



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 23 January, 2023**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

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

***Agenda Item : 6***

**SUBJECT: Community Meals Service Service Review**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the information contained within the Consultation Report, which includes feedback received from the online survey, emails and telephone calls, the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and the frequently asked questions posted out to service users;
2. To the preferred service change option moving forward, in respect of the Community Meals Service:  
  
**Option 3:** to reorganise the existing internal service and provide a hot/frozen Community Meal Home Delivery Service with increased service user charges thus reducing the subsidy per meal.
3. To delegate authority to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, to undertake and conclude necessary actions to implement Option 3.

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

The need to advise Cabinet on the outcome of the recent consultation in respect of the proposals for the future of the Council's Community Meals Service.

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

The proposal is aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan 'Making a Difference 2020-2024' and the priority 'Ensuring people: *are independent, healthy and successful*'.

In addition, the report considers one of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 wellbeing goal of: A Healthier Wales and a society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised.

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

The Consultation period commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and ended on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, full details of which can be found at Appendix 1 of the report.

849 recipients of the Community Meals Service were posted a letter, informing them of the options, a survey to complete and some frequently asked questions to assist them with any queries they may have. A freepost address was available for return of the survey. The frequently asked questions can be viewed in Appendix 3 of the Report.

The online survey was also available on the Council's website for anyone to complete

for the duration of the consultation period. A consultation email address and telephone number were also available for enquiries.

A meeting was held with all Community Meals staff, who could attend, and their Trade Union representatives to explain the options and allow them to ask any questions.

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

[Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.](#)

**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 26 January 2023**

**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 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: ✓**