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RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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DYMA WŶS I CHI i gyfarfod o **PWYLLGOR CRAFFU - CYLLID A CHYFLAWNIAD** yn cael ei gynnal yn **Siambwr y Cyngor, Y Pafiliynau, Parc Hen Lofa'r Cambrian, Cwm Clydach, Tonypanyd CF40 2XX** ar **DYDD IAU, 26AIN MEDI, 2019** am **5.00 PM**.

Caiff Aelodau nad ydyn nhw'n aelodau o'r pwyllgor ac aelodau o'r cyhoedd gyfrannu yn y cyfarfod ar faterion y cyfarfod er bydd y cais yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd. Gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i Wasanaethau Democrataidd erbyn Dydd Mawrth, 24 Medi 2019 trwy ddefnyddio'r manylion cyswllt uchod, gan gynnwys rhoi gwybod a fyddwch chi'n siarad Cymraeg neu Saesneg.

AGENDA

Tudalennau

1. DATGAN BUDDIANT

Derbyn datganiadau o fuddiannau personol gan Aelodau, yn unol â gofynion y Cod Ymddygiad.

Nodwch:

1. Mae gofyn i Aelodau ddatgan rhif a phwnc yr agendwm mae eu buddiant yn ymwneud ag ef a mynegi natur y buddiant personol hwnnw; a
2. Lle bo Aelodau'n ymneilltuo o'r cyfarfod o ganlyniad i ddatgelu buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu, mae rhaid iddyn nhw roi gwybod i'r Cadeirydd pan fyddan nhw'n gadael.

2. COFNODION

Derbyn cofnodion o gyfarfod blaenorol y Pwyllgor Craffu – Cyllid a

Chyflawniad a gafodd ei gynnal ar 23 Gorffennaf 2019.

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3. RHEOLI'R TRYSORLYS - SESIWN DROSOLWG AR GYFER YR HOLL AELODAU ETHOLEDIG

Derbyn trosolwg a dealltwriaeth o swyddogaethau Rheoli'r Trysorlys. Bydd hyn yn gael ei ddarparu gan Arlingclose. Nod hyn yw cynorthwyo'r Aelodau i gyflawni eu swyddogaethau.

4. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL RHEOLI'R TRYSORLYS 2018/19

Trafod Adolygiad Blynyddol Rheoli'r Trysorlys 2018/19

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5. GWEITHGOR Y GOFRESTR FWYD – DIWEDDARIAD

Rhoi diweddariad i Aelodau'r Pwyllgor mewn perthynas â Gweithgor y Gofrestr Fwyd.

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6. YMGYSYLLTU MEWN PERTHYNAS Â CHYLLIDEB Y CYNGOR - 2020/21

Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.

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7. ARDOLL SEILWAITH CYMUNEDOL

Trafod Adroddiad Monitro Blynyddol yr Ardoll Seilwaith Cymunedol (CIL)

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8. MATERION BRYN

Trafod unrhyw faterion sydd, yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd, yn faterion brys yng ngoleuni amgylchiadau arbennig.

9. ADRODDIAD ER GWYBODAETH

D.S. Mae modd dod o hyd i Adroddiadau Er Gwybodaeth ar ein tudalen we Craffu trwy glicio ar y ddolen yma.

- [Diweithdra a Chymorth Cyflogaeth yn y Gymuned](#)

(Mae hyn fel bod modd i'r Aelodau gydnabod yr wybodaeth sydd wedi'i chynnwys yn yr adroddiad, ond dylid anfon unrhyw ymholiadau sy'n ymwneud â'r eitem at Craffu@rctcbc.gov.uk)

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu

Cylchreliad:-

Y Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol Y Cynghorydd M Powell a Y Cynghorydd G Thomas
– Cadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd, yn y drefn honno

Y Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol:

Y Cynghorydd G Holmes, Y Cynghorydd S Bradwick, Y Cynghorydd R Yeo,
Y Cynghorydd W Lewis, Y Cynghorydd S. Rees-Owen, Y Cynghorydd J Williams,
Y Cynghorydd T Williams, Y Cynghorydd J Cullwick, Y Cynghorydd G Caple,
Y Cynghorydd A Davies-Jones, Y Cynghorydd A Fox and Y Cynghorydd M Diamond

Y Cynghorydd Bwrdeistref Sirol S Belzak – Aelod ex officio

Y Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol L.M.Adams a S Evans – Cadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd y
Pwllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu yn y drefn honno

Aelodau Cyfetholedig Addysg er gwybodaeth-

Mr A Ricketts, Cynrychiolydd Awdurdodau Esgobaethol â'r hawl i bleidlais

Ms A Jones, Cynrychiolydd UNITE

Mr J Fish, Cynrychiolydd Rhiant-Lywodraethwr wedi'i ethol

Mr M Cleverley, Cynrychiolydd Cymdeithas Genedlaethol yr Ysgolfeistri ac Undeb yr
Athrawesau a'r Panel Athrawon

Mr C Jones, Cynrychiolydd GMB

Mr D Price, Cynrychiolydd UNSAIN/UNISON

Mrs C Jones, Cynrychiolydd Undeb Cenedlaethol yr Athrawon a'r Panel Athrawon

Mr Kevin Wilhite, Cynrychiolydd Rhiant-Lywodraethwr wedi'i ethol

Mr R Hull – Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Archwilio

Tudalen wag



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chambers, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor M Powell (Chair)

Mr J Fish	Councillor G Thomas
Councillor G Holmes	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor R Yeo	Councillor W Lewis
Councillor J Williams	Councillor T Williams
Councillor J Cullwick	Councillor G Caple
	Councillor M Diamond

Officers in attendance:-

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr P Griffiths, Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services
Mr S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development
Mr N Wheeler, Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services
Ian Christopher- Strategic Manager, Prosperity and Development.

County Borough Councillor in attendance:-

Councillor M. Adams - Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors A Davies-Jones, S. Rees-Owen and A. Fox.

5 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor G. Holmes declared the following personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 6 – “I have a professional interest in the Whitbread Company”.

6 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 2nd of April 2019 and the 8th of July 2019 as an accurate reflection of the meetings subject to “private sector” being added in to the 8th of July minutes to specifically reflect the need for the creation of more private sector jobs in the County Borough.

7 Finance and Performance Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

The Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications gave an overview to Members in respect of the revised Scrutiny arrangements.

It was highlighted that at the special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held on the 1st May 2019, a report was presented which provided a response to the request from Committee Members to review the Council’s scrutiny arrangements and to update Members on the progress that has arisen from the Wales Audit Office report in respect of the Council’s Scrutiny arrangements ‘Fit for the Future’.

Councillor G. Thomas raised a query in respect of the item under ‘Other areas for exploration:- Investment programme to re-generate industrial estates’ and sought clarification as to when this item would be looked at by the Committee. The Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications confirmed that the Work Programme under the new arrangements is planned on a six monthly basis and that this item would be reviewed at this juncture.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to:

1. Agree the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2019/20 (up until December 2019 in the first instance); and
2. Agree that the Work Programme be reviewed at quarterly intervals to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated.

8 Report of the Director of Finance and Digital Services

The Service Director, Finance & Improvement Services presented the Council’s Year End Performance Report (to 31st March 2019) to the Committee.

It was explained to Members that the Year End Report was presented to and approved by Cabinet on the 18th of July 2019 and contains revenue and capital budget performance; Treasury Management prudential indicators; Organisational Health information including staff turnover, sickness and Council strategic risks; Corporate Plan updates; and other national measures.

The Service Director, Finance & Improvement Services outlined the Corporate Plan priority updates along with a summary of performance measure results.

Members made a number of observations and put questions to the Service Director.

Councillor G. Thomas referred the Committee to page 28 of the report and to the increased rate of people kept in hospital whilst waiting for social care. The Service Director informed Members that as more people were being supported to live at home during 2018/19, this put pressure on the capacity of services and impacted on the timeliness of care packages commencing. The Service Director went on to indicate that within this overall position there were elements of positive performance, for example, reductions in the number of delays due to assessments and also reductions in the number of delays due to choice/availability. The Service Director added that the Council remains committed to the timely discharge of people from hospital, supported by the Stay Well@Home Service and working with partners to strengthen capacity.

The Chair raised a query in respect of the increased number of people requiring support to live at home and questioned how the Council deals with this in terms of the additional resources required. The Service Director informed Members that the Council continues to focus its work, and that of its partners, on early intervention and prevention, prioritises the allocation of resources to these areas and optimises the use of additional funding provided by the Welsh Government, for example, winter pressures funding. The Service Director went on to indicate that although demand is increasing, positive results are being delivered in areas such as the Reablement Service that is supporting people to live independently for longer.

Councillor S. Bradwick questioned when the work on the Black Lion Hotel in Aberdare was due to be completed and pointed out that it has been four years since the building work began and that it is having a detrimental effect on the visual appearance of the town centre. The Councillor also referenced similar issues in respect of the Boot Hotel, Aberdare. The Director of Prosperity and Development acknowledged that both projects have not proceeded as quickly as originally planned and he assured Members that the Planning Service is working with the individual companies involved in order to progress projects as quickly as possible. The Director advised that he would feedback an update to Committee Members in respect of this issue in due course.

Councillor R. Yeo referred Committee Members to the lack of recruitment in social care and noted the work the Council is doing with partners to support improvement in this area. The Councillor added that an update on this area will be reported to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee during 2019/20. The Chair commented that where more detailed or

relevant information has been reported to other scrutiny committees, if a hyperlink could be included within the appropriate section of the Performance Report to enable the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee to consider a full as picture of performance as possible.

Councillor J. Cullwick requested clarification in respect of the number of houses being developed across the County Borough. The Director of Prosperity and Development acknowledged that the Council needs to find additional delivery methods such as SME Builders and self-build. The Director advised Members that some major schemes that were expected to be underway by now had stalled such as Cefn Hendy (that proposes 460 houses being built) and Llanilid where 1850 are expected; however, ongoing issues such as ecological issues and a village green challenge have caused significant delays.

In respect of the performance indicator for the number of new affordable homes being delivered, Councillor G. Thomas questioned why there had been a reduction in the targeted figure for 2018/19. The Director of Prosperity and Development fed back that as part of setting the target at the start of the 2018/19 financial year, it was anticipated that a number of large schemes could be delayed for reasons outside of the Council's control and this was reflected in the target set. The Director went on to indicate that the Cefn Hendy and Llanilid sites were examples of this where there have been delays in the sites being started. The Director added that it was anticipated that some of the delays will be progressed during 2019/20 and this is reflected in a slightly higher target being set for the next 12 months. Councillor W. Lewis queried whether Members could have access to a report that shows how many property developments were turned down on appeal. The Director of Prosperity and Development advised Members that he would collate the information and circulate to Members of the Committee.

Councillor R. Yeo referred Members to page 87 of the report and commented that he felt encouraged by the Council's strategy in respect of empty properties. Councillor T. Williams requested additional information in respect of empty properties across the County Borough. A number of Members concurred and requested a breakdown on a ward-by-ward basis. The Director of Prosperity and Development advised that he would collate the information and that an update would be shared with Members of the Committee.

Mr Fish, the Voting Elected Parent/Governor Representative, highlighted a number of areas for feedback: to what extent has the £0.195M underspend within Early Intervention Services (within Children Services) impacted on the delivery of the Resilient Families Service; does the underspend for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) (within Council Wide budgets) mean an increase in prosperity across the County Borough; and how has the £104k underspend for Education and Inclusion Services been utilised as part of the Council wide year-end position.

The Service Director, Finance & Improvement Services provided feedback on the points raised: the £0.195M underspend within Early Intervention Services was primarily due to temporary staffing vacancies during the year and within this position appropriate resources were allocated to support the delivery and on-going development of the Resilient Families Service; the underspend on CTRS reflected an on-going trend of reduced caseload that is likely to be influenced by a number of factors, for example, change of individuals' circumstances / income levels, individuals becoming employed and the roll-out of Universal Credit, with the area of CTRS continuing to be closely monitored to ensure eligible claimants are identified and supported to claim the benefits they are entitled to; and the £104k underspend for Education and Inclusion Services related to non-school budgets, reflected one-off underspends in core budgeted areas during the year and was incorporated into the Council wide year-end Revenue Budget position.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Council's financial and operational performance position as at 31st March 2019 (Year End).

9 Report of the Director of Finance and Digital Services

The Service Director, Finance & Improvement Services presented the report in respect of the Council's proposed performance indicator targets for 2019/20, subject to approval by Council on 31st July 2019, as set out in the Draft Corporate Performance Report.

Members were asked to scrutinise the proposed performance indicator targets and determine whether specific targets require review in more detail.

Discussions ensued and Councillor M. Adams, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, suggested that the matter should be reviewed at the next Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting. A number of Members agreed with this proposal.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED**:-

1. To refer the Council's performance indicator targets for 2019/20 to the next meeting of the Chairs and Vice Chairs; and
2. To determine whether specific targets should be referred to individual scrutiny committees for review in more detail.

10 Rhondda Cynon Taf Tourism Strategy and Destination Management Plan

The Director of Prosperity and Development presented his report to Members in respect of the Council's draft Tourism Strategy and

Destination Management Plan.

A presentation was provided to accompany the report and Members were asked to provide feedback on the relevant issues to help shape a strategy to develop RCT as a key visitor destination.

The Director of Prosperity and Development advised the Committee that the feedback would be used to inform a draft strategy, which will be reported to Cabinet in the autumn for consideration.

Members were provided with information in respect of the following areas:-

- The ambition of the plan;
- Geographical Areas to be covered;
- Infrastructure requirements;
- Hospitality and accommodation requirements;
- Employment and Skills;
- Public and Stakeholder engagement; and
- Key next steps and actions.

The Director emphasised that RCT already has a strong core of visitor attractions such as the Royal Mint and Penderyn Whiskey, however the strategy aims to look at what other attractions can be brought forward. The presentation referenced potential new activities such as Zip World and the Rhondda Tunnel.

Following the presentation, discussions ensued and the Chair thanked the Director of Prosperity and Development for providing such a detailed presentation and asked if a copy of the presentation could be shared with Members of the Finance and Performance Committee following the meeting.

Councillor G. Thomas also thanked the Director for providing such an encouraging presentation and went on to raise concerns in respect of food businesses in RCT closing before 9pm and the subsequent negative effect that this could potentially have on tourism. The Councillor commented that in order for the strategy to be successful further work would need to be done to support new tourist attractions such as improving local café's, shops, toilet facilities and rail access. The Chair agreed and referenced the Rhigos railway line and the need for improved toilet facilities.

Councillor G. Thomas also commented that the Council would need to ensure that a range of accommodation is available to tourists throughout the County Borough and emphasised that the cost of local accommodation will be a key factor to the success of the strategy.

Councillor G. Holmes raised a query in respect of the Council's policy to encourage Whitbread to build hotels throughout RCT. The Director of

Prosperity and Development confirmed that the Council is keen to attract companies such as Whitbread into the County Borough, however, he emphasised the need to also give local people opportunity and help develop their entrepreneurial skills to set up their own businesses.

Councillor J. Cullwick raised concerns in respect of dog fouling and litter dropping across the County Borough, and emphasised the need to improve the visual appearance of local communities. The Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services confirmed that the Council's aim is to educate residents across the County Borough on littering and dog fouling, however, he acknowledged that some areas in the County Borough are particularly problematic and that further improvement is necessary.

Councillor J. Williams thanked the Director of Prosperity and Development for providing a detailed presentation and emphasised that the Council needs to do more to raise the aspirations of local residents.

Councillor G. Caple noted that the Council needs to work in partnership with Network Rail and hotel companies in order to promote the strategy and encourage local tourism. The Director of Prosperity and Development referenced the development of a 'Strategic Tourism Board', which works in partnership with companies such as Zip World to identify common problems, and the Board will be used as a catalyst to solve various issues in respect of tourism across the County Borough.

Councillor W. Lewis referenced the land near Llwynypia Hospital and emphasised that the land has the potential to be used for tourism purposes.

Councillor M. Adams noted that there is more the Council can do to promote tourism in RCT. The Councillor suggested that the Council should consider developing a local letting policy where local companies pay the Council a fee to be allocated to the list. The Councillor also emphasised the importance of local heritage, stressing that this should be part of the tourism strategy, and felt that the Council should do more to promote tourism online.

Councillor G. Holmes stressed that local companies, such as Edwards Coaches, are getting tourists around the County Borough and that the Council needs to do more to support these companies. He commented that the Council is not exploiting the full potential of some local tourist areas.

Mr Fish, the Voting Parent/Governor Representative, commended the proposed strategy and referenced that RCT is due to host the National Eisteddfod in 2022, and emphasised that the Council should not miss the opportunity to encourage the influx of tourists to visit other areas of the County Borough.

Councillor J. Cullwick pointed out that it is the attitude towards the valleys that needs to change. He acknowledged that there is a lot of money to be earned from tourism and agreed that this should be a focus for the Council.

Councillor M. Adams referenced the plaque of Jimmy Murphy as an example of where the Council could do more to promote local heritage / attractions in the County Borough. The Chair agreed and commented that the proposed tourism strategy will be a major benefit to Rhondda Cynon Taf and will also have a positive impact on the wider South East Wales region.

A number of Members confirmed that they would like to receive on-going updates in respect of the delivery of the strategy. The Service Director of Communications & Democratic Services reminded Members that the Committee's feedback will inform the proposed strategy and that the tourism strategy will be presented to Cabinet in the autumn. The Service Director confirmed that if the strategy is agreed by Cabinet then feedback could be provided to the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on an on-going basis.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Draft Tourism Strategy and Destination Management Plan subject to the comments made by the Committee.

This meeting closed at 7.00 pm

**CLLR M. POWELL
CHAIR.**



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019 / 2020

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
26th September 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

Author: Barrie Davies (01443) 424026

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Annual Treasury Management Review presented to Council on 31st July 2019 (Appendix 1).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Scrutinise and comment on the information provided.
- 2.2 Consider whether they wish to receive further detail on any matters contained in the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2018/19 Annual Treasury Management Review was reported to and agreed by Council on 31st July 2019.
- 3.2 The Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for scrutinising the Council's treasury management activity, as set out in its Terms of Reference, this being consistent with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice and Prudential Code Guidance Note.
- 3.3 For Members information, the Treasury Management Code of Practice sets out that *"The treasury management strategy should be supplemented by*

the provision of monitoring information and regular review by board members/councillors in both executive and scrutiny functions. CIPFA considers clearly defined responsibilities for the approval and scrutiny of treasury management activities to be an essential element of a public service organisation's treasury management arrangements."

4.0 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW (Appendix 1)

4.1 This report details the activities undertaken by the Treasury Management function during 2018/19.

4.2 I would like to highlight key points as follows:

- The Council has complied with all relevant Codes of Practice, regulations and guidance (para 3.3).
- Following conclusion of the tender process during March 2019, the Council appointed Arlingclose as its Treasury Management Advisors from 1st April 2019 (para 4.2).
- Details of Public Works Loan Board long term borrowing taken (para 7.2).
- Net Capital Charges for the year were within budget (para 7.4).
- Compliance has been achieved in terms of all Prudential and Treasury indicators (para 8.1).
- The Council continues to adopt a low risk strategy in terms of investing and borrowing (paras 9.2 - 9.3).

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report, together with Appendix 1, provides Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Council's 2018/19 Treasury Management activity.



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019 / 2020

COUNCIL

31st July 2019

2018/19 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

AUTHOR:- Barrie Davies (01443) 424026

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report constitutes the statutory requirement to provide Members with information on :-

- the Council's Treasury Management activity during 2018/19; and
- the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2018/19.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of the report.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

3.1 Treasury Management is defined as:

"The management of a local authority's cash flows, its borrowings and its investments, the management of the associated risks, and the pursuit of the optimum performance or return consistent with those risks".

- 3.2 This report meets the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Council is required to comply with both Codes through Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.
- 3.3 The primary requirements of the Codes are as follows:
- Creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy;
 - Creation and maintenance of Treasury Management Practices, which set out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve stated policies and objectives;
 - Approval by Council (by 31st March) of a Treasury Management Strategy Report (including Prudential and Treasury Indicators and an Investment Strategy) for the year ahead, an Annual Treasury Management Review Report of the previous year and a Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report;
 - Effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management function; and
 - From 2019/20, approval by 31st March (prior to the start of the financial year) of a Capital Strategy Report to support the Council's strategic and financial planning arrangements.
- 3.4 Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C. complies with these requirements and supplements this by including detail of our treasury activities and prudential indicators in the quarterly Council performance reports to Members.
- 3.5 During 2018/19, the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee has continued to scrutinise the Treasury Management function via quarterly performance reports and reviews of the strategy and mid-year position.
- 3.6 This annual report will cover the following areas of treasury activity during 2018/19:
- Treasury Management advisors;
 - Economic background;
 - Borrowing strategy;
 - Borrowing activity and results;
 - Estimated and actual treasury position and prudential and treasury indicators;
 - Investment strategy; and
 - Investment activity and results.
- 3.7 It should be noted that the accounting practice to be followed by the Council requires financial instruments in the statutory accounts (debt, investments, etc) to be measured in a method compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards. The figures in this report are based on the principal amounts borrowed and invested and so may differ from those in the Council's Statement of Accounts.

4.0 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ADVISORS

- 4.1 The Council appointed Arlingclose as its Treasury Management Advisors during March 2014. The contract was for an initial 3 year period, with the option taken to extend for a further 2 years up to 31st March 2019.
- 4.2 Following the conclusion of a tender process during March 2019, the Council appointed Arlingclose as its Treasury Management Advisors from 1st April 2019 for the 3 year period up to 31st March 2022, again with the option to extend for up to 2 years.
- 4.3 To date the service provided has been good. The Council will continue to monitor the advisor's performance. If any adverse performance or contractual issues arise, Members will be advised accordingly.
- 4.4 The Council recognises that although information and advice is provided via the contract, responsibility for Treasury Management decisions remains with the Council.

5.0 ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

5.1 General Economic Background

- 5.1.1 The UK economy still faces Brexit uncertainties and this is reflected in the subdued pace of UK economic growth. UK GDP was 1.4% compared to 1.8% last year.
- 5.1.2 The Consumer Prices Index 12 month rate to March 2019 was 1.9%, broadly in line with the Bank of England's February 2019 inflation report, that forecast the rate to remain close to Central Government's inflation target of 2%.
- 5.1.3 The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee increased the Bank Rate by 0.25% to 0.75% on 2nd August 2018 and it is currently forecast to remain at this rate until at least 2022/23.
- 5.1.4 In the three months to March 2019, the labour market showed a fall in the unemployment rate to a new low of 3.8% whilst the employment rate of 76.1% was the highest on record. Real wages (that is, after allowing for inflation), excluding bonuses, increased by 1.5% during the year.
- 5.1.5 The Council continued to maintain a low risk strategy throughout the year to ensure exposure to any capital loss was minimised.

5.2 Short term investment rates

- 5.2.1 The Council's investment income is subject to changes in short term interest rates. The level of the Bank Rate is one of the main determinants of the rate of interest the Council receives on its short term investments. The forward

looking estimate of the Bank Rate, currently provided by our Treasury Management advisors, is for the rate to remain at 0.75% until at least 2022/23.

5.3 Longer term interest rates

5.3.1 The majority of the Council's borrowing is from the PWLB (Public Works Loan Board). Long-term borrowing rates are influenced by gilt yields which are driven by inflation and demand/supply considerations.

5.3.2 During August 2012, HM Treasury introduced "the certainty rate", whereby local authorities are able to access borrowing at 0.2% cheaper than published PWLB rates. In order to access the discounted rate, authorities were required to provide Welsh Government (and onward, the Debt Management Office) with an indication of their potential borrowing requirements for the next 3 years.

5.3.3 In December 2017, the UK Government announced plans to make available an amount of lending at the Local Infrastructure Rate whereby local authorities are able to access borrowing at 0.4% cheaper than published PWLB rates. A corresponding share has been made available to local authorities in Wales and Welsh Government has allocated a set amount across all 22 Welsh authorities. In November 2018 the Council borrowed up to its allocated amount of £4.4m for a period of 10 years at 1.97%.

5.3.4 PWLB rates during 2018/19 were as follows (these are the "certainty rates"):

	5 years	10 years	20 years	50 years
Average	1.84%	2.23%	2.62%	2.46%
Highest	2.12%	2.53%	2.90%	2.79%
Lowest	1.52%	1.84%	2.29%	2.16%

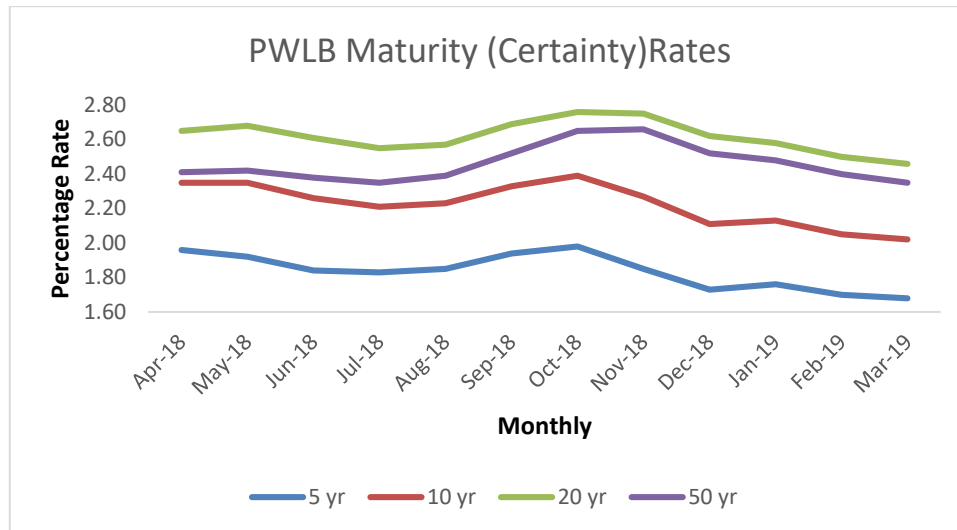
6.0 BORROWING STRATEGY

6.1 The borrowing strategy for 2018/19 approved by Council in March 2018 stated that the borrowing requirement to fund the 2018/19 Capital Programme was £48.9m. In line with the capital programme, the borrowing requirement decreased to £45.1m during the year largely due to the re-profiling of the 21st Century Schools schemes. It was also reported that the cheapest form of borrowing would be "internal borrowing" by running down cash balances and foregoing interest earned at historically low rates. This also minimises counterparty risk (risk that an investment may become irrecoverable).

6.2 The strategy also reported that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated powers, would take the most appropriate form of borrowing depending upon

the prevailing interest rates at the time, taking into account advice provided by our advisors and an assessment of risk.

- 6.3 Affordability and the cost of carry remain important influences on the Council's borrowing strategy. Whilst short term borrowing was taken during 2018/19, the Council also took the opportunity, in line with advice, to take longer term debt to take advantage of lower PWLB rates. The graph below shows the changes in the longer term PWLB borrowing rates during 2018/19:



- 6.4 In the 2018/19 strategy approved by Council in March 2018 it was also reported that the Council may reschedule debt where there is an opportunity to generate savings. However, changes in PWLB rate calculations have reduced the attractiveness of early repayments associated with rescheduling.

7.0 **BORROWING ACTIVITY AND RESULTS**

- 7.1 A summary of the Council's borrowing activity (excluding Finance Leases) can be seen in the table below:

	Opening Balance 1 st April 2018	Movement	Closing Balance 31 st March 2019	Average Debt	Total Interest	Weighted Average Interest
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	%
PWLB	109.297	59.400	168.697	122.831	5.518	4.49
Banks LOBOS	31.000	0	31.000	31.000	1.395	4.50
Banks Fixed Term	54.500	0	54.500	54.500	2.725	5.00

Local Authorities	76.000	1.000	77.000	77.324	0.672	0.87
Total	270.797	60.400	331.197	285.655	10.310	3.62

The average interest rate of debt as at 31st March 2019 was 3.34%.

7.2 A more detailed breakdown of PWLB long term borrowing undertaken during the year is set out below:

Date	Loan Type	PWLB Loan Amount	Period	Rate
		£M		%
22 nd November 2018	Maturity Rate (Infrastructure Rate)	4.400	10 years	1.97
22 nd November 2018	EIP(Certainty Rate)	20.000	10 years	1.76
7 th December 2018	EIP(Certainty Rate)	15.000	20 years	2.08
11 th March 2019	EIP(Certainty Rate)	10.000	10 years	1.67
21 st March 2019	EIP(Certainty Rate)	10.000	10 years	1.60
Total		59.400		

The EIP rate refers to the half yearly equal instalments of principal repayments of the loan.

7.3 Short term loans were taken to meet day to day cashflow requirements at an average rate of 0.87% during the year.

7.4 During the year there was no variance reported in the Council's Net Capital Financing Budget of £19.9m, despite the challenges faced with investment income and maintaining our low risk strategy.

7.5 There were no opportunities to further reduce the cost of our borrowing via rescheduling during the year.

8.0 ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL TREASURY POSITION AND PRUDENTIAL AND TREASURY INDICATORS

8.1 During the financial year 2018/19, the Council operated within its limits set out in the Prudential Code report approved in March 2018. Details of limits and actual performance are as follows:

		2018/19 Actual £
Capital Expenditure 18/19		121.149M
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as at 31 st March 2019		469.183M

Limit / Indicator	2018/19 Limit / Indicator	2018/19 Actual
Authorised Limit (£) (Limit beyond which borrowing is prohibited)	502.000M	331.657M (at highest point in year)
Operational Boundary (£) (Indicator to ensure Authorised Limit not breached)	326.000M	331.657M (at year end)
External Debt (£)	358.797M	331.197M
Other Long Term Liabilities	<u>0.450M</u>	<u>0.075M</u>
Sub total	359.247M	331.272M
Other : Finance Lease	<u>0.385M</u>	<u>0.385M</u>
Borrowing + Other Long Term Liabilities	359.632M	331.657M
Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream	4.65%	4.61%
Limit on Fixed Interest Rates	45% - 125%	85%
Limit on Variable Interest Rates	-25% - 55%	15%
Funds invested for greater than 1 year (£)	25M	4.75M
LOBO Limit	£50M / 20% of debt portfolio	£31M / 9% of debt portfolio
Maturity Structure of Fixed Rate Debt	Under 12 mths 0-70% 12 mths – 2 yrs 0-70% 2-5 years 0-60% 5-10 years 0-70% 10-20 years 0-90% 20-30 years 0-90% 30-40 years 0-90% 40-50 years 0-90%	Under 12 mths 14% 12 mths – 2 yrs 2% 2-5 years 6% 5-10 years 12% 10-20 years 3% 20-30 years 0% 30-40 years 63% 40-50 years 0%

8.2 Members will note that the Operational Boundary has been exceeded as at 31st March 2019. The 2018/19 Operational Boundary was set at the start of the financial year based on the probable external debt during the course of the year and actual borrowing can vary around this boundary during the 12 month period. As referenced previously, borrowing activity during the year was higher than estimated at the time the strategy and indicators were originally approved. Although gross debt was above the estimated Operational Boundary as at 31st March 2019, it remained well below the Authorised Limit of maximum borrowing.

9.0 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

9.1 The Council manages its investments in-house, investing during 2018/19 in line with the lender criteria as approved by Council on the 28th March 2018. Investment policy is governed by Welsh Government guidance.

9.2 The Council's temporary cash flows are currently being invested in the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility and other Government backed public sector bodies. The Council supplements this strategy with lending to organisations subject to S151 officer determination, following appropriate due diligence and subject to appropriate and acceptable security arrangements. This low risk strategy was determined balancing risk and return. It is acknowledged that low risk investment strategies result in lower investment returns.

9.3 A number of money market funds have been set up to provide further diversification options if the opportunity arises in the future. These accounts have not been used during 2018/19. Members will be kept informed of any changes as part of the Council's quarterly performance reports.

9.4 During the year, the Council has complied with the approved strategy and there have been no liquidity difficulties.

10.0 INVESTMENT ACTIVITY AND RESULTS

10.1 The following table shows the overall result of the investment activities undertaken by the Council:

	Interest Received	Average Cash Balance	Return on Investments	Benchmark Return
	£M	£M	%	%
Cash Balances	0.117	23.443	0.50	0.51

The benchmark return for Local Authority internally managed funds is the average 7-day LIBID rate.

- 10.2 The Economic Background section of this report set out the continuing challenging economic conditions during this period. As a result of these conditions and our low risk strategy, interest rates on investments remain low, although only slightly lower than the benchmark rate.

11.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The report provides an overview of the Council's Treasury Management activities during 2018/19 in line with the Strategy approved by Council in March 2018. As a result, no Equality Impact Assessment is required for the purposes of this report.

12.0 CONSULTATION

- 12.1 Following consideration by Council, this report will be presented to the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee in line with codes of practice and also the Terms of Reference for this Committee.

13.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 13.1 The financial results / implications of the Council's Treasury Management arrangements in 2018/19 have been incorporated into quarterly Performance Reports during the year and also reported to Council on 28th November 2018 as part of the 2018/19 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report.

14.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 14.1 The report ensures the Council complies with its legal duty under the Local Government Act 2003 and in doing so is in line with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

15.0 LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 15.1 This report evidences the progress made in delivering the Council's Corporate Plan – '*The Way Ahead*' in particular through supporting the 'Living Within Our Means' theme by pursuing optimum treasury management performance or return at the same time as managing associated risk.
- 15.2 The report also supports the Well-being of Future Generations Act in particular 'a globally responsible Wales' through responsible management and investment of the Council's resources.

16.0 CONCLUSION

- 16.1 The 2018/2019 financial year has continued to be challenging in relation to Treasury Management and this report highlights for Members that all related activities have operated effectively and within budgetary and prudential limits.

Other information:

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL 31st JULY 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

Item: 2018/19 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Background Papers

- 28th March 2018 Council meeting – Report: Treasury Management Strategy Incorporating Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators and MRP Statement for 2018/19. This report was also reported to the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 23rd April 2018.
- 28th November 2018 Council meeting – Report: 2018/19 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report. This report was also reported to the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 28th January 2019.

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

FOOD REGISTER WORKING GROUP

26th September 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee with the findings of the Food Register Scrutiny Working Group, which was established to deal with a 'Food Register in RCT' following the Notice of Motion that was considered by full Council at its meeting held on the 24th October 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee acknowledge the following recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Group:-

- 2.1 That a bespoke directory of food producers and suppliers is available online to be used by businesses and consumers to identify local food producers and source food products from within RCT;
- 2.2 That additional resources are provided within the Regeneration Service in respect of business engagement to ensure that the directory would meet and enhance business needs and to maintain the directory on an ongoing basis;
- 2.3 That the Web Development Team identify a suitable landing page for the directory and associated information and to develop an appropriate model;
- 2.4 That a specific marketing and publicity campaign is rolled out to support the directory in order to encourage participation; and,
- 2.5 That specific controls are incorporated into the directory to only allow participation by compliant businesses, such as businesses who have attained a minimum of a

three in respect of a food hygiene score, as referred to in paragraph 3.13 of the report.

2.6 The Working Group proposed for the above recommendations to be presented for consideration by the Cabinet. In doing so it acknowledged the possible revenue implications of the preferred option.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 On the 24th of October 2018, Full Council considered the following Notice of Motion to establish a Food Register in RCT and stood in the names of County Borough Councillors P. Jarman and E. Stephens:-

“We should all play our part in supporting our local economy and SME’s who make up the majority of it. In an effort to better support our local food production companies, this Council will create a food produce register. The register will list all local food and drink producers in the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf with the aim of encouraging and promoting an increase in the marketing and consumption of local produce, thereby supporting the local economy”.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/Council/2018/10/24/Minutes/Minutes24.10.18.pdf>

3.2 Following discussion, it was resolved to refer the Notice of Motion to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee i.e. Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee. At the meeting of the Committee on the 11th of December 2018, it was resolved to establish a Working Group to consider the Notice of Motion further and identify any recommendations:-

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/FinanceandPerformanceScrutinyCommittee/2018/12/11/Minutes/M11.12.18.pdf>

3.3 In order to advance the matter, the inaugural meeting of the Working Group was subsequently arranged for the 3rd of April 2019 with an invitation to all Members of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee together with the proposer and seconder of the Notice of Motion, Councillors P Jarman and E. Stephens respectively.

3.4 The Working Group Members consisted of County Borough Councillors J. Williams (Chair), E. Stephens, A. Fox, J. Elliott, R. Yeo and Co-opted Member Mr J. Fish.

3.5 At its inaugural meeting, the Working Group was presented with a report by the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services outlining the current arrangements for maintaining a register of food businesses in the County Borough and advised Members of the ways in which the information is currently being used by the Public Protection Service and Regeneration Service to promote local food businesses.

3.6 Following discussion, Members agreed that further clarification was needed from the proposer and seconder in respect of the aim and scope of the Notice of Motion.

- 3.7 Subsequently, a second meeting of the Working Group took place on the 24th of July 2019 and Members were presented with a second report from the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services outlining potential options for the creation of an online database of food businesses in the County Borough, which could promote local food producers and retailers.
- 3.8 Members of the Working Group were presented with three options:-
- To enhance the use of the statutory food premises register; or,
 - The creation of an online directory of food producers and suppliers in RCT; or,
 - To improve signposting and use of existing online resources.
- 3.9 The Working Group considered the benefits of each option and agreed that the creation of an online directory of food producers and suppliers in RCT would capture the spirit of the Notice of Motion and could be used by businesses and consumers across RCT to identify local food producers and source food products.
- 3.10 The Working Group acknowledged the current arrangements in place and it was established that no such directory exists at present. It was agreed that the statutory food register does not contain the type of information required to compile an online directory, such as product specific details, range of products, costs, and opening hours.
- 3.11 Members considered that the creation of a directory would require detailed project specification and business engagement to ensure that it would meet and enhance business needs and acknowledged that participation in the directory would be on a voluntary basis due to GDPR constraints. Ultimately, the Working Group acknowledged that participation may be low unless a specific marketing and publicity campaign was put in place to support the directory and encourage participation.
- 3.12 The Working Group agreed that the directory should only allow participation by compliant businesses and controls would need to be incorporated into the model e.g businesses must have attained a minimum of a 3 food hygiene score to be included in the directory. It was agreed that the directory would become out of date without regular ongoing maintenance and that additional resources would be required to maintain the register and ensure data accuracy.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The proposal within the Notice of Motion is to consider producing and maintaining an online directory of food producers and suppliers and the Working Group resolved to determine the feasibility of the options for the production of an online resource.
- 4.2 The Working Group acknowledged that the Council already maintains a statutory food business register and Members considered how to improve the information already available.
- 4.3 Ultimately, the Working Group agreed on the creation of an online directory of food producers and suppliers in RCT with a view to promoting and improving the economic growth of local food companies.

4.4 Following the conclusion of the Working Group, Members agreed that the proposed recommendations, as referred to in sections 2.1 to 2.5 of the report, have fully addressed the aim and scope of the Notice of Motion.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Equality and diversity implications will be considered as part of the Working Group's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 There are no consultation implications arising, as yet, from this report.

7. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and resource implications will be considered as part of the Working Group's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements

8. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

8.1 The proposals in this report are consistent with the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, in particular "Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work".

8.2 The outputs of the Strategy will also assist the Council contribute to the wellbeing goals that 'The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' has put in place:-

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A globally responsible Wales

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP
FOOD REGISTER IN RCT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEMOCRATIC
SERVICES.

26th September 2019.

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019-2020

**FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

26th September 2019

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATION –
CHRISTIAN HANAGAN**

Agenda Item No 6

**Engagement on the Council's
Budget 2020/21**

Author: Chris Davies (Consultation Manager)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Committee of the proposed approach to resident engagement and consultation in respect of the 2020/21 budget and updated Corporate Plan 2020-2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Consider the success achieved through last year's approach to the budget consultation, with our ongoing commitment to face to face engagement and increased use of our online tools.
- 2.2 Support the budget consultation process taking place during the autumn 2019, with the dates to be confirmed following clarification of the likely Welsh Government budget settlement timescales.
- 2.3 Consider the intention for the budget consultation to run alongside and complement a consultation on the Corporate Plan, linking in where appropriate

to avoid duplication, for example the events and forums will seek views on the budget as well as the corporate plan priorities.

- 2.4 Support the Council's statutory requirements regarding consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax levels will be met via the proposed approach.
- 2.5 To request that the Service Director Democratic Services & Communications, reports the comments and observations of the committee to the Council's Cabinet when agreeing the engagement activities of the Council to support the development of the budget strategy for 2020/21.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In previous years the Council has undertaken a comprehensive approach to its annual budget consultation, involving a large number of residents and key stakeholders.
- 3.2 The approach has developed to include a wide range of face to face events in the community across the County Borough, as well as the development of an online budget simulator which gives residents and service users the opportunity to set the budget themselves and engage in a more interactive way.
- 3.3 The number of people we have engaged with has increased as the methods of engagement have developed. The approach has seen the number of people involved in the process rise from 144 in 2016/17 to 1,560 for the 2018/19 budget setting process to over 4,000 people in last year's 2019/20 consultation.
- 3.4 The widespread approach we use and the range of views we capture provides senior managers and Cabinet with the necessary information they need to set the budget for the year ahead. In addition, we have found that the vast amount of information we collect can also be valuable for service managers to use for their service planning and development.
- 3.5 It is therefore proposed that the approach outlined in section 4 below is utilised for the 2020/21 budget consultation process.

4.0 PROPOSED APPROACH

- 4.1 The 2020/21 budget consultation will include:
- 4.2 The use of an online budget simulator providing information on the services the Council provides and the potential consequences of increasing or reducing funding to services to set a legally balanced budget.
- 4.3 The use of social media to provide information to residents and service users and encourage engagement and feedback regarding the Council's budget and investment areas.

- 4.4 An online survey to collect responses on Council investments, Corporate Plan priorities, Council Tax levels and the Council Tax Reduction scheme.
- 4.5 Face to Face town centre, library, community hub and leisure centre roadshows. A number of these community drop in events will give residents the opportunity to engage with and speak to Cabinet Members and senior officers regarding the Council's budget and investment priorities.
- 4.6 Engagement with young people via Rhondda Cynon Taf's county wide youth forum.
- 4.7 Engagement with older people via the Older Persons Advisory Group.
- 4.8 A presentation and collection of views at the Disability Forum.
- 4.9 Consultation with the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee and the School Budget Forum.
- 4.10 The proposed time-table will be considered by Cabinet, taking account of the Welsh Government Local Government Settlement time-line, to be confirmed in due course and the reporting requirements of the Council.
- 4.11 Members will be aware that the Council's Senior Leadership make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet in respect of a budget strategy. The opportunity is also provided for this committee to pre-scrutinise the proposed strategy in advance of Cabinet considerations. The proposals of Cabinet, which would include a proposed level of Council Tax, are then reported for agreement by all members at Full Council.
- 4.12 All members have already received the opportunity at Cabinet and through Full Council to engage in the ongoing work on the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

- 4.13 The proposed approach will ensure the Council's duty to consult regarding Council Tax and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme are met as well as providing residents and service users with the opportunity to feedback on the Council's investment priorities.

Corporate Plan Engagement

- 4.14 The Budget consultation will run alongside the corporate plan engagement. The Council launched its first Corporate Plan 'The Way Ahead' in 2016. We are now in a position where we need to consider 2020 onwards and a new Corporate Plan
- 4.15 Views will be captured via a new website that will provide detail of the proposed priorities and a set of key commitments that will provide a framework for the

Council to follow. In addition we will be linking the approach to the budget consultation and asking for views on the priorities at all the budget engagement events and Forum meetings, as well as including a number of questions in our online budget survey.

5.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Opportunities to get involved in the budget consultation will be provided via a range of methods including online, at accessible roadshow events and specific engagement for young people and older people. The consultation will also involve the Council's Disability Forum.
- 5.2 The online budget simulator is accessible on mobile phones and tablet devices and residents without internet access or smart phone/tablet devices can visit a local library to access the online budget simulator or request a hard copy of the budget consultation questionnaire.

6.0 CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 6.1 The recommendations outlined in the report seek to ensure a range of engagement opportunities are provided to residents and service users as part of the budget consultation process

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no financial implications directly aligned to this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to consult on Council Tax and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme which will be met under the revised approach to the budget consultation outlined.

9.0 LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 9.1 The budget setting process clearly impacts on the delivery of all Council services which contribute in turn to the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan priorities.
- 9.2 As discussed above, the consultation on the new Corporate Plan will run alongside the budget consultation and provide views that will be taken into account as part of developing a new Corporate Plan that will be introduced from 2020 onwards.

10.0 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The comprehensive approach undertaken in the last few years has led to increased engagement in the budget setting process through a more interactive and varied approach.
 - 10.2 The proposed approach for the 2020/21 budget consultation seeks to continue the positive approach, by ensuring that all residents and service users have every opportunity to provide feedback on these important issues including the updated Corporate Plan via a wide range of methods.
 - 10.3 The results of the consultation will be presented to senior officers and Cabinet Members early in the new year for their deliberations.
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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Author: Jim Bailey, Development Services Manager

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee's comments to be forwarded onto Cabinet in respect of the contents of the CIL Annual Monitoring Report including an extension of time to the approved strategic spend on Ffynnon Taf Primary School; amend the Regulation 123 List; and approve an exceptional circumstances policy for domestic extensions set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.15 below.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (1) Approve the CIL Annual Monitoring Report (Appendix A)
- (2) Approve the amended Regulation 123 List (Appendix B) for publication on the Council website for a period of 28 days and consultation as set out in paragraph 5.9
- (3) Approve the subsequent adoption of the amended Regulation 123 List if no adverse comments are received.
- (4) Endorse the approach that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) should no longer be applied to residential extensions and approve the exceptional circumstances policy for domestic extensions.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To enable the Council to continue to operate a Community Infrastructure Levy in accordance with the statutory regulations.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) require the Council to produce an **annual report detailing CIL income and expenditure** (Appendix A). Set out in paragraph 5.2 below is the details of the fourth of these annual reports since the Council introduced CIL in December 2014
- 4.2 The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) also require the Council to publish an Infrastructure List (known as the Regulation 123 List). The List should set out the infrastructure, which the Council considers it is likely to apply CIL revenue to.
- 4.3 At the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 July 2015, Members agreed the process for formulating, monitoring and revising the Regulation 123 list, which includes that the relevant Scrutiny Committee/Group review the operation of the list and consider the annual 123 list and annual CIL financial monitoring report and make recommendations to Cabinet where appropriate.

5.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

CIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE

- 5.1 The Regulations require that CIL income must be split into three parts:
- 80% to be applied to infrastructure to support growth of the Council's area (known as the 'Strategic CIL' and is to be spent on items on the Regulation 123 List).
 - 15% to be passed to the Community/Town Council in whose boundary the development that paid CIL is located for the provision of local infrastructure improvements of other measures that support the development of the area.
 - 5% to be applied towards implementation and ongoing administration.
- 5.2 The total CIL income received in 2018/19 was £301,043.83
- 80% as Strategic income = £242,789.54
 - 15% Local income = £43,202.07
 - 5% Administration income = £15,052.22

Strategic income carried forward from 2017//18 was £394,779.23
Balance of strategic CIL income £637,568.77

- 5.3 The **annual monitoring report** at Appendix A provides a breakdown of the CIL receipts received and the distribution of 15% of CIL receipts to Community/Town Councils.
- 5.4 There has been no expenditure of Strategic CIL income to date however, Cabinet agreed on 20th September 2018 to spend £395,000 of Strategic CIL on Ffynnon Taf Primary School with the work due for completion by autumn 2019. This project has been delayed as additional Welsh Government funding has been obtained to build a new community hall as part of the same project. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by autumn 2020 and will include a new build extension (4 classrooms and a hall) and refurbishments to the current school buildings for school and community use. The £395,000 Strategic CIL money is proposed to be spent by end 2020/21.

THE REGULATION 123 LIST

- 5.5 Whilst some amendments are needed to the Council's updated **Regulation 123 List** (considered at Cabinet on 21st November 2017) the broad thrust of the List remains the same in that it proposes highway and education projects that support and mitigate the growth anticipated through the Council's Local Development Plan.
- 5.6 There are four proposed changes to the highway projects part of the list. The first is to remove the part signalisation of the A473 Cross Inn roundabout as being no longer necessary, as the signalisation of the A473/A4119 roundabout has resolved the issues on the subject roundabout. The second is the removal of the A4119/B4595 signals – capacity enhancements due to the work having been undertaken in stages and is now complete (subject to some minor contract remedials). The third is to add Llanharan Community Route – which is the construction of new active travel routes to create a continuous link from Bridgend to Talbot Green. Routes to serve proposed new residential and commercial developments as well as existing facilities and trip attractors such as Llanharan railway station, local schools and employment sites. The fourth is to add Trefforest Industrial Estate – which is the construction of new active travel routes through the centre of Parc Nantgarw with links off this route to various facilities and trip attractors such as Coleg y Cymoedd and the new DWP offices.
- 5.7 There are no proposed changes to the education elements in the List.
- 5.8 Attached at Appendix C is a table, which sets out in detail what schemes have been removed, which have been added and the reasons for the change.
- 5.9 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the updated **Regulation 123 List** (Appendix B) for publication on the Council web-site for 28 days and if there are no adverse comments received then the 123 List can be adopted. It is further recommended the notification of the consultation be sent to all elected

Members, Town and Community Councils and to the Members of the Council's Developers Forum.

RESIDENTIAL EXTENSIONS

- 5.10 All new residential properties, including change of use and extensions of 100 square metres (gross internal area) or above to existing properties are required to pay a CIL levy. RCT's Charging Schedule sets a CIL rate of either £0 – zone 1, £40 – zone 2 or £85 – zone 3 per square metre for residential development including extensions to domestic properties.
- 5.11 An amendment to the CIL Regulations in February 2014 introduced an exemption to the CIL levy for residential extensions. This exemption applies where the applicant owns a material interest in the house, occupies the main house as their main residence and the extension is an enlargement of the main house and is not going to comprise a new dwelling.
- 5.12 CIL exemptions are not automatically applied and in order to qualify for the residential extension exemption the applicant/developer needs to make an application for CIL relief to the authority, once the Council has issued the liability notice. The authority will then notify the applicant/developer of the decision prior to them being able to commence development. There are very few circumstances when relief would not be granted but there is a considerable amount of time and paperwork associated with the collection /exemption of CIL for householder extensions.
- 5.13 Since implementing CIL on 31st December 2014 out of the 2,272 householder planning applications determined only 16 household applications (such as, extensions, detached garages and out buildings) have been approved and recorded as being liable for CIL. However, every householder application received has to be assessed to determine whether or not they are over 100 square metres to trigger CIL liability.
- 5.14 Of the 16 applications, which were CIL liable, 15 are complete, that is, self-build residential exemption claimed and approved and there is one case currently on going. To date no CIL has been paid for a household extension.
- 5.15 A CIL liable extension application involves checking the CIL form is completed correctly, measuring floor plans, updating back office systems, issuing notices and responding to queries, together with monitoring the CIL liable extensions for commencement of work, which is undertaken on a quarterly basis. Given that since the implementation of CIL in RCT, no CIL has been received to date from residential extensions this is not an effective use of officer time and does not represent best value for money for Council Tax payers. In addition, to the cost placed on the Council the requirement places a burden on applicants, as they are required to complete an additional form at the time of submitting their planning application and apply for CIL exemption prior to commencing work on site just for a house extension that in most cases places no additional burden on strategic infrastructure.

- 5.16 It is therefore recommended that an additional CIL policy is introduced from 1 January 2020 whereby the Council will not apply CIL to any domestic extension.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this financial report, however, the equality and diversity implications of any infrastructure schemes that will be funded by CIL will be considered in the development of those projects.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 As set out in paragraph 5.9 above.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

- 8.1 No additional budget requirements and the CIL receipts and spend for the year 2017/18 is set out at Appendix A.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The report and appendices have been prepared in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- 9.2 The CIL Regulations do not provide any discretion to waive the CIL charges for residential extensions. However, a contrary argument can be put forward that it is open to a local authority to waive a statutory charge provided it has acted reasonably in reaching that decision. The precedent for this has already been established at other CIL charging authorities in England.

10. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES / SIP / FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 10.1 Infrastructure funded through CIL will support the Building a Strong Economy and Creating Neighbourhoods Where People are Proud to Live and Work priorities in the Corporate Plan.

11.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 11.1 CIL receipts have been relatively low over the first four years of its implementation. This is partly as a result of development being undertaken in the first few years of the implementation of the Council's Charging Schedule being granted planning permission prior to CIL being implemented. It should also be noted that for those significant sites in CIL residential Charging zones

2 and 3 that are not already built or already benefiting from planning permission there are a few strategic sites that should be forthcoming in the near future. There are also a small number of sites that are unlikely to come forward in the near future due to significant deliverability and viability concerns. It is proposed to undertake a full review of the operation of CIL as part of the forthcoming review of the Council's Local Development Plan.

- 11.2 The minor changes to the Regulation 123 List are considered appropriate to assist in funding schemes that support growth in the County Borough.
- 11.3 In terms of the proposal to implement an exceptional circumstances policy for domestic extensions, it is considered that the officer time saved will outweigh any potential CIL Levy received.



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Regulation 62

Monitoring Report 2018/19

Regulation 62 – Monitoring Report 2018/19

Background

Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charges took effect on 31 December 2014 and the Council is both a CIL Charging and a CIL Collecting Authority. Regulation 62 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires CIL Charging Authorities to produce an annual report detailing CIL income and expenditure. This is Rhondda Cynon Taf's fourth annual report covering the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Allocation of CIL

CIL income is required to be allocated as follows:

- Up to 5% of CIL can be applied towards implementation and ongoing administration
- 15% of CIL is passed to the Community/Town Council in whose boundary the development that paid the CIL is located, for the provision of local infrastructure improvements or other measures to support the development of the area (referred to as local CIL).
- 80% of CIL is to be applied to strategic infrastructure to support the growth of the CIL Charging Authority's area (referred to as Strategic CIL).

Total CIL Income

Total CIL income in 2018/19 was £301,043.83

Details of each CIL receipt and how it is apportioned is attached at Appendix A.

Strategic 80% (to be spent on items on Regulation 123 List)

Strategic Income in 2018/19 was £242,789.54

Strategic income carried forward from 2017/18 was £394,779.23

Balance of Strategic CIL income £637,568.77

Local 15%

Local CIL income in 2018/19 was £43,202.07

Rhondda Cynon Taf has 12 Community/Town Council areas, which are Gilfach Goch, Hirwaun, Llanharan, Llanharry, Llantrisant, Llantwit Fardre, Pontyclun, Pontypridd, Rhigos, Taffs Well, Tonyrefail and Ynysybwl

Local CIL (15%) income received between 1st April 2018 and 30th September 2018 was £17,401.24 passed to the relevant Community/Town Council in October 2018

£25,800.83 received between 1st October 2018 and 31st March 2019 passed to the relevant Community/Town Council in April 2019.

Balance for areas where there is no Community/Town Council 2018/19 was £2,218.36

The amount passed to each Community/Town Council is set out in Appendix B.

Administration 5%

Administrative Income in 2018/19 was £15,052.22

Administrative income carried forward from 2017/18 was £24,600.59

Balance of Administration Income £39,652.81

CIL carried forward to 2019/20

The amount of CIL carried forward to 2019/20 is set out in the following table:

CIL CARRIED FORWARD	AMOUNT
Strategic CIL	£637,568.77
Local CIL	£25,800.83 (paid in April 2019) Areas where there is no Town/Community Council £2,218.36
Administrative CIL	£39,652.81

Appendix A –CIL INCOME RECEIVED IN 2018/2019

Date received	Planning Application Reference	Site Address	CIL Charge Development Type	Amount	Admin	Strategic	Local (Town Community Council)
03/04/18	17/0562	Phase 2A Duffryn Tce, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£4,355.81	£217.78	£3,484.66	£653.37
09/04/18	16/0501	Fir Tree Hollow, Castell-y- mwnws, Llanharry	Zone 3	£6,293.34	£314.68	£5,191.99	£786.67
02/05/18	16/0763	Danygraig, main Road, Tonteg	Zone 3	£10,719.25	£535.96	£8,575.40	£1,607.89
03/05/18	17/1359	Ynysangharad Surgery, Pontypridd	Zone 3	£314.31	£15.73	£251.42	£47.16
04/05/18	15/0733	Bryncae Stores and Post Office, Bridgend Road, Llanharan	Retail	£11,201.12	£560.05	£9,247.18	£1,393.89
04/05/18	17/0462	Land North Nant Arian, Church Village	Zone 3	£41,243.32	£2,062.17	£32,994.65	£6,186.50

03/05/18	17/1101	Nisa, Llantrisant Rd, Llantwit Fardre	Retail	£16,848.69	£842.42	£13,861.47	£2,144.80
11/05/18	16/0771	Former Hirwaun Nursery School site, Hirwaun	Retail	£24,507.45	£1,225.37	£19,605.96	£3,676.12
05/06/18	16/1269	11 Cwrt Pentwyn, Llantwit Fardre	Zone 3	£7,631.83	£381.58	£6,345.41	£904.84
28/09/18	17/0462	Land North Nant Arian, Church Village	Zone 3	£41,243.32	£2,062.17	£32,994.65	£6,186.50
04/10/18 and 21/03/19	17/1338	Land adj 26 Llywnmadoc St, Pontypridd	Zone 2	£17,350 and £2,500	£992.50	£16,255.00	£2,602.50
05/11/18	13/0633	Former Police Station site, Cardiff Road, Taffs Well	Zone 3	£5,145.24	£257.27	£4,116.18	£771.79
05/11/18	15/1616	Land adjacent Woodland Heights, Cemetery Road, Ty Rhiw, Taffs Well	Zone 3	£18,717.46	£935.88	£15,487.56	£2,294.02

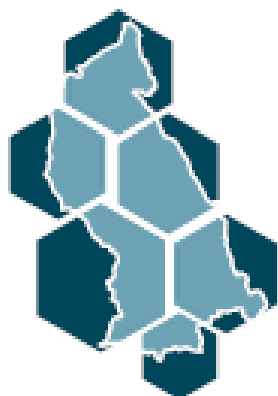
20/11/18	17/0562	Phase 2C Duffryn Tce, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£2,106.11	£105.31	£1,684.86	£315.94
09/01/19	17/0562/10	Phase 2d, Duffryn Terrace, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£2,106.11	£105.31	£1,684.86	£315.94
21/01/19	17/0462	Land North Nant Arian, Church Village	Zone 3	£41,243.32	£2,062.17	£32,994.65	£6,186.50
31/01/19	18/0663/10	5 Lionel Terrace, Rhydyfelin	Zone 2	£1,155.77	£57.79	£924.62	£173.36
21/02/19	18/0736/10	Former Hillside Club site, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£40,043.05	£2,002.15	£32,034.44	£6,006.46
28/02/19	17/0462	Phase 2c Duffryn Terrace, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£2,106.11	£105.31	£1,684.86	£315.94
28/02/19	17/0462	Phase 2b, Duffryn Terrace, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£2,106.11	£105.31	£1,684.86	£315.94
19/03/19	17/0462	Phase 2d, Duffryn Tce, Tonyrefail	Zone 2	£2,106.11	£105.31	£1,684.86	£315.94

*Note: Under Regulation 88, surcharges cannot be apportioned to community/town councils and must be split 5% administration and 95% strategic infrastructure.

Appendix B – CIL INCOME LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY/TOWN COUNCILS

Community/Town Council	15% received in 2018/19 to be passed to local council	Amount paid in October 2018	Amount paid in April 2019	Balance
Gilfach Goch	£0	££0	£0	£0
Hirwaun	£3,676.12	£3,676.12	£0	£0
Llanharan	£1,393.89	£1,393.89	£0	£0
Llanharry	£786.67	£786.67	£0	£0
Llantrisant	£0	£0	£0	£0
Llantwit Fardre	£23,217.03	£10,844.03	£12,373.00	£0
Pontyclun	£0	£0	£0	£0
Pontypridd	£2,823.02	£47.16	£2,775.86	£0
Rhigos	£0	£0	£0	£0
Taffs Well	£3,065.81	£0	£3,065.81	£0
Tonyrefail	£8,239.53	£653.37	£7,586.16	£0
Ynysybwl	£0	£0	£0	£0

Non-Community Council/Town Council area	£0	£0	£0	£2,218.36 (carried forward from 17/18) to be spent in Aberaman South Ward
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Regulation 123 List of Infrastructure
List Updated XXXXX 2019

In accordance with the requirement of Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) the following table comprises the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Infrastructure List. The list includes the infrastructure the Council considers it is likely to apply Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenue to:

Education Projects:

- New/additional education provision to serve the land at Mwyndy / Talbot Green;
- New/additional education provision to serve Trane Farm, Tonyrefail;
- New/additional education provision to serve Station Road, Church Village
- New/additional education provision to serve Taffs Well
- New/additional education provision at the former open cast site north of A473, Llanilid
- New/additional education provision at Ystrad Barwig Farm, Llantwit Fardre

Transportation Projects:

- Provision of the A473/A4119 Talbot Green to Ynysmaerdy Relief Road;
- A4119/A4093 roundabout, Tonyrefail – partial signalisation, widening of northbound approach, entry and circulatory widths and widening of the A4093 entry;
- A4059 southbound approach to Asda roundabout capacity enhancement
- Llanharan By-pass
- Cynon Gateway (A465)
- Mountain Ash Cross Valley Link
- South Coed Ely Link Dualling - upgrade the A4119 between Talbot Green and Coedely to dual carriageway standard
- A4119 Castell Mynach signalised junction
- Llanharan Community Route – Construction of new active travel routes
- Trefforest Industrial Estate – Construction of new active travel routes

Please note:

The Regulation 123 list is not prioritised and projects can be added to the list or removed at the discretion of the Council, subject to appropriate consultation.

The inclusion of a project or type of infrastructure on the list does not signify a commitment from the Council to fund (either in whole or part) the listed project or type of infrastructure. The order of the list does not imply any preference or priority

Infrastructure not contained within the Regulation 123 List may be required by developer contributions or in-kind via a section 106 agreement. Such contributions will accord with Regulation 122 and 123 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010

The proposed changes to the Council's Regulation 123 list are set out in the following table:

Infrastructure Requirement	Proposed Amendment	Reason For Amendment
Education Projects:		
New/additional education provision to serve the land at Mwyndy / Talbot Green;	To remain unaltered	N/A
New/additional education provision to serve Trane Farm, Tonyrefail	To remain unaltered	N/A
New/additional education provision to serve Station Road, Church Village	To remain unaltered	N/A
New/additional education provision to serve Taffs Well	To remain unaltered	N/A
New/additional education provision at the former open cast site north of the A473, Llanilid	To remain unaltered	N/A
New/additional education provision at Ystrad Barwig Farm	To remain unaltered	N/A
Transportation Projects:		
Partial signalisation of the A473 Cross Inn roundabout	Remove from list	No longer necessary as the signalisation of the A473/A4119 roundabout has resolved the issues that were arising on the subject roundabout
A4119/B4595 signals – provision of direct link between the A4119(n) and the B4595(e), removal of corresponding left turn at the junction and optimisation of the signals	Remove from list	Has been upgraded in stages and is now complete
Provision of the A473/A4119 Talbot Green to Ynysmaerdy Relief Road	To remain unaltered	N/A
A4119/A4093 roundabout, Tonyrefail – partial signalisation, widening of northbound approach, entry and circulatory widths and widening of the A4093 entry	To remain unaltered	N/A
A4059 Southbound approach to Asda roundabout – capacity enhancement	To remain unaltered	N/A

Llanharan By-Pass	To remain unaltered	N/A
Cynon Gateway (A465)	To remain unaltered	N/A
Mountain Ash Cross Valley Link	To remain unaltered	N/A
South Coed Ely Link Dualling - upgrade the A4119 between Talbot Green and Coedely to dual carriageway standard	To remain unaltered	N/A
A4119 Castell Mynach signalised junction	To remain unaltered	N/A
Llanharan Community Route – Construction of new active travel routes	Add to list	To create a continuous link from Bridgend to Talbot Green. Route to serve proposed new residential and commercial developments as well as existing facilities and trip attractors such as Llanharan railway station, local schools and employment sites
Trefforest Industrial Estate – Construction of new active travel routes	Add to list	Through the centre of Parc Nantgarw with links off this route to various facilities and trip attractors such as Coleg y Cymoedd and the new DWP offices



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Guidance Note 6: Exceptional Circumstances Relief – Updated xxxx

Domestic Extensions

In accordance with Regulation 42 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) residential extensions, under 100 square metres are exempt from CIL under the minor development exemption.

In accordance with Regulation 42A of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) people who extend their own homes are exempt providing the applicant owns a material interest in the house, occupies the main house as their main residence and the extension is an enlargement of the main house and is not going to comprise a new dwelling.

Regulation 42B sets out the procedure for residential extensions. Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's Cabinet approved on xxxxx that the Council ceases applying CIL to domestic extensions.

DOMESTIC EXTENSIONS POLICY

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council will not apply the Community Infrastructure Levy charge to domestic extensions.

This policy is effective from 1st January 2020 and applies to any domestic extension

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council is not making available relief for any other exceptional circumstances; however, this may be subject to a future review.