



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**A virtual meeting of the CABINET will be held on
Thursday, 29th April, 2021 at 10.30 am**

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Councillors and members of the public wishing to request the facility to address the Cabinet on any of the business as listed below, must request to do so by 5pm on the Tuesday, 27 April 2021 Councillors and Members of the public should stipulate if this address will be in the medium of English or Welsh.

It must be noted that the facility to address the Cabinet is at the discretion of the Chair and each request will be considered based on the agenda items being considered, the public interest/interest of the member in each matter and the demands of the business on that day. To make such a request please email:- ExecutiveandRegulatoryBusinessUnit@rctcbc.gov.uk

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet Committee on the 25th March 2021 as an accurate record.

(Pages 7 - 20)

3. DIRECT CREMATIONS

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services, which provides the Cabinet with an opportunity to consider the outcome of the pilot project to offer direct cremations in Rhondda Cynon Taf and to approve continuation of this service on a permanent basis.

(Pages 21 - 26)

4. RCT THEATRES: 2021 CHRISTMAS OFFER

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services, which provides Cabinet with a proposal for RCT Theatres' 2021 Christmas offer, given continued uncertainty for the sector and the reopening of theatres during the Covid-19 pandemic.

(Pages 27 - 34)

5. PORTH TRANSPORT HUB: COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

To receive the report of the Group Director, Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services, which seeks Cabinet approval to exercise Compulsory Purchase Order powers in respect of land adjacent to the site of the Porth Transport Hub for the purpose of creating a safe access route to the new facility.

(Pages 35 - 46)

6. RHONDDA CYNON TAF: SOCIAL HOUSING GRANT OFFER 2021/2022

To receive the report of the Director, Prosperity and Development, which seeks to inform Cabinet members of the Social Housing Grant offer for 2021/2022 and the potential benefits that this grant will have on meeting housing need and supporting economic growth across Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

(Pages 47 - 54)

7. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN: INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, which sets out the position with regard to one-off resources which have become available as a result of additional external funding being awarded from Welsh Government (WG) during March 2021 after the Council's Capital Programme was agreed by Council on 10th March 2021. A further allocation from existing earmarked reserves (set aside to support our infrastructure) is also proposed to supplement the additional WG funding. It provides the opportunity for the Council to further invest in its priority areas, aligned to the Corporate Plan, "Making a Difference" 2020 – 2024.

(Pages 55 - 60)

8. TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

“That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of the Schedule 12A of the Act”.

9. WRITE OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS

To receive the report of the Director, Finance and Digital Services, which provides Members with a position statement on irrecoverable debt and identifies the requirement to write-off certain amounts in accordance with strict review criteria.

(Pages 61 - 76)

10. ACQUISITION OF LAND TO THE NORTH WEST OF HARRIET STREET, TRECYNON, BEING THE FORMER MAYHEW CHICKEN FACTORY, TRECYNON, ABERDARE, RCT

To receive the report of the Director, Corporate Estates, which seeks authority to acquire the Freehold interest of land to the North West of Harriet Street, Trecynon, comprising the Former Mayhew Chicken Factory site which is located in a key position adjacent to the Aberdare bypass road, to facilitate the development of a new railway halt together with a park and ride facility. Acquiring the Freehold ownership of this strategic site adjacent to the Aberdare – Hirwaun mineral line will facilitate the redevelopment of the land for future use in support of the South Wales Metro. This will achieve social, economic and environmental benefits for the area. The land offers the potential to provide a strategic access off the A4059 bypass enabling development of a strategic park and ride site to serve a wide area of the upper valley and A465 corridor and a new station to be created to serve local residents and businesses in the Llwydcoed/Trecynon area.

(Pages 77 - 82)

11. ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AT WILLOWFORD HOUSE, WILLOWFORD ROAD, GWAELOD-Y-GARTH, TAFFS WELL

To receive the report of the Director, Corporate Estates, which seeks authority to acquire the Freehold interest of land and buildings at Willowford House, Willowford Road, Gwaelod -Y -Garth, Taffs Well, comprising a residential property and land immediately adjacent, being primarily woodland which is located in a key position adjacent the Willowford Road to facilitate the development of a new railway halt. Acquiring the Freehold ownership of this strategic site adjacent to the Willowford Road will safeguard the land for future use in support of the South Wales Metro. The land offers the potential to provide a new, relocated railway Halt, replacing the existing Treforest Halt situated 0.71 km (0.4 miles) to the north. The public transport offer linking to the Treforest Industrial Estate will be enhanced providing tangible benefits to Pontypridd, the Treforest Industrial Estate and the surrounding area.

(Pages 83 - 90)

12. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony S. Hui", is written over a faint, circular official stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

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