



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 18 October, 2018

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser and Councillor C Leyshon

Apology for Absence:

Councillor R Lewis

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor S Bradwick

Agenda Item : 8

SUBJECT: LIST OF STANDARDISED WELSH PLACE NAMES

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the content of the report considered by the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group on the 10th October, 2018 (attached as Appendix 1) and the subsequent oral update provided by the Interim Head of Democratic Services following a meeting with the Commissioner on the 12th October, 2018 ;
2. To the recommendations of the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group which are listed at 2.2.1 to 2.2.2 of the report and as set out below:
 - a) That Cabinet seek written confirmation from the Welsh Language Commissioner, in respect of their rationale for the changes, as set out in the Full Welsh Language Commissioner's List of Standardised Welsh Place-names, in order to better inform a future decision of the Cabinet.
 - b) That Consultation takes place with the communities highlighted within the report and that the rationale adopted by the Welsh Language Commissioner and any further information gathered via engagement sessions with the Commissioner is used as part of this process. Until otherwise agreed, the Council will continue to utilise the current names outlined within Rhondda Cynon Taf's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG).

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide the Cabinet with the recommendations of the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group which considered a report outlining the Council's responsibilities in relation to the [List of Standardised Welsh Place-names](#) as published by the Welsh Language Commissioner in July 2018.

The need to advise Cabinet of further discussions with the Welsh Language Commissioner on the 12th October, 2018.

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

The Welsh language is a cross-cutting theme in the Corporate Plan and underpins all corporate priorities as the Council is required to comply with the amended Compliance Notice issued by the Welsh Language Commissioner in September 2016 under the Welsh Language (Wales) 2011 Measure in addition to Strategies regarding the Welsh Language published by the Welsh Government.

This subject under discussion in this report is particularly relevant to goal seven of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 - a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. It is designed to ensure that the Welsh language has equal status to the English language in Wales and it also serves to protect the heritage of Wales by ensuring that Welsh place-names are preserved.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Local Members have received written confirmation of these proposed changes but no response had been received prior to consideration at the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group.

Local Members will have further opportunity to respond with their comments at the Cabinet Committee meeting

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group on the [10th October, 2018](#)

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 i.e. **24 October 2018** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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 MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR 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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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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