



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 17 October, 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 : 13***

**SUBJECT: ENGAGEMENT ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2020/21**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the success achieved through last year's approach to the budget consultation, with the ongoing commitment to face to face engagement and increased use of online tools;
2. That the budget consultation is to run alongside and complement a consultation on the new draft Corporate Plan, linking in where appropriate to avoid duplication, for example the events and forums will seek views on the budget as well as the corporate plan priorities;
3. To support the Council's statutory requirements regarding consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax levels will be met via the proposed approach;
4. To support the budget consultation process taking place during the autumn of 2019, with the dates to be confirmed following clarification of the likely Welsh Government budget settlement timescales; and
5. To authorise the Service Director – Democratic Services & Communications to plan the necessary timeline of engagement once the details of the Provisional Local Government Settlement are known, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member & Director of Finance & Digital Services.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to inform Cabinet of the proposed approach to resident engagement and consultation in respect of the 2020/21 budget and new draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

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

As outlined in Section 10 of the report, the budget setting process clearly impacts on the delivery of all Council services which will contribute in turn to the delivery of the Council's new Corporate Plan.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

A range of engagement opportunities are provided to residents and service users as part of the budget consultation process.

**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. **23 October 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 PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER 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:**

.....NA.....  
(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**