



## **CABINET STATEMENT**

**TITLE: CHANGE TO CABINET MEMBERS**

**DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**BY: Councillor John David and Councillor Russell Roberts, Leader of the Council**

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The Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor John David, has announced his intention to return to the backbenches after over fifteen years at the forefront of local government in Rhondda Cynon Taf. He remains as a Councillor for the ward of Tonteg, which he represents.

**Councillor John David, the Ward Member for Tonteg said:**

“After giving it some considerable thought, I have taken the decision to inform the Leader of the Council that I do not wish to be considered for a Cabinet position in the next municipal year.

“I instead intend to focus my attentions on my ward activity representing the people of Tonteg. I am also pleased that the Leader has asked me to head up responsibility for International Links and Town Twinning on behalf of the Council.

“It has been an honour and privilege to serve in Russell's Cabinet since 2004. In this time we have taken the Council from strength to strength, through strong financial management and by having the courage to take the difficult decisions when they matter.”

**Council Leader, County Borough Councillor Russell Roberts said:**

“We will be sorry to see John leave the Cabinet team.

“He has been instrumental in delivering some of the major achievements of two successive administrations since 2004; from Seven Days a Week Meals to the roll out of Alley Gating and major improvements in the quality of our social care provision, John has made a significant contribution.

“I know that John will continue to work hard on behalf of the people of Tonteg and will continue to take a leading role in Council business.

“He will continue to be a strong voice for the people of Tonteg in this Council.”

Cllr John David has served as the County’s Mayor (1998-1999), as the Cabinet Member for Health and Well Being (2004-2008) and more recently as the Cabinet Member for Communities.

Cllr David will relinquish his role before the Council’s AGM on May 19th, where a new member of the Cabinet will be announced.