



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

**COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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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, 4TH MARCH, 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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**OPEN GOVERNMENT:**

**4. 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:

**5. 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**

**6. MAKING A DIFFERENCE - THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2020-2024**

To receive the report of the Chief Executive in respect of the Council's draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

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**7. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2020/21**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2022/23**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**9. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2020/2021**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.

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**10. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors E. George, A. Fox, 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. Edwards, J Elliott, S. Evans, M Fidler Jones, M. Forey, M. Griffiths, J. Harries, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, 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.

Over the previous decade, the Conservative Government has cut police officer numbers by over 20,000, leading to a diminished presence on our streets which has coincided with rises in lower-volume but higher-harm crime instances such as knife related crime and homicides. These cuts have also significantly reduced morale and conditions within police forces as officers are stretched to the limit.

In the months preceding the recent General Election, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, committed to recruiting “20,000 new police officers” which will be “put on the streets of this country.” The Government has also said that all officers recruited as part of this drive will be in addition to those hired to fill existing vacancies and will also be on top of the numbers being recruited through the increase in Police funding for 2019/20.

These target recruitment figures will however, according to the Chair of the National Police Chiefs’ Council, require up to 500,000 applicants over the next three years with up to 50,000 needing to be hired to offset the number of officers retiring or leaving early each year.

In the South Wales Police Force area, the austerity policies pursued by the Conservative Government have seen a net reduction of 113 officers from the Force and this Council has previously supported a Motion calling for frontline policing to be properly funded and a review of the funding formula to be undertaken. Under the UK Government’s recruitment plans, South Wales Police could be in line to see additional resources provided for staff recruitment and it is vital that the overwhelming majority of the additional resources should be focussed towards community policing and keeping streets across our communities safe.

This Council therefore resolves:

- For the Leader of the Council to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to enquire how many of the recruited Officers will be allocated to community based policing.

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B.To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors J. Harries, J. Bonetto, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, H Boggis, S. Bradwick, J Brencher, A Calvert, G. Caple, 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, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, 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.

With the recent devastation to our communities brought about by Storm Dennis over the weekend, the lives of many of our residents and businesses have been significantly impacted by the unprecedented damage caused by the flooding.

River level gauges indicate that each of our rivers broke their highest recorded levels, with the River Taff breaking a 40 year record when reaching 5.2m. On top of this, some communities in the northernmost reaches of the County experienced a month's worth of rainfall in just 24 hours.

The Council's staff, contractors, emergency services and other organisations have worked tirelessly since the weekend in responding to the flooding and the subsequent clean-up operation. Whilst the full extent of the damage is yet to be understood, it is clear that significant amounts of money will be needed to repair the damage to homes, businesses, Council buildings and infrastructure.

The Welsh Government has announced that between £5m and £10m will be made available to support residents and businesses that have suffered from internal flooding, and the Council has also established its own Storm Dennis Hardship Fund – showing a clear commitment to supporting residents and businesses across the County and beyond.

Despite this, the absence of support from the UK Government is noticeable and has already been condemned publicly by many, with no COBRA meeting being called in spite of the widespread flooding and damage witnessed across Wales and large parts of England following two successive weekends of intense weather.

Therefore, this Council notes:

- The UK Government's disregard for communities across Wales and England following some of the worst weather in recent history.
  - The absence of any support from the UK Government in assisting communities, businesses, Local Authorities and the Welsh Government in the response to the flooding.
  - The dedication of the Council's staff, emergency services, contractors, partner organisations and neighbouring authorities in providing help and support to those who have been impacted.
- This Council therefore resolves:
- For the Council Leader to write to the Prime Minister asking what assistance the UK Government is planning to offer in the recovery and repair operations that are underway.

## **12. 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**