



AN AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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A meeting of the **COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE** will be held virtually on
Date:- Monday, 6th February, 2023
Time:- 5.00 pm

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note: 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 where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

3. MINUTES

To receive as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting on the 24.11.2022

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4. BUDGET CONSULTATION 2023-24 (PHASE 2)

To receive a presentation from the Service Director Finance and Performance on the proposals outlined in the Budget Consultation 2023-24 (Phase 2)

5. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any urgent items as the Chairman feels appropriate.

Circulation - Members of the Community Liaison Committee:-

Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M.Webber (Chair):and
County Borough Councillor R Harris Cabinet Member for Public Health and
Communities

Chairs and Clerks of the Town Council of Pontypridd and the Community Councils of
Ynysybwl & Coed y Cwm, Rhigos, Hirwaun & Penderyn, Llantwit Fardre, Llantrisant,
Llanharan, Llanharry, Tonyrefail, Gilfach Goch, Pontyclun and Taffs Well & Nantgarw



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Liaison Committee held virtually on Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 10.30 am

This meeting was recorded, the details of which can be found [here](#)

The following County Borough Councillors were present online:-

Councillor M Webber (Chair)

Town and Community Councils in attendance

Councillor D Stone – Llantrisant Community Council
Councillor M Davies – Llantwit Fardre Community Council
Ms K May (Clerk) – Llantwit Fardre Community Council
Councillor D Smart – Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Ms S Davies – Service Director Finance Services
Mr J Bailey, Head of Planning
Mrs S Daniel, Principal Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer
Ms L Lott, Management Support Officer

Apologies for absence

Councillor B Harris (Cabinet Member Public Health & Communities)
Councillor C Hindley, Pontypridd Town Council
Councillor A Ellis – Ynysybwl Community Council
E Nelmes – Clerk, Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council
D Walters – Clerk, Gilfach Goch Community Council

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all members and officers to the meeting and welcomed Bev Smith from the Independent Remuneration Panel

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the 12 November 2021 as an accurate record of the meeting

4 Community Infrastructure Levy - CIL 123 List

The Head of Planning provided a presentation for Community and Town

Councils in respect of the process involved in collecting and spending Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies including the preparation of Infrastructure Lists. The presentation advised the Committee on the following areas:

- How CIL is charged
- The Charging Zones
- CIL Charging Schedule
- Passing CIL receipts to Town/ Community Councils
- Infrastructure Lists

Following conclusion of the presentation Members were invited to provide comments and ask questions

The Chair asked in larger Town and Community Council areas such as Pontypridd where 11 wards make up the Town Council, do the Council declare what area the CIL receipt came from and are the public consulted on how the funds are invested into their community.

The Head of Planning advised that this is at the discretion of each Town and Community Council and we do not instruct them how to spend the funds. However, he advised that it should be a clear and transparent process however. He confirmed there was no legal requirement for the Community Councils to go out to public consultation however they are encouraged to do so to inform local priorities. Following a question from the Chair, the Head of Planning also confirmed that not all Community Councils sign up to the CIL 123 list, but they are again, encouraged to do so

RESOLVED: The Committee considered the advice in the report and in particular the preparation of an 'Infrastructure (Regulation 123)' type List.

5 Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Annual Report 2023-24

The Service Director Democratic Services and Communications introduced the report to Members which provided the Committee with the opportunity to submit their representations on the draft annual report 2023-24, specifically in relation to section 13 of the report which relates to Town and Community Councils.

Bev Smith, Member of the Independent Remuneration Panel also provided background and context to the proposals and welcomed comments and feedback from Members. She added that feedback from Town and Community Councils was important in shaping the 10 year review and identifying the need for the panel to have a three year strategy.

A Member from Llantrisant Community Council commented that this report had recently been presented to his Community Council meeting and their members feedback was that the £6 uplift was felt to be quite derisory and they felt more should be made available to them due to the costs Community councillors can incur in undertaking their role. If the remuneration reflects the duties and expectations on a Community Councillor it was felt the role would be more attractive to perspective candidates. Another Member agreed with these comments.

The Independent Remuneration Panel Member understood the Members

concerns but clarified that the payment is not a salary, and is intended to cover costs such as working from home and it is described in this way. The debate that we will have in the new year is recognising whether Community Councillors should be paid for their role and will be picked up in a series of workshops in the new year. She reassured that she would not want this to be a barrier to people who would like to become Community Councils.

All Members were encouraged to feed into this consultation process and encourage their respective Community Councils to feed into the process to ensure their voices are heard before the consultation closes on the 1st December. Members were reminded the consultation was open to all respond and they could do so by emailing IRPMailbox@gov.wales

Following conclusion of the report it was RESOLVED to:

1. Note that the consultation on the draft annual report 2023-24 is open for members to respond to until 1st December 2022. Members are also able to respond to the consultation by emailing IRPmailbox@gov.wales

6 Budget Consultation 2023-24 (phase 1)

The Service Director Finance Services presented a report to the Committee on the Phase one Consultation of the Councils proposed Budget Strategy for 2023-24.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, the Service Director provided Members with an overview of: the Council's 2022/23 financial position and outlook over the medium term; general approach for 2023/24 (in respect of the phase 1 budget consultation process); 2023/24 Budget Setting – key strategic building blocks; the Council's Priorities; and Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS). The Service Director indicated that the overview of these areas intended to assist Members in formulating their feedback, being a consultee as part of the 2023/24 Budget Consultation process.

Following conclusion of the presentation, Members were invited to provide their feedback on the key strategic building blocks, the Council's priorities and CTRS

A member commented that in his experience of being a School Governor, Schools had been very efficient in managing their resources and with the biggest overheads in schools being salaries, he felt that they would find it very difficult to deliver the high standard of education that is essential, should staff have to be reduced in any way. Another Member agreed and commented that teaching assistants were invaluable in providing specialist support to pupils with special educational needs and they should be protected. The Chair agreed that staff at the schools are the biggest asset.

Members feedback that the Council should also continue to prioritise social services and protect social care workers as a key area for additional investment which would support the community in remaining safely in their own homes under care and not have to go into a hospital or care setting if they are able to safely manage, with support in the comfort of their own home. This would alleviate pressure on hospitals and bed blocking.

The Chair advised that in order to receive comprehensive feedback from all Community Councils, the Democratic Services Team will engage with all clerks to request that this is added to their agendas of Community Council meetings.

She added that a topic as significant as the Councils Budget, which affects all RCTCBC residents should be widely shared and consulted upon.

7 Urgent Items

None Received

**Councillor M Webber
Chair**



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MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

6 FEBRUARY 2023

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2023-24 Phase 2

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to respond and contribute to the Council's phase 2 2023-24 Budget Consultation
- 1.2 The report to Cabinet in respect of the 2023/24 local government settlement and the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 exercise which supported deliberations in formulating the revenue budget strategy for the financial year 2023/24 can be found [here](#) with the Decision notice [here](#)
- 1.3 Proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for the 2023/24 financial year also to be consulted on as part of phase 2 of the 2023/24 budget consultation process can also be found [here](#).

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Provide feedback, as the Committee considers appropriate, to the Council's 2023-24 Budget Consultation

3. **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To afford the opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to provide its feedback on the 2023-24 Budget Consultation, as part of its role as a consultee in the process.

4. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The revenue budget for the financial year ending the 31st March 2024, must be

constructed in accordance with the “Budget and Policy Framework” (contained in the Council’s Constitution), which was agreed by Members in May 2002.

- 4.2 Following Cabinet agreement on the draft budget strategy, and in light of the provisional local government settlement, feedback from consultees is now being sought on the draft strategy as part of Phase 2 Budget Consultation

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process aims to provide opportunities for all of the Council’s stakeholders to get involved in giving their feedback, through a wide range of engagement methods.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Community Liaison Committee is requested to act as a consultee as part of the Council’s Budget Consultation process.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation set out in the report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to consult on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme each year and this requirement has been incorporated into the 23-24 Budget Consultation process.

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

- 9.1 The budget setting process impacts on all Council services and, in doing so, contributes to the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process provides opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to contribute and comment upon the Council’s Phase 2 Budget consultation.
- 10.2 The feedback of all stakeholders provided via the consultation process will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation Report to be considered by Cabinet as part of it developing a draft Revenue Budget Strategy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Budget Consultation 2023-24

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