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**COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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**YOU ARE SUMMONED** to a virtual meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2021** at **5.00 PM.**

**AGENDA**

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<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE(S)</b>
5 Minutes	<b>ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>  To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct  1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject 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 prejudicial interest they <b>must</b> notify the Chairman when they leave.	
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
5 Minutes	<b>ITEM 3. MINUTES</b>  To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.	5 - 16
	<b>OPEN GOVERNMENT:</b>	
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Minutes	In accordance with Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule 2, to receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders:	
20 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.</p> <p>(<b>N.B</b> a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)</p>	17 - 24
	<p><b>COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION</b></p> <p><a href="#">Council Work Programme – 2021/22</a></p>	
	<b>OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>	
10 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 6. RHONDDA CYNON TAF PENSION FUND 2020/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT</b></p> <p>To receive the report of the Director of Finance &amp; Digital Services.</p>	25 - 92
10 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 7. WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP (WPP) - INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT</b></p> <p>To receive the report of the Director of Finance &amp; Digital Services.</p>	93 - 106
15 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 8. 2021-22 MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b></p> <p>To consider the report of the Director of Finance &amp; Digital Services.</p>	107 - 120
10 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 9. NOMINATIONS FOR FREEDOM OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH</b></p> <p>To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services &amp; Communications.</p>	121 - 124
10 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 10. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (LOCAL POLICY) 2022 - 2025</b></p> <p>To receive report of the Director of Public Health, Protection &amp; Community Services.</p>	125 - 176
45 Minutes	<p><b>ITEM 11. NOTICES OF MOTION</b></p> <p>A. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of Councillor L Hooper, S Trask and J James:</p> <p>“The aspiration of home ownership is a natural instinct for many individuals and families across Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, and it is an aspiration this Council endeavours</p>	

to support.

For many individuals and families, the aspiration of owning their own home looks increasingly difficult to achieve due to rising house prices and a shortage of properties. One major contributor to this is the increasing tendency of housing developers to engage in a practice which is commonly referred to as 'land-banking', whereby the developer succeeds in securing planning permission but does not deliver upon the proposed development.

This is an issue that affects the whole United Kingdom and in this County Borough alone could explain as many as 4,517 properties that were granted between 2012/13 and 2019/20 but have yet to be built.

Though there are a multitude of factors that can explain why a successful housing application isn't delivered upon, it is clear that a great many of these are as a result of the practice of 'land-banking'.

As well as preventing many of our residents in making the first step on to the housing ladder, it can also erode the trust of residents in the planning system when 'brownfield' sites are being 'land-banked' by developers - putting pressure on the Local Development Plan to propose new sites for housing allocations that may be less suitable for such development.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

-That the Leader of the Council writes to the Welsh Minister for Climate Change (whose portfolio includes housing) asking that Local Authorities in Wales are given the power to levy council tax charges on incomplete applications that have failed to materialise after an agreed timeframe set by the local authorities.

-To ask council officers to bring forward a report to Full Council in the New Year, setting out what actions can be taken in the short-term to reduce the impact of this harmful practice".

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- A. To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of Councillors G. Davies, P Jarman, E. Webster, D. Grehan, E. Stephens, L. Jones, J. Williams, A. Cox, S. Evans, A. Chapman, S. Rees-Owen, M. Weaver, J. Davies, J. Cullwick, K. Morgan, H. Fychan and E. Griffiths.

"This Council expresses concern at the policy of the UK government to recruit 16-year-olds into the army. The UK government is the only country in NATO or Europe to do this.

This policy has adverse consequences for recruits of 16 and 17 years of age. Evidence shows that: -

- 1) They are twice as likely to be killed in active service than older recruits.
- 2) They are more likely to suffer mental health problem such as PTSD, and depression.

	<p>3) They are more likely to have alcohol and drug related addictions</p> <p>4) They are more likely to commit suicide.</p> <p>5) 28% fail to complete the basic training.</p> <p>The policy has been opposed by the Children’s Commissioner for Wales on the ground that it conflicts with the United Nation’s Convention on the Rights for the Child.</p> <p>Council resolves to write to the UK Prime Minister requesting that the policy be changed as a matter of urgency. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the Welsh First Minister”.</p>	
	<p><b>ITEM 12. URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>To consider any items which the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.</p>	

**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication**

**To: All Members of the Council**