



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 23 January, 2020

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor J Rosser

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor Geraint Davies

Agenda Item : 8

SUBJECT: The Council's 2020/2021 Revenue Budget

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note that the procedures relating to revenue budget construction, the budget consultation process, and reporting to Council, are set out in the “Budget and Policy Framework” within the Council’s Constitution;
2. To note and consider the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 process;
3. The draft 2020/2021 Revenue Budget Strategy, detailed in the attached Discussion Paper ‘Appendix A’, as the basis upon which a second phase of consultation will take place;
4. To propose freezing the charges for school meals for two years, after the 5p increase in 2020/2021;
5. The draft timetable for setting the 2020/2021 revenue budget as set out at Appendix A2;
6. To receive feedback from the second phase of budget consultation in order to consider and determine the final budget strategy for submission to Council; and
7. That the Council continues to support the medium term financial strategy aimed at maximising ongoing efficiency in service delivery, targeted service transformation and other changes that maintain the financial integrity of the Council whilst still aiming as much as possible to protect jobs and key services.

N.B with the permission of the Chair, County Borough Councillor G Davies spoke on this item.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide Cabinet with information in respect of the 2020/2021 local government settlement and the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 exercise, to assist with its deliberations in formulating the revenue budget strategy for the financial year 2020/21, which it will recommend to Council, for approval.

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

The draft budget strategy will be a key enabler for the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Plan and in doing so will support wider partnership objectives and the Well-Being of Future Generations Act.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The proposed approach to budget consultation for 2020/21 is set out in the Cabinet report dated 17th October 2019 and in the delegated decision of the Service Director for Democratic Services and Communication dated 14th November 2019.

Phase 1 - provided residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to feedback their views on some of the key strategic building blocks used to construct the Council's budget.

This included consideration by the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on [16th December 2019](#).

Phase 1 feedback is attached to the report.

Further consultation (phase 2) to take place on these draft proposals.

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:

No

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 To allow Phase 2 of the consultation to proceed with immediate effect.

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:



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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

23rd January 2020

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(Dated)

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