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RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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YOU ARE SUMMONED to a virtual meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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 7th October 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

[Council Work Programme 2020-2021](#)

6. UPDATE IN RESPECT OF THE CORONAVIRUS IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF

To receive a position statement in respect of the Coronavirus in the County Borough.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CBC AND THE RHONDDA CYNON TAF PENSION FUND 2019/20

- To receive the Audit of Financial Statements –Audit Wales
- To receive a Presentation of Financial Statements – Director of Finance and Digital Services.

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8. FINANCING OF THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME USING PRUDENTIAL BORROWING

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

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9. 2020/21 MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT

To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services

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10. FLOODING IN RCT IN 2020

To receive a joint report from the Group Director, Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services Service and Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications

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11. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Unprecedented. Devastating. Traumatizing. Those are the three most often used words in relation to the floods that hit so many communities across RCT this year. And we weren't the only communities affected, with similar scenes being seen across Wales.

Council notes the significant costs related with the recovery, and that it has been estimated that at least £500m more is needed in the next decade if Wales is to avoid significant flooding. Council further notes that as a result of climate change, flooding is far more likely to occur in the future.

Council acknowledges that many questions our residents have relating to the floods remain unanswered nine months on, with some suffering further floods as recently as August. Every time there is now heavy rainfall, people are naturally anxious.

Council believes that though a number of reports have either been published or are pending, it is clear that they are limited in scope and are conducted by the organisations themselves rather than by external, independent agencies. Neither do they address the impact on the mental and physical health of residents, nor the lasting economic and social impact.

Council supports the thousands of residents that signed a recent Senedd petition that there must now be an independent inquiry into the floods to bring together all the reports, scrutinise them and bring together the evidence and experiences of residents and businesses. It is the only way that we can secure the answers and justice for the residents and businesses affected.

Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the First Minister of Wales to call for an independent inquiry, stating that the Council will participate openly and transparently in such a process so that lessons can be learnt for the future and investment secured for flood prevention measures.

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B. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of: County Borough Councillors G. Hughes, L. M. Adams, G. Caple, 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.

On 1st May 2020, the U.K. Government initially cut the tax on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to 0% in order to “relieve the burden of VAT on the price of purchasing PPE used for protection from coronavirus by frontline workers.” However, last month, the Treasury confirmed that protective equipment purchased by businesses and the general public would be once again subject to the 20% sales tax from November following the 6-month exemption period.

The re-introduction of the full 20% sales tax would have a significant effect on many private sector businesses and, of course, ordinary consumers and members of the public at a time when many are not only continuing to struggle with the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but will also be turning their thoughts towards the Christmas period, which in itself can be a time of financial hardship for families across the U.K. It is estimated that the reintroduction of the tax could cost families as much as £100 over six months.

This Council therefore calls on the UK Government to extend the waiver in VAT afforded to Personal Protective Equipment to ensure that private sector businesses and residents are not financially penalised in taking the sensible and advised steps to minimise their risk of contracting or passing on COVID-19.

This Council asks that the Leader writes to the UK Government asking they urgently extend the VAT exemption on PPE.

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