J. Willis and R. Yeo.

During the recent General Election, each of the main political Parties committed to an increased programme of public spending which seemingly signalled an end to the decade of public sector austerity that has cut public services to the bone. Despite the broadly common theme of increased spending, the differences on economic policies, taxation and spending were the most diverse for a generation.

Here in Wales, local services have experienced cuts of £1b since 2010, with RCT suffering a £95m reduction in revenue funding over the same period. Despite the severe cuts imposed by Westminster, Welsh Authorities have been afforded as much protection as possible from the Welsh Government, and this has largely avoided seeing the crisis that some Councils in England find themselves in.

Despite the Welsh Government's clear commitment to supporting local government, with 2020/21 set to be the best funding settlement for 12 years, the longer-term financial outlook is still uncertain and challenging, with Councils set to be forced to continue making tough decisions to prioritise services and account for additional pressures stemming from pay and inflationary increases and significant demand-led pressures impacting on core areas such as education and social care.

The Conservative Government in Westminster now has a real opportunity to deliver on their words in ending austerity once and for all, with the Chancellor announcing that his first budget will be delivered on March 11th. Sajid Javid has already claimed that "billions of pounds will be invested across the country" and it is vital that the Government acknowledge the hardships endured by Local Government over the last ten years with the provision of additional funding, which Welsh Local Authorities could then benefit from under the Barnett formula.

This Council therefore:

- Calls for a real end to austerity and for meaningful investment in public services.

And resolves to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Wales, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer via the Council Leader to lobby the Government to convey the above resolution.

B. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors G.R.Davies, P.Jarman, E.Stephens, L.Jones, S.Rees-Owen, M.Weaver, D.Grehan, H.Fychan, E.Griffiths, K.Morgan, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, J.Williams, A.Cox, E.Webster, A.Chapman, S.Evans,

This Council values the great contribution that Citizens Advice makes to the quality of life of the residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf. It is therefore very concerned about the cuts in outreach services in the County Borough.

Citizens Advice services have been completely withdrawn from Cwmbach, Pontyclun, Pontygwaith, Treherbert and Ystrad. In other areas the service has been curtailed. This will inevitably mean that vital advice will be more difficult and expensive to access. This is at a time when Universal Credit is being rolled out across the County Borough and legal aid has been decimated. Sadly three members of staff have been made redundant.

These cuts are the result of the reallocation of resources by the Welsh Government resulting in the loss of £144k in revenue to RCT Citizens Advice.

Council calls for an urgent meeting with representatives of Citizens Advice and the Welsh Government to remedy the situation and if necessary explore alternative funding sources for this vital service.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

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

Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

To: All Members of the Council