



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 18 December, 2020**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

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

**Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**

Councillor Mark Adams  
Councillor Jayne Brencher  
Councillor Heledd Fychan  
Councillor Eleri Griffiths  
Councillor Maureen Weaver

***Agenda Item : 6***

**SUBJECT: Review of the Council's Response to Storm Dennis**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

- I. To note the action taken by the Council in respect of Storm Dennis:
  - a) Before the Storm;
  - b) During the Storm;
  - c) Immediately after the Storm;
  - d) In the days and weeks following the Storm;
  - e) The longer-term response to repairing and replacing damaged infrastructure and preventing future flooding events.
  
- II. To note the feedback from the work to date of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in respect of its review of the events of Storm Dennis and the multi-agency response as set out in Appendix C of this report.
  
- III. To note and approve the recommendations for improvement set out in [Section 11](#) of this report.
  
- IV. That progress against the recommendations for improvement are included in the Financial and Performance Management Reports, presented to Cabinet each quarter and to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.
  
- V. That a further report which sets out the findings of the Section 19 Investigation Reports of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 currently being undertaken are presented to a future Cabinet in the New Year and that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinise the section 19 report once published and scrutinise the ongoing work that the Council is undertaking in respect of its recommendations contained within this report.

**N.B** with the permission of the Chair, County Borough Councillors M. Adams and J. Brencher spoke on this item.

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

The need to provide a comprehensive summary for Cabinet of the action taken by the Council in response to the events of Storm Dennis; to consider the lessons to be learnt from the extreme weather event; and to set out a series of recommendations to enhance the Council's short term and long term response to flooding to limit the

impact on those communities most at risk.

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

This report is primarily an information report on progress in responding to the consequences of a major emergency caused by Storm Dennis. No significant policy change decisions are being taken in this report. The focus is to strengthen and improve our existing infrastructure, and operating procedures.

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

None

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

[Overview & Scrutiny Committee](#) – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (the common themes emerging from the scrutiny review to date in respect of Storm Dennis).  
[Overview & Scrutiny Committee](#) – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**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 December 2020** 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:**

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**(PRESIDING MEMBER)**

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**(Dated)**

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**