

RHONDDA CYNON TAFF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014-2015

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18TH MARCH, 2015**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL &
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No.4 (URGENT ITEM)

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS –
COUNCIL MEETING 4TH MARCH, 2015**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Members' consideration to the establishment of Scrutiny Working Groups to deal with the Notices of Motions as presented and agreed at the Council Meeting held on the 4th February, 2015.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Agree to the establishment of a Working Group of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with Notice of Motion (1) as shown below in paragraph 3.1(1)
- 2.2 Agree to the establishment of a Working Group of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee to deal with Notice of Motion (2) as shown below in paragraph 3.1(2)
- 2.3 Agree that both Scrutiny Working Groups be given delegated authority to report direct to Council with their recommendations.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of Council held on the 4th March, 2015 the following Notices of Motions were considered and it was agreed that both would be dealt with by the appropriate Scrutiny Committees and reports therefrom be reported back to future meeting(s) of the Council:

- (1) Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors E.Webster, P.Jarman, C.Davies, S.Evans-Fear, S.Rees-Owen, M.Weaver, K.Morgan, I. Pearce and G.Davies :-

“This Council understands the effect fuel poverty has on our most vulnerable residents and believes that the current energy market provided by “Big 6” energy providers does not work in the best interests of the citizens of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

This Council believes there are better ways of providing energy to our residents and as a consequence will research options to enable the Council to seek to consider becoming an energy supplier.”

- (2) Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, C.Davies, I.Pearce, E.Webster, S.Evans-Fear, M.Weaver, S.Rees-Owen, K.Morgan and G.Davies:-

“That this Council, in an effort to end exploitative zero hours contracts, instructs that our Contract Procedure Rules be varied.

The variation to provide for contract specifications based on a community benefit approach. This would require a social return on investment by disallowing delivery of the contract by staff on zero hours contracts of employment.

This Council further orders a review of current contracts to examine the possibility of varying them in a further effort to end exploitative zero hours contracts.”

- 3.2 In order to deal with the above Notices of Motions as expeditiously as possible by the establishment of Scrutiny Working Groups of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3.1(1) above (as this involves cross cutting issues) and the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3.1(2) above (as this involves procurement which comes within the remit of the Corporate Services Committee) it was felt appropriate that they be sanctioned at this meeting under the urgency provision.
- 3.3 It is also proposed that the recommendations from the Working Groups be given delegated authority to report direct to Council.
- 3.4 The movers and seconders of both Notices of Motions, if not Members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will be invited to attend the meetings of the appropriate Scrutiny Working Group(s).