



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

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

A meeting of the **CABINET** will be held **HYBRID** at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX  
Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022 at 1.00 pm

Contact: Sarah Daniel – Council Business Unit – 07385 086 169

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 Monday, 20 June 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 as an accurate record.

**(Pages 7 - 16)**

**3. CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services and

(Pages 17 - 38)

**4. THE COUNCIL'S TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2022-2025**

To receive a report from the Chief Executive to enable Cabinet to consider, review and approve the Council's response to Climate Change in its final Tackling Climate Change Strategy – 'Think Climate RCT' following wider engagement with residents, partners and other stakeholders, including staff.

(Pages 39 - 70)

**5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING PROGRAMME - PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE CEFN AND CRAIG YR HESG PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE A NEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

To receive a report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services to advise Members of the outcome of the recent publication of a Statutory Notice in respect of the proposal to amalgamate the currently federated Cefn and Craig yr Hesg primary schools.

(Pages 71 - 80)

**6. REVIEW OF LEARNING SUPPORT CLASS PROVISION WITHIN RCT**

To receive the report of the Director Education and Inclusion Services to advise Members of the outcome of the publication of the Statutory Notice in respect of the proposal to enhance Learning Support Class (LSC) provision within Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

(Pages 81 - 88)

**7. CAR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEES**

To receive a Joint Report of the Director of Human Resources and the Director Finance and Digital Services to determine the rate of reimbursement payable to Council employees who utilise their own vehicles for work related purposes.

(Pages 89 - 92)

**8. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION SERVICE: OVERVIEW OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING 2020-2022**

To receive the report of the Group Director Community and Children's Services to provide Cabinet Members with an overview of the additional support the Youth Engagement and Participation Service has offered young people as a result of the Council's additional investment since 2020.

(Pages 93 - 102)

**9. PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT**

To receive a report of the Group Director Community and Children's Services to update Members on the Play Sufficiency Assessment following Pre-scrutiny by the Children & Young People Scrutiny

Committee at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and to seek endorsement from members for the Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA) and action plan to be submitted to the Welsh Government by 30th June 2022, as per statutory obligation placed upon the Council in the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 and the Play Sufficiency Assessment (Wales) Regulations 2012.

**(Pages 103 - 228)**

**10. FOOD RESILIENCE**

To receive the report of the Director Public Health, Protection and Community Services to provide Members with an opportunity to review the support offered to residents who are experiencing food poverty, the work undertaken with partners to develop a strategic approach to food security and the progress made towards achieving a Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award plus plans for further development.

**(Pages 229 - 240)**

**11. COMMUNITY WARDENS**

To receive the report of the Director Frontline Services to seek approval from Cabinet to introduce a new Community Warden service, effective across RCT, to support the Police in providing a visible, reassuring presence in our town centres, parks and communities.

**(Pages 241 - 246)**

**12. ARMED FORCES AND WAR MEMORIALS COMMITMENT**

To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services and Communication to provide an update on the Council's ongoing support for our Armed Forces and Veteran community and outlines how the Council can increase the commitment to those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, through additional investment in the Armed Forces, including War Memorials

**(Pages 247 - 252)**

**13. PONTYPRIDD TOWN CENTRE PLACEMAKING PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND PROJECT UPDATES**

To receive the report of the Director of Prosperity and Development to set out the headline results of the public consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the draft Pontypridd Town Centre Placemaking Plan and the early ideas for redevelopment of the former M&S and Dorothy Perkins/Burtens buildings;

**(Pages 253 - 302)**

**14. DRAFT RCT TREE, WOODLANDS, AND HEDGEROW STRATEGY**

To receive the report of the Director Prosperity and Development for Cabinet to consider the contents of a new, draft RCT Tree, Woodlands and Hedgerow Strategy and agree that the draft is used as the basis on which to engage the public and other relevant stakeholders in an eight week consultation to ascertain a wider range of views.

(Pages 303 - 360)

**15. PROPOSED LEVELLING UP FUND SUBMISSION FOR THE CYNON VALLEY**

To receive the report of the Director Prosperity and Development to provide Cabinet with a summary of the UK Government Leveling Up Fund (Round 2) and the proposed project application for the Former Chicken Factory, Trecynon for the Cynon Valley Parliamentary Constituency

(Pages 361 - 370)

**16. LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

To receive the Leader's new Scheme of Delegation for information from the Service Director Democratic Services and Communication

(Pages 371 - 396)

**17. 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".

**18. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES LEARNING PROGRAMME (FORMERLY 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS) - FINANCIAL CLOSE FOR MIM PATHFINDER PROJECT**

To receive the joint report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services and the Director Finance and Digital Services on Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning (formerly 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band B) Mutual Investment Model (MIM) Revenue Funding Programme.

(Pages 397 - 1220)

**19. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.



**Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services**

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