



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 21 September, 2021

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy 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 P Jarman
Councillor L Jones

Agenda Item : 5

**SUBJECT: Review of Regulation, Awareness and Enforcement of Flood and Water
Legislation**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To the creation of an enforcement team and post as indicated in Section 4.3 and Section 7 of the report.
2. To the creation of a flooding awareness and support officer post as indicated in Section 4.4 of the report
3. That officers commence the process for the adoption of the drainage byelaws and refer the matter to Council for consideration, with a briefing session provided to all Members prior to the Council meeting.
4. To note the proposal to review the practical operational implications within 12 months of establishing the new byelaws and enforcement team to consider resourcing implications based on actual workload.
5. That the financial implications for the current year are met from existing resources and to update the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2022/23 onwards with the additional ongoing revenue costs

N.B With the permission of the Chair, County Borough Councillor P Jarman addressed the Cabinet on this item.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to advise members to the review of the regulation, awareness and enforcement of flood and water legislation within the Council following Storm Dennis.

To seek Members agreement to the implementation of an enhanced Flood Awareness and Enforcement team and the need for increased regulation via the enactment of Land Drainage Byelaws under S66 of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

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

The report lends itself to a number of plans as outlined in section 6 of the report:

- National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- *Corporate plan – Objective 5 “To provide services related to flood risk management as required of the Lead Local Flooding Authority under Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and as the Land Drainage Authority under the Land Drainage Act 1991.”*

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Consultation has been undertaken with both Finance and Legal services.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

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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:

1. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-

Reason: A report will be presented to the next meeting of Council in respect of the review of regulations, with a Members briefing session also being taken forward.

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER 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 OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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