



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 22 June, 2022**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy Chair),  
Councillor G Caple, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Lewis,  
Councillor C Leyshon, Councillor M Norris and Councillor B Harris

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

Councillor D Williams  
Councillor D Wood  
Councillor J Brencher  
Councillor K Morgan  
Councillor A Ellis

***Agenda Item : 10***

**SUBJECT: Food Resilience**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To continue its support for developing Rhondda Cynon Taf as a 'Sustainable Food Place'; and
3. To approve the submission of an expression of interest for a Sustainable Food Place Bronze Award.

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

The need to provide Members with an opportunity to review the support offered to residents who are experiencing food poverty, the work undertaken with partners to develop a strategic approach to food security and the progress made towards achieving a Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award plus plans for further development.

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

The work undertaken as part of Sustainable Food Places aligns to each of the 3 Council Corporate Priorities.

Facilitating and supporting the development of programmes to increase food resilience meets the following Well-being goals:

- Prosperous Wales – increasing the skills of the population to produce and prepare healthy food locally will reduce the carbon footprint and improve the environment.
- A resilient Wales – growing more food locally will have a positive impact on biodiversity and the resilience of local communities, helping them to develop the skills they need to help themselves and their communities.
- A healthier Wales – people's physical and mental wellbeing will be supported through adopting a healthy and nutritious diet. Activities supported by the Food Prosperity Network include teaching people how to cook and grow food thereby improving their health and wellbeing.
- A more equal Wales – ensuring that people have more secure access to food will reduce inequalities in our communities including inequality in relation to healthy life outcomes between poorer and more wealthy residents. Healthy diets and appropriate access to food can also improve school performance for pupils and reduce sickness absences from work as good food is essential for brain and organ health.
- A Wales of cohesive communities – engaging people in activities such as volunteering to support community groups who provide food support and

participate in growing solutions will increase.

- A globally responsible Wales – adopting a more sustainable approach to food and reducing food poverty will contribute to creating a more globally responsible Wales.

The work related to Sustainable Food Places adopts a long-term approach to tackling food poverty, improving the environment and creating and improving diet and health, while recognising that it is important to continue to provide immediate relief to those experiencing food insecurity in order to prevent harm. It involves close collaboration and involvement from a wide range of organisations, from very small community groups to larger third sector and public service organisations. The Network that has been developed is democratic and advice and feedback provided in relation to identifying resident needs and potential solutions is listened to and acted upon in line with resource availability.

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

There is no requirement for a consultation in relation to this report. It should be noted however that the work undertaken, and the resources allocated to support food resilience has been in response to needs identified by communities and partner organisations, and that a wide variety of organisations are involved in the work to establish RCT as a Sustainable Food Place.

**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 to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 27 June 2022**

**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: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-  
Reason N/A

**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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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓

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