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COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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YOU ARE SUMMONED to a hybrid meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2023** at **5.00 PM.**

AGENDA

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TIME	ITEM	PAGE(S)
5 Minutes	ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest; and2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of prejudicial interest they <u>must</u> notify the Chairman when they leave.	
5 Minutes	ITEM 2. MINUTES To approve as an accurate record, the following minutes of the Council Meetings held on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Extra Ordinary Council meeting on 23rd November 2022 at 3.30pm➤ Council meeting on 23rd November 2022 at 5.00pm	7 - 26

5 Minutes	ITEM 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	OPEN GOVERNMENT:	
10 Minutes	ITEM 4. STATEMENTS 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	ITEM 5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2. (N.B a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)	27 - 34
	COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION Council Work Programme 2022/23	
	OFFICERS' REPORTS	
10 Minutes	ITEM 6. RHONDDA CYNON TAF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.	35 - 264
10 Minutes	ITEM 7. WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.	265 - 320
10 Minutes	ITEM 8. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services.	321 - 330
10 Minutes	ITEM 9. COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM To consider the report of the Director of Finance & Digital Services	331 - 374
10 Minutes	ITEM 10. ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2021/22 (INCORPORATING THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT) To receive the report of the Chief Executive	375 - 418
10 Minutes	ITEM 11. CHIEF OFFICER VER AND REDUNDANCY PACKAGE To consider the joint report of the Chief Executive and the	419 - 422

	Director, Human Resources.	
10 Minutes	<p>ITEM 12. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication.</p>	423 - 426
45 Minutes	<p>ITEM 13. NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors R. Williams, S. Emanuel, L. Addiscott, M. D. Ashford, J. Barton, D. R. Bevan, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, G. Caple, J. Cook, A. Crimmings, S. J. Davies, R. Davis, A. J. Dennis, V. Dunn, E. L. Dunning, J. Edwards, J. A. Elliott, L. Ellis, R. Evans, A. S. Fox, B. Harris, S. Hickman, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, W. Hughes, G. Jones, G. O. Jones, R. R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, M. Maohoub, C. Middle, A. Morgan, N. H. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, D. Parkin, S. Powderhill, C. Preedy, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Smith, G. Stacey, L. A. Tomkinson, W. Treeby, J. Turner, G. L. Warren, K. Webb, M. Webber, D. Williams, G. E. Williams, T. Williams, R. Yeo.</p> <p>Whilst it was not obvious from an initial reading of the Chancellor's recent Autumn Statement, the UK Government has confirmed that their review of the Energy Bill Relief Scheme for businesses and non-domestic customers will not extend beyond March 2023.</p> <p>As yet, the Westminster Government has not announced whether a substitute scheme will be implemented, or indeed what form of support this would provide. This is naturally problematic to many businesses and public organisations.</p> <p>This cessation of energy support will mean most funding for public services will need to go straight back in to paying significant energy bill increases for leisure centres, community centres and potentially other public buildings. Here in Rhondda Cynon Taf, the Council is facing a 355% hike in energy costs. Until an announcement is made, public organisations will have no clarity and not be able to plan for future budget pressures.</p> <p>The UK government has rightly committed to uprate benefits (with the notable exception of local housing allowance). But by starving communities of the funding they need to keep the lights on in vital community buildings, this is like robbing Peter to pay Paul.</p> <p>We urge the UK Government to reconsider their unclear policy of public sector energy support beyond March 2023.</p> <p>On top of this, the Government has announced a cut in the support available to households in fuel poverty next winter.</p> <p>While the Energy Price Guarantee will continue to cap the unit cost of energy, all energy bills will increase from 1 April 2023 – at</p>	

	<p>the same time as the Energy Bills Support Scheme finishes.</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the removal of the Energy Bill Relief Scheme for Councils and public sector organisations will cause significant financial hardship at a time when a number of other factors are contributing to unprecedented budget challenges. <p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask that the Council Leader writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister. • Calls on the UK Government to provide urgent clarity on its plans to implement a scheme to offer public sector energy relief beyond March 2023. • Calls on the Westminster Government to go further to help the millions of homes in fuel poverty throughout 2023. 	
	<p>ITEM 14. TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION</p> <p>“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 12 and 13 of Part 4 of the Schedule 12A of the Act”.</p>	
10 Minutes	<p>ITEM 15. THE COUNCIL'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM STRUCTURE</p> <p>To receive the Joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Human Resources.</p>	427 - 444
	<p>ITEM 16. URGENT BUSINESS</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