



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 18 October, 2021**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

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

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor A Morgan

***Agenda Item : 8***

**SUBJECT: Engagement on the Council's Budget 2022/23**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To support an online approach to the Council's budget consultation for 2022/23, using the Council's new Let's Talk Engagement website along with the re-introduction of some face-to-face events in the community. Agreed that as part of the suggested approach, the Council will continue to provide alternative means of engagement for those having reduced or no access to the Internet and those who prefer to engage through traditional methods.
2. To support the Council's statutory requirements regarding consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax levels, which will be met via the proposed approach.
3. To support the budget consultation process taking place during the autumn of 2021, with the dates to be confirmed following clarification of the Welsh Government budget settlement timescales.
4. 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 2022/23 budget setting process.

The need to provide residents with the opportunity, via a range of methods, to provide feedback to the Cabinet on the 2022/23 budget setting process.

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

The budget setting process clearly impacts on the delivery of all Council services and contributes in turn to the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan

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

None

**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:**

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

*Reason:*

The need to commence the arrangements for the budget engagement events and in conjunction the report will be considered by the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**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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