



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 18 December, 2023

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 Grehan

Agenda Item : 6

SUBJECT: Aberdare Town Centre Strategy

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To consider the findings from the formal consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the draft Aberdare Town Centre Strategy and supporting documents;
2. To review and approve the range of revisions made to the Strategy following completion of the formal consultation;
3. To approve the final Aberdare Town Centre Strategy and support the development of projects under the 'investment themes' included in the Strategy.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to update Members on the response to the formal consultation exercise undertaken on the draft Aberdare Town Centre Strategy as agreed by Cabinet on 28th June 2023 and to highlight the changes made to the document in light of the responses received. The report also seeks approval from Cabinet to formally adopt the Strategy.

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

The development of the Town Centre Strategy for Aberdare greatly contributes to achieving the Council's corporate commitment, as outlined within the Council's Corporate Plan 'Making A Difference' 2020-2024. This includes developing town centre strategies for all principal town centres, within RCT, which value the uniqueness of each town whilst optimising potential benefits from emerging opportunities. Therefore, the series of proposed investment themes, contained within the Draft Strategy, have been developed to help focus and coordinate future investment within the town centre. This ensures that corporate priorities including supporting new and existing businesses to expand, tackling empty or rundown sites/premises and enhancing visitor infrastructure to support a growing local tourism offer are realised.

The Strategy also strongly supports the realisation of the Council's key objective of 'Making Rhondda Cynon Taf Carbon Neutral by 2030', as outlined within the RCTCBC Think Climate Strategy (2022-2025).

Finally, the Strategy strongly supports the Welsh Government's Sustainable Development approach and the way in which the Draft Strategy has been developed reflects the 'five ways of working'.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Following approval from Cabinet on 28th June 2023, a period of formal consultation was undertaken in respect of the draft Strategy and supporting documents between August 2023 and November 2023.

Further detail in respect of consultation can be found at sections 6 and 7 of the report.

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 21 December 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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