



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 : 9

SUBJECT: The Council's 2023-2024 Revenue Budget

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note that the procedures relating to revenue budget construction, the budget consultation process, and reporting to Council, are set out in the “Budget and Policy Framework” within the Council’s Constitution;
2. To note and consider the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 process;
3. To review and consider the draft 2023/24 Revenue Budget Strategy;
4. To consider and determine the level of Council Tax increase for 2023/24 which it would wish to build into the strategy to form the basis upon which a second phase of consultation will take place;
5. The draft timetable for setting the 2023/24 revenue budget as set out at Appendix A2 of the report;
6. To receive feedback from the second phase of budget consultation in order to consider and determine the final budget strategy for submission to Council; and
7. That the Council continues to support the medium term financial strategy aimed at maximising ongoing efficiency in service delivery, targeted service transformation and other changes that maintain the financial integrity of the Council whilst still aiming as much as possible to protect jobs and key services.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide Cabinet with information in respect of the 2023/24 local government settlement and the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 exercise, to assist with its deliberations in formulating the revenue budget strategy for the financial year 2023/24, which it will recommend to Council, for approval.

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

The draft budget strategy will be a key enabler for the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and in doing so will support wider partnership objectives and the Well-Being of Future Generations Act.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The proposed approach to budget consultation for 2023/24 was set out in the Cabinet report dated 17th October 2022. It comprised 2 phases as follows :

Phase 1 - provided residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to feedback their views on some of the key strategic building blocks used to construct the Council’s budget.

Phase 2 - once Cabinet agree the draft budget strategy, and in light of the provisional local government settlement, then this draft strategy will be

consulted upon as part of Phase 2.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

School Budget Forum – 24th November 2022
[Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 29th November 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:

No

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:

To allow Phase 2 of the consultation to proceed with immediate effect; the final report will be presented to Council on the 8th March 2023.

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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