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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**  
**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, 29TH MARCH, 2023** at **5.00 PM.**

It is the intention to live stream this meeting, details of which can be accessed [here](#)

**AGENDA**

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5 Minutes	<b>ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>  To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li><li>2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of prejudicial interest they <b><u>must</u></b> notify the Chairman when they leave.</li></ol>	
5 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 the 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	5 - 24
<b>OPEN GOVERNMENT:</b>		

10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 4. STATEMENTS</b>  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	<b>ITEM 5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b>  To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.  ( <b>N.B</b> a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)	25 - 34
45 Minutes	<b>ITEM 6. STATE OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH DEBATE</b>  In accordance with Rule 13 of the Council's Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution) to engage in the Leader's debate.	
	<b>COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION</b> <a href="#">Council Work Programme 2022/2023</a>	
	<b>OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>	
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</b>  To receive the report of the Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	35 - 58
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 8. CAPITAL STRATEGY REPORT 2023/24</b>  To receive the report of the Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	59 - 78
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 9. THE COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023/24</b>  To receive the Joint Report of the Director of Human Resources and Director of Legal Services.	79 - 92
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 10. CWM TAF WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-2028</b>  To receive the report of the Chief Executive	93 - 108
45 Minutes	<b>ITEM 11. NOTICE OF MOTION</b>  <b>11A To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors D Grehan, A Rogers, K Morgan, S Evans, A Ellis, H Gronow, D Wood, P Evans:</b>  This Council values issues raised in Notices of Motion whereby their main purpose is to influence positive outcomes that are in	

the wider public interest of our residents but are the responsibility of other organisations.

While the Council has a mechanism for reporting the outcomes of Notices of Motion, which refer the matter to another committee or officers, there is currently no reporting mechanism to inform members of progress of motion adopt representations being made on behalf of the Council.

There have been many examples of this Council resolving, cross party, that the Leader of the Council writes to Ministers at a Welsh and UK Level to make known our concerns on matters that affect our constituents, with no formal mechanism in place to report the progress or outcomes of such actions for the public record.

Another example is our request that more families who are living in fuel poverty would benefit if the relevant Welsh Minister would widen the eligibility criteria of the NEST programme. In March of 2022 we resolved that the Leader of the Council write to the Social Housing Providers in the County to ask them if they would give additional time of at least 2 weeks following the funeral of a loved one to enable relatives to remove their possessions from their property. There are many other examples as the record will show. What we haven't had, as Full Council, is feedback on any of these matters to assess how effective they have been in achieving the desired outcomes.

**This Council therefore resolves to:**

Request that the Proper Officer presents a report for consideration by the Constitution Committee in advance of the Council Annual General Meeting, which considers options and mechanism for formally reporting the outcome and effect of the Council's representation made by members following the adoption.

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**11B To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors D Grehan, S Evans, K Morgan, A Rogers, A Ellis, H Gronow, D Wood, P Evans:**

This Council acknowledges that child poverty levels in Rhondda Cynon Taf continue to rise, and are likely to worsen due to the cost of living crisis.

Council further acknowledges the link between child poverty and educational attainment.

Council believes that squeezed Local Government budget settlements are of concern, and risk impacting targeted interventions to tackle both child poverty and educational attainment.

Despite the Welsh Government previously setting targets to

eradicate child poverty by 2020, child poverty in Rhondda Cynon Taf continues to increase with some electoral divisions continuously amongst the worse in the UK. Despite the best efforts of teaching staff in RCT there is a clear link between this poverty and educational attainment.

Mitigating the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis, hot on the heels of the covid pandemic and the devastating floods of 2020 across the county borough must now be a priority for the Council, and steps should be taken to address the well evidenced link between poverty and educational attainment. All learners must be given every possible opportunity to receive the excellent education that the Council is eager to deliver going forward.

In order to make early and effective progress on the scourge of increased poverty on our children, the Council resolves to:

- Continue to protect school budgets and ensure they are fully funded for the cost pressures they face and further ensure that children are able to catch up following the impact of the pandemic.
- Continue to work with the Welsh Government to deliver key poverty interventions as outlined in the Cooperation Agreement between Plaid Cymru and Welsh Labour which includes the roll-out of Universal Free School-Meals for all Primary School Pupils.

The Council further requests that a report is presented to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

- Which proposes options to develop a Child Poverty Strategy, to be implemented across all relevant services including education
- Ensure Children, Learners, Parents, Teaching Staff, Teaching Unions and relevant others, as well as appropriate Scrutiny Committees, are invited to participate in the development and scrutiny of the Child Poverty Strategy prior to adoption.

#### **ITEM 12. URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items which the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication**

**To: All Members of the Council**

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