



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 19 March, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Agenda Item : 7

SUBJECT: LIBRARY SERVICE STRATEGY 2019-21

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To approve the library services strategy action plan.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

Core entitlement 12 of the Welsh Public Library Standards requires every Local Authority in Wales to produce a strategy and action plan that outlines the future development of its public library service. Once approved these documents must be placed on the Council's website so that they can be easily accessible to the public.

Developing a Strategy and Action Plan is also important as it ensures that the library service is aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan and to other local and national strategies so that it supports the wider Council and Welsh Government agenda.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The work of the Library Service links to each of the corporate priorities. The Strategy and Action Plan would ensure that the Library Service is sustainable over the longer-term and remains relevant in the face of changing patterns of customer usage and raised expectations of modern library services.

The Strategy and Action Plan also contributes to the seven well-being goals.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The Strategy document has not been subject to a public consultation. However, the content of the strategy and associated action plan has been influenced both by feedback from customers through the Customer Satisfaction Surveys undertaken in 2016/17, feedback from the service's 'Keep in Touch' days, and responses from customers and others who have taken part in the recent consultation events at Mountain Ash, Ferndale, Porth where changes to the library provision have been proposed as part of the Council's wider developments of community hubs and town centres. Feedback on the Transformation of the mobile library changes has added to the understanding of customer needs while informal feedback through emails and telephone calls is always forthcoming.

The views of young people have been captured through the Library Service's Children and Young People's Customer Satisfaction Survey and the much wider View Point Survey undertaken by the Youth Engagement and Participation Service at the end of 2018 which included a series of questions to gauge the opinions of young people about libraries and what would attract them to visit and use the facilities

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **25 March 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

- I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason: N/A
- II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓