



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 28 February, 2023

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor A Morgan
Councillor M Norris

Agenda Item : 9

SUBJECT: The Council's 2023-2024 Revenue Budget

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To review and amend the Budget Strategy which they wish to recommend to Council on the 8th March 2023;
2. To amend the proposed Council Tax increase for 2023/24 to 3.90% to support social care pressures, and to determine that this level forms part of the Cabinet Budget Strategy to be presented to Council on 8th March 2023; and
3. To recommend to Council that the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance, Digital and Frontline Services be authorised to amend the final budget consequential to the receipt of the Final Settlement as set out in Section 4 of the report.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need for Cabinet to consider and amend as necessary the draft budget strategy which they would wish to recommend to Council.

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 agreed the draft budget strategy, and in light of the provisional local government settlement, then this draft strategy was consulted upon as part of Phase 2.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

- [Overview & Scrutiny 2022-2027 Committee - 25th January 2023](#)
- School Budget Forum – 31st January 2023
- Joint Consultative Committee – 7th February 2023.

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:

The Cabinet's proposed budget strategy will be considered by Council at its meeting on the 8th March 2023 for formal approval.

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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