



**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

GWŶS I GYFARFOD PWYLLGOR

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Cyfarwyddwr Materion Cyfathrebu a Phennaeth Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau
Llywodraethol
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf
Y Pafiliynau Parc Hen Lofa'r Cambrian
Cwm Clydach, CF40 2XX

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DYMA WŶS I CHI i gyfarfod rhithwir o **GYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF** sydd i'w gynnal ar **DYDD MERCHER, 20 FED IONAWR, 2021** am **5.00 PM.**

AGENDA

Tudalennau

1. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT

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

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

2. CYHOEDDIADAU

3. COFNODION

Cadarnhau cofnodion o gyfarfod y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd ar 11 Tachwedd 2020 yn rhai cywir.

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LLYWODRAETHU AGORED:

4. DATGANIADAU

Yn unol â Rheol 2 o Weithdrefn Llywodraethu Agored Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor, derbyn datganiadau gan Arweinydd y Cyngor a/neu Gynghorwyr sy'n Aelodau Portffolio o'r Cabinet:

5. CWESTIYNAU GAN YR AELODAU

Derbyn cwestiynau'r Aelodau yn unol â Rheol 9.2 o Weithdrefn y Cyngor.

(**Nodwch:** Caniateir hyd at 20 munud ar gyfer cwestiynau.)

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RHAGLEN WAITH Y CYNGOR – ER GWYBODAETH I AELODAU

[Rhaglen Waith y Cyngor 2020/2021](#)

6. DIWEDDARIAD MEWN PERTHYNAS Â'R CORONAFEIRWS YN RHONDDA CYNON TAF

Derbyn datganiad sefyllfa mewn perthynas â'r Coronafeirws yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

ADRODDIADAU'R SWYDDOGION

7. CYLLIDEB REFENIW'R CYNGOR 2021/22 - SETLIAD LLYWODRAETH LEOL ARFAETHEDIG

Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol

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8. CYNLLUN GOSTYNGIADAU TRETH Y CYNGOR

Trafod adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol.

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9. PENDERFYNIADAU BRYD O DAN SWYDDOGAETHAU GWEITHREDOL

Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.

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10. RHYBUDD O GYNNIG

A. Trafod y Rhybudd o Gynnig isod sydd wedi'i gyflwyno yn enwau: Y Cynghorwyr P. Jarman, H. Fychan, S. Rees-Owen, M. Weaver, K. Morgan, D. Grehan, E. Griffiths, J. Williams, A. Cox, J. Davies, J. Cullwick, G. Davies, E. Webster, S. Evans, A. Chapman, E. Stephens a L. Jones,

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf

1. Yn cydnabod y ffaith drallodus bod 30% o blant yng Nghymru yn byw mewn tlodi ac eto dim ond 13% sydd â hawl i brydau ysgol am ddim. Mae hyn yn bennaf oherwydd bod yr 17% o blant sy'n weddill yn byw mewn cartrefi â chyflog isel, sy'n mynd â nhw ychydig dros y meini prawf presennol ar gyfer hawlio prydau ysgol am ddim.
2. Yn nodi bod Lloegr a'r Alban yn darparu prydau ysgol am ddim cynhwysol i ddisgyblion yn yr adran fabanod, gyda holl ddisgyblion y dosbarth Derbyn, Blwyddyn 1 a Blwyddyn 2 yn gymwys. Dydy hyn ddim yn wir yng Nghymru.
3. Yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i gymryd camau brys i bennu cost a chyllidebu'r gwaith o ddarparu Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i bob plentyn sy'n byw mewn tlodi yng Nghymru ond sydd wedi'u heithrio rhag hawlio prydau o dan y meini prawf cymhwysedd presennol, a rhoi hyn ar waith.
4. Yn cytuno na ddylai unrhyw blentyn fod yn llwglyd ac y dylai hyn fod yn gam tuag at y nod o gyflwyno Prydau Ysgol am Ddim Cynhwysol i bob plentyn yng Nghymru fel y mae grwpiau amrywiol yng Nghymru yn galw amdano, gan gynnwys Grŵp Gweithredu ar Dlodi Plant a Chynulliad y Bobl

11. MATERION BRYD

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

Cyfarwyddwr Materion Cyfathrebu a Phennaeth Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau Llywodraethol

At: Pob Aelod o'r Cyngor

tudalen wag

CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF

Cofnodion cyfarfod rhithwir y Cyngor a gafodd ei gynnal ddydd Mercher 11 Tachwedd 2020 am 5pm

Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol – Aelodau o'r Cyngor a oedd yn bresennol:-

Y Cynghorydd S Powderhill (Cadeirydd)

Y Cynghorydd M. Adams	Y Cynghorydd S Belzak
Y Cynghorydd R. Bevan	Y Cynghorydd H. Boggis
Y Cynghorydd J. Bonetto	Y Cynghorydd S. Bradwick
Y Cynghorydd J. Brencher	Y Cynghorydd A. Calvert
Y Cynghorydd G. Caple	Y Cynghorydd A Chapman
Y Cynghorydd A. Cox	Y Cynghorydd A. Crimmings
Y Cynghorydd J. Cullwick	Y Cynghorydd G. Davies
Y Cynghorydd L. De Vet	Y Cynghorydd M. Diamond
Y Cynghorydd J. Edwards	Y Cynghorydd J. Elliott
Y Cynghorydd S. Evans	Y Cynghorydd S. Evans
Y Cynghorydd M. Fidler Jones	Y Cynghorydd M. Forey
Y Cynghorydd A. Fox	Y Cynghorydd H. Fychan
Y Cynghorydd E. George	Y Cynghorydd D. Grehan
Y Cynghorydd E. Griffiths	Y Cynghorydd M. Griffiths
Y Cynghorydd J. Harries	Y Cynghorydd G. Holmes
Y Cynghorydd L. Hooper	Y Cynghorydd G. Hopkins
Y Cynghorydd P. Howe	Y Cynghorydd G. Hughes
Y Cynghorydd P. Jarman	Y Cynghorydd G. Jones
Y Cynghorydd L. Jones	Y Cynghorydd W. Jones
Y Cynghorydd R. Lewis	Y Cynghorydd W. Lewis
Y Cynghorydd C. Leyshon	Y Cynghorydd A. Morgan
Y Cynghorydd S. Morgans	Y Cynghorydd M. Norris
Y Cynghorydd D. Owen-Jones	Y Cynghorydd W Owen
Y Cynghorydd S. Pickering	Y Cynghorydd M. Powell
Y Cynghorydd S Powell	Y Cynghorydd S. Rees-Owen
Y Cynghorydd S. Rees	Y Cynghorydd A. Roberts
Y Cynghorydd J Rosser	Y Cynghorydd G. Stacey
Y Cynghorydd E Stephens	Y Cynghorydd G. Thomas
Y Cynghorydd W Treeby	Y Cynghorydd R. Turner
Y Cynghorydd L Walker	Y Cynghorydd M. Webber
Y Cynghorydd E. Webster	Y Cynghorydd D. Williams
Y Cynghorydd J. Williams	Y Cynghorydd T. Williams
Y Cynghorydd R. Yeo	

Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol

Mr C Bradshaw, Prif Weithredwr
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol
Mr C. Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu
Mr G. Isingrini, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran – Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant
Mr P Mee, Cyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd, a Gwasanaethau Cymuned
Mr N. Wheeler, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran – Ffyniant, Datblygu, a Gwasanaethau Rheng-flaen
Mr A. Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

43 Ymddiheuriadau

Cafwyd ymddiheuriad o absenoldeb gan Gynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol J R Davies, A Davies-Jones, K Jones, L Jones, K Morgan, M Tegg, M Weaver, G D Williams a C Willis.

44 Cyflwyniadau

Cafodd cyflwyniadau eu gwneud gan Arweinwyr y Grwpiau a oedd yn bresennol:-

Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol Sir M Webber (Yn absenoldeb Arweinydd y Grŵp - Dirprwy Arweinydd y Grŵp Llafur)

Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol P. Jarman (Grŵp Plaid Cymru)

Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M. Powell (Grŵp Annibynnol)

Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol L Hooper (Yn absenoldeb Arweinydd y Grŵp - Dirprwy Arweinydd y Grŵp Ceidwadol)

Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S. Belzak (Aelod Annibynnol)

45 Datganiad o Fuddiant

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, cafodd nifer o ddatganiadau o fuddiant eu gwneud ynglŷn â'r agenda:

Eitem 6 ar yr Agenda - Diweddariad Mewn Perthynas â'r Coronafeirws yn Rhondda Cynon Taf

- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis - "Mae fy mhartner yn gweithio i Garfan Brechu Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis - "Rwy'n wirfoddolwr ar gyfer Banc Bwyd Trussel Merthyr Tudful"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Powderhill - "Mae'n bosibl y bydd fy musnes yn gymwys i gael grant busnes"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Fidler Jones - "Fi oedd y swyddog arweiniol ar waith Gofal Canser Tenovus sy'n tynnu sylw at effaith y cyfyngiadau symud ar roi diagnosis o ganser"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G R Davies - "Rydw i wedi derbyn grant Covid-19 ar gyfer fy musnes"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G R Davies - "Rwy'n aelod o'r Clwb Tennis sydd hefyd wedi derbyn grant Covid-19"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G R Davies - "Rwy'n gwirfoddoli ar gyfer Banc Bwyd Cwm Rhondda a chyflwynais i gais ar gyfer y caffi yn y Capel"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Chapman - "Rydw i wedi derbyn grant Covid-19 ar gyfer fy musnes, 'The Wonder Stuff' yn Nhreorci"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Owen - "Rydw i wedi derbyn grant Covid-19 ar gyfer fy Eiddo Trwyddedig"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Jones - "Fi yw Cadeirydd y Llyfrgell"
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol E George - "Rwy'n wirfoddolwr ar gyfer Banc Bwyd Trussel Merthyr Tudful"

46 Atal Rheolau Sefydlog

Gwnaeth y Dirprwy Arweinydd ddatganiad mewn perthynas ag atal Rheol Trefniant 15.1 y Cyngor. Nododd, er mwyn ei gwneud yn haws cynnal y cyfarfod dros Zoom, fod Arweinwyr y Grwpiau wedi cytuno ymlaen llaw, lle y bydd pleidlais, bydd Arweinydd y Grŵp yn pleidleisio ar ran holl aelodau'r grŵp ar yr eitem.

Er mwyn rhoi'r gweithdrefnau diwygiedig ar waith, cynigiodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd atal Rheol Gweithdrefn 15.1 y Cyngor, sy'n nodi y bydd mater yn cael ei benderfynu os bydd mwyafrif ymhlith yr Aelodau sy'n pleidleisio ac sy'n bresennol yn yr ystafell adeg y bleidlais.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth **PENDERFYNWYD** atal Rheol Gweithdrefn 15.1 y Cyngor

47 Cofnodion

PENDERFYNODD y Cyngor gymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod, a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Medi, 2020, yn rhai cywir.

48 Cwestiynau gan yr Aelodau

Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hughes i'r Cynghorydd Powell, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu - Cyllid a Chyflawniad:

“Pa ystyriaethau ydy'r Pwyllgor Craffu ar faterion Cyllid a Chyflawniad yn eu rhoi i ganlyniadau ariannol tebygol Brexit Heb Gytundeb nes ymlaen eleni?”

Ymateb gan y Cynghorydd M Powell:

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Powell ei bod hi'n anodd rhagweld y goblygiadau ariannol posibl yn gywir oherwydd yr holl ansicrwydd mewn perthynas â Brexit, ac mae'n bosibl na fydd effaith Brexit yn cael ei themlo ar unwaith, er enghraifft, mae'n bosibl y bydd cost nwyddau yn cynyddu os ydyn ni'n wynebu tariffau Sefydliad Masnach y Byd. Mae hi hefyd yn anodd asesu'r effaith ar y Cyngor yma gan ei bod hi'n bosibl na fydd rhai cyflenwyr yn trosglwyddo cost unrhyw dariffau i'r Cyngor a chwsmeriaid. Mae'n bosibl y bydd rhywfaint o newid da a drwg o ran gwerth punt sterling, ac mae'n bosibl y bydd hi'n rhy anodd rhagweld hyn. Mae'n bosibl y bydd un gost yn gwrthbwysu'r llall neu y bydd effaith ddwbl wrth gyflwyno'r tariffau a gwerth sterling yn gostwng. O ganlyniad, mae modd i hyn arwain at gynnydd dau ddigid o ran cost nwyddau wedi'u mewnforio o'r UE a gallai hyn gael effaith ar weithwyr neu deuluoedd incwm isel sy'n gwario'r rhan fwyaf o'u hincwm ar fwyd a nwyddau.

Mae'r Cyngor yn cadw llygad ar yr holl faterion sy'n ymwneud â Brexit ac yn aelod o Weithgor Brexit CLILC. O ran y goblygiadau ehangach, mae'r Cyngor yn cyfathrebu â chynifer o fusnesau ag sy'n bosibl er mwyn rhannu cyfarwyddyd clir gan LC ac yn diweddar gwefan y Cyngor.

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Powell y byddai'n rhannu manylion ei ddatganiad a'i hyperddolenni perthnasol. Bydd ymgyrch cyfryngau cymdeithasol hefyd yn cael ei lansio'r wythnos yma. Bydd yr ymgyrch yn canolbwyntio ar godi ymwybyddiaeth ar gyfer busnesau a Chynllun Preswlydd Sefydlog i Ddinasyddion yr UE. Bydd y Cabinet hefyd yn trafod yr adroddiad yn ystod ei cyfarfod ar 17 Tachwedd 2020 ac yn rhoi'r newyddion diweddaraf ar y gwaith

sy'n cael ei gyflawni ar draws y Cyngor er mwyn paratoi ar gyfer Brexit"

Cwestiwn atodol gan y Cynghorydd G Hughes:

"Mae'n amlwg eich bod chi, yn rhan o'ch rôl fel Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu ar faterion Cyllid a Chyflawniad, yn gweld y bydd Brexit Heb Gytundeb yn cael effaith negyddol sylweddol ar RCT. Rwy'n rhannu'ch pryderon ynghylch yr effaith niweidiol posibl y bydd Brexit heb Gytundeb yn ei chael ar ein heconomi. Tybed sut y bydd modd i chi, a chithau'n Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu ar faterion Cyllid a Chyflawniad gysoni eich barn â'ch rôl fel Arweinydd Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT sy'n cynnwys aelod cofrestredig o'r Blaid Brexit ac un arall sydd o blaid Brexit "

Ymateb gan y Cynghorydd Powell:

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Powell fod unigolion yn unigolion ac na fyddai'n pennu barn ei aelodau ac mae ystod eang o safbwyntiau o fewn y Grŵp. Mae gan y Grŵp ddealltwriaeth dda o'r effeithiau y bydd penderfyniadau yn eu cael ar drigolion y Fwrdeistref ac mae'r Pwyllgor Craffu ar faterion Cyllid a Chyflawniad yn eu rhannu nhw ag aelodau Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT.

Cyfeiriodd y Cynghorydd Powell at effaith treth y Cyngor yn dilyn canlyniad Brexit, sy'n cyfateb i 20% o gyllideb y Cyngor, gyda £49miliwn yn cael ei gasglu gan ardal Taf Elái, £27miliwn yng Nghwm Rhondda a thua £26.5miliwn yng Nghwm Cynon. Holodd y Cynghorydd Powell sut y byddai modd i'r Cyngor ofyn i'r trigolion hynny dalu Treth y Cyngor gan ystyried costau bywyd bob dydd sy'n cynyddu.

Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Brencher i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Gwasanaethau Cymuned i Oedolion a'r Gymraeg, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G.Hopkins:

"A oes modd i'r Cyngor rannu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ar y cynnydd sydd wedi cael ei wneud ar y cyfleuster gofal ychwanegol ym Mhontypridd? "

Ymateb gan y Cynghorydd G.Hopkins:

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Hopkins fod y gwaith ar gyfleuster newydd Cwrt yr Orsaf sydd â 60 fflat wedi dechrau yn Haf 2019 ac mae'r Cyngor yn parhau i weithio'n agos â Link Cymru, y Gymdeithas Tai a'i gontractwr Jehu gan gydymffurfio â chanllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru a Construction Leadership mewn perthynas â mesurau cadw pellter cymdeithasol. Mae'r gwaith adeiladu wedi parhau i fynd rhagddo ac mae cynnydd da wedi'i wneud ar y cynllun. Mae'r gwaith ar y strwythur dur concriid a'r strwythur ysgafn wedi cael ei gwblhau ac mae cynnydd da yn cael ei wneud ar waith y tu fewn i'r adeilad. Gwaith mewnol sy'n cael ei gwblhau'n bennaf ar hyn o bryd, a bydd y dyddiad cwblhau sydd wedi cael ei ragweld, mis Awst 2021, yn cael ei adolygu'n rheolaidd. "

Cwestiwn atodol gan y Cynghorydd J. Brencher:

"Sut bydd y gymuned ehangach a thrigolion Pontypridd a'r Graig yn elwa o'r cyfleuster?"

Ymateb y Cynghorydd G Hopkins:

"Roedd y Cynghorydd G Hopkins yn gobeithio y bydd y cyfleusterau Gofal

Ychwanegol yn cael eu hystyried yn rhan o'r gymuned nid fel cyfleusterau ar wahân. Cyfeiriodd at y modelau Gofal Ychwanegol ym Maes-y-ffynnon a safle Tŷ Heulog, sydd eisoes wedi'i sefydlu, er mwyn rhoi enghreifftiau o'r manteision y mae'r ddau yn eu cynnig i'r gymuned. Mae gan safle Maes-y-ffynnon siop trin gwallt, caffi, ystafell therapi, ystafell fyw, ystafell weithgareddau, maes parcio a gardd sy'n cael ei chynnal yn rhan o bartneriaeth ag Ysgol Gynradd Blaen-gwawr, sy'n hyrwyddo cyfleoedd i bobl ifainc gwrdd â phobl hŷn. Bydd Cwrt yr Orsaf yn cynnwys nifer o gyfleusterau tebyg megis siop trin gwallt, mannau bwyta a chegin ac ystafelloedd byw. Bydd y cyfleuster yn canolbwyntio ar sicrhau annibyniaeth a chefnogi trigolion i fod yn rhan o'r gymuned, nid ar wahân iddi."

Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Powell i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan:

"A fyddai modd i Arweinydd wneud datganiad ar y cynnydd y mae'r Cyngor wedi'i wneud ar waith trwsio'r Bont Wen ym Mhontypridd os gwelwch yn dda?"

Ymateb gan y Cyngorydd A. Morgan:

"Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod 3 phont ym Mhontypridd wedi cael eu difrodi yn ystod Storm Dennis a rhoddodd yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud ar bob pont. Mae Centergrade wedi cael ei benodi'n gontractwr ar gyfer Pont Parc Ynysangharad, mae'r gwaith wedi dechrau ac mae'r bont wedi cael ei chodi a'i gosod yn y parc, dylai'r bont gael ei symud yn ôl erbyn diwedd mis Ionawr, dechrau mis Chwefror 2021. Mae Pont Castle Inn wedi dioddef difrod mawr ac mae'n bosibl y bydd angen dymchwel y bont. Mae archwiliad wedi cael ei gyflawni gan beirianwyr ond mae'n debygol y bydd angen dymchwel y bont. Mae peirianwyr cymwys wedi archwilio'r Bont Wen ac yn gweithio arni i asesu a oes modd codi'r bont ac a yw'n ddigon diogel i weithio arni gan fod 85% o strwythur y bont wedi'i ddifrodi yn ystod y stormydd. Mae sefyllfa'n cael ei monitro'n wythnosol. Cyn y storm, roedd pob pont yn cael ei harchwilio bob blwyddyn a phrif archwiliad yn cael ei gynnal unwaith bob 6 blwyddyn ac yn unol â'r canllawiau.

Cwestiwn atodol gan y Cyngorydd M Powell:

"A oes adroddiadau eraill sy'n dangos pa waith sydd wedi cael ei gyflawni ar y Bont Wen mewn perthynas â'r strwythur a sgwrio nad oedd wedi digwydd ar un diwrnod yn unig? Byddai nifer o drigolion yn hoffi gweld y bont yn ailagor fel llwybr i gerddwyr neu lwybr beicio ond mae yna broblemau hefyd ar Heol Berw, sy'n effeithio ar iechyd a lles trigolion yr ardal. A yw'r Arweinydd wedi ystyried y cynlluniau cynharach o 2001 mewn perthynas â gosod ffordd gyswllt ar draws y cwm o ardal Glyn-coch i'r A470 neu newid y system draffig fel bod modd troi i'r chwith yn unig er mwyn lleihau'r traffig (roedd y Cyngorydd Powell wedi diolch i'r Arweinydd am drefnu bod camerau cyflymder yn cael eu gosod)?"

Ymateb gan y Cyngorydd A. Morgan:

"Dywedodd yr Arweinydd nad oes unrhyw gynlluniau ar y gweill i archwilio'r opsiwn ar gyfer ffordd gyswllt oherwydd diffyg cyllid sydd ar gael yn y Rhaglen Gyfalaf a'r amser sydd ar gael i brynu tir ac adeiladu. Yr opsiwn sy'n cael ei ffafrio gan y Cyngor yw trwsio'r bont fel bod modd ei hailagor ond os nad oedd hynny'n bosibl, byddai'r Cyngor yn edrych ar osod strwythur newydd, mae trafodaethau'n parhau gyda LIC ynghylch cyllid ar gyfer gwaith trwsio a gosod

pont newydd. Bydd yr adroddiad terfynol yn cael ei gwblhau yn ystod y 4-6 wythnos nesaf, yna bydd modd i'r Cabinet benderfynu naill ai fwrw ymlaen â'r gwaith trwsio neu osod pont newydd a phenodi contractwyr sifil er mwyn cychwyn y gwaith. I gloi, cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd fod y difrod sgwrio wedi digwydd yn ystod Storm Dennis a does dim byd yn awgrymu bod y difrod wedi digwydd cyn y storm ond cytunodd yr Arweinydd i ddarparu rhagor o wybodaeth i'r Cynghorydd Powell"

Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R K Turner i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan:

"A oes modd i Arweinydd y Cyngor amlinellu'r cynnydd sydd wedi cael ei wneud mewn perthynas â datblygu ffordd osgoi Llanharan os gwelwch yn dda?"

Ymateb y Cynghorydd A Morgan:

"Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Morgan fod £1.1 miliwn wedi cael ei ddyrannu ar gyfer y Rhaglen Gyfalaf ar 24 Medi 2020. Mae hyn yn golygu bod cyllid gwerth £2,775.000 ar gael ar gyfer y cynllun, sy'n cynnwys cyllid y Cyngor a chyllid gan Gronfa Trafnidiaeth Leol Llywodraeth Cymru ac mae'n cynrychioli un o'r prosiectau strategol a fydd yn cael eu cyflawni. Mae'r Cyngor yn bwrw ymlaen ag un rhan o'r prosiect, bydd y Datblygwr Tai yn cyflawni'r rhan ganol ar y safle. Bydd cais cynllunio yn cael ei gyflwyno erbyn y gwanwyn a bydd proses ymgynghori cyn-gynllunio yn cael ei chynnal cyn hynny. Bydd y ffordd osgoi ar agor i'r cyhoedd erbyn 2025".

Cwestiwn atodol gan y Cynghorydd R Turner:

"A oes modd i'r Arweinydd ddarparu cadarnhad ynglŷn â rhan ganol y ffordd osgoi, a fydd yn cael ei hadeiladu gan y datblygwyr i gyd-fynd â thŷ rhif 801, sy'n rhan hollbwysig o gynllun y Ffordd Osgoi. Allwch chi ddweud beth sy'n cael ei wneud i sicrhau nad yw hyn yn achosi oedi mewn perthynas â'r ffordd osgoi? "

Ymateb gan y Cynghorydd A. Morgan:

"Dywedodd y Cynghorydd A Morgan y byddai bwrw ymlaen â'r cynllun fel un cynllun parhaus yn rhoi sicrwydd o ran yr amseru ac o ran y broses gaffael. Ar hyn o bryd, mae'r Cyngor yn edrych ar y trefniadau cyfreithiol gyda'r Datblygwr Tai. Bydd hyn yn rhoi sicrwydd i ni o ran y pwynt cychwyn ar gyfer y cyllid, bydd hyn yn ein caniatáu ni i fwrw ymlaen â'r cynllun. Erbyn dechrau'r gwanwyn bydd gennym ddyddiad mwy diffiniol a bydd modd cyflwyno cais cynllunio. "

49 Rhaglen Waith y Cyngor 2020/21

Rhannodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth - Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu'r newyddion diweddaraf mewn perthynas â Rhaglen Waith y Cyngor ar gyfer 2020/21. Rhoddodd wybod fod y Cyngor yn cynnig cynnal Dadl yr Arweinydd yn gynnar yn y Flwyddyn Newydd er mwyn trafod nifer o faterion pwysig eraill yn ystod y cyfarfod ar 25 Tachwedd. Mae manylion ynghylch y sesiwn Paratoi ar gyfer y Gaeaf wedi cael eu rhannu ymlaen llaw. I gloi, cadarnhaodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y byddai'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn mynychu cyfarfod y Cyngor ar 16 Rhagfyr.

50 Diweddariad mewn perthynas â'r Coronafeirws yn Rhondda Cynon Taf

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod diweddariad mewn perthynas â Covid wedi'i

ddarparu ym mhob cyfarfod o'r Cyngor dros y ddau fis a hanner diwethaf. Bydd diweddariad pellach yn cael ei ddarparu ar 25 Tachwedd. Cadarnhaodd fod trafodaethau yn parhau gyda LIC ynghylch posibiladau cynllun profi torfol i benderfynu ai hwn yw'r ffordd ymlaen. Mae'r awdurdod lleol yn cynnal trafodaethau gyda Bwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg ynghylch rhaglen frechu a hefyd gyda chynllunwyr y fyddin. Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd y byddai'r awdurdod lleol yn darparu pa bynnag adnoddau sydd eu hangen i sefydlu canolfannau brechu a byddai gwasanaethau'n cael eu newid neu eu cau i alluogi rhaglen frechu pe byddai'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud mai dyna oedd y ffordd orau ymlaen. Byddai cefnogi'r Fyddin a'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn flaenoriaeth ar gyfer yr Awdurdod Lleol.

Pwysleisiodd yr Arweinydd y neges iechyd cyhoeddus y mae angen ei dilyn o hyd yn dilyn y cyfnod atal byr o bythefnos, gwisgo gorchuddion wyneb, golchi dwylo a chadw pellter cymdeithasol ac anogodd yr Aelodau i fanteisio ar y dylanwad sydd gyda nhw ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol i atgoffa trigolion i beidio â chysylltu ag eraill yn ormodol, lleihau nifer y teithiau maen nhw'n eu gwneud ac aros yn lleol. Cafodd y cyfnod atal byr effaith sylweddol ar nifer yr achosion positif, ond mae'n bosibl y bydd nifer yr achosion yn cynyddu eto.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod am farwolaeth drist aelod o staff arall o ganlyniad i covid-19 ac roedd yn dymuno estyn ei gydymdeimlad i'r teulu ar ran pob Aelod.

Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd fod adran gyllid y Cyngor yn parhau i dalu grantiau cymorth i fusnesau, mae'r adran wedi bod yn prosesu'r grantiau cyn gynted ag sy'n bosibl. Mae £3miliwn wedi cael ei dalu hyd yn hyn, er bod rhywfaint o ddryswch wedi bod ynghylch pa grantiau y mae modd gwneud cais amdany'n nhw'n ddiweddar. Anogodd fusnesau lleol i ddilyn y canllawiau sydd ar wefan y Cyngor er mwyn dod o hyd i'r wybodaeth berthnasol mewn perthynas â'r gwahaniaethau rhwng y grantiau sy'n berthnasol iddyn nhw. Mae cymorth ychwanegol hyd at £15,000 wedi bod ar gael i'r Banciau Bwyd yn ystod y cyfnod atal byr, ac mae'r Cyngor wedi comisiynu cymorth iechyd meddwl gwerth £10,000.

Yn rhan o gyflwyniad power point, dangosodd y Cyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned yr Ardaloedd Cynnyrch Ehangach Haen Is sydd hefyd yn dangos yr ardaloedd hynny lle mae'r nifer uchaf o achosion coronafeirws a hefyd yn dangos lleoliad y canolfannau profi teithiol, sydd wedi'u lleoli'n agos at yr ardaloedd hynny sydd â'r cyfraddau uchaf er mwyn gwella hygyrchedd i'r canolfannau ac annog trigolion i gael prawf os ydyn nhw'n sâl. Mae'r safleoedd yn cael eu hadolygu a'u hadleoli'n rheolaidd ble'n addas.

Roedd rhan arall o'r cyflwyniad yn dangos nifer yr achosion positif sydd wedi'u cadarnhau bob dydd dros y 2 wythnos ddiwethaf yn ardal Cwm Taf Morgannwg, ac mae'r rhain wedi'u dadansoddi i ddangos nifer yr achosion ym mhob Awdurdod Lleol. Roedd y sleid nesaf yn dangos bod nifer yr achosion yn gostwng ar hyn o bryd yn dilyn y cyfnod atal byr ac yn ystod yr wythnos ddiwethaf mae nifer yr achosion wedi dechrau arafu ac yn dechrau gostwng.

Dangosodd y sleid nesaf y cyfraddau o achosion positif yn ystod yr un cyfnod, mae'r rhain yn cynrychioli cyfran y bobl sy'n mynd am brawf ac sy'n cael canlyniad positif. Po uchaf yw'r gyfradd o achosion positif, y mwyaf tebygol yw hi bod mwy o achosion yn y gymuned. Mae'r gyfradd o achosion positif wedi

parhau i fod yn uchel yn RhCT ac ar draws y rhanbarth, ond mae gostyngiad wedi bod yn y gyfradd o achosion positif, dros y 7 diwrnod diwethaf y gyfradd o achosion positif ar gyfartaledd yw 23.3%.

Dangosodd y sleid nesaf y gyfradd o achosion positif ar draws y rhanbarth yn ôl grŵp oedran ac mae'n dangos bod y grŵp oedran 40-49 yn profi'r nifer uchaf o achosion positif, ond mae nifer yr achosion wedi'i rannu'n weddol gyfartal ar draws y grwpiau gwahanol. Mae proffil oedran Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr ychydig yn wahanol ac mae'n dangos bod niferoedd uwch o achosion positif ymhlith y grwpiau oedran iau.

Dangosodd y sleid nesaf y duedd wythnosol mewn perthynas â marwolaethau Covid-19 yn ystod y Pandemig yn ardal Cwm Taf Morgannwg ac sydd wedi'u cyhoeddi, mae'r rhain wedi'u nodi yn ôl lleoliad. Mae hyn yn berthnasol i'r cyfnod rhwng mis Mawrth a diwedd mis Hydref, ac mae effaith y don gyntaf o'r haint yn amlwg. O fis Gorffennaf hyd at ddechrau mis Medi roedd nifer isel o farwolaethau yn gysylltiedig â covid ond mae effaith y pandemig yn amlwg o ganol mis Medi ymlaen. Mae nifer y marwolaethau o'i gymharu â'r don gyntaf yn is ond mae'r gyfran uchaf o farwolaethau yn ystod yr wythnosau diwethaf wedi digwydd mewn ysbytai.

Roedd y sleid olaf yn dangos cyfanswm yr achosion dros y 7 diwrnod diwethaf fesul 100,000 o bobl. Y cyfnod dan sylw yw 15 Medi hyd at 8 Tachwedd, ac mae'n dangos cynnydd cyson yn nifer yr achosion ac yna cynnydd sydyn hyd at ddiwedd mis Tachwedd. Yn ystod y diwrnodau diwethaf, mae gostyngiad wedi bod yn nifer yr achosion. Mae'n bosibl y bydd cyfyngiadau'r Cyfnod Atal Byr dros y pythefnos diwethaf yn dangos effaith y mesurau hynny. Mae'n galonogol gweld bod y duedd yma o ostyngiad yn nifer yr achosion positif i'w gweld ledled Cymru. Cyfradd yr achosion positif yn RhCT heddiw yw 400 fesul 100,000, sy'n is na'r gyfradd yr wythnos ddiwethaf.

I gloi, rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr drosolwg o waith y Garfan Orlhain Cysylltiadau yn RhCT sydd hefyd yn darparu'r gwasanaeth ar gyfer rhanbarth Cwm Taf Morgannwg. Ers mis Mehefin 2020, cafodd y gwasanaeth wybod am 9,114 o achosion, mae hyn yn cynrychioli 23% o gyfanswm yr achosion yng Nghymru. Mae'r garfan wedi llwyddo i gysylltu â 97% o'r unigolion, gan gysylltu â 78% o unigolion o fewn y 48 awr cyntaf. Mae hyn yn cymharu'n ffafriol â chyfartaledd Cymru, sef 75%. Yn ystod yr un cyfnod, roedd dros 28,000 o gysylltiadau'n gysylltiedig â'r 9000 o achosion hynny. Rydyn ni wedi cysylltu â 90% o'r rheiny'n llwyddiannus, ac roedd 78% o'r rheiny o fewn 48 awr. Mae hyn yn cymharu'n ffafriol â chyfartaledd Cymru, sef 73%. Mae'r cyflawniad, ar y cyfan, wedi bod yn eithriadol.

Rhoddwyd y cyfle i Arweinwyr Grwpiau ofyn cwestiynau i Gyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned.

Y Cynghorydd P Jarman – Arweinydd Grŵp Plaid Cymru

Rhoddodd y Cynghorydd P Jarman glod i'r Garfan Orlhain Cysylltiadau. Nododd y Cynghorydd Jarman ei bod yn gwaredu at y rhai sy'n gwadu Covid tuag at y teulu a gollodd 3 aelod o'r teulu yn ddiweddar o ganlyniad i Covid-19.

O ran yr achosion y soniodd y Cynghorydd Jarman amdany'n nhw ddoe, roedd 55 o achosion positif newydd ddoe ac mae 155 o achosion positif newydd heddiw. Felly, mae cynnydd a gostyngiad i'w gweld yn nifer yr achosion newydd

ac mae'n anodd i'r cyhoedd rannu optimistiaeth y Cyfarwyddwr o ran y cynnydd yn nifer yr achosion positif. Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd, os bydd yn dod i'r amlwg, a fydd y profi torfol yn drefniant lleol neu'n ddarpariaeth ledled y DU? Ym mis Ebrill, dim ond 40 o brofion a gafodd eu cynnal yn y ganolfan brofi yn Abercynon a ddisgrifiwyd yn ganolfan profi torfol.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd a fyddai modd i'r Cyfarwyddwr egluro'r gyfraith o ran gwisgo masgiau gan fod trefniadau cenedlaethol disodli trefniadau lleol.

Cadarnhaodd y Cyfarwyddwr fod gofyniad o hyd i wisgo gorchuddion wyneb mewn mannau cyhoeddus penodol ac anogir pobl eu gwisgo nhw mewn rhai amgylchiadau, megis gyrwyr bysiau, er nad yw'n ofyniad cyfreithiol, ac mewn lleoliadau gwaith ac amgylcheddau risg uchel lle mae'n hanfodol gwisgo CDP. Cadarnhaodd y Cyfarwyddwr y byddai'n rhannu'r canllawiau mewn perthynas â gochuddion wyneb yn dilyn y cyfarfod.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod mai'r rhif pwysig o ran y cyfraddau y soniodd y Cynghorydd Jarman amdany'n nhw yw'r rhif cyfartaledd treigl 7 diwrnod a'r cyfraddau dyddiol o ran achosion positif. Heddiw, mae'r cyfraddau 7 diwrnod o ran achosion positif yn dangos bod gan RCT gyfradd o 30% sydd bellach wedi gostwng i 24%, sef gostyngiad o 6% yn y gyfradd o ran achosion positif. Yn dilyn y cyfnod atal byr, disgwylir y bydd gostyngiad yn y cyfraddau cyn iddyn nhw ddechrau cynyddu.

Y Cynghorydd M Powell – Arweinydd Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT

O'r graffiau rydyn ni wedi'u gweld, does dim mannau tywyll sy'n dangos y niferoedd uchel o achosion Covid-19 yn Ysbyty Brenhinol Morgannwg na weithredodd ei gynllun 15 pwynt. Mae'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn rhannu nifer y marwolaethau o drigolion sy'n dal Coronafeirws, neu sydd wedi marw o ganlyniad i Coronafeirws, mewn ysbyty yn ôl eu mannau preswyllo.

Oes modd i'r Cyngor helpu Heddlu De Cymru i ddal yr unigolion hynny a oedd yn rhan o'r digwyddiad o drais ar Noson Tân Gwylt yn Rhydyfelin a arweiniodd at anafu Swyddog yr Heddlu?

Croesawodd y Cynghorydd Powell y cynllun profi torfol i reoli'r feirws.

Y Cynghorydd L Hooper – Dirprwy Arweinydd y Grŵp Ceidwadol

Rhoddodd y Cynghorydd Hooper ddiolch i Gyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned am adroddiad cynhwysfawr a chroesawodd y cyfle i ofyn cwestiynau i'r Bwrdd Iechyd pan oedd yn bresennol yng nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Rhagfyr.

Y Cynghorydd S Belzak – Grŵp Annibynnol

Nododd y Cynghorydd Belzak fod y data ar farwolaethau ledled ardal Cwm Taf Morgannwg yn dangos bod y clefyd yma'n dymhorol. Roedd cynnydd yn nifer y marwolaethau ym mis Ebrill, gan ostwng i bron i sero ym mis Mehefin, Gorffennaf ac Awst, ac yn cynyddu'n raddol eto. Ychwanegodd trwy nodi ein bod ni yn y tymor o salwch anadlol ac mae gostyngiad o 98% yn nifer yr achosion o'r ffliw. Nododd y Cynghorydd Belzak fod y feirws wedi dod yn salwch tymhorol a dydy rhoi mesurau eithafol ar yr economi ddim yn ymateb addas.

Yn ôl data DU gyfan o ran nifer y marwolaethau gartref, mae nifer sylweddol o farwolaethau nad oes modd eu priodoli i Covid-19. Nododd y Cynghorydd Belzak nad yw pobl bellach yn cael triniaeth ar gyfer salwch difrifol megis strôc neu drawiad ar y galon, ac mae angen mynd i'r afael â hyn.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd W Owen a oes gan y Cyngor ddigon o adnoddau yn ei Adran Drwyddedu i fynd i'r afael â phroblemau cynyddol o achosion o beidio â chydymffurfio mewn tafarnau yn dilyn y newid i'r rheoliadau fel bod modd i hyd at 4 aelwyd gwrdd?

Ymatebodd yr Arweinydd i nifer o ymholiadau a chadarnhaodd, mewn perthynas â brigiadau Ysbyty Brenhinol Morgannwg Bwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf, fod manau ychwanegol yn cael eu defnyddio er mwyn cadw'r rheiny sydd â Covid-19 ar wahân. Aeth ymlaen i nodi nad yw nifer y marwolaethau mewn ysbytai yn cael ei gofnodi ar y mapiau a gafodd eu dangos yn gynharach. Mae cyfanswm y marwolaethau mewn ysbytai yn cyfateb i lai na 3% o'r cyfanswm cyffredinol. Cyfanswm yr achosion mewn ysbytai yw tua 200 ond wrth roi cyd-destun, cofnododd RhCT 300 o achosion mewn un diwrnod. Nid ysbytai sy'n gyrru nifer yr achosion, ac mae'n cyfateb i 7%. Mae'r holl achosion sy'n berthnasol i ysgolion yn cyfateb i 15%. Pwysleisiodd yr Arweinydd fod trosglwyddo yn y gymuned yn parhau i fod y ffordd fwyaf tebygol o ddal y feirws.

Cadarnhaodd Cyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned mai'r man preswyllo sy'n cael ei nodi yn achos y marwolaethau mewn ysbytai ond mae'r marwolaethau sy'n cael eu cofnodi mewn ysbytai yn cael eu cyhoeddi gan y Bwrdd Iechyd ac maen nhw'n gysylltiedig â Covid-19, nid o reidrwydd o ganlyniad uniongyrchol i Covid-19. Byddai unrhyw un o'r unigolion wedi cael prawf positif yn ystod cyfnod o 28 diwrnod cyn y marwolaeth.

O ran gorfodi, mae cyllid wedi'i ddarparu gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddefnyddio staff gorfodi ychwanegol i weithio ochr yn ochr â staff gorfodi'r Cyngor sydd wedi bod yn gweithio'n agos iawn gyda Heddlu De Cymru yn ystod y cyfnod yma. Mae'r Heddlu hefyd wedi sicrhau adnoddau ychwanegol ar gyfer cynnal gwaith gorfodi. Mae'r adnoddau ychwanegol yn cael eu defnyddio i sicrhau bod y Fasnach Drwyddedu yn glynu wrth y gofynion a, lle bo'n angenrheidiol, mae'r Cyngor wedi cau nifer o eiddo ac mae eraill yn wynebu adolygiad o'u trwyddedau lle nad ydyn nhw wedi glynu wrth y rheolau.

Codwyd nifer o ymholiadau eraill mewn perthynas â'r brechlyn megis rôl y Cyngor o ran cefnogi Bwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg gyda gwaith cyflwyno'r rhaglen frechu ac a ydy trafodaethau wedi'u cynnal mewn perthynas â'r rheiny nad oes modd iddyn nhw gael y brechlyn, sef cleifion sglerosis ymledol (MS).

Nododd y Dirprwy Arweinydd, gan atgoffa'r Cyngor, fod gan y digwyddiad o ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn ei ward, fel y nodwyd yn gynharach yn y cyfarfod, gymal cyfrinachedd felly byddai'n parchu hwnnw.

Ymatebodd yr Arweinydd a Chyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned i'r ymholiadau mewn perthynas â chyflwyno'r rhaglen frechu a chadarnhawyd bod trafodaethau â'r asiantaethau perthnasol wedi bod yn cael eu cynnal ers peth amser. Mae ystyriaeth yn cael ei rhoi i ddefnyddio adeiladau'r Cyngor, lleoliadau addas, cysylltiadau trafndiaeth, staff a'r adnoddau fydd yn angenrheidiol i gefnogi gwaith cyflwyno'r rhaglen frechu. Nododd yr Arweinydd fod cyfarfodydd rheolaidd yn mynd yn eu blaenau ar draws Cwm Taf

a byddai manylion pellach yn cael eu rhoi i Aelodau maes o law.

51 Newid i Aelodaeth

Cyflwynodd Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu ei adroddiad i roi gwybod i Aelodau am y newid i gynrychiolaeth Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT ar y Pwyllgor Craffu – Plant a Phobl Ifainc. Gofynnodd i Aelodau nodi bod Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol L Walker yn cymryd lle Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Jones ar y Pwyllgor Craffu – Plant a Phobl Ifainc ar unwaith.

Ar ôl trafod yr adroddiad, **PENDERFYNWYD** nodi'r newid i gynrychiolaeth Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT ar y Pwyllgor Craffu – Plant a Phobl Ifainc fel y nodwyd eisoes.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 6.30pm

**Y Cynghorydd S. Powderhill
Cadeirydd.**

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20th JANUARY 2021

MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the order of questions in respect of the Members Questions on Notice, following the amendment to the process agreed at the [Council AGM 2019](#).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Receive the Questions and any supplementary questions proposed, as in accordance with the running order advised upon in 4.3 of the report, which should not exceed a 20 minute time period.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As agreed at the Council AGM on the 15th May, 2019, Members agreed to amend Council Procedure Rule 9.2 in respect of Members Questions on Notice.

4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of Members Questions on Notice to the Council Business Unit for the 20th January 2021 Council meeting was 5pm on the 7th January 2021.
- 4.2 Sixteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 11th January 2021, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:-

Number	Question
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:</p> <p>“What support is being provided to schools in RCT to enable and facilitate remote learning?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on what representations are being made by this Local Authority and the WLGA to the UK Government regarding the forthcoming Budget in March?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader please provide an update at the recent landslip at Wattstown Tip?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“In what ways does the Council engage with residents to reinforce the key public health messages around Covid-19?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Following the extension of the mass testing pilot to the lower Cynon Valley, will the Leader please make a statement on the outcomes and next steps?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S Bradwick to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Could the Deputy Leader make a statement on the progress of the Local Government Bill?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“What role is the Council playing in supporting mental health services for residents across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p>

	<p>“Will the Leader/Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</p> <p>“Does the Council have Intergenerational Policies?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L De Vet to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member please update Members on the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“With a number of Weather Warnings issued across the Christmas and New Year period, will the Leader outline what steps the Council now take to prepare in advance of bad weather?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Could the Deputy leader provide an update on progress of the Welsh Government’s introduction on lowering the voting age to 16 and what steps this council is taking to engage with those who are or will be newly enfranchised?”</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council supporting partner agencies in preparing for mass vaccination against COVID-19?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the various flood schemes planned and ongoing across RCT, including for the Cwmbach ward?”</p>

15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the new Train Station in Treforest Estate?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Council Leader make a statement on the work of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal?”</p>

- 4.4 At the Council meeting a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for Questions on Notice. Any questions that are not dealt with in this time limit shall fall. Any questions on notice not answered will need to be resubmitted to the Proper Officer for the next full Council meeting in accordance with these rules.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The amendment to the Council Procedure Rule in respect of Members Questions was considered and agreed at the Council AGM 2019, following consultation with the Corporate Governance & Constitution Committee

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The amendment to the Council procedure rule taken forward at the Council AGM, allows the opportunity for more Members to ask a question at Council

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 The opportunity for Members to propose questions at Council meetings allows Members to receive information which potentially detail the Council priorities. It also embraces the Future Generations Act as all work and decisions taken by Council seek to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the County Borough.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Detailing the procedure for Members Questions on Notice assists in transparency for both Members and for public engagement.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATION.**

Item: MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Background Papers

[Council AGM 2019.](#)

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020-2021

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THE COUNCIL'S 2021/22 REVENUE BUDGET – THE PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

AUTHOR: Barrie Davies, Director of Finance and Digital Services (01443 424026)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides Members with information in respect of the 2021/22 Provisional Local Government Settlement, and initial comments on its likely implications for the delivery of Council services.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the Provisional 2021/22 Local Government Settlement, announced by the Minister for Housing and Local Government on the 22nd December 2020;
- 2.2 Note that the Final 2021/22 Local Government Settlement is expected during early March 2021; and
- 2.3 Note the approach to budget consultation for 2021/22 as already determined.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To update Members on the implications of the Provisional Settlement for 2021/22 following receipt of information on the 22nd December 2020.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The timing of the Local Government Settlement for 2021/22 has been extremely uncertain throughout the autumn period as a consequence of the timing of the UK Government Spending Review and the period it would cover, originally planned for 3 years but revised to one year.
- 4.2 On the 22nd December 2020, the Minister for Housing and Local Government (Julie James MS) announced the Provisional 2021/22 Local Government Settlement. The Minister's statement and key data table is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.3 The "headlines" of the Provisional 2021/22 Settlement are as follows:-
- a. The overall increase in Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) funding for 2021/22 (of unhypothecated funding) at an all Wales level, after adjusting for transfers is 3.8% (+£172M).
 - b. The settlement for Rhondda Cynon Taf, amounts to an increase of **3.8%** which equates to the average all Wales increase. Settlement figures across Wales range from 2.0% to 5.6%.
 - c. No 'floor' protection has been included for 2021/22.
 - d. The Settlement figures for 2021/22 include transfers into the settlement in respect of the Teachers Pay Grant (£3.981M) and the Coastal Risk Management Programme (not applicable to this Council). The value of the Teachers Pay Grant for this Council is £0.328M. Whilst the part year (2020/21) implications of the Teachers Pay Grant transfer into the settlement, the additional full year implications are to be funded from within the settlement increase.
 - e. There is no indication of settlement levels beyond 2021/22.
 - f. Provisional figures and indicative estimates are included for specific grants, at an all Wales level. Of particular note, would be the continuation and increase (from £40M to £50M) in the Social Care Workforce Grant. This funds our core base budget.
 - g. The Council's General Capital Funding allocation has increased by £0.087M to £13.764M.

5.0 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE SERVICE IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2021/22 PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT

- 5.1 The provisional settlement indicates that our 2021/22 RSG and NDR funding will total £404.375M.

5.2 In anticipation of the 2021/22 local government settlement, the Council's service managers have constructed base budget requirements for next financial year. Those initial calculations provided for:-

- Estimated employee costs, pension costs and National Insurance Contribution levels;
- Non-pay (i.e. goods and services) inflation, including energy and fuel;
- Corporate financing requirements and levies; and
- Full year effects of any additional burdens imposed on the Council.

5.3 The Provisional Settlement is within the range modelled in the most recent Medium Term Financial Plan and recognises some of the intense funding pressures which are being experienced across local government in general but also within Rhondda Cynon Taf. **It also importantly recognises the critical role which local government continues to play in responding to the pandemic and protecting our communities and residents.**

5.4 Members have continued to receive updates on the projections of the Council's revenue budget position for the period to 2023/24, as part of our Medium Term Service Planning arrangements. The latest of these assessments was considered by Council on the 21st October 2020 which, based on a range of modelled settlement levels, projected a funding gap of £9.9M (at +4% settlement), £13.8M (at +3% settlement) and £17.7M (at +2% settlement).

5.5 As referenced at section 4, the provisional settlement provides this Council with an uplift of 3.8%. There is also an increase in the Social Care Workforce Grant, which funds our core base budget.

5.6 Cabinet on the 17th November 2020 determined the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 at £77,197.81. The impact on the modelled budget gap of our updated tax base can also now be reflected.

5.7 The combined effects of the above updates is shown in table 1.

Table 1 : Revised Budget Gap at Provisional Settlement

	£'000
MTFP Budget Gap at 3%	13,809
Additional Resources at Provisional Settlement (including impact of updated Tax Base)	- 4,049
Additional Social Care Workforce Grant	- 675
Revised Budget Gap	9,085

- 5.8 Our base budget requirements for 2021/22 have continued to be reviewed since the preparation of the MTFP and a number of updates can now be made.
- 5.9 The UK Government Spending Review in November 2020 included a proposed pause of national public sector pay, an effective pay freeze for public sector staff with the exception of a pay increase of £250 per year for salary points below £24,000. Consequently, Welsh Government did not receive any further funding in this respect from UK Government. It is anticipated that the appropriate pay negotiating bodies and arrangements will comply with this, including with regard to teachers pay which is a devolved matter for Wales.
- 5.10 Our waste management costs have increased as a consequence of the impact the pandemic has had on residents and businesses. The overall quantum of waste has moved toward more kerbside residential collection, away from trade waste with a changed composition and an increase in the volume of residual waste.
- 5.11 Other base update requirements have also been made in respect of:
- Drainage Team
 - Children’s Services - Additional Cost Pressures
 - Adult Social Care Costs
 - Additional Learning Needs
 - Other (including fleet / vehicle costs and community resilience)
- 5.12 These updates are summarised in table 2.

Table 2: Base Budget Updates

	£'000
Public Sector Pay	- 7,861
Additional Waste Management and Disposal Costs	1,000
Drainage Team	500
Children's Services - Additional Cost Pressures	1,302
Adult Social Care Costs	1,048
Additional Learning Needs	500
Other	360
Total Base Updates	- 3,151

- 5.13 In the MTFP, a number of risk items were identified and estimated in financial terms. In light of the above updates it is now appropriate that these risks are removed from our base budget requirement for next year, albeit they will continue to be monitored as we go forward and continue to refresh our MTFP.

Table 3: Risk Value to Remove

	£'000
Removal of Risk Items	- 1,877

- 5.14 The combined effects of the above updates on the budget gap are now shown in table 4.

Table 4: Revised Budget Gap 2021/22

	£'000
Budget Gap at Provisional Settlement	9,085
Updated Base Budget Requirements	- 3,151
Removal of Budget Risks	- 1,877
Remaining Budget Gap	4,057

- 5.15 It will now be for Cabinet to consider the implications of the above scenario in the preparation of its draft budget strategy. As part of this, consideration will be given to the outcome of the first phase of the budget consultation process.
- 5.16 It is customary for our services to deliver on an efficiency requirement year on year which for the current year (2020/21) amounted to £6M. Senior Finance Officers continue to work in the background to identify any such opportunities which can be factored into the 2021/22 budget strategy, noting that the focus of our service managers remains appropriately concentrated on responding to the pandemic.
- 5.17 It is important to note that our base budget as set out above, does not include any additional cost implications which continue to arise as a direct consequence of the pandemic. Welsh Government continue to fund these costs outside of the base budget, an arrangement which is set to continue into 2021/22.
- 5.18 Cabinet may though wish to consider the wider and ongoing implications of the pandemic on our services and staff, residents, businesses and communities. This will include council tax levels, the treatment of schools, our levels of fees and charges for next year and any opportunities to allocate additional resources to priority service areas.

6.0 DEVELOPING AN EQUITABLE BUDGET STRATEGY FOR 2021/22

- 6.1 Against the backdrop of a sustained period of financial challenges and more recently significant storm damage and the pandemic, the Council must maintain a focus on robust financial management and stability. A key ingredient of this is the responsible approach taken to how we address the development of our annual budgets. Therefore, we still, as in

previous years, need to ensure that the parameters for producing the 2021/22 budget are adhered to, these being:-

- a) Maintain the Council's financial stability, whilst targeting any available funding, in an efficient and effective manner, towards our key services and priorities;
- b) Look to protect those key services and jobs wherever possible;
- c) Review **all** areas of service provision, including eligibility to those services and charging policies in place;
- d) Take maximum advantage of all new funding opportunities made available by the Welsh Government and others where it is in the best interests of the Council;
- e) "Top slice" appropriate necessary sums to fund corporate budgets;
- f) Fully allocate any sums "earmarked" for specific services which are demonstrably the direct result of legislative changes included in the 2021/22 Local Government Settlement, in accordance with the guidance issued by the Welsh Government;
- g) Allocate to our Service Groups, initially, an adequate allowance for movements in employee costs;
- h) Allocate an appropriate level of funding to support our schools;
- i) Continue to deploy our procurement strategy to offset the impact of certain supplies and services inflation in the coming financial year;
- j) Actively pursue efficiency in all areas of the Council, for example, through continuing our work on digitalisation, reducing office accommodation, on-going transformational change as a result of the pandemic and a focus on invest to save and preventative activities.

6.2 These parameters will provide an effective and pragmatic framework for the delivery of a fair and equitable Council budget.

6.3 Council Tax Levels

6.4 As is the case every year in respect of Council Tax levels, the Council will have due regard to the level of increase and the ability of residents to pay, but it also has to balance this against the need to fund important services. The 'modelled' increase assumed at this time is +2.85% for 2021/22.

6.5 The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS), will continue to operate within a national framework, and at the same level of funding as that originally provided for through Revenue Support Grant in 2014/15. Costs therefore associated with Council Tax uplifts and changing caseloads remain a risk that the Council must fund. To illustrate the cost implications further, a 1% increase in Council Tax will generate an additional income for the Council of £1,157k (at the 2021/22 tax base level), but will also cost £247k in additional CTRS requirements. It therefore follows that a 1% increase generates a net additional income of £910k, or stated another way, 21 per cent of any Council Tax increase is lost to support the increased costs associated with the Welsh Government's CTRS.

6.6 The cost of the CTRS during this year (2020/21) has increased substantially as a consequence of significantly more residents qualifying for support, clearly linked to the economic impact of the pandemic. These costs have been funded by WG during 2020/21 and we would anticipate this arrangement to continue into 2021/22, noting that it is of course a national scheme in Wales.

7.0 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Whilst the primary focus is necessarily on setting out an annual budget strategy and required Council Tax levels for the forthcoming financial year, the medium term financial and service planning emphasis has been a cornerstone of robust financial management at this Council.

7.2 Work is now underway to revisit all of the assumptions through to 2023/24 within the Medium Term Financial Plan and this will be reported to Members when available. The Council must continue to identify opportunities for savings and whilst Members will clearly focus on their legal obligation to set a balanced budget for 2021/22 by March of this year, we must also be mindful of the medium and longer term requirements.

8.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no immediate equality and diversity implications to consider as an Equality Impact Assessment will be an integral part of the budget strategy itself and will be reported on later in the process.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 The proposed approach to budget consultation for 2021/22 is set out in the Cabinet report dated 13th October 2020. It comprises 2 phases as follows :

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

Phase 2 - once Cabinet have agreed a draft budget strategy, and in light of the provisional local government settlement, then this draft strategy will itself be consulted upon as part of Phase 2.

10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The financial modelling assumptions and implications are set out in the detail of this report. Members are not being asked to make any new financial decisions at this stage.

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS or LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

11.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

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

12.1 The budget strategy is a key enabler for the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 "Making a Difference".

12.2 With regard to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, at the 4th March 2020 Council meeting, it was agreed that the Corporate Plan priorities would also serve as its Well-being Objectives in line with the Act.

13.0 CONCLUSIONS

13.1 The Minister for Housing and Local Government (Julie James MS) announced the Provisional 2021/22 Local Government Settlement on the 22nd December 2020.

13.2 The reported Provisional Settlement represents an increase in revenue funding for the Council of +3.8% and a slight increase in capital support.

13.3 The Council's primary objective continues to be setting a budget in 2021/22 that maintains key services and jobs as well as ensuring the ongoing financial stability of the Council.



Llywodraeth Cymru
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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **Provisional Local Government Settlement 2021-22**

DATE **22 December 2020**

BY **Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government**

Today I am publishing details of the core funding allocations for unitary authorities for the forthcoming financial year through the Provisional Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlements for 2021-22 (the Settlement).

Adjusting for transfers, the core revenue funding for local government in 2021-22 will increase by 3.8% on a like-for-like basis compared to the current year. In 2021-22, local authorities will receive £4.65 billion from the Welsh Government in core revenue funding and non-domestic rates to spend on delivering key services.

In addition to this, I am publishing information on revenue and capital grants planned for 2021-22. These amount to nearly £1 billion for revenue and over £720 million for capital. The Government is providing these indicative grant values and distributions now so that local authorities are able to plan their budgets efficiently. This information will be further updated for the final settlement.

As set out in yesterday's draft budget the Welsh Government's funding priorities continue to be health and local government services. While I know local government has been facing significant pressures, particularly arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope that this increase, building as it does on a significantly improved settlement in 2020-21, enables Authorities to continue to support and deliver critical and valued local services. In setting the overall Settlement at this level the Government has responded to the negative impact of the pandemic on Non Domestic Rate (NDR) collection. The baseline Settlement increase of £176m reflects a larger increase in the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) to compensate for the fall in NDR. It also accounts for the impact of freezing the NDR multiplier. After adjusting for transfers into the Settlement, this equates to an increase of £172 million in Settlement funding, compared with 2020-21.

The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd was clear in the draft budget that one of the hard choices we have faced in setting our spending plans for next year is our approach to public sector pay. The reality is that we did not receive any additional funding through the Barnett

formula to provide for public sector wide pay awards next year given the UK Government's decision to pause public sector pay rises, with the exception of the NHS and those on the lowest wages. The implications of pay awards in 2021-22 will therefore need to be accommodated within Authorities' budget planning in the light of this Settlement. Our decisions in the budget, target as much support as we can to health and local government to support pressure in frontline services focusing on schools and social services.

Whilst we did not receive any additional funding from the UK Government for public sector pay, in determining the distribution of funding across authorities for the Settlement, we have recognised the decisions made on the 2020/21 teachers' pay deal and the commitment made by local government to fund this deal by directing funding into the schools part of the formula. We are also continuing to provide funding for our proposals for new eligibility criteria for free school meals, given the continued rollout of Universal Credit by the UK Government.

Through this Settlement, we are continuing to provide £4.8 million for authorities to deliver additional discretionary rates relief for local businesses and other ratepayers to respond to specific local issues.

In line with the Government's focus on countering the effects of poverty, we remain committed to protecting vulnerable and low-income households from any reduction in support under the Council Tax Reduction Schemes, despite the shortfall in the funding transferred by the UK Government following its abolition of Council Tax Benefit. We will continue to maintain full entitlements under our Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for 2021-22 and are again providing £244 million for CTRS in the Settlement in recognition of this.

Alongside the Settlement we are continuing to provide funding to support local government to waive fees for child burials. This shared commitment ensures a fair and consistent approach across Wales.

I am not minded to provide for a funding floor for this year given the increased settlement for 2020-21 and the proposed allocations I am announcing today for 2021-22. I have accordingly allocated all the funding available up front.

A wide range of services of course have been significantly impacted by the pandemic. As the Finance Minister's statement on the budget made clear, we recognise the need to continue to provide funding to support Local Government's response to the pandemic. This will be considered separately and does not form part of this Settlement.

This Settlement provides Local Authorities with a stable platform for planning their budgets for the forthcoming financial year. I fully appreciate the pressures local government is facing and am committed to protecting local government, particularly at this difficult and challenging time. This is as good a Settlement as the Government can offer and one which should help to alleviate some of the pressures Authorities are anticipating. While I can't guarantee that there will be no changes between the provisional and final settlements, due to the financial uncertainty that we currently face, I do not intend making any significant changes to the methodology or the data underpinning the distribution of this Settlement.

Attached to this statement is a summary table setting out the Settlement allocations by authority. The allocations are derived using the formula agreed with local government. As a result of the formula and related data, the table shows the range of the funding allocations, from a 2.0% increase over the 2020-21 settlement to a 5.6% increase.

Further details on the Settlement will be sent to all local authorities and published on the Welsh Government's website:

<https://gov.wales/local-government-revenue-and-capital-settlement-2021-2022>

General capital funding for 2021-22 will continue to be set at £198 million. Included within this amount is £20 million for the continuation of the public highways refurbishment grant, including support for active travel; £54 million of historic baselined general capital grant; and the continuation of an additional £35 million of general capital grant, which was announced as part of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 budgets. This additional £35 million will enable Authorities to begin to respond to our joint priority of decarbonisation, including for housing and economic recovery following Covid-19.

We have discussed, before, our shared recognition of the need to invest in the supply of housing. Investing in social housing should minimise the pressures on local authority budgets and on homelessness services. Investment in housing can also support the Welsh economy and local economies. I hope that this Settlement, capital and revenue, can support Authorities in increasing the scale and pace of housebuilding across Wales.

I know that Authorities will need to make choices in setting their budgets. They will need to engage meaningfully with their local communities as they consider their budget priorities. The setting of budgets, and in turn council tax, is the responsibility of each local authority and authorities will need to take account of the full range of sources of funding available to them, as well as the pressures they face, in setting their budgets for the coming year.

This announcement commences the formal seven-week consultation on the provisional local government settlement. This will end on 9 February 2021.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.

Summary Table

2021-22 provisional settlement – comparison of 2020-21 AEF (adjusted for transfers) and 2021-22 provisional AEF, and distribution of the 2020-21 Council Tax Reduction Schemes funding (distributed within AEF) (£000s)

Unitary authority	2020-21 adjusted AEF ¹	2021-22 provisional AEF	% change on adjusted 2020-21 AEF	Rank	Council Tax Reduction Schemes (within AEF)
Isle of Anglesey	101,369	104,825	3.4%	18	5,186
Gwynedd	188,409	194,793	3.4%	19	8,541
Conwy	161,181	166,906	3.6%	17	9,138
Denbighshire	153,089	158,632	3.6%	16	8,920
Flintshire	199,267	206,778	3.8%	14	9,609
Wrexham	184,569	188,856	2.3%	21	9,062
Powys	184,554	191,897	4.0%	8	8,775
Ceredigion	107,545	109,658	2.0%	22	5,122
Pembrokeshire	172,502	179,387	4.0%	7	8,187
Carmarthenshire	274,355	284,820	3.8%	13	13,996
Swansea	339,445	352,642	3.9%	10	19,264
Neath Port Talbot	227,198	236,680	4.2%	6	15,977
Bridgend	203,540	212,192	4.3%	5	13,088
The Vale Of Glamorgan	160,455	168,316	4.9%	2	9,062
Rhondda Cynon Taf	389,403	404,375	3.8%	11	21,936
Merthyr Tydfil	96,973	101,476	4.6%	3	5,595
Caerphilly	283,708	292,367	3.1%	20	12,372
Blaenau Gwent	116,112	120,361	3.7%	15	8,067
Torfaen	140,308	146,340	4.3%	4	8,331
Monmouthshire	97,673	101,483	3.9%	9	5,753
Newport	228,000	240,796	5.6%	1	10,083
Cardiff	469,913	487,913	3.8%	12	27,934
All Unitary Authorities	4,479,570	4,651,494	3.8%		244,000

Note: Total may not sum correctly due to rounding

1. 2020-21 AEF adjusted transfers of £5.127m (at 2020-21 prices) into the Settlement



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

REPORT OF: THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. This report fulfils the requirement to annually consider whether to revise or replace the Council's existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme ("CTRS") and the requirement to adopt a scheme by 31st January 2021.
- 1.2. As part of the review, the report sets out the changes to the CTRS that were introduced in April 2013. It explains the amendments proposed, the funding implications likely and documents the consultation outcomes allowing Members to consider the adoption of the Council's local CTRS for the 2021/22 financial year, which must be adopted by 31st January 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. It is recommended that Members:

- a) Note and adopt the provisions of the Prescribed Requirements Regulations and the amendments made to those regulations by the Amendment Regulations (as approved by Welsh Government (WG) on 12th January 2021) as the Council's local CTRS for 2021/22, subject to the local discretions that the Council is able to exercise;
- b) Note the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken by the Council on the local discretions applicable to the CTRS for 2021/22; and
- c) Confirm the discretions applicable to the Council's local CTRS for 2021/22 as set out at paragraph 5.3 (Table 2) of this report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. The CTRS in Wales is set by regulations made under Schedule 1B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as inserted by the Local Government Finance Act 2012). On 26th November 2013, the National Assembly for Wales (NAfW) approved two sets of regulations:

- (a) the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Schemes) (Wales) Regulations 2013 (“the Default Scheme Regulations”); and
- (b) the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) (together the “Regulations”).

The Regulations at (b) above prescribe the main features of the CTRS to be adopted by all councils in Wales.

3.2. The Prescribed Requirements Regulations contain an obligation, where each year a council must consider whether to revise its scheme, or to replace it with another scheme. Any revision or replacement must be made no later than 31st January in the year preceding the financial year for which the revision or replacement scheme will take effect. However, the Regulations were amended in January 2015 to remove the requirement for Local Authorities to consult in relation to changes made by Welsh Ministers where authorities have no discretion. This means that Local Authorities do not need to consult when the Prescribed Requirements Regulations are amended by WG annually, to reflect consequential amendments to other state benefit changes made by Welsh Ministers.

3.3. Although there is a national scheme for Wales, the Prescribed Requirements Regulations provide limited discretion for the Council to apply minor additional discretionary elements that are more generous than the national scheme and which provide for additional administrative flexibility. If the Council does decide to offer more generous local discretions this would further increase the cost of the CTRS. These are:-

- (a) The ability to increase the standard extended reduction period of 4 weeks given to persons who have ceased to receive qualifying benefits after they return to work (or increase hours or increase earnings), where they have previously been receiving a Council Tax reduction that is to end as a result of the change in their circumstances;
- (b) The ability to backdate the application of Council Tax reduction for periods longer than the standard period of 3 months before the claim is made; and
- (c) Discretion to disregard more than the statutory weekly £10 of income received in respect of War Disablement Pensions and War Widow’s Pensions (disregarded when calculating income of the applicant).

3.4. The Prescribed Requirements Regulations require the Council to adopt a CTRS by 31st January each year, regardless of whether it applies any of the discretionary elements set out in the preceding paragraph. If the Council fails to make a scheme, then a default scheme shall apply under the provisions of the Default Scheme Regulations. The Council can only apply discretion if it adopts a scheme under the Prescribed Requirements Regulations.

- 3.5. Each year, WG updates the Regulations to amend the financial values used to assess an applicant's entitlement. On 14th December 2020 the amending Regulations ~ (The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020) (the "Amendment Regulations") ~ were laid before WG. Due to the WG's procedures which govern the making of the Regulations, the Amendment Regulations were formally considered by Plenary session of WG on 12th January 2021 and came into force the following day.
- 3.6. As detailed above, each year WG has to amend the Regulations to ensure that certain financial values used to calculate entitlement to a reduction for non-passported CTRS applicants are up-rated. For 2021/22, these changes relate to: -
- Personal allowances in relation to working age, carer and disabled applicants;
 - Personal allowances in relation to pensioner applicants; and
 - Non-dependant deductions.
- 3.7. In addition to any changes to the up-rating provisions referred to above, the Amendment Regulations incorporate further amendments to reflect consequential changes relating to social security benefits and other technical changes. A summary of all the main changes is set out in Appendix 1 to this report for information.

4. CONSULTATION AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. The Regulations specify that in preparing its CTRS, a council must consult with any person it considers are likely to have an interest. Consequently, this requirement is met by incorporating a number of questions on the discretionary areas in the local CTRS, within the Council's general budget consultation process (which includes council tax levels and service priorities to inform the annual budget setting process).
- 4.2. Phase 1 of the annual budget consultation process for the 2021/22 financial year ran from 26th October to 7th December 2020 and was conducted using a 'digital by default' approach supplemented by alternative means of engagement for those having reduced or no access to the Internet and for those who prefer to engage through more traditional methods.
- 4.3. The overall response from the consultation process on the three discretionary areas available to the Council and which it could apply to its CTRS was as follows: -

Table 1

Discretion Area	No. of Respondents	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you think that 4 weeks is a reasonable period to continue paying Council Tax Reduction when someone returns to work?	1,032	823	120	89
Do you think that it is reasonable for the Council to continue to totally disregard War Disablement and War Widow's Pensions income when assessing entitlement to CTR Scheme?	1,030	713	176	141
Do you think that 6 months is reasonable period to backdate claims for working age and pensioners?	1,033	790	133	110

- 4.4. In addition, presentations were made via Zoom to the Council's Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 16th November 2020, the Older Persons Advisory Group on 25th November 2020 and the Disability Forum on the 1st December 2020. Feedback from these groups is included at Appendix 2.
- 4.5. In terms of an Equality Impact Assessment, the Council undertook a comprehensive equality impact assessment in January 2013 based on the original scheme. This has been reviewed in light of the minor changes to each subsequent year's scheme and it is evident that there are no amendments required.
- 4.6. The NAFW undertook a comprehensive Regulatory Impact Assessment in respect of the national Council Tax Reduction Scheme, which accompanied the Regulations when they were considered by the NAFW in November 2013.

5. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

- 5.1 The Council is required to adopt its CTRS by 31st January 2021. This requirement is a statutory duty and applies even if the Council chooses not to apply any of the discretions available to it. If the Council fails to make a scheme, then a default scheme will apply under the Default Scheme Regulations (as amended).
- 5.2 As set out in paragraph 3.3, the Council does have limited discretion to be more generous than the national scheme and provide for additional administrative flexibility (specified under Part 5, paragraphs (32) to (34) of the Prescribed Requirements Regulations).
- 5.3 Taking account of:-
 - (a) the responses to the Council's consultation exercise relating to the discretionary elements of the scheme;
 - (b) the existing Housing Benefit Scheme in relation to the treatment of War Pensions (widows, widowers and disablement), which disregards these payments in full; and
 - (c) the fixed funding made available by WG (as detailed at paragraph 6),

it is recommended that the approach to the available discretions should continue in line with the arrangements for 2020/21 as set out in Table 2.

Table 2

<p align="center">Discretionary Parts of the Prescribed Requirements Regulations <i>(Part 5 – Other Matters that must be included in an authority’s scheme)</i></p>	<p align="center">Prescribed Requirements Regulations (Minimum Requirement)</p>	<p align="center">Recommended Discretion to be adopted</p>
<p>Ability to increase the standard extended reduction period of 4 weeks given to applicants where they have previously been receiving a Council Tax reduction that is to end, as they have ceased receiving qualifying benefits as a result of returning to work, increasing their hours of work, or receiving increased earnings.</p> <p><i>Regulation 32 (3) paragraph (33) of Schedule 1 and Regulation 33 (3), paragraph (35) and (40) of Schedule 6.</i></p>	<p align="center">4 Weeks</p>	<p><u>Pensioners:</u> The standard period of 4 weeks specified in paragraph (33) of Schedule 1 will apply, and</p> <p><u>Non- Pensioners:</u> The standard period of 4 weeks specified in paragraph (35) and (40) of Schedule 6 will apply</p>
<p>Ability to backdate an application for CTR with regard to late claims prior to the standard period of 3 months before the claim is made.</p> <p><i>Regulation 34 (4) and paragraph (3) and (4) of Schedule 13.</i></p>	<p align="center">3 Months</p>	<p><u>Pensioners:</u> A period of 6 months will apply.</p> <p><u>Non-Pensioners:</u> A period of 6 months will apply.</p>
<p>Ability to disregard more than the statutory weekly £10 of income received in respect of War Disablement Pensions and War Widow's Pensions (disregarded when calculating income of the applicant);</p> <p><i>Regulation 34 (5), paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) Schedule 4 and paragraphs 20(a) and 20(b) of Schedule 9</i></p>	<p align="center">£10</p>	<p><u>Pensioners:</u> The total value of any pension specified in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b), Schedule 4 will be disregarded.</p> <p><u>Non-Pensioners:</u> The total value of any pension specified in paragraphs 20 (a) and (b), Schedule 9 will be disregarded.</p>

5.4 It should be noted that there is no additional funding available from WG to fund the discretionary elements of the CTRS. The estimated cost of funding the discretionary elements of the Prescribed Scheme in **2020/21** is set out in Table 3 below:

Table 3

Discretionary Element	Est. Annual Cost	No. of Applicants
Extended Payments	£15,000	160
Backdated Payments	£4,500	45
War Disablement & War Widow's Pensions	£26,500	70
Total est. cost	£46,000	275

5.5 Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council adopts the Prescribed Requirements Regulations (as amended by the Amendment Regulations) which set out all the components that must be included in a CTR Scheme, as the Council's CTR Scheme for 2021/22 along with the discretions as set out in Table 2.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

6.1. The current estimated annual value of CTRS to be paid in **2020/21** is £25.375M, to 25,495 applicants (£23.984M to 24,650 applicants for 2019/20, as at December 2019). The additional cost implications which have arisen due to the increased caseload linked to the economic impact of the pandemic continue to be funded by WG.

6.2. Local Authorities receive fixed funding for the CTRS from WG, which means that as a local authority's caseload, and hence costs, changes from that assumed when the WG funding was set, the local authority bears the financial risk of any variance.

6.3 The amount allocated to councils by WG through the local government settlement takes no account of:

- Any increase in Council Tax levels that may be applied for 2021/22;
- The increase or decrease in the costs of awards under the CTRS if the number of claimants increase/decrease, or if claimants become eligible for more/less help; and
- The provision for Council Tax bad debt.

6.4 The total amount of cash-limited funding for 2021/22 distributed to the local authorities in Wales contained in the provisional Local Government Settlement announced on 22nd December 2020 is £244M (this has remained unchanged since 2013/14) and the Council's allocation for 2021/22 is £21.936M (representing 9.0% of the all Wales funding). This Council's allocation for 2020/21 was £21.564M.

6.5 Any change to actual Council Tax levels in 2021/22 made by the Council, will affect the cost of providing the local CTRS, which equates to approximately £247k for each 1% increase in Council Tax.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The equality and diversity implications are set out in the main body of the report.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultation arrangements have been set out in the main body of the report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

9.1 The relevant legislation has been referenced throughout the main body of the report.

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

10.1 The recommendation for the adoption of this CTRS and the local discretions will contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 "Making a Difference" through focussing on supporting the economy, prosperity and promoting people's independence. In doing so, it will also contribute to the well-being goals as set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

11. CONCLUSION

11.1 Each year local authorities in Wales are under a statutory obligation to consider whether to revise their CTRS or to replace it with another scheme and any revision or replacement must be made by no later than 31st January in the year preceding the financial year for which the revision or replacement scheme will take effect.

11.2 This report provides Council with details of the proposed scheme to be applicable for financial year 2021/22.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Amendments to the 2013 Regulations made by 2021

Regulations

1. The new statutory instrument¹ amends the 2013 CTRS Regulations to up-rate certain figures used within those Regulations to calculate entitlement to a Council Tax Reduction, and the amount of any reduction awarded to applicants in 2021/22. It also makes a number of consequential and technical amendments to the 2013 CTRS Regulations to take account of interrelated benefits and ensure they remain fit for purpose.
2. The up-rating increases the various figures used to calculate an applicant's entitlement to a reduction and the amount of the reduction, in line with variations for living costs and earnings. The uprated figures relate to:

Change	Impact
<p>Personal allowances in relation to working age, carer and disabled applicants The financial figures in respect of these allowances have been amended and have increased in line with the cost of living rises. The convention is to uprate in line with the Consumer Price Index September figure from the previous year (2020), which is 0.5%.</p>	<p>Costs Uprating the financial figures in respect of pensioners and working age allowances would slightly increase total reductions under Council Tax Reduction Schemes. However, if the financial figures in relation to Non-Dependant Deductions were also uprated, this would mitigate some of the increase in total reductions. Consequently, total council tax reductions are not expected to rise significantly because of the uprating.</p> <p>Benefits Uprating the financial figures in the 2013 CTRS Regulations will ensure that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the personal allowance for working age applicants continues to increase in line with the CPI (which is set at 0.5%). For example in 2021-22, the single person allowance would increase from £79.20 to £79.60 (an increase of £0.40). ▪ the personal allowance for pensioners continues to increase in line with the standard minimum guarantee and savings credit. For example in 2021-2022, the single person allowance would increase from £187.80 to £191.50 (an increase of £3.70). ▪ non-dependant deduction rates are uprated, this will ensure the calculation used to assess the eligibility of non-dependant households remains up-to-date. The calculation would continue to make a fair assessment of the income of non-dependants and the cost of council tax. This will ensure the system remains fair and equitable.
<p>Personal allowances in relation to pensioner applicants The financial figures in respect of pensioner rates have been amended and are aligned with Housing Benefit. These have been calculated with assistance from the Department of Work and Pensions and have been uprated by different mechanisms. For example, the Pension Credit standard minimum guarantee is uprated by earnings, whereas the Additional Pension and increments are uprated by prices.</p>	
<p>Non-dependant deductions The financial figures in relation to both the income bands and deductions made in relation to 'non-dependants' will be uprated. If amendments are not made, appropriate deductions would not be made from CTRS awards as the income thresholds would no longer reflect average earnings and the deduction would no longer reflect the overall cost of council tax.</p>	

¹ The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

3. Additional Consequential Amendments

In addition to the uprating of financial figures, this statutory instrument makes a number of consequential amendments to the 2013 CTRS Regulations. These will ensure the 2013 Regulations remain up-to-date and fit for purpose.

Area/Issue	Effect of 2021 “Amendment” Regulations
<p><u>Windrush Compensation Scheme</u> The scheme is designed to compensate individuals who have suffered loss in connection with being unable to demonstrate their lawful status in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>The amendment is to make provision that compensation payments made under the scheme are disregarded from capital when determining an applicant’s eligibility for a reduction and the amount of that reduction.</p>
<p><u>Universal Credit Run-On Disregard</u> Entitlement to Universal Credit (UC) ends when a person (or mixed-age couple) reaches the qualifying age for state pension credit (PC). From this point, claimants can instead claim pension-age benefits such as Pension Credit (PC).</p> <p>Previously, claimants who reached state pension age during the assessment period risked there being a gap between their last UC payment and their first PC (and other pension-age benefits) payments. DWP is taking steps towards a smoother transition from UC to pension-age benefits, with no risk of gaps in entitlement for claimants. To achieve this, DWP is making additional UC run on payments to cover the entire month in which a claimant reaches pension-age. For some claimants, depending on which date within the month they reach this age, there will be an overlap in the receipt of this UC run-on payment and pension-age benefits.</p>	<p>The amendment is to make provision that any ‘additional income’ resulting from such an overlap is not to be considered as income when determining for a pension-age council tax reduction in Wales.</p>
<p><u>Changes to income and capital disregards</u> A number of payments are disregarded for the purposes of calculating ‘income’ and/or ‘capital’.</p>	<p>Will ensure these references in the 2013 Regulations remain up-to-date for 2021/2022.</p>

Budget Consultation Feedback

Feedback from the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee (Virtual meeting via Zoom) – 16th November 2020

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – 4 week period reasonable for return to work?

- Committee Members agreed that 4 weeks is a reasonable period to continue paying Council Tax Reduction when someone returns to work.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – Exclude war disablement and war widow pension when assessing CTR scheme?

- Members agreed that it is reasonable for the Council to continue to totally exclude War Disablement and War Widow's Pensions income when assessing entitlement to the CTR Scheme.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – Backdating claims by 6 months?

- Members agreed that 6 months is a reasonable period to backdate claims for working age and pensioners.

Feedback / Views from the Older Persons Advisory Group (Virtual meeting via Zoom) – 25th November 2020

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – 4-week period reasonable for return to work?

- Attendees agreed that this was a reasonable approach.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – Exclude war disablement and war widow pension when assessing CTR scheme?

- Attendees agreed that this was a reasonable approach.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – Backdating claims by 6 months?

- Attendees agreed that this was a reasonable approach.

Feedback / Views from the Disability Forum (Virtual meeting via Zoom) – 1st December 2020

Attendees fed back that they were in agreement with the statements proposed on Extended Payments, disregard War Disablement Pensions and War Widow's Pensions income when assessing the CTR Scheme and backdating claims. Specific feedback was provided in respect of backdating claims - "It is important in RCT because people don't claim and they need that discretion in place".

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URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN FORWARD

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATION**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present, for Members' information an overview of the Urgent Decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee and the Urgent Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward outside of the Cabinet Committee during the period October - December 2020.
- 1.2 This is excluding those reports which were presented to another Committee of the Council for final decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a) Urgent Executive Decisions taken forward should be reported to Council for information purposes.
- 3.2 To assist in the openness and transparency of the Decision making process within the Council.

4. URGENT DECISIONS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE

- 4.1 There were no urgent decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee during the period October - December 2020.

5. DELEGATIONS OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

- 5.1 As outlined in Section 3 of the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, Cabinet Members are permitted to make decisions falling under their portfolio if deemed urgent to protect the interest of the Council, subject to prior consultation with the relevant Senior Leadership Team Officer(s).
- 5.2 The Leader can take urgent decisions in the absence of the appropriate portfolio holder.
- 5.3 The confirmation and signature of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to the proposed decision must be sought in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a)
- 5.4 The following urgent Cabinet Member Decision was taken forward during the period October - December 2020:

Date	Decision Taken	Reason for Exemption
23-10-20	Funding for Food Banks and Mental Health Support during 'firebreak' lockdown	To immediately provide assistance to the services, which play vital roles in our communities and have come under considerable pressures due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS.

- 6.1 As outlined within section 6 of the Leaders Scheme of Delegation, and in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000, executive functions can be delegated to Officers (as set out within the terms of Section 5 of Part 3 of this part of the Council Constitution)
- 6.2 Following the Council AGM in 2016 and to increase transparency and accountability, Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward would be subject to the Overview and Scrutiny Call in procedure Rules.
- 6.3 There have been no urgent Key officer Delegated Decisions taken forward during this time period.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 None Applicable, this report is for information purposes only.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED.

10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

11. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

11.1 All of the decisions taken forward link to the Councils Corporate plan / priorities and Members should look to each of the decisions to see how they link accordingly.

11.2 All decisions taken by the Executive are taken through the lens of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, ensuring that the decision takes account of the impact it could have on people living their lives in Wales now and in the future.

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 Members are advised of the current position in respect of urgent decisions taken forward within Cabinet Committee and through Individual Cabinet Members and Officer Decisions.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Item: URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN FORWARD

Background Papers

- Annual General Meeting – May 2016

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