



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

**A Hybrid meeting of the CABINET will be held  
Monday, 21st March, 2022 at 10.00 am**

**Contact: Sarah Daniel - Council Business Unit**

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 Thursday, 17 March 2022 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](mailto: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 meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 as an accurate record.

**(Pages 5 - 12)**

**3. DRAFT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2021/24**

To receive the report of the Director of Human Resources in respect of the updated Procurement Strategy 2021/24.

(Pages 13 - 30)

**4. HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND STRATEGIC PROJECTS  
SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23**

To receive the report of the Director of Frontline Services in respect of the Supplementary Capital Programme for Highways, Transportation and Strategic Projects.

(Pages 31 - 62)

**5. ANNUAL EQUALITY REPORT 2020/2021**

To receive the Joint report of the Director of Human Resources and Service Director Democratic Services and Communications in respect of Council's Annual Equality Report, for the year 2020/21.

(Pages 63 - 150)

**6. BITC RACE AT WORK CHARTER**

To receive the report of the Director of Human Resources in respect of the Business In Community's (BITC) Race at Work Charter.

(Pages 151 - 154)

**7. EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES PLANNED CAPITAL  
PROGRAMME 2022/23**

To receive the report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services in respect of the capital works for approval for 2022/23, as part of the Council's three-year Capital Programme.

(Pages 155 - 168)

**8. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ENHANCE WELSH  
MEDIUM LEARNING SUPPORT CLASS PROVISION FOR PUPILS  
WITH SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS**

To receive the report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services regarding the outcome of the recent consultation in respect of the proposal to enhance Welsh medium Learning Support Class (LSC) provision within Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

(Pages 169 - 200)

**9. 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - CONSULTATION ON A  
PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IN GLYNCOCH**

To receive the report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services regarding recent consultation undertaken in respect of the proposal to amalgamate Cefn Primary and Craig yr Hesg Primary Schools.

(Pages 201 - 240)

**10. NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADOPTION  
AND FOSTERING SERVICES**

To receive the report of the Group Director, Community and Children's Services in respect of the proposals for developing the governance and enabling for the National Adoption Service for Wales as it assumes responsibility for Foster Wales.

(Pages 241 - 306)

**11. RCT LIBRARY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2022/25**

To receive the report of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services in respect of the Draft Strategy for Rhondda Cynon Taf's Library Service and its associated Action Plan.

**(Pages 307 - 346)**

**12. DIGITAL STRATEGY**

To receive the report of Director of Finance and Digital Services in respect of the Council's updated Digital Strategy for the period 2022 to 2026.

**(Pages 347 - 410)**

**13. QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Digital Services in respect of the Council's performance, both from a financial and operational perspective, based on the first nine months of this financial year (to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021).

**(Pages 411 - 438)**

**14. EDINBURGH DECLARATION**

To receive the report of the Director Public Health, Protection and Community Services in respect of the Edinburgh Declaration and the role of Local Authorities within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework - ensuring transformative change for nature over the coming decade.

**(Pages 439 - 446)**

**15. UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM AND RELATED ISSUES**

The purpose of the report is to provide a further update to Members with regards to the work underway in the development of a 'Land Based Solar Farm',

**(Pages 447 - 452)**

**16. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.



**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication**

**Circulation:-**

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Councillor M Webber (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor R Bevan  
Councillor J Bonetto  
Councillor G Caple  
Councillor A Crimmings  
Councillor R Lewis  
Councillor C Leyshon  
Councillor M Norris

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