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#### **COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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The Pavilions
Cambrian Park
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YOU ARE SUMMONED to a meeting of PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE to be held at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Park, Tonypandy, CF40 2XX on THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 at 5.00 PM.

Non Committee Members and Members of the public may request the facility to address the Committee at their meetings on the business listed although facilitation of this request is at the discretion of the Chair. It is kindly asked that such notification is made to Democratic Services by Tuesday, 25 September 2018 on the contact details listed above, including stipulating whether the address will be in Welsh or English.

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#### 7. COMMUNITY SNOW WARDENS

To propose arrangements for scrutiny to progress the Notice of Motion in respect of Community Snow Wardens supported by Full Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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#### RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

# PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# **COMMUNITY SNOW WARDENS**

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS & STREETCARE SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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# 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to propose arrangements for Scrutiny to progress the Notice of Motion in respect of Community Snow Wardens supported by Full Council held on the 19th September 2018.

# 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Scrutiny:

- 2.1 Establish a Working Group to consider the content of this Motion
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, the Working Group to receive a report from the Director of Highways & Streetcare Services at its inaugural meeting, outlining how this policy could be implemented.

# 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To take forward the decision of Full Council taken on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 and make subsequent recommendations for implementation of this policy.

### 4. BACKGROUND

4.1 On the 19th September 2018, Full Council considered a Motion in respect of establishing Voluntary Community Snow Wardens. The following Notice of Motion was recorded: Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, S.Rees-Owen, G,R.Davies, M.Weaver, E.Webster, D.Grehan, H.Fychan, D.Macey, A.Cox, J.Williams, K.Morgan, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, E.Stephens, L.Jones, A,Chapman and S.Evans was considered:

"That this Council, as part of its emergency planning responsibilities introduces a scheme of voluntary Snow Wardens to assist in snow clearance in the community during heavy snowfall. The snow wardens will be registered with the Council and be properly trained and equipped to undertake snow clearance in their locality."

- 4.2 Following discussions it was resolved to refer the Notice of Motion to the Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.3 It was also acknowledged by the Council that it is important for this decision to be expedited swiftly to allow the opportunity for these proposed new arrangements to be included as part of the Council's wider Severe Winter Weather preparations.
- 4.4 It is proposed to utilise previously established working practices to progress this matter, through the establishment of a Working Group. The Proposer and Seconder of the amendment will be invited to participate in this Working Group.
- 4.5 As a consequence of the need to progress this matter swiftly, it is proposed that this Working Group receive a report from the relevant Director that outlines options to progress the decision of the Council at its first meeting. Any final recommendations made by the Committee will be referred to the Cabinet to agree specific implementation arrangements, arising from the findings of the Working Group.

# 5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Equality and diversity implications will be considered as part of the Working Group's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements

# 6. CONSUTLATION

6.1 There are no consultation implications arising, as yet, from this report.

# 7. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and resource implications will be considered as part of the Working Group's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements

# 8. CONCLUSION

8.1 This report seeks to propose appropriate arrangements by utilising previous good practice in order to develop a policy proposal that was presented and agreed through a Notice of Motion. It important that this report also seeks to

ensure that there is sufficient opportunity for any future recommendations made by the proposed Working Group to be implemented in advance of this winter to support the Council's wider winter weather preparations.

