



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bydd cyfarfod hybrid y CABINET yn cael ei gynnal ar'
Dydd Llun, 7fed Tachwedd, 2022 am 2.00 pm

Dolen gyswllt: Hannah Williams – Uned Busnes y Cyngor
(Rhif ffôn. 07385401954)

Os bydd cynghorwyr neu aelodau o'r cyhoedd yn dymuno cael cyfle i annerch y Cabinet am unrhyw fater ar yr agenda isod, rhaid iddyn nhw ofyn am gael gwneud hynny erbyn canol Dydd Iau, 3 Tachwedd 2022. Rhaid iddyn nhw hefyd gadarnhau ai yn y Gymraeg neu yn y Saesneg y byddan nhw'n annerch.

Nodwch mai'r Cadeirydd biau'r penderfyniad i ganiatáu'r cais am annerch y Cabinet. Bydd pob cais yn cael ei ystyried ar sail y materion sy'n cael eu trafod ar yr agenda, buddiant y cyhoedd/y Cynghorydd ynglŷn â phob mater, a'r gofynion o ran y materion sydd i'w trafod ar y diwrnod hwnnw. I wneud cais, anfonwch e-bost i UnedBusnesGweithredolaRheoleiddiol@rctcbc.gov.uk

Bwriedir i'r cyfarfod yma gael ei weddarlledu'n fyw, mae rhagor o fanylion am hyn [yma](#)

MATERION I'W TRAFOD

1. DATGAN BUDDIANT

Derbyn datganiadau o fuddiannau personol gan Aelodau yn unol â'r Cod Ymddygiad.

Nodwch:

1. Mae gofyn i Aelodau ddatgan rhif a phwnc yr agendwm mae eu buddiant yn ymwneud ag ef a mynegi natur y buddiant personol hwnnw; a
2. Lle bo Aelodau'n ymneilltuo o'r cyfarfod o ganlyniad i ddatgelu buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu, mae **rhaid** iddyn nhw roi gwybod i'r Cadeirydd pan fyddan nhw'n gadael.

2. COFNODION

Cadarnhau cofnodion o gyfarfod y Cabinet a gynhaliwyd ar 17 Hydref 2022 yn rhai cywir.

(Tudalennau 5 - 12)

3. RHAGLEN YSGOLION YR 21AIN GANRIF: LLETY ANGHENION SYLFAENOL - YSTAFELLOEDD DOSBARTH YCHWANEGOL YN YSGOL GYFUN Y PANT

Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cynhwysiant sy'n rhoi diweddariad i'r Cabinet mewn perthynas â'r ddarpariaeth ystafelloedd addysgu ychwanegol yn Ysgol Gyfun Y Pant, yn dilyn yr adroddiad a gafodd ei gyflwyno i'r Cabinet ar 13 Rhagfyr 2021, a oedd yn tynnu sylw at y pwysau cynyddol o ran niferoedd disgyblion yn ne'r Fwrdeistref Sirol.

(Tudalennau 13 - 22)

4. SYLFAEN TRETH Y CYNGOR 2023-2024

Derbyn adroddiad Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol, sy'n gosod yn ffurfiol Sylfaen Treth y Cyngor ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24.

(Tudalennau 23 - 28)

ADRODDIAD ER GWYBODAETH

5. CYNLLUN DIRPRWYO'R ARWEINYDD - 3A

Derbyn diweddariad ynghylch [Cynllun Dirprwyo'r Arweinydd](#).

6. MATERION BRYG

Trafod unrhyw faterion bryg y mae'r Cadeirydd yn eu gweld yn briodol.



Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu

Cylchrediad:-

Y Cynghorwyr: Y Cynghorydd A Morgan (Cadeirydd)
Y Cynghorydd M Webber (Is-gadeirydd)
Y Cynghorydd G Caple
Y Cynghorydd A Crimmings
Y Cynghorydd R Lewis
Y Cynghorydd C Leyshon
Y Cynghorydd M Norris
Y Cynghorydd B Harris

Swyddogion: Chris Bradshaw, Prif Weithredwr
Barrie Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol
Gaynor Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cynhwysiant
Louise Davies, Cyfarwyddwr – Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd, a Gwasanaethau'r Gymuned
Richard Evans, Cyfarwyddwr - Materion Adnoddau Dynol
Simon Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Paul Griffiths, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Gwella
Christian Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu
Derek James, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Paul Mee, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant
David Powell, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Eiddo'r Cyngor
Andy Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol
Neil Elliott, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau i Oedolion

tudalen wag

PWYLLGOR CABINET CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CABINET

Cofnodion o gyfarfod y Cabinet a gynhaliwyd Dydd Llun, 17 Hydref 2022 am 1.00 pm.

Y Cyngorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol - Cabinet Aelodau oedd yn bresennol:-:-

Y Cyngorydd A Morgan (Cadeirydd)

Y Cyngorydd M Webber Y Cyngorydd G Caple
Y Cyngorydd A Crimmings Y Cyngorydd R Lewis
Y Cyngorydd C Leyshon Y Cyngorydd B Harris

Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol

Mr C Bradshaw, Prif Weithredwr
Mr B Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol
Ms G Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cynhwysiant
Ms L Davies, Cyfarwyddwr – Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd, a Gwasanaethau'r Gymuned
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr - Materion Adnoddau Dynol
Mr S Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu
Mr D James, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Mr P Mee, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant
Mr D Powell, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Eiddo'r Cyngor
Mr R Waters, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Rheng-flaen
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol
Mr. M. Phillips, Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Refeniw

50 Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau

Croesawodd yr Arweinydd Aelodau a Swyddogion i gyfarfod y Cabinet a derbyniwyd ymddiheuriad am absenoldeb gan yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Ffyniant a Datblygu.

51 Datgan Buddiant

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, ni wnaethpwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau mewn perthynas â'r agenda.

52 Cofnodion

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion cyfarfod y Cabinet a gynhaliwyd ar 26 Medi 2022 yn rhai cywir.

Ymgysylltu mewn perthynas â Chyllideb y Cyngor

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu wybod i'r Cabinet am y dull arfaethedig o ymgysylltu ac ymgynghori â thrigolion ynglŷn â phroses pennu cyllideb 2023/24.

Siaradodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd yn gadarnhaol am gynnwys yr adroddiad ac roedd yn falch o nodi bod modd i Aelodau'r Cabinet ac Uwch Swyddogion gynnal sgysiau wyneb yn wyneb â thrigolion mewn perthynas â chyllideb y Cyngor, a hynny'n dilyn mesurau atal Covid-19 blaenorol.

Ychwanegodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd y byddai cyllideb eleni yn peri pryder i bob Awdurdod Lleol oherwydd yr argyfwng costau byw a'r cynnydd yn y biliau ynni. Felly, roedd y rhagolygon ar gyfer y dyfodol yn enbyd gyda phenderfyniadau anodd i'w gwneud.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Cefnogi gwaith pellach i ddatblygu a pharhau â'r dull o ran yr ymgynghoriad ar gyllideb y Cyngor a gafodd ei gyflwyno yn ystod yr ymgynghoriad y llynedd ar gyfer 2023/24, gan ddefnyddio gwefan Dewch i Siarad y Cyngor a threfniadau ymgysylltu wyneb yn wyneb â'r gymuned. Yn rhan o'r dull sydd wedi'i awgrymu, byddwn ni'n parhau i ddarparu ffyrdd eraill o ymgysylltu â'r rheiny heb fynediad i'r rhyngwrwyd, neu sy'n ei chael hi'n anodd cysylltu â'r rhyngwrwyd, a'r rheiny sy'n hoffi ymgysylltu trwy ddulliau traddodiadol;
2. Cefnogi gofynion statudol y Cyngor parthed ymgynghori ar y Cynllun Gostyngiadau Treth y Cyngor a lefelau Treth y Cyngor, a chaiff y rhain eu bodloni trwy'r dull arfaethedig;
3. Cefnogi proses ymgynghori ar y gyllideb cam 1 sy'n digwydd yn ystod hydref 2022, gyda'r dyddiadau i'w cadarnhau yn dilyn eglurhad o amserlenni setliad cyllideb Llywodraeth Cymru;
4. Awdurdodi'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth - Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu i gynllunio'r llinell amser ymgysylltu angenrheidiol unwaith y bydd manylion y Setliad Llywodraeth Leol Dros Dro yn hysbys, a hynny drwy ymgynghori â'r Aelod priodol o'r Cabinet a'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol.

Rhag-Graffu: Adroddiad Monitro Blynyddol yr Ardoll Seilwaith Cymunedol

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu adborth a sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu ar faterion yr Hinsawdd, Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Ffyniant i'r Cabinet yn dilyn rhag-graffu ar Adroddiad Monitro Blynyddol yr Ardoll Seilwaith Cymunedol yn ei gyfarfod ar 29 Medi 2022.

Rhoddodd y Pennaeth Materion Cynllunio wybod i'r Aelodau am fanylion Adroddiad Monitro Blynyddol yr Ardoll Seilwaith Cymunedol a'r newidiadau arfaethedig i'r Rhestr Rheoliad 123.

Manteisiodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd ar y cyfle i ddiolch i'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Ffyniant am ei adborth ar yr adroddiad.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Nodi sylwadau ac arsylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Materion yr Hinsawdd,

Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Ffyniant, fel sydd wedi'i nodi ym mharagraff 5 o'r adroddiad;

2. Cymeradwyo'r argymhellion sydd wedi'u hamlinellu yn Adroddiad Monitro Blynyddol yr Ardoll Seilwaith Cymunedol sydd wedi'i atodi i'r adroddiad yma yn Atodiad A.

55 Rhag-Graffu: Adroddiad Blynyddol Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Drafft) 2021-2022

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu adborth a sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu - Gwasanaethau Cymuned i'r Cabinet, yn dilyn rhag-graffu ar Adroddiad Blynyddol Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol 2021/22 yn ei gyfarfod ar 5 Hydref 2022.

Rhoddodd Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant fanylion yr adroddiad i'r Cabinet. Mae Adroddiad Blynyddol 2021/22 Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn nodi cyflawniad Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol y Cyngor y llynedd ac yn tynnu sylw at gyfeiriad a blaenoriaethau'r flwyddyn bresennol.

Nododd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu gan wneud sylw am y ffaith bod rhaid cyflymu'r broses integreiddio gofal cymdeithasol a gofal iechyd; dyma fater a gafodd ei drafod yn ystod cyfarfod diweddar Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

Nododd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ymrwymiad a chwmpas gwaith sydd wedi'i gynnal gan staff y gwasanaethau cymdeithasol ac wrth gyfeirio at astudiaethau achos, siaradodd am sut roedd ymyraethau wedi gwella sawl agwedd ar fywydau cleientiaid megis hyder ac annibyniaeth.

Manteisiodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd ar y cyfle i ddiolch i'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned am ei sylwadau ac arsylwadau mewn perthynas â'r adroddiad.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Nodi sylwadau ac arsylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned;
2. Cymeradwyo'r argymhellion sydd wedi'u hamlinellu yn Adroddiad Blynyddol 2021/22 Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol sydd wedi'i atodi i'r adroddiad.

56 Gweithdrefnau Rhoi Sylwadau, Canmol a Chwyno - Adroddiad Blynyddol

Rhoddodd Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant drosolwg i'r Cabinet o'r trefnau gweithredu ac effeithiolrwydd gweithdrefnau cwyno Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Statudol y Cyngor rhwng 1 Ebrill 2021 a 31 Mawrth 2022. Roedd yr adroddiad yn cynnwys gwybodaeth ar gefndir gweithdrefn gwynion statudol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, gwybodaeth am wersi sy wedi'u dysgu o gwynion a data cyflawniad ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol i Oedolion ac i Blant, ynghyd â chyflawniadau ar gyfer 2021/22 a datblygiadau yn y dyfodol.

Rhoddodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol ddiolch

i'r Cyfarwyddwr am yr adroddiad cynhwysfawr a bwysleisiodd agwedd gadarnhaol y Cyngor tuag at ddelio â chwynion er mwyn cynnal a gwella ei safonau. Siaradodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet am yr ystod eang o ganmoliaeth yn yr adroddiad, a bwysleisiodd ymrwymiad y staff er gwaethaf cyfnodau heriol.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Cymeradwyo cynnwys Adroddiad Blynyddol Cwynion Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol;
2. Nodi'r gwaith sy wedi'i wneud gan Garfan Cwynion y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol.

57 Strategaeth Chwaraeon a Gweithgarwch Corfforol 2022-27 ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf

Gofynnodd Cyfarwyddwr Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwasanaethau Cymuned am gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet ar gyfer Strategaeth Chwaraeon a Gweithgarwch Corfforol 2022-2027 ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf a rhoddodd wybod i'r Cabinet am adborth yr ymgynghoriad mewn perthynas â'r Strategaeth newydd.

Manteisiodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden ar y cyfle i ddiolch i'r swyddogion am yr adroddiad a'r Strategaeth. Siaradodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet yn gadarnhaol am y Strategaeth a'i chanolbwynt i ddarparu ystod eang o weithgareddau gan sicrhau bod cyfleusterau chwaraeon yn cael eu cynnal i safon uchel, yn unol â blaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Corfforaethol.

Nododd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet fod y Strategaeth flaenorol wedi canolbwyntio ar fuddsoddi dros bum mlynedd ac ymaelododd dros 10,000 o bobl â chynllun Hamdden am Oes o ganlyniad i hyn. Serch hynny, nodwyd y gallai'r cyfnodau anodd sydd o'n blaenau ni greu rhwystr yn y dyfodol.

Gan gyfeirio at yr ymgynghoriad, nododd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ei bod yn galonogol nodi bod 93.5% o drigolion o'r farn bod gan RCT weledigaeth o annog trigolion i fyw bywyd iach, a hynny er gwaethaf y ffaith bod ffigurau gwefan 'Dewch i Siarad' yn siomedig. Aeth yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ati i gydnabod gwaith a sylwadau'r hen Bwyllgor Craffu – Materion Iechyd a Lles.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Cymeradwyo Strategaeth Chwaraeon a Gweithgarwch Corfforol 2022-27 ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf.

58 Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol 2022-2037

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu grynodedd i'r Cabinet o'r Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol 2022-2037 gan ofyn am gymeradwyaeth i ddefnyddio'r asesiad yn rhan o'r dystiolaeth ar gyfer Cynllun Corfforaethol, Cynllun Datblygu Lleol a Chynllun Darparu Tai y Cyngor. Cymerodd y ddogfen yma le canfyddiadau'r Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol blaenorol a gafodd ei gwblhau yn 2017/18, a'i lunio yn unol â chanllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru.

Rhoddodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd y Cyhoedd a Chymunedau ddiolch i'r Cyfarwyddwr am yr adroddiad gan gydnabod y gwaith sydd wedi'i

gynnal hyd yn hyn. Roedd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet yn falch o nodi bod y targedau blynyddol eisoes wedi'u bodloni.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Cymeradwyo Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol 2022-2037 yn ffynhonnell allweddol o dystiolaeth i gefnogi gwaith cyflwyno polisiau tai yng Nghynllun Corfforaethol, Cynllun Datblygu Lleol a Chynllun Cyflenwi Tai y Cyngor;
2. Cymeradwyo Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol 2022-2037 fel offeryn i negodi darpariaeth tai fforddiadwy ar geisiadau cynllunio ac i nodi sut mae angen tai yn golygu gwahanol feintiau a mathau o dai fforddiadwy (e.e. rhent cymdeithasol a pherchnogaeth tai cost isel); a
3. Cymeradwyo Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol 2022-2037 i'w ddefnyddio i lywio ceisiadau am gyllid (gan gynnwys Grant Tai Cymdeithasol) ac i ddylanwadu ar ddatblygiad preswyl yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

59 Strategaeth Cartrefi Gwag Newydd ar gyfer 2022-2025

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu y diweddaraf i'r Cabinet am y cynnydd o ran aildefnyddio cartrefi gwag yn unol â Strategaeth Cartrefi Gwag bresennol RhCT (2018-2022), gan ofyn am gymeradwyaeth Aelodau i gytuno ar Strategaeth Cartrefi Gwag newydd y Cyngor ar gyfer 2022-2025.

Siaradodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion lechyd y Cyhoedd a Chymunedau am lwyddiant y cynllun hyd yn hyn, oedd wedi arwain at aildefnyddio 20% o eiddo ac wedi'i gymeradwyo gan Lywodraeth Cymru.

Siaradodd yr Arweinydd am y gwaith a gafodd ei gynnal mewn perthynas â Grantiau Eiddo Gwag a nododd fod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi gofyn i RCT arwain Tasglu'r Cymoedd ar y pryd, ac mae'n dymuno i RCT arwain eto ar waith ailgyflwyno'r cynllun grant.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Trafod yr wybodaeth sydd wedi'i chynnwys yn yr adroddiad yma a'r cynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud mewn perthynas ag aildefnyddio cartrefi gwag yn unol â Strategaeth Cartrefi Gwag RhCT bresennol (2018-2022);
2. Cymeradwyo'r Strategaeth Cartrefi Gwag newydd (2022-2025).

60 Premiymau Treth y Cyngor – Eiddo Gwag Tymor Hir ac Ail Gartrefi

Cyflwynodd Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol wybodaeth i'r Cabinet ynghylch y pwerau dewisol sydd gan y Cyngor i godi symiau uwch o ran Treth y Cyngor (premiwm) ar rai eiddo y darperir ar eu cyfer gan Ddeddf Tai (Cymru) 2014. Gofynnodd i'r Cabinet ystyried cynnal cyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol ar gynnig i gyflwyno premiwm, a hynny wrth ystyried y pwerau yma.

Nododd y Cyfarwyddwr fod gwall teipio i'w weld ym mharagraff 10 sy'n cyfeirio at 5 mlynedd ac y dylai argymhelliad 2.2 gyfeirio at 'ail gartrefi'; ac y byddai'r man ddiwygiadau yn cael eu gwneud i'r adroddiad gwreiddiol, gyda chymeradwyaeth y Cabinet, fel nad oes unrhyw ddryswch trwy gydol y broses ymgynghori.

Roedd yr Arweinydd yn hapus i gynnwys y diwygiadau uchod a nododd y byddai'r ymgynghoriad wedi'i dargedu at y rheiny sydd wedi'u heffeithio'n

uniongyrchol. Ychwanegodd yr Arweinydd fod yr adroddiad yn rhan o awydd y Cyngor i leihau nifer yr eiddo gwag hirdymor yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol. Nododd yr Arweinydd y dylid canolbwyntio ar ailddefnyddio hen eiddo, yn ogystal â chreu cartrefi newydd.

Roedd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Hinsawdd a Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol wedi gobeithio y byddai'r ymgynghoriad pedair wythnos yn amrywiol ac roedd yn falch o nodi y byddai perchennog pob eiddo gwag yn derbyn llythyr gan yr Awdurdod Lleol yn rhoi gwybod am yr ymgynghoriad.

Adleisiodd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd y Cyhoedd a Chymunedau sylwadau blaenorol am ailddefnyddio'r eiddo ac roedd o'r farn bod y dull yn bwysig o ran helpu'r Cyngor i fodloni'i anghenion Strategaeth Dai ehangach.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Nodi manylion y pwerau dewisol sy'n ymwneud â Phremiymau Treth y Cyngor fel sydd wedi'u hamlinellu yn yr adroddiad hwn;
2. Cychwyn ymarfer ymgynghori ar y defnydd arfaethedig o'r pwerau hyn mewn perthynas ag eiddo gwag ac ail gartrefi fel sydd wedi'i nodi yn Adran 10; a
3. Bod adroddiad, gan gynnwys canlyniadau'r ymarfer ymgynghori, yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Cabinet i'w ystyried a phenderfynu ar y ffordd arfaethedig ymlaen a fyddai'n cael ei argymhell i'r Cyngor Llawn.

61 Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru - Llythyr ac Adroddiad Blynyddol 2021-2022

Rhoddodd Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol wybod i'r Cabinet am gyhoeddi Adroddiad Blynyddol a Llythyr Blynyddol Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru ('PSOW') i'r Cyngor yma ar gyfer 2021-2022.

Rhoddodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd ddiolch i'r Cyfarwyddwr am yr adroddiad gan nodi bod RhCT yn ffafriol a'r trydydd isaf allan o 22 Awdurdod Lleol Cymru. Nododd y Dirprwy Arweinydd ei bod hi'n debygol bod y gostyngiad yma yn nifer y cwynion o ganlyniad i'r pandemig ac mae cynnydd i'w weld nawr oherwydd hynny.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Trafod a nodi Adroddiad Blynyddol a Llythyr Blynyddol Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru i'r Cyngor yma ar gyfer 2021-2022.

62 Rhaglen Gyfalaf Atodol 2022-2023 ar gyfer y Priffyrdd, Trafnidiaeth a Chynlluniau Strategol

Nododd Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen y rhaglen gyfalaf atodol ar gyfer y Priffyrdd, Trafnidiaeth a Chynlluniau Strategol, yn dilyn cymeradwyo buddsoddiad 2022/23 ychwanegol gan y Cyngor ar 28 Medi 2022.

Nododd yr Arweinydd fod y £100,000 wedi'i ddyrannu ar gyfer draenio yn yr adroddiad gan egluro bod yr arian ar gyfer gwaith draenio ar raddfa fach a'i fod ar ben y £1M ar gyfer gwaith perygl llifogydd sydd wedi'i nodi yn ail ran yr adroddiad. Dywedodd yr Arweinydd y byddai hyn yn helpu i lunio achos yr Awdurdod Lleol ar gyfer rhagor o gyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru y flwyddyn nesaf.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Nodi a chymeradwyo'r Rhaglen Gyfalaf Atodol ar gyfer y Priffyrdd, Trafnidiaeth a Chynlluniau Strategol fel sydd wedi'i nodi yn yr adroddiad yma;
2. Nodi bod y dyraniadau presennol yn rhan o raglen gyfalaf 3 blynedd a dirprwyo awdurdod i Gyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen, mewn ymgynghoriad ag Arweinydd y Cyngor a'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol, ymestyn gweithgarwch i gyflawni prosiectau ychwanegol yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol lle mae capasiti yn bodoli ar gyfer cyflwyno carlam yn unol â phwrpas y rhaglen ehangach, neu atal rhaglenni/prosiectau dros dro ac ailddyrranu cyllid er mwyn gwneud y budd gorau.

63 Newid i Drefn yr Agenda

Yn unol â chais yr Arweinydd, **PENDERFYNODD** y Cabinet:

1. Newid trefn yr agenda er mwyn trafod yr eitem 'hwyr' cyn cadw aelodau o'r wasg ac aelodau o'r cyhoedd o ystafell y cyfarfod.

64 Protocol Costau Teithio ar y Cyd Dros Dro Cymru Gyfan

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol fanylion i'r Cabinet am Brococol Costau Teithio ar y Cyd Dros Dro Cymru Gyfan, a gafodd ei gymeradwyo'n ddiweddar gan Fwrdd Gweithredol Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru (WLGA) ac Undebau Llafur y Cyd-gyngor Cenedlaethol (NJC), sydd wedi'i rannu â phob awdurdod yng Nghymru er mwyn ei drafod yn ffurfiol.

Siaradodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd o blaid yr argymhellion gan nodi bod y dull yn cydnabod anwadalrwydd y farchnad bresennol.

Talodd yr Arweinydd deyrnged i'r Undebau Llafur a oedd wedi gweithio gyda Gweithgor Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru mewn perthynas â'r protocol. Ychwanegodd yr Arweinydd fod Llywodraeth y DU yn cael ei lobio i gynyddu costau teithio Cyllid a Thollau Ei Fawrhydi o 45c i 50c ac esboniodd fod rhaid talu treth ar y 5c ychwanegol ar hyn o bryd.

PENDERFYNODD y Cabinet:

1. Trafod mabwysiadu'r protocol ar y cyd dros dro yn ffurfiol, fydd yn arwain at gynyddu cyfradd yn ôl y filltir y Cyngor dros dro o 45c i 50c fesul milltir, o 1 Tachwedd 2022.

65 Trafod cadarnhau'r cynnig isod yn benderfyniad

PENDERFYNWYD: "Bod y cyfarfod hwn yn cadw aelodau o'r wasg ac aelodau o'r cyhoedd allan o ystafell y cyfarfod, dan Adran 100A(4) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (fel y'i diwygiwyd), yn ystod trafod yr agendwm nesaf, ar y sail y byddai'n debygol o olygu datgelu gwybodaeth eithriedig yn ôl diffiniad paragraff 14 o Ran 4 o Atodlen 12A i'r Ddeddf."

Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Company Limited ac Amgen Rhondda Limited – Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol

Yn dilyn trafod adroddiad Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, sy'n cynnwys gwybodaeth eithriadig fel y diffinnir ym Mharagraff 14 o Ran 4 o Atodlen 12A o'r Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol, 1972 (fel y'i diwygiwyd), sef gwybodaeth ynglŷn â materion ariannol neu fusnes unigolyn penodol (gan gynnwys yr awdurdod sy'n dal yr wybodaeth honno), **PENDERFYNWYD:**

1. Bod y bwriad cyffredol i barhau i weithredu Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Company Limited ac Amgen Rhondda Limited (y 'Cwmnïau') yn gwmnïau dan reolaeth yr Awdurdod Lleol yn y dyfodol wedi'i gadarnhau;
2. Yn amodol ar fodloni'r Cyfarwyddwr Cyllid a Gwasanaethau Digidol nad oes unrhyw afreoleidd-dra yng nghyfrifon y Cwmnïau y dylid derbyn y cyfrifon ar ran y Cyngor;
3. Penodi Azets Audit Services yn archwilwyr i'r Cwmnïau am y flwyddyn sy'n dod i ben ar 31 Mawrth 2023;
4. Bod Cyfarwyddiaethau'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Gwella ar y ddau Gwmni yn parhau;
5. Nodi parhad swydd cyfarwyddwr anweithredol ar Fwrdd y Cwmnïau hyd at Gyfarfodydd Cyffredinol Blynyddol 2023;
6. Awdurdodi Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol ac/neu ei enwebai i arfer pleidlais y Cyngor yng Nghyfarfodydd Cyffredinol Blynyddol y Cwmnïau yn unol ag argymhellion 2(ii) i 2(iv) uchod; a
7. Bydd Aelod o'r Cabinet yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor yng Nghyfarfodydd Cyffredinol Blynyddol y Cwmnïau.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 2PM

**Cllr A Morgan
Cadeirydd.**



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

7TH NOVEMBER 2022

21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME – BASIC NEED ACCOMMODATION ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AT Y PANT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH
PARTICIPATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE, COUNCILLOR RHYS LEWIS.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an update on the provision of additional teaching accommodation at Y Pant, following the Report presented to Cabinet on 13 December 2021 highlighting the increasing pressures on pupil numbers in the south of the County Borough.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note the changes that impact upon school places as detailed within this report.
- 2.2 Approve the changes to the scope of the project.
- 2.3 Approve the increase in the capital investment to build a new two-storey teaching block at Y Pant.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To continue to deliver on the Council's statutory duties and to provide the appropriate number of school places in the right locations. Delivering this statutory duty is becoming increasingly challenging given the rising requests for school admissions in the south of the County Borough.
- 3.2 Since the last report was presented to Cabinet in December 2021, the scope of the scheme has changed which has impacted on both project costs and the delivery programme.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As referenced in the Cabinet Report dated 13 December 2021, school places in the south of the County Borough are being carefully monitored due to the number of housing developments being constructed in the locality, increasing pressure on the capacity of our secondary schools in this area. For example, as at September 2022, 207 new dwellings have been built and are already occupied on the Llanilid housing development site. This site is within Y Pant's catchment area, with planning consent approved to deliver hundreds more over the next few years.
- 4.2 The Education Directorate continues to proactively manage these pressures and invest in our schools, and to seek Cabinet support to increase capacity in schools where an increase in demand is anticipated. In addition to this, the Directorate has a responsibility for implementing changes to catchment areas where necessary to help alleviate pressures on pupil places.
- 4.3 As alluded to in the previous Cabinet Report, capacity pressures are also affecting the Council areas of Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan resulting in changes to the catchment areas in their localities. Consequently, pupils who reside in RCT but attend out of county primary schools, have experienced difficulties in securing a place at their associated secondary school causing additional pressures for Y Pant in particular. The tangible impact of these changes, is that 20 pupils currently attending out of county primary schools, secured a place in Y Pant in September 2022, with RCT already receiving a further 32 applications for September 2023. To confirm, despite the primary school attended, these pupils live within RCT and within the catchment area of Y Pant.
- 4.4 Current data shows that of the 1420 pupils on roll at Y Pant, 92% reside within the catchment area, suggesting the pressure on the school is predominantly from in-catchment pupils. The Council has already received 268 applications for Year 7 pupils to access the school in September 2023 against a school admission number of 233. Table 1 outlines the impact of the housing developments in the South of the County Borough area on pupil numbers in Y Pant and neighbouring secondary schools in the area.

Table 1: Number of Pupils on Roll and School Capacity

SCHOOL	NOR	CAPACITY
Y Pant	1420	1402
Bryncelynnog	1362	1442
Tonyrefail (Secondary age pupils)	1330	1387

- 4.5 The risk of not having enough school places in Y Pant is that pupils will not be able to attend their in-catchment school which means that the Council will have to transport and fund children to attend their second choice, or nearest suitable school, which would be Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School. This clearly is a concern as Table 1 highlights the capacity pressures faced by the three neighbouring schools in this area. Furthermore, the costs of transporting children to their out of catchment school would be estimated to be circa 60k a year, which would add to our escalating costs for school transport and negatively impact upon our carbon emissions and our ambition to be a carbon neutral Council by 2030.
- 4.6 The Council's Admissions Team has been working proactively with the schools in the south of the County Borough to ensure that out-of-catchment pupils attend their home school. If an application for a school place is unsuccessful, parents/carers have the right to appeal that decision. Table 2 shows, despite the best efforts of the Admissions Team, the Independent Appeals Panel uphold a significant number of appeals. In these circumstances, learners may well have exceptional and compelling social, emotional, medical or family reasons why a placement at Y Pant is essential and should be agreed.

Table 2: Number of Admissions Appeals at Y Pant

Year	Appeals held	Successful	Unsuccessful	Withdrawn
21/22	3	2	1	0
20/21	16	5	10	1
19/20	27	10	17	0
18/19	0	0	0	0
17/18	29	5	21	3
16/17	14	5	9	0
15/16	19	15	2	2
Total	108	42	60	6

- 4.7 As Cabinet will be aware, at the meeting of 13 December 2021 the Council approved the increase in capacity of Y Pant by delivering a two-phase construction programme. It was agreed that initially 4 classrooms would be constructed, and a further 4 classrooms added at a later date, ensuring the school capacity is future proofed in the medium to long-term. At the time of the report, construction costs to construct a single storey building were estimated to be £900k with the additional costs for design/ build, prelims and project management fees to be met from within existing resources.
- 4.8 Following lengthy discussions with the Corporate Design Team, and in an attempt to secure best value for money to deliver both phases for the Council,

the recommended delivery approach has changed. The preferred option is to now construct a two-storey building at the outset, and fit-out four classrooms only at this stage. The ground floor will remain an open space where additional classrooms can be created at a later stage with relative ease and minimum disruption, the costs of which will be met from within the existing education capital programme.

4.9 The financial and logistical benefits of phasing the construction programme in this way is as follows:

- This phasing option would not incur abortive costs as no temporary works would be required. For example, a temporary roof would not be required as the fabric of the building in its entirety would be complete in phase 1;
- There would be no future warranty issues as there would be no requirement to use another contractor to construct a second floor on top of the existing structure. To note, additional work could also invalidate the warranties on the existing building;
- No temporary accommodation would be required to deliver the additional classrooms as providing accommodation on the first floor allows works to the ground floor to be undertaken whilst the school is operational. If we were to build the ground floor then add a second floor, the school would not be able to utilise this building for the duration of the build, leading to additional temporary accommodation costs and logistical issues estimated to be in region of circa £600k;
- This phasing option significantly reduces the timescales of delivering phase 2 as the works required to fit out the ground floor would be relatively simple and could be carried out over a summer holiday period. Building a second storey would take considerably longer, causing further disruption for the school at considerable cost.
- Our preferred option provides best value for money and is estimated to be significantly less expensive over both phases.

4.10 Unfortunately, given the volatility in the construction industry, costs for this project, along with many other construction projects across the Council, have escalated significantly. The cost of construction materials nationally continues to escalate, reaching a 40 year high based on the annual growth of the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) Materials Cost Index. Increased global demand in the construction sector, combined with the multiple and complex impacts of the COVID pandemic and logistics issues have caused unprecedented shortages, delays and ultimately increased prices in materials and labour across the sector. Because of this, demand has outstripped supply, giving rise to longer lead times and inevitably price increases, as contractors are now more risk averse when pricing packages of work.

- 4.11 Nationally, complications resulting from Brexit have exacerbated this situation affecting all aspects of trade and labour availability, the repercussions of which are acutely impacting the construction sector. In addition, the recent invasion of Ukraine has placed further pressure on supply chains that were already under strain. Building material costs continue to rise, with +20% additional cost increases expected on materials that use more energy in their manufacturing processes such as steel, cement etc, as energy prices continue to rise across Europe. All in all, this perfect storm has created an increasingly volatile market within the construction industry.
- 4.12 As a result of the increase in costs being felt across the construction industry, as well as the major changes to the scope and delivery programme of the project which essentially now delivers a two-storey building rather than a single-storey, the total project costs to deliver this option is an estimated £3.466M (including professional and project management fees, and a risk allocation). This equates an increase from £900k to £1.9M for the construction element. An education budget of circa £1.7M has already been earmarked for delivery in the current capital programme, and the £1.7m shortfall can be met from Education Revenue Maintenance Grant.
- 4.13 To confirm alternative options to increase the accommodation at Y Pant have been explored, including building another storey on the existing school building as well as investigating the use of mobile classrooms. The challenging logistics of building on the existing school whilst the school is in session has ruled out this option, and the costs for the use of mobile classrooms do not provide the savings we had hoped. For context, high level costs for a number of mobile accommodation options have been sought:
- re-locating a used two-classroom mobile from a neighbouring RCT school would cost in the region of £1M;
 - the costs to purchase and site a four-classroom refurbished mobile unit have been estimated at £1.3M; and,
 - to purchase a brand new four-classroom mobile unit would cost in the region of circa £2.1M.
- 4.14 Whilst these solutions appear to be less expensive than the preferred option, none of these solutions provide the future proofing required for the delivery of the 8 classrooms we will require within the next 4-6 years due to the considerable housing developments in this area.
- 4.15 We have also considered utilising temporary accommodation in the interim and constructing the permanent solution in two years' time when budgets may be under less pressure. However, using the BCIS as an indication of where construction costs will be, it seems that we would be looking at an uplift of circa 13% on the current construction costs which would be required in addition to the costs estimated above for the use of temporary accommodation in the interim.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 The Council has to satisfy its public sector duties under the Equality Act (2010), including specific Welsh public sector duties. Pursuant to these legal duties Councils must in making decisions, have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected characteristics.
- 5.2 All works carried out will be fully compliant with the Equality Act (2010) which will ensure that the new facilities are fully accessible.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A Welsh Impact Assessment is not required at this juncture. However, if further works are required which triggers a statutory school consultation, then an assessment will be required in accordance with the School Organisation Code (2018) as stated in paragraph 7.1 below.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 There are no formal consultation requirements arising from these proposals as the increase in pupil numbers is below the threshold required to trigger a statutory school organisation consultation. However, if Cabinet decide to proceed with any future options brought before them to build new schools, or significantly increase the capacity of schools, the Council will have to meet the requirements of the School Organisation Code and undertake the necessary statutory consultations.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As referenced in Section 4, the costs associated with this proposal are estimated at £3.466M including a risk allowance. Please see section 4:12 for further information.
- 8.2 The increase in costs can be funded from resources already set aside in the existing capital programme and the repairs and maintenance revenue grant funding for school modernisation, earmarked to support the ongoing Band B Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Part 1 of the Education Act 1996 (“the 1996 Act”) imposes a number of general duties on all local authorities in Wales. The general duty in section 13 of the 1996 Act is to contribute (so far as the Council’s powers enable them to do so)

towards the spiritual, moral, mental and physical development of the community by securing that efficient primary education and secondary education are available to meet the needs of the population of their area.

- 9.2 Section 13A(3) of the 1996 Act states that a local authority in Wales must ensure that their relevant education functions and their relevant training functions are exercised by the authority with a view to promoting high standards and promoting the fulfilment of learning potential by every person to whom the subsection applies, including those who are of compulsory school age or are below school age and are registered as pupils at schools maintained by the authority.
- 9.3 Section 14 of the 1996 Act then requires the Council to secure sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education in the Council's area. Schools available for an area shall not be regarded as sufficient unless they are sufficient in number, character and equipment to provide for all pupils the opportunity for appropriate education.
- 9.4 Appropriate education means education which offers such variety of instruction and training as may be desirable in view of (a) the pupils' different ages, abilities and aptitudes; and (b) the different periods for which they may be expected to remain at school, including practical instruction and training appropriate to their different needs.
- 9.5 Powers for Councils to develop school organisation proposals are governed by the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the Code. Local authorities must, when exercising functions under Part 3 of the 2013 Act, act in accordance with any relevant requirements contained in the Code and must have regard to any relevant guidelines contained in it. A copy of the Code is found here:
<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/schoolorganisation-code-second-edition.pdf>

10. LINKS OF THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN/OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 The Council's Corporate Plan commits to "Continue to invest in improving school buildings, to ensure the County Borough's pupils have the learning environment fit for the 21st Century".
- 10.2 The proposals considered in the report contribute to all 7 wellbeing goals with the Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 and due regard has been made to the Five Ways of Working, as contained within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

11. STRATEGIC OR RELEVANT TO ELECTORAL WARDS

11.1 This proposal is relevant and will benefit the wards within the Y Pant catchment area.

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 Cabinet will be aware that school places in the south of the County Borough are extremely constrained and that the additional teaching accommodation at Y Pant will alleviate the immediate pressures currently being faced at this time.

12.2 It is recommended therefore that consideration be given to agree to the construction of the two-storey teaching block at Y Pant with the phased programme to fit out the first floor initially and subsequently the ground floor when the capacity demands at the school dictate. This will allow the Council to continue to deliver on its statutory duty to provide the appropriate number of school places in the right locations.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
AS AMENDED BY
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

7th November 2022

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Background Papers

Link to Cabinet Report of 13 December 2021:

[Planning of School Places South of the Borough.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

7th NOVEMBER 2022

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2023/24

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & DIGITAL SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILLOR C LEYSHON

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report formally sets the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2023/24.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet agree:

- 2.1 That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 as amended, the amount calculated by the Council as its net tax base for the financial year 2023/24, shall be **£77,977.84**.
- 2.2 That for each defined community area of the County Borough, the 2023/24 tax base for Council Tax setting purposes, shall be as set out at Appendix 1.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement to agree and set the Council Tax Base for the forthcoming financial year prior to 31st December each year.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2007, as amended, the “calculation and determination of the council tax base” are specified as functions that may be the responsibility of the Executive. Council, on the 7th December 2005, determined that the responsibility for setting the tax base be discharged by the Cabinet.
- 4.2 Under the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, the Council is required to determine its Council Tax Base for the following financial year, prior to 31st December each year.

- 4.3 The Council Tax Base is the measure of the relative taxable capacity of different areas within the County Borough and is calculated in accordance with prescribed rules. The Tax Base represents the number of chargeable dwellings in the area expressed as Band D equivalents, taking into account the total number of exemptions, disablement reductions and discounts, with the net Tax Base calculated by taking account of the Council's estimated collection rate.
- 4.4 The gross Council Tax Base calculated for 2023/24 is **£80,182.87**. It is proposed that the collection rate is estimated to be 97.25%. This produces a net Council Tax Base of **£77,977.84**. This means that for every £1 levied in Council Tax next year, a sum of £77,978 will be generated to meet the budget requirement of the Council.
- 4.5 The Council Tax Base is reported to Welsh Government and is used as part of the distribution of the Revenue Support Grant in the Local Government Revenue Settlement. It is also used by the Council when it sets its annual budget i.e. the net annual budget requirement to be funded by taxpayers is divided by the Council Tax Base to produce the amount of Council Tax due for a dwelling in Band D. A set formula is then used to determine the liability for the remaining eight Council Tax Bands (A to C and E to I).
- 4.6 The Council is required to calculate the Tax Base for the County Borough as a whole, in addition to making separate calculations for defined community areas that may have their own Community Council. The Council Tax Base for all parts of the County Borough is set out at Appendix 1.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity or socio-economic duty implications to report.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 There are no consultation requirements emanating from the recommendations set out in the report. The Council's Revenue Budget (including Council Tax levels) is subject to a separate consultation process.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 The contents of this report are determined by a statutory and regulatory framework. The gross tax base is used as part of the distribution of the Revenue Support Grant within the Local Government Revenue Settlement and the net tax base determines the level and quantum of Council Tax levied and therefore the resources available to the Council. This will be dealt with as part of the Tax Setting and Budget Requirement reports that will be considered by Council in March 2023.
- 7.2 The tax base incorporates the Council's policy with regard to the level of discount for prescribed classes of dwellings, as reviewed and determined by Council on 19th October 2022.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 To fulfil the Council's statutory duty to set the revenue budget and Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year and in line with :-

- The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2007, as amended;
- Local Government Finance Act 1992, Section 33;
- Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended; and
- Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwelling) (Wales) Regulations 1998, as amended.

9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

9.1 The proposals link to the Council's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 "Making a Difference" and the cross-cutting priority of 'Living Within Our Means'.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Council is required to set its Tax Base annually in accordance with regulations as set out in the report.

2023/24 Tax Base Analysis			
Area		Gross Band D Equivalents (£)	Adjusted Tax Base (assumed collection rate of 97.25%) (£)
Non Precepting Communities			
Rhondda Community Areas	Treherbert	1,669.14	1,623.24
	Treorchy	2,421.31	2,354.72
	Pentre	1,602.50	1,558.43
	Ystrad	1,713.97	1,666.84
	Llwynypia	637.97	620.43
	Cwm Clydach	813.97	791.59
	Tonypandy	1,144.30	1,112.83
	Trealaw	1,201.78	1,168.73
	Penygraig	1,674.17	1,628.13
	Cymmer	1,754.83	1,706.57
	Porth	1,842.08	1,791.43
	Ynyshir	970.61	943.92
	Tylorstown	1,343.78	1,306.82
	Ferndale	1,242.81	1,208.63
	Maerdy	880.22	856.02
	Cynon Valley Community Areas	Penywaun	794.61
Llwydcoed		688.80	669.85
Aberdare		5,122.53	4,981.66
Cwmbach		1,809.42	1,759.66
Aberaman		3,099.47	3,014.24
Abercynon		1,947.31	1,893.76
Mountain Ash		2,374.97	2,309.66
Penrhiwceiber		1,641.89	1,596.74
Precepting Communities			
Cynon Valley Community Areas	Ynysybwl & Coed y Cwm	1,455.86	1,415.82
	Rhigos	286.80	278.91
	Hirwaun	1,689.89	1,643.42
Taff Ely Community Areas	Pontypridd	10,743.03	10,447.59
	Llantwit Fardre	6,752.47	6,566.78
	Taffs Well	1,445.36	1,405.61
	Pontyclun	3,575.11	3,476.79
	Llantrisant	5,521.22	5,369.38
	Tonyrefail	4,218.64	4,102.63
	Gilfach Goch	1,046.61	1,017.83
	Llanharan	3,401.61	3,308.07
	Llanharry	1,653.83	1,608.35
Grand Total		80,182.87	77,977.84



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