



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

**GWŶS I GYFARFOD PWYLLGOR**

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Cyfarwyddwr Materion Cyfathrebu a Phennaeth Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau  
Llywodraethol  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf  
Y Pafiliynau Parc Hen Lofa'r Cambrian  
Cwm Clydach, CF40 2XX

Dolen gyswllt: Julia Nicholls - Gwasanaethau Democrataidd (01443 424098)

**DYMA WŶS I CHI** i gyfarfod hybrid o **GYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF** sydd i'w gynnal ar **DYDD MERCHER, 14EG MEHEFIN, 2023** am **5.00 PM.**

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

<b>AMSE</b>	<b>EITEM</b>	<b>TUDALEN(N AU)</b>
5 Munud	<b>EITEM 1. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT</b>  Derbyn datganiadau o fuddiannau personol gan Aelodau yn unol â gofynion Cod Ymddygiad y Cyngor  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mae gofyn i Aelodau ddatgan rhif a phwnc yr agendwm y mae eu buddiant yn ymwneud ag e a mynegi natur y buddiant personol hwnnw; a</li><li>2. Lle bo Aelodau'n ymneilltuo o'r cyfarfod o ganlyniad i ddatgelu buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu, <b>rhaid</b> iddyn nhw roi gwybod i'r Cadeirydd pan fyddan nhw'n gadael.</li></ol>	
5 Munud	<b>EITEM 2. COFNODION</b>  Cadarnhau cofnodion o gyfarfod y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd ar 29 Mawrth 2023 (4pm a 5pm) a 10 Mai 2023 yn rhai cywir.	5 - 42
5 Munud	<b>EITEM 3. CYHOEDDIADAU</b>	
	<b>LLYWODRAETHU AGORED:</b>	
10 Munud	<b>EITEM 4. DATGANIADAU</b>  Yn unol â Rheol 2 o Weithdrefn Llywodraethu Agored	

	Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor, derbyn datganiadau gan Arweinydd y Cyngor a/neu Gynghorwyr sy'n Aelodau Portffolio o'r Cabinet:	
20 Munud	<b>EITEM 5. CWESTIYNAU GAN YR AELODAU</b>  Derbyn cwestiynau'r Aelodau yn unol â Rheol 9.2 o Weithdrefn y Cyngor.  ( <b>Nodwch:</b> Caniateir hyd at 20 munud ar gyfer cwestiynau.)	43 - 50
<b>ADRODDIADAU'R SWYDDOGION</b>		
25 Munud	<b>EITEM 6. GWRTHSEFYLL LLIFOGYDD</b>  Derbyn adroddiad a chyflwyniad gan Gyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen.	51 - 72
10 Munud	<b>EITEM 7. RHAGLEN WAITH Y CYNGOR 2023/24</b>  Trafod adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.	73 - 86
10 Munud	<b>EITEM 8. MECANWAITH RHOI GWYBOD AM RYBUDD O GYNNIG</b>  Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.	87 - 92
10 Munud	<b>EITEM 9. SEFYDLU BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS AR GYFER CWM TAF MORGANNWG-TREFNIADAU TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU AR Y CYD</b>  Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu	93 - 112
10 Munud	<b>EITEM 10. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL 2022/2023</b>  Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.	113 - 128
45 Munud	<b>EITEM 11. RHYBUDD O GYNNIG</b>  <b>Trafod Rhybudd o Gynnig sydd wedi'i gyflwyno yn enwau Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Trask a K Johnson:</b>  Mae unigrwydd ac ynysigrwydd cymdeithasol yn cael effaith fawr ar iechyd meddwl pobl o bob oed, dyma broblem sy'n dod i'r amlwg yn fwy aml ers pandemig coronafeirws. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi sefydlu cronfa tair blynedd gwerth £500,000 bob blwyddyn er mwyn helpu i fynd i'r afael â'r broblem yma ym mhob rhan o Gymru. Hyd yn hyn, dim ond £22,727 sydd wedi cael ei	

	<p>ddyrranu i ardal Rhondda Cynon Taf yn ystod y 2 flynedd ddiwethaf, mae hyn yn cyfateb i 9c fesul person yn RhCT. Mae CBSRhCT wedi dyrannu'r swm bach yma i grwpiau lleol yn rhan o'i Gronfa Rhwydweithiau Cymdogaeth. Rydyn ni'n canmol gwaith y grwpiau cymunedol bach yma ond rydyn ni o'r farn nad yw'r lefel cyllid presennol gan Lywodraeth Cymru'n ddigonol er mwyn cael effaith eang ar drigolion.</p> <p>Bydd y pecyn cyllid 3 blynedd gwreiddiol yn dod i ben yn dilyn blwyddyn ariannol 2023/2024.</p> <p>Felly, rydyn ni'n cynnig bod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y Cyngor yma'n nodi bod unigrwydd ac ynysigrwydd cymdeithasol yn cael effaith niweidiol ar iechyd meddwl nifer o drigolion RhCT, a dydy cyllid Llywodraeth Cymru ddim yn ddigon i allu gwneud gwahaniaeth.</li> <li>• Y Cyngor yma'n galw ar yr Arweinydd i ysgrifennu at Eluned Morgan AS yn gofyn bod lefel y cyllid yn cynyddu eleni fel bod modd gwneud gwahaniaeth go iawn i fywydau'r trigolion hynny yn RhCT a fydd yn elwa o'r cyllid.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>EITEM 12. MATERION BRYD</b></p> <p>Trafod unrhyw faterion sydd, yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd, yn faterion brys yng ngoleuni amgylchiadau arbennig.</p>	

**Cyfarwyddwr Materion Cyfathrebu a Phennaeth Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau Llywodraethol**

**At: Pob Aelod o'r Cyngor**

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## **PWYLLGOR CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CYNGOR**

Cofnodion o gyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd Dydd Mercher, 29 Mawrth 2023 am  
4.00 pm

Cafodd y cyfarfod yma ei ddarlledu'n fyw, ac mae modd gweld y manylion [yma](#)

### **Y Cyngorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol – Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol yn Siambr y Cyngor:-**

Y Cyngorydd G Hughes (Cadeirydd)

Y Cyngorydd S Evans	Y Cyngorydd B Stephens
Y Cyngorydd L Addiscott	Y Cyngorydd M Ashford
Y Cyngorydd R Bevan	Y Cyngorydd S Bradwick
Y Cyngorydd J Brencher	Y Cyngorydd G Caple
Y Cyngorydd J Cook	Y Cyngorydd A Crimmings
Y Cyngorydd R Davis	Y Cyngorydd V Dunn
Y Cyngorydd E L Dunning	Y Cyngorydd J Edwards
Y Cyngorydd J Elliott	Y Cyngorydd L Ellis
Y Cyngorydd S Emanuel	Y Cyngorydd D Grehan
Y Cyngorydd B Harris	Y Cyngorydd G Holmes
Y Cyngorydd K Johnson	Y Cyngorydd G Jones
Y Cyngorydd G O Jones	Y Cyngorydd W Jones
Y Cyngorydd R Lewis	Y Cyngorydd W Lewis
Y Cyngorydd C Leyshon	Y Cyngorydd C Lises
Y Cyngorydd C Middle	Y Cyngorydd A Morgan
Y Cyngorydd N H Morgan	Y Cyngorydd S Morgans
Y Cyngorydd W Owen	Y Cyngorydd M Powell
Y Cyngorydd S Rees	Y Cyngorydd J Smith
Y Cyngorydd G Stacey	Y Cyngorydd L A Tomkinson
Y Cyngorydd S Trask	Y Cyngorydd W Treeby
Y Cyngorydd G L Warren	Y Cyngorydd K Webb
Y Cyngorydd M Webber	Y Cyngorydd R Yeo

### **Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol ar-lein:**

Y Cyngorydd J Bonetto	Y Cyngorydd S J Davies
Y Cyngorydd A J Ellis	Y Cyngorydd P Evans
Y Cyngorydd R Evans	Y Cyngorydd A Fox
Y Cyngorydd H Gronow	Y Cyngorydd G Hopkins
Y Cyngorydd W Hughes	Y Cyngorydd M Maohoub
Y Cyngorydd K Morgan	Y Cyngorydd D Owen-Jones
Y Cyngorydd M Norris	Y Cyngorydd D Parkin
Y Cyngorydd A Roberts	Y Cyngorydd A O Rogers
Y Cyngorydd J Turner	Y Cyngorydd G E Williams
Y Cyngorydd R Williams	Y Cyngorydd D Wood
	Y Cyngorydd D Evans

**Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol**

Mr P Mee, Prif Weithredwr  
Mr B Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Grŵp Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Digidol a Gwasanaethau  
Rheng Flaen  
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol  
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidaidd a  
Chyfathrebu  
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Gwasanaethau  
Democraidaidd

### **Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb**

Y Cyngorydd J Barton    Y Cyngorydd P Binning  
Y Cyngorydd A Dennis    Y Cyngorydd S Evans  
Y Cyngorydd S Hickman    Y Cyngorydd S Powderhill  
Y Cyngorydd C Preedy    Y Cyngorydd D Williams  
Y Cyngorydd T Williams

## **93      Datgan Buddiant**

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, cafodd y datganiadau o fuddiant canlynol eu gwneud ynglŷn â'r agenda:

Cyngorydd y fwrdeistref sirol S.A. Bradwick – “Rwy'n Gadeirydd Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub De Cymru ac rwyf wedi agor gorsafoedd lle mae Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru wedi'i lleoli.”

Cyngorydd y fwrdeistref sirol C Middle – “A minnau'n filwr wrth gefn, mae'n bosibl y bydda i'n gweithio gydag Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru.”

Cyngorydd y fwrdeistref sirol G Hopkins – “Rwy'n aelod o Fwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg.”

**(Noder:** Cafodd y buddiant canlynol ei ddatgan yn ddiweddarach yn ystod y cyfarfod:

Cyngorydd y fwrdeistref sirol K Morgan – “Rwy'n cael fy nghyflogi gan Fwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg.”)

## **94      Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru**

Cyflwynodd y Llywydd gynrychiolwyr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru a dywedodd wrth yr Aelodau y byddan nhw'n ymdrin ag eitemau yn ôl trefn yr agenda.

Cyflwynodd Prif Weithredwr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru, Mr Jason Killens ei hun a'i gydweithiwr Ms Estelle Hitchon, Cyfarwyddwr Partneriaethau ac Ymgysylltu. Gyda chymorth sleidiau PowerPoint cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr drosolwg o faterion allweddol o dan y penawdau canlynol:

- Adolygiad o restr ddyletswyddau'r gwasanaethau meddygol brys

- Sesiynau gwybodaeth i uwch-randdeiliaid
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg (gan gynnwys Rhondda Cynon Taf)
  - Crynodeb gweithredol
  - Data o ran galw a rhagolygon
  - Gwaith ymgysylltu helaeth â staff
  - Effaith ar staff
  - Diogelwch cleifion
  - Deilliannau clinigol
  - Manteision clinigol Uned Ymateb Aciwtedd Uchel Cymru (CHARU)
  - Cyflawniad ansawdd a data
  - Gwasanaethau meddygol brys
  - Digwyddiadau'n ymwneud â diogelwch cleifion
  - Cefndir
  - Gwasanaethau meddygol brys – Adolygiad o alw a chapasiti
  - Canfyddiadau'r adolygiad
  - Newid y rhestr ddyletswyddau
  - CTM
  - Edrych i'r dyfodol

Rhoddodd Arweinydd y Cyngor ddiolch i gynrychiolwyr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru am eu cyflwyniad ac am fynychu cyfarfod y Cyngor ar-lein. Rhoddodd ddiolch hefyd i'r gwasanaethau a'u staff am eu hymroddiad yn ystod y pandemig.

Holodd yr Arweinydd am neilltuo, gan gyfeirio at gyfnod pan oedd gyda'r sir yr amseroedd ymateb gwaethaf o ran ambiwlansys yng Nghymru gyfan. Roedd yr ystadegau'n profi na fyddai ambiwlansys a oedd yn cael eu galw i ardaloedd eraill y tu allan i'r fwrdeistref sirol i fynychu digwyddiad yn dychwelyd i'r sir. Roedd hyn yn golygu bod ymateb y sir yn wael. Gofynnodd yr Arweinydd pryd ddaeth y neilltuo i ben?

Soniodd yr Arweinydd hefyd am ei sgysiau diweddar â staff ambiwlans yn ystod ei ymweliad â'r llinellau piced. Roedden nhw wedi codi pryderon ynghylch newid o'r cerbydau ymateb brys i'r cerbydau CHARU a'r mathau o alwadau roedden nhw'n ymdrin â nhw. Roedd lles staff hefyd wedi'i drafod mewn perthynas â newidiadau i'r rotâu ac achosion pan nad yw staff ambiwlans yn gallu gadael eu sifftiau ar amser. Yn aml maen nhw'n gorfod aros oriau lawer i gael eu rhyddhau o'u dyletswyddau. Er gwaethaf ymrwymiad y staff i ddiogelwch cleifion, roedd hyn yn bryder i lawer.

Gofynnodd yr Arweinydd am eglurhad ynghylch yr anallu i gyrraedd y targed ar gyfer galwadau categori coch. Gofynnodd i'r Prif Weithredwr a oedd y fwrdeistref sirol yn debygol o gael gwasanaeth ambiwlans diogel a dibynadwy.

Ymatebodd Prif Weithredwr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru i'r materion a godwyd. Gwnaeth sylwadau ar y rhwystredigaeth o golli traean o'r cerbydau i oedi yn yr adran achosion brys pan nad oes modd i gleifion, sy'n iach yn feddygol i'w rhyddhau, adael yr ysbyty oherwydd y diffyg gofal cymdeithasol neu resymau eraill sydd o fewn rheolaeth y Bwrdd Iechyd. Roedd hefyd wedi cydnabod y canlyniadau o ran atal staff rhag gorffen sifftiau a chymryd seibiannau ar amser.

Dywedodd Prif Weithredwr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans

Cymru fod buddsoddiad wedi bod, a bod y criwiau ambiwlans wedi cynyddu 400 dros y tair i bedair blynedd diwethaf. Serch hynny, mae 253 o'r rheiny wedi lleihau'r diffyg strwythurol, ac mae 100 o staff wedi'u hariannu'n achlysurol gan y llywodraeth yn ystod y flwyddyn galendr ddiwethaf. Ychwanegodd fod gweithgarwch yn y categori coch wedi dyblu, ac mai colli'r cerbydau yw'r brif reswm am yr anallu i ymateb i alwadau yn y gymuned a pham nad oes modd i staff orffen eu sifftiau ar amser a chymryd egwyl. Ychwanegodd hefyd fod y dulliau o gyflawni newid y tu hwnt i'w reolaeth.

Dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr fod cael gwasanaeth ambiwlans cenedlaethol sy'n cyrraedd y targedau'n rheolaidd ar gyfer galwadau categori coch ac sydd ag amseroedd ymateb rhesymol ar gyfer categorïau eraill ymhell yn y dyfodol. Ychwanegodd fod yna gynlluniau uchelgeisiol i newid y model darparu gwasanaeth ond mae hefyd angen newid sylweddol yn y ffordd y mae'r gwasanaeth yn ymateb i weithgarwch, i ddarparu mwy o gyngor i uwch glinigwyr ac i allu anfon clinigwr arbenigol i gleifion yn y gymuned, a hynny'n gyflym ac ar bob achlysur. Wrth ymateb i achosion o neilltuo, dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr fod yna heriau sy'n atal ambiwlans rhag gyrru heibio i glaf y mae angen ymateb iddyn nhw. Rhoddodd sicrwydd i'r Aelodau nad yw neilltuo yn digwydd nawr.

Dywedodd Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid, y Cynghorydd K Morgan fod y cynnydd yn nifer y galwadau categori coch yn peri pryder. Gofynnodd a oes modd darparu amserlen bendant o ran pryd y bydd gwasanaeth CHARU yn cael popeth y mae ei angen o ran adnoddau. Cododd Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid gwestiwn ynghylch rôl yr awdurdod lleol. Gofynnodd a oes modd i'r awdurdod helpu o ran y pwysau ar ysbytai sy'n effeithio ar Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru. Gofynnodd hefyd a oes modd i'r Ymddiriedolaeth ymwneud mwy â'r cynllun rhyddhau cleifion ar lefel yr awdurdod lleol.

Dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr fod hanner gwasanaeth CHARU yn weithredol. Mae angen cyllid ar yr hanner arall, ac mae tua 100 o swyddi sydd heb gael eu hariannu hyd yma. Ychwanegodd fod rhwng 30 a 40 yn fwy o ambiwlansys ar ddyletswydd bob dydd ar adegau prysur o ganlyniad i'r newidiadau i'r rhestr ddyletswyddau. Mae hyn yn cyfateb i 170 o ambiwlansys ar gael, sy'n cynyddu'r capasiti. Dywedodd y bydd cynnydd yn y gweithgarwch categori coch dros yr 20 mlynedd nesaf. Mae hyn yn rhannol oherwydd y gyfradd uwch o gleifion hŷn. Bydd angen mwy o ymyrraeth arnyn nhw gan y gwasanaethau gofal brys. Yn wyneb hyn, ychwanegodd fod angen newidiadau i'r model darparu gwasanaeth, gyda'r achosion llai difrifol ac aciwt yn cael eu trin yn y gymuned er mwyn rhyddhau'r pwysau ar yr adrannau brys. Dywedodd hefyd fod enghreifftiau o waith da yn bodoli mewn lleoliadau aciwt megis yng Nghaerdydd. Yno maen nhw wedi canolbwyntio ar leihau'r oedi wrth drosglwyddo i adrannau achosion brys wedi sicrhau gwelliant sylweddol. Byddai modd ailadrodd hyn mewn safleoedd eraill.

Wrth ymateb i'r ymholiad cynharach mewn perthynas â gweithio'n well gyda'r awdurdodau lleol, dywedodd Ms Estelle Hitchon, Cyfarwyddwr Partneriaeth ac Ymgysylltu nad yw Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru yn aelod o'r Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol yng Nghwm Taf Morgannwg ar hyn o bryd. Nid yw chwaith yn dod o dan y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant, sef y prif gyfrwng ar gyfer llywio'r dull partneriaeth integredig. Ychwanegodd fod Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu diwygio hyn wrth gynnal ymgynghoriad. Bydd hyn yn ystyried sefydliadau ychwanegol, ac mae Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans Cymru yn un ohonyn nhw. Roedd o'r farn y byddai hyn yn cynnig cyfle ychwanegol i gydweithio ag awdurdodau lleol, a phartneriaid eraill yng Nghwm Taf Morgannwg i chwalu rhai



o'r ffiniau presennol rhwng sefydliadau.

Rhoddodd Arweinydd Grŵp Annibynnol Rhondda Cynon Taf, y Cynghorydd M Powell sylw am well ymgysylltu pe bai'r Aelodau wedi gallu gweld y cyflwyniad PowerPoint cyn y cyfarfod. Holodd ynghylch niferoedd goroesi a rhyddhau cleifion ar gyfer y fwrdeistref sirol. Gofynnodd hefyd a oedd y model y cyfeiriwyd ato yng Nghaerdydd wedi'i rannu â Byrddau Iechyd eraill megis Bwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg?

Gofynnodd Arweinydd y Grŵp Ceidwadol, y Cynghorydd S Trask, a fydd parafeddygon CHARU yn creu bwllch strwythurol pellach o fewn y gwasanaeth. Hefyd, gofynnodd am ba gynlluniau sydd ar waith ar gyfer cadw staff, a hynny yn wyneb staff rheng flaen yn gadael y gwasanaeth yn gyfan gwbl.

Ymatebodd y Prif Weithredwr fod rhywfaint o gynnydd wedi bod yn nifer y staff sy'n gadael y gwasanaeth rheng flaen. Mae hyn yn bennaf i ymuno â meysydd eraill o fewn y gwasanaeth iechyd neu'r sector preifat, a hynny oherwydd y cynnydd o ran cyflog, neu oherwydd eu profiad yn y gweithle ar hyn o bryd. O ran arfer gorau, cadarnhaodd ei fod wedi'i nodi a'i rannu'n uniongyrchol, ond ei fod yn fater i'r Bwrdd Iechyd ei fabwysiadu. Gan orffen, dywedodd fod modelau cyfredol yn cael eu hystyried i ganfod a yw'n well, yn absenoldeb cyllid pellach, lleihau nifer yr ambiwlansys brys ar gyfer cerbydau CHARU ychwanegol, neu a ddylid cynnal y lefelau presennol. Ychwanegodd y gallai'r olaf o bosibl greu diffyg mewn mannau eraill.

Croesawodd yr Arweinydd y cyfle i ymwneud ymhellach ag Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru i drafod gweithio ar y cyd a chefnogaeth awdurdodau lleol. Ychwanegodd mai ffigurau Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer oedi wrth ryddhau cleifion yw'r gorau yng Nghymru, er bod yr Arweinydd wedi nodi rhai meysydd o bryder megis neilltuo ambiwlansys a'r cynnydd yn nifer y galwadau categori coch a oedd yn cyfiawnhau trafodaethau pellach.

Rhoddodd yr Aelod llywyddol ddiolch i gynrychiolwyr Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru, gan ddweud bod modd anfon unrhyw gwestiynau pellach at Uned Busnes y Cyngor.

**Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 5.00 pm**

**Y Cynghorydd G Hughes  
Cadeirydd.**

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

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Cofnodion o gyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd Dydd Mercher, 29 Mawrth 2023 am 5.10 pm

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Y Cyngorydd M Webber	Y Cyngorydd R Yeo

**Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol ar-lein:**

Y Cyngorydd P Binning	Y Cyngorydd J Bonetto
Y Cyngorydd A Dennis	Y Cyngorydd A J Ellis
Y Cyngorydd P Evans	Y Cyngorydd R Evans
Y Cyngorydd S Evans	Y Cyngorydd A Fox
Y Cyngorydd H Gronow	Y Cyngorydd G Hopkins
Y Cyngorydd M Maohoub	Y Cyngorydd K Morgan
Y Cyngorydd D Owen-Jones	Y Cyngorydd M Norris
Y Cyngorydd D Parkin	Y Cyngorydd C Preedy
Y Cyngorydd A Roberts	Y Cyngorydd A O Rogers
Y Cyngorydd J Turner	Y Cyngorydd G E Williams
Y Cyngorydd R Williams	Y Cyngorydd T Williams
Y Cyngorydd D Wood	

## Dyma'r Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol

Mr P Mee, Prif Weithredwr  
Mr B Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran – Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Digidol a Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen  
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol  
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidaidd a Chyfathrebu  
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Gwasanaethau Democraidaidd

## Ymddiheuriadu am absenoldeb

Y Cynghorydd J Barton    Y Cynghorydd S Hickman  
Y Cynghorydd W Hughes    Y Cynghorydd S Powderhill  
Y Cynghorydd D Williams

### 96      Croeso

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod a derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Gynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Barton, S Hickman, W Hughes, S Powderhill a D Williams.

### 97      Datgan Buddiant

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, cafodd y datganiadau o fuddiant canlynol eu gwneud ynglŷn â'r agenda:

Mr A Wilkins – Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol ar ran pob Swyddog y Cyngor oedd yn bresennol mewn perthynas ag Eitem 9 ar yr Agenda – Datganiad 2023/24 y Cyngor ar Bolisi Cyflogau “Nid yw datganiad y Cyngor ar Bolisi Cyflogau yn cael unrhyw effaith ar delerau ac amodau presennol sy'n berthnasol i weithwyr unigol. Yn syml mae'n nodi dull y Cyngor tuag at bolisiau a fabwysiadwyd yn flaenorol, felly bydd Swyddogion yn aros yn y cyfarfod tra bydd yr eitem yn cael ei chyflwyno gan y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol ac yn ystod y drafodaeth ddilynol.”

**(Nodwch:** Cafodd y datganiadau canlynol eu gwneud yn ddiweddarach yn y cyfarfod (cofnodion 103, 104 a 106)

Y Cynghorydd K Johnson mewn perthynas ag eitem 7 ar yr agenda – Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys – “Rydw i'n gweithio i Drafnidiaeth Cymru”

Y Cynghorydd J Brencher mewn perthynas ag eitem 8 ar yr agenda – Adroddiad Strategaeth Gyfalaf 2023/24 – “Mae fy mab yn Gyfarwyddwr Trafnidiaeth Cymru”

Y Cynghorydd K Morgan mewn perthynas ag eitem 10 ar yr agenda – Cynllun Llesiant Cwm Taf 2023-2028 - “Rydw i'n gweithio i Fwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg”

### 99      Cyhoeddiadau

Cafodd y cyhoeddiadau canlynol eu gwneud:

Rhoddodd Arweinydd y Cyngor, Y Cynghorydd A Morgan OBE, siec gwerth £2,107.17 i'r Lleng Brydeinig Frenhinol. Dyma'r arian a gafodd ei godi yn y Gyngerdd Goffa. Roedd Mr Richards, Cadeirydd Lleng Brydeinig Frenhinol Pontypridd, yn bresennol i dderbyn y siec a diolch i'r Cyngor am ei gefnogaeth.

Aeth y Cynghorydd A Roberts MBE ati i longyfarch dwy chwaer o ward Gilfach-goch, Esme Walters a enillodd gwpan y byd mewn cystadleuaeth ddaawnsio i bobl yn eu harddegau, a Verity Walters a enillodd gwpan y byd mewn cystadleuaeth dawnsio mewn pâr. Cyhoeddodd y Cynghorydd Roberts fod Tyler Williams wedi ennill dwy Bencampwriaeth y Byd mewn cicfocsio.

Talodd Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol K Morgan, deyrnged i'r diweddar gyn-Gynghorydd Rita Moses. Roedd yn Gynghorydd Cyngor Dosbarth Cwm Cynon rhwng 1987 a 1991 ac yn Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol ar gyfer Cyngor RhCT rhwng 1995 a 2004 ac eto rhwng 2008-2012. Roedd hi wrth wraidd nifer o grwpiau cymunedol ac yn llywodraethwr ar gyfer yr ysgolion lleol. Yn 2000 roedd hi'n Gadeirydd / Maer Cyngor RhCT gyda'i gŵr wrth ei hochr ac roedd hi'n falch iawn o gael ei phenodi. Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Morgan am ei brwdfrydedd am ei chymuned ac anfonodd ei chydymdeimlad at deulu a ffrindiau Rita yn ystod y cyfnod anodd yma.

## 100 Cwestiynau gan yr Aelodau

Nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu y byddai cwestiynau 8 a 9 yn cael eu hepgor o ganlyniad i absenoldeb yr Aelodau sy'n gofyn y cwestiynau:

### 1) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol T Williams i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE:

*“Fydd Arweinydd y Cyngor yn rhoi diweddariad ar gynlluniau atal llifogydd yng Nghwmaman?”*

#### **Ymateb y Cynghorydd A Morgan OBE:**

Ymatebodd yr Arweinydd drwy gadarnhau bod Cam 2 y gwaith Lliniaru Llifogydd (Gosod waliau llifogydd i'r cwrs dŵr i fyny'r afon o'r bont ar y briffordd) yng Nghwmaman wedi mynd rhagddo'n dda yn 2022/23 trwy'r cam dylunio a datblygu manwl sydd bellach wedi'i gwblhau. Ychwanegodd fod y Cyngor wedi cyflwyno cais am gymeradwyaeth mewn egwyddor gan Lywodraeth Cymru (Rhagfyr 2022) ar gyfer y cam adeiladu, gyda chyllideb gwerth £415k ar eu llif prosiectau mawr ar gyfer 2023/24.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod os bydd yn cael ei gymeradwyo mewn egwyddor gan Lywodraeth Cymru, sydd i'w ddisgwyl ym mis Ebrill, bydd gweithredu'r grant yma'n amodol ar gais grant manwl pellach yn seiliedig ar ddiweddariad o achos busnes cyfredol y prosiect unwaith y bydd y costau gwirioneddol yn cael eu nodi yn sgil proses dendro. Rhagwelir y bydd gwaith yn dechrau ar y safle yn yr haf, 2023/24, yn amodol ar lwyddiant y cais grant manwl ar gyfer y cam adeiladu.

### **Cwestiwn ategol gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol T Williams:**

“Beth mae'r Cyngor yn ei wneud i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r mesurau perygl llifogydd?”

### **Ymateb y Cyngorydd A Morgan OBE:**

Nododd yr Arweinydd fod adroddiad i'r Cabinet wedi amlinellu a chytuno ar gyllid ar gyfer aelod ychwanegol o staff yn y garfan rheoli perygl llifogydd, fydd yn gyfrifol am ymgysylltu â thrigolion a chodi ymwybyddiaeth ledled cymunedau RhCT. Ychwanegodd fod gan ardal RhCT y gyfran uchaf o ran perygl llifogydd dŵr wyneb, sef 25% o gyfanswm perygl Cymru, felly'r bwriad yw ymgysylltu â'r holl ardaloedd sydd wedi'u nodi i dderbyn cynlluniau perygl llifogydd, a chodi ymwybyddiaeth ymhlith eu trigolion a busnesau lleol.

### **Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hopkins i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol B Harris:**

“Allai'r Aelod o'r Cabinet roi diweddariad ar gynllun Grantiau'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin ar gyfer y trydydd sector?”

### **Ymateb y Cyngorydd B Harris:**

Rhoddodd y Cyngorydd B Harris wybod bod y cyfnod cyflwyno cais wedi agor (1 Chwefror 2023) a'i fod wedi dod i ben yn gynnar ar 24 Chwefror 2023, yn lle 28 Chwefror yn ôl y bwriad, gan fod y cynllun yn llawn. Rhoddodd y Cyngorydd Harris y diweddariadau canlynol mewn perthynas â'r cynllun grant:

Grant Cymunedol Cyngor RhCT Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin Llywodraeth y DU – Data Terfynol Rownd 1:

- 133 o geisiadau wedi'u hasesu
- 91 o geisiadau wedi'u cymeradwyo gyda'r swm cyfan, sef **£675,000**, wedi'i ddyrannu
- 42 o geisiadau wedi'u gwrthod

Nododd y Cyngorydd Harris fod y 91 o anfonebau a ddaeth i law wedi cael eu prosesu ar gyfer eu talu, ac mae gwaith monitro ac adrodd ar gyfer y 91 o geisiadau llwyddiannus yn dechrau ar 31 Mawrth 2023.

O ran Grant Cymunedol Cyngor RhCT – Rownd 2, nododd y Cyngorydd Harris fod achlysuron gwybodaeth eisoes wedi cael eu cynnal ar 17 a 20 Mawrth 2023 mewn perthynas â dyfarniadau Lefelau Canolig ac Uwch. Cymerodd tua 250 o bobl ran yn yr achlysuron ar-lein. Mae cymhwysedd yn aros yr un peth â'r rownd gyntaf, gyda deilliannau ac allbynnau ychwanegol ar gyfer 2023-25.

Dywedodd y Cyngorydd Harris y bydd y cyfnod cyflwyno cais yn dechrau ar 1 Ebrill 2023 ac yn dod i ben am 5pm ar 12 Mai 2023. Bydd manylion i'w gweld ar-lein ar dudalennau gwe grant Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin y DU penodol y

Cyngor. Y dyraniad Cyfalaf ar gyfer 2023-24 yw £162,500 a'r dyraniad Refeniw ar gyfer 2023-24 yw £1,125,000. Ychwanegodd mai dyma lefelau'r ceisiadau:

- Lefel is - Ceisiadau rhwng £1,000 ac £14,999
- Lefel ganolig - Ceisiadau am rhwng £15,000 a £49,999
- Lefel uchel - Ceisiadau am rhwng £50,000 a £200,000

Bydd y rhain yn cael eu hystyried ar sail gystadleuol yn ystod yr wythnos sy'n dechrau ar 22 Mai 2023, ac mae cyfnod cyflwyno cais arall wedi'i gynllunio ar gyfer misoedd cyntaf 2024-2025.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**3) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol C Middle i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Crimmings:**

*“A oes modd i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ddarparu diweddariad ar raglen y Cyngor i wella cyfleusterau chwarae awyr agored i blant?”*

**Ymateb y Cyngorydd A Crimmings:**

Rhoddodd y Cyngorydd Crimmings wybod bod yna 13 o brosiectau manau chwarae yn rhan o raglen 2022-23. Mae 12 o'r rhain wedi cael eu cwblhau a bydd yr un olaf yn dechrau'n fuan iawn. Roedd gan y Cyngor gyllid ychwanegol ar gyfer datblygu dwy Ardal Gemau Aml-ddefnydd (MUGA) – un yn ward y Cyngorydd Middle, sef Pen-y-graig, ac un ar Heol Maritime yn ardal Graig. Ychwanegodd fod y ddau brosiect MUGA wedi dechrau, a bydd cyfleuster Pen-y-graig yn cael ei gwblhau'n fuan iawn. Bydd lloriau lliwgar gyda llinellau'n cael eu gosod yn y ddwy ardal yn y gwanwyn, ar ôl gosod y tarmac newydd.

I gloi, nododd y Cyngorydd Crimmings y cytunwyd ar y rhaglen ar gyfer 2023-24 a bydd dwy Ardal Gemau Aml-ddefnydd arall yn cael eu datblygu, yn ogystal ag adnewyddu 10 man chwarae.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**4) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol D Grehan i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Ffyniant a Datblygu, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol, M Norris:**

*“Yn dilyn y ‘problemau’ gyda'r system gosod cartrefi yn Nhonyrefail yn ddiweddar, a'r dioddefaint sydd wedi dod yn sgil y system, ac o ystyried anniddigrwydd o bob plaid gyda'r drefn, a fyddai'r Cyngor yn teimlo ei bod yn briodol i drefnu sesiwn ar gyfer yr holl aelodau i drafod y system a'r polisiâu sy'n arwain y penderfyniadau gosod eiddo?”*

**Ymateb gan y Cyngorydd M Norris:**

Atebodd y Cyngorydd Norris y cwestiwn trwy ddweud y cafodd adroddiad ar y Polisi Dyraniadau ei gyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned ym

mis Ionawr lle cafodd Aelodau drafodaeth drylwyr iawn a chyflwynodd Aelodau o bob grŵp gwleidyddol her. Ychwanegodd fod yr adroddiad hefyd yn nodi meysydd i'w hystyried yn rhan o'r adolygiad nesaf o'r Polisi Dyraniadau. Cytunwyd gan Aelodau y byddai cyfle craffu arall ar gael ar ôl llunio copi drafft o'r polisi dyraniadau diwygiedig.

Ychwanegodd y Cynghorydd Norris fod Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd wedi rhoi gwybod i'r Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned yn ddiweddar y bydd hyfforddiant o'r fath yn cael ei ddarparu, gan gynnwys canolbwytio'n benodol ar y Cynllun Dyrannu Tai. Bydd yr hyfforddiant yma ar gael i bob Aelod, ac ychwanegodd y Cynghorydd Norris y byddai'n annog pob Aelod o Grŵp Llafur i fynd.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**5) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Brencher i Arweinydd y Cyngor - Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE:**

*“A allai'r Arweinydd wneud datganiad ar Faes Parcio Tŷ Pennant/Stryd y Santes Catrin sydd bellach yn cael ei reoli gan y Cyngor?”*

**Ymateb y Cynghorydd A Morgan OBE:**

Nododd y Cynghorydd Morgan y dechreuodd y Cyngor reoli maes parcio Stryd y Santes Catrin yn swyddogol ar ôl iddo ailagor ddydd Llun 20 Mawrth. Yn 2022, penderfynodd NCP ddod â'i gontract o ran rhedeg y maes parcio i ben ar fyr rybudd. Nododd fod y Cyngor wedi gweithio gyda Trivallis ers hynny i ailagor y maes parcio i ymwelwyr â'r dref. Roedd angen glanhau'r cyfleuster yn drylwyr, yn ogystal â chwblhau gwaith cynnal a chadw arall. Cafodd y maes parcio ei ailagor ar 20 Mawrth ac ychwanegodd yr Arweinydd y bydd ffioedd parcio'n sylweddol is na ffioedd blaenorol NCP, sef £1 am hyd at bedair awr, a £2 am arhosiad hirach, yn unol â ffioedd safonol y Cyngor ar gyfer cyfleusterau arhosiad hir.

Esboniodd yr Arweinydd fod peiriannau tocynnau newydd wedi cael eu gosod yn y maes parcio, yn ogystal ag arwyddion newydd sy'n dangos y ffioedd newydd. Mae modd defnyddio tocynnau tymor meysydd parcio'r Cyngor yn y cyfleuster yma, sy'n boblogaidd gyda gweithwyr canol y dref.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**6) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Morgans i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Crimmings:**

*“Allai'r Aelod o'r Cabinet amlinellu'r buddsoddiad arfaethedig ar gyfer gwella Parc y Darren?”*

**Ymateb y Cynghorydd A Crimmings:**

Rhoddodd y Cynghorydd Crimmings wybod bod Parc y Darren wedi derbyn cyfleusterau newid newydd sbon yn ddiweddar ar gyfer y tимоedd chwaraeon



sy'n defnyddio'r cae, a hynny drwy fuddsoddiad gwerth £225,000. Esboniodd, yn ogystal â darparu ystafelloedd newid, fod gwaith wedi dechrau i ddod o hyd i gcontractwr i osod cae 3G newydd sbon gyda haen (shock pad) oddi tano, i gymryd lle'r cae artiffisial â thywod presennol. Bydd y cynllun yma'n cael ei gwblhau drwy fuddsoddiad pellach gwerth £375,000. Bydd y cae yn cael ei ariannu'n rhannol gan grant Cymdeithas Pêl-droed Cymru i gyfrannu at y buddsoddiad sylweddol gan Gyngor RhCT.

Ychwanegodd y Cyngorydd Crimmings y rhagwelir y bydd y gwaith yn dechrau ym mis Mai 2023 a chael ei gwblhau ym mis Awst 2023. Bydd yr adran Hamdden, Chwaraeon a Pharciau'n cysylltu â thimoedd lleol a'r gymuned mewn perthynas â'r datblygiad unwaith y bydd contractwr yn cael ei benodi a bydd cynllun adeiladu yn cael ei lunio.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**7) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol L A Tomkinson i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Addysg, Cyfranogiad Pobl Ifainc a'r Gymraeg, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis:**

*"Fydd yr Aelod o'r Cabinet yn darparu diweddariad ar gyflwyno prydau ysgol am ddim yn Rhondda Cynon Taf?"*

**Ymateb y Cyngorydd R Lewis:**

Cadarnhaodd y Cyngorydd Lewis fod gwasanaethau prydau ysgol wedi parhau i fod ar gael er gwaethaf problemau o ran recriwtio staff ac anawsterau gyda'r gadwyn cyflenwi bwyd. Ychwanegodd y darparwyd dros 1.6 miliwn o brydau ysgol i ddisgyblion ysgolion cynradd ac 1.2 miliwn o brydau ysgol i ddisgyblion ysgolion uwchradd yn RhCT yn 2022/23. Cafodd gwaith gwella ei gynnal yng ngheginau 3 ysgol uwchradd a 2 ysgol arbennig yn rhan o'r raglen gyfalaf arfaethedig yn ystod 2022/23.

Rhoddodd y Cyngorydd Lewis wybod y cafodd Prydau Ysgol am ddim eu cynnig i ddisgyblion cymwys yn y dosbarth meithrin ac i holl ddisgyblion y dosbarth derbyn a blwyddyn 1 yn 2022/23, gyda 2,571 o brydau'n cael eu gweini bob dydd ar gyfartaledd. Yn 2022/23, cafodd dros 200,000 o brydau ysgol am ddim eu gweini ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

Nododd y Cyngorydd Lewis fod gwaith cyfalaf wedi'i gwblhau yng ngheginau 38 o ysgolion cynradd yn 2022/23, a hynny er mwyn hwyluso'r broses o gynnig prydau ysgol am ddim i holl blant ysgolion cynradd. Mae gwaith i'w gynnal yn 63 o ysgolion cynradd eraill yn 2023/24. Yn ddiweddar, mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cyhoeddi cyllid gwerth £9 miliwn i gynnig prydau ysgol am ddim i ddisgyblion cymwys hyd at ddiwedd gwyliau hanner tymor mis Mai. Roedd y Cyngorydd Lewis yn sicr y byddai hyn yn cael ei groesawu gan nifer o deuluoedd gan fod y costau byw'n parhau i gael effaith ar drigolion.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**(Nodwch:** Fel y nodwyd, byddai cwestiynau 8 a 9 yn cael eu hepgor o

ganlyniad i absenoldeb yr Aelodau sy'n gofyn y cwestiynau.)

**10) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Davis i Arweinydd y Cyngor – Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan:**

*“A oes modd i'r Arweinydd amlinellu faint o fusnesau yn RhCT fydd yn elwa ar Gynllun Rhyddhad Ardrethi Busnes, gan gynnwys trwy Gynllun Lleihau Ardrethi Busnes Lleol y Cyngor sy'n rhoi gostyngiad gwerth £500?”*

**Ymateb y Cynghorydd A Morgan OBE:**

Nododd y Cynghorydd Morgan, yn seiliedig ar nifer y ceisiadau llwyddiannus a ddaeth i law yn 2022/23, y bydd 650 o fusnesau yn gymwys ar gyfer y rhyddhad i fusnesau manwerthu, hamdden a lletygarwch (sef 75%), yn ogystal â'r cymorth rhyddhad ardrethi lleol (hyd at £500 fesul safle busnes). Aeth ati i gydnabod bod rhai busnesau heb gyflwyno cais am y naill gynllun rhyddhad na'r llall yn 2022/23, felly mae'r Cyngor yn annog pob perchennog busnes i wirio a ydyn nhw'n gymwys trwy fynd i wefan y Cyngor a darllen yr wybodaeth gyda'u bil ardrethi.

Ychwanegodd y Cynghorydd Morgan drwy nodi y bydd 4,700 o fusnesau'n derbyn rhyddhad ardrethi trwy Gynllun Rhyddhad Ardrethi i Fusnesau Bach.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

**11) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Rees i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Datblygu a Ffyniant, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol, M A Norris:**

*“Sut mae'r Cyngor yma'n cefnogi busnesau ledled Cwm Cynon a Rhondda Cynon Taf?”*

**Ymateb gan y Cynghorydd M Norris:**

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Norris fod yr Arweinydd eisoes wedi amlinellu rhai o'r cymorth ariannol sydd ar gael i fusnesau wrth ateb y cwestiwn blaenorol felly fyddai ddim yn ailadrodd yr wybodaeth honno.

Amlinellodd y Cynghorydd Norris nifer o gynlluniau a datblygiadau eraill sydd wedi'u cwblhau'n ddiweddar neu sydd wrthi'n mynd rhagddyn nhw yng Nghwm Cynon:

- Mae 20 o unedau busnes bach modern wedi cael eu cwblhau yn Nhresalem. Mae 10 tenant eisoes yn eu defnyddio, ac mae tenantiaid eraill yn dod i rai o'r unedau sydd ar ôl yn fuan. Mae diddordeb o ran yr unedau yma wedi bod yn fawr.
- Cafodd gwaith ailddatblygu Sgwâr Guto yn Aberpennar ei gwblhau y llynedd, gan ddod â'r Fframwaith Adfywio i ben ar gyfer ardal Aberpennar. Cafodd ardal canol y dref ei gwella yn sgil y cynllun yma,

megis lleoedd parcio ychwanegol a gwaith gwella ardaloedd i'r cyhoedd.

- Mae gwaith datblygu strategaeth ddrafft ar gyfer Canol Tref Aberdâr gyda'r cyfnod ymgynghori anffurfiol wedi cael ei gwblhau a bydd adborth hwn yn llywio'r Strategaeth Ddrafft.
- Parhau i ddefnyddio arian Grant Creu Lleoedd Trawsnewid Trefi Llywodraeth Cymru i greu safleoedd newydd a gwella rhai presennol ar y stryd fawr yng nghanol trefi allweddol.

Ychwanegodd y Cyngorydd Norris fod gwaith ailddatblygu tafarn The Black Lion yn Aberdâr yn enghraifft dda o lwyddiant hyn a bod y cyllid yma ar gael ar gyfer cynlluniau yng nghanol trefi ledled y Fwrdeistref.

Nododd y Cyngorydd Norris fod llawer o waith ailddatblygu yn mynd rhagddo ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol, a bod y Cyngor hefyd yn parhau i weinyddu cyllid Cymorth i Fentrau trwy ei Gronfa Buddsoddi mewn Mentrau a Grant Cynnal Canol Trefi ei hun i helpu i ysgogi buddsoddiad preifat a datblygu'r economi leol.

**Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.**

#### **101 Rhaglen Waith y Cyngor 2022/2023**

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu wybod y bydd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol y Cyngor, a gafodd ei drefnu ar gyfer 24 Mai 2023, bellach yn cael ei gynnal ar 10 Mai 2023 am 4pm. Ychwanegodd fod modd i fusnes y Cyngor ddechrau mor gyflym â phosibl o ganlyniad i gynnal y cyfarfod yma'n gynharach. Nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y bydd manylion y cyfarfod cyffredinol blynyddol yn cael eu rhannu gydag Arweinwyr y Grwpiau yn dilyn trafodaeth gyda'r Llywydd.

#### **102 TRAFODAETH AR SEFYLLFA'R FWRDEISTREF SIROL**

Yn unol â Rheol Gweithdrefn 13.2 y Cyngor, nododd y Llywydd ei fod wedi neilltuo 45 munud ar gyfer yr eitem yma, ac yr hoffai wahodd yr Arweinydd i gyfarch y Cyngor ac ymateb i sylwadau Aelodau ar ei Adroddiad Blynyddol.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod ei grynoded blynyddol yn cael ei roi i'r Cyngor llawn bob blwyddyn a'i fod yn amlinellu'r hyn y mae'r Cyngor wedi'i gyflawni dros y flwyddyn diwethaf ac yn nodi'r hyn y mae eisiau ei gyflawni yn y dyfodol.

Siaradodd Arweinydd y Cyngor am drafodaeth y llynedd a oedd yn seiliedig ar gyd-destun adfer yn dilyn y pandemig. Mae'r Cyngor bellach yn wynebu cyni eto gyda'r argyfwng costau byw a'i heriau ar gyfer trigolion a chymunedau, a'r sector cyhoeddus. Cyfeiriodd at y pwysau ar y gyllideb, yn benodol ar ofal cymdeithasol, costau ynni, chwyddiant a phwysau cyflogau.

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at flaenoriaeth barhaus y Cyngor, sef y newid yn yr hinsawdd, wrth iddo barhau i gymryd camau gweithredu i gyflawni'r nod o fod yn Gyngor Niwtral o ran Carbon erbyn 2030. Nododd fod y Cyngor yn gwneud cynnydd da a'i fod yn parhau i brynu 100% o'i gyflenwad ynni trydanol trwy ffynonellau adnewyddadwy yn y DU. Ychwanegodd, er gwaethaf heriau, fod y

Cyngor yn dal i weld lefelau sylweddol o fuddsoddiad wrth iddo gyflawni ymrwymadau'r maniffesto.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd ddiolch i holl staff y Cyngor sy'n parhau i gyflawni gwasanaethau bob dydd.

### **COSTAU BYW**

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod y Cyngor yn parhau i roi cymorth i drigolion mewn angen yn y saith Canolfan Cydnerthedd y Gymuned, a gafodd eu sefydlu ar ddechrau'r pandemig gyda chymorth partneriaid. Mae dros 500 o drigolion wedi cael cymorth rhwng 31 Ionawr 2022 a 1 Chwefror 2023. Hefyd, mae cynnydd sylweddol o 62% wedi bod yn nifer yr atgyfeiriadau mewn perthynas â chymorth siopa a bwyd brys a rhoi gwybodaeth am arian a budd-daliadau. Ychwanegodd fod y Cyngor wedi rhoi talebau bwyd gwerth miloedd o bunnoedd i deuluoedd sy'n ei chael hi'n anodd. Mae'r Cyngor yn parhau i gefnogi banciau bwyd a chynlluniau bwyd lleol gyda grantiau gwerth rhwng £500 a £1,500 ar gael, ac mae 35 o brosiectau wedi cael eu hariannu ers mis Ebrill 2022. Aeth yr Arweinydd ati i gydnabod bod pedwar prif fanc bwyd Trussell ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol wedi cael cyllid gwerth £70k a nwyddau gwerth £10k trwy broses gaffael y Cyngor ers mis Ebrill 2022.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod gan y Cyngor 80 o Ganolfannau Croeso wedi'u gwirio, yn ogystal â llyfrgelloedd, sydd wedi'u sefydlu fel 'canolfannau clyd' i gefnogi unigolion. Hyd yn hyn, mae 56 o geisiadau am Gronfa Caledi y Gaeaf wedi cael eu cymeradwyo ac mae £82,688 wedi cael ei dalu.

### **GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL I OEDOLION**

Nododd yr Arweinydd fod 2022 wedi bod yn flwyddyn heriol arall, gyda gofal cymdeithasol o dan bwysau mawr yn gyffredinol. Er gwaethaf hyn, mae'r Cyngor a'i staff rheng flaen wedi parhau i ofalu a chefnogi'r miloedd o bobl i'r safon orau bosibl. Mae Cyngor RhCT a Bwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg yn arwain y ffordd o ran rhai mentrau, megis gwasanaethau Cadw'n Iach Gartref sydd wedi ennill gwobrau. Mae hyn wedi helpu i osgoi achosion o gleifion mewnol yn cael eu derbyn i'r ysbyty neu wedi helpu trwy gynnig cymorth i gleifion sy'n cael eu rhyddhau o'r ysbyty. Y canolbwynt a'r nod o hyd yw hyrwyddo annibyniaeth a rhoi cymorth i drigolion i fyw yn eu cartrefi eu hunain am gyhyd ag y bo modd.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod y Cyngor yn darparu 15,000 o oriau o ofal a chymorth bob wythnos i dros 1,300 o deuluoedd. Ym mis Chwefror, cytunodd y Cabinet ar fuddsoddiad cyfalaf rhagamcanol gwerth £60 miliwn ym 4 cartref gofal ychwanegol a gofal preswyl i barhau i foderneiddio gwasanaethau gofal preswyl a diwallu anghenion pobl sy'n newid yn barhaus. Yn ogystal â chadw 5 cartref gofal y Cyngor. Hefyd, mae buddsoddiad parhaus gwerth £30 miliwn wedi bod yn y rhaglen datblygu llety Gofal Ychwanegol ac mae tri chynllun yn cynnig 140 o welyau ar hyn o bryd. Amlinellodd yr Arweinydd fuddion llety Gofal Ychwanegol ar gyfer cyplau ag anghenion gwahanol.

### **GWASANAETHAU I BLANT**

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at y maes yma sydd hefyd o dan bwysau mawr. Mae'r gwasanaeth wedi derbyn 25,412 o geisiadau i ymateb i anghenion lles teuluoedd yn ystod y flwyddyn diwethaf. Tynnodd sylw at waith a'r galw am y Gwasanaeth Teuluoedd Cydnerth sy'n parhau i ddelio â galw cynyddol. Mae nifer y bobl sy'n ymgysylltu â'r Gwasanaeth Ymgysylltu a Chyfranogiad Ieuenctid

hefyd yn parhau i gynyddu, gyda chynnydd o 410% yn 2021-2022, o'i gymharu â'r flwyddyn flaenorol. Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod y Cyngor wedi parhau â'i addewid i ddarparu'r cerbydau sy'n boblogaidd ymhlith pobl ifainc fel lle diogel i ymgysylltu â'r rheiny sy'n wynebu'r risg fwyaf.

### **MANNAU CHWARAE**

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod y Cyngor yn parhau â'i addewid i wella pob man chwarae. Mae 13 o fannau chwarae wedi'u cwblhau yn 2022/23 er gwaethaf yr anawsterau o ran recriwtio contractwyr. Mae £200k arall wedi'i ddyrannu ar gyfer 2 Ardal Gemau Aml-ddefnydd arall yn y flwyddyn ariannol newydd.

### **HAMDDEN**

Nododd yr Arweinydd fod y Cyngor wedi parhau i fuddsoddi mewn Gwasanaethau Hamdden, ac ychwanegodd fod gan RCT un o'r arlwyon hamdden mewnol gorau yng Nghymru. Dydy'r Cyngor ddim wedi trefnu contract gyda chyflenwr allanol, ac mae'n parhau i fuddsoddi mewn cyfleusterau trwy wrando ar staff ac ymateb i anghenion trigolion. Mae'r Cyngor wedi rhagori ar nifer yr aelodau hamdden cyn y pandemig, sef dros 10,300 o aelodau. Mae'r Cyngor wedi darparu ei 14eg cae 3G yng Nghaeau Baglan (mis Hydref) a bydd gwaith ar gae 3G Parc y Darren yn dechrau'n fuan. Ychwanegodd yr Arweinydd fod y Cyngor wedi cyflawni ei ymrwymiad i ddarparu cyfleuster 3G o fewn 3 milltir i bob aelwyd yn RhCT.

### **NEWID YN YR HINSAWDD**

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at Fioamrywiaeth/Mawndiroedd y Cyngor a sut mae'n parhau i gynyddu nifer y safleoedd ar gyfer bioamrywiaeth (tiroedd cyffredin a ffyrdd osgoi lle mae blodau gwyllt).

Amlinellodd yr Arweinydd rai cynlluniau penodol, megis:

#### Cymorth Ynni

Mae'r Cyngor wedi cefnogi dros 60 o grantiau gwresogi sydd wedi'u cwblhau hyd yn hyn yn 2023, gyda 200 o geisiadau eraill sydd wedi dod i law.

#### Cynlluniau Arloesol

Cafodd Ffynnon Dwym Ffynnon Taf ei chwblhau yn yr hydref. Dyma'r unig un yng Nghymru, ac mae'n un o bedair ffynnon dwym yn y DU. Mae bellach yn darparu gwres carbon isel i'r pafiliwn ac Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnon Taf.

Mae cymeradwyaeth wedi'i cheisio i gynnal rhagor o astudiaethau dichonoldeb ar gyfer cynlluniau trydan dŵr posibl yn Nghored Trefforest a Pharc Gwledig Cwm Dâr.

Mae'r Cyngor wedi ymrwymo i leihau ei ôl troed ers 2009 ac mae wedi gwario dros £10.5 miliwn ar brosiectau arbed ynni. Mae hyn wedi arwain at arbedion gwerth dros £2.3 miliwn y flwyddyn ar gyfer ysgolion, cartrefi gofal, canolfannau hamdden ac adeiladau corfforaethol, a gostyngiad o bron i 6,000 o dunelli mewn allyriadau.

#### Trafnidiaeth

Cyflwynodd y Cyngor Strategaeth Wefru Cerbydau Trydan ac mae wedi cyflwyno isadeiledd mewn nifer o feysydd parcio'r Cyngor, gyda chyfnod

cyflwyno pellach yn y dyfodol agos yn sgil cyllid rhanbarthol a phellach gan Lywodraeth Cymru i weithredu nifer o wefrwyr cyflym at ddefnydd ein trigolion.

## **PRIFFYRDD A TRAFNIDIAETH**

### Tomenni Glo, Rheoli Perygl Llifogydd, Draenio/Lliniaru Llifogydd

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at fuddsoddiad enfawr mewn rheoli perygl llifogydd ac atgyweiriadau oherwydd difrod stormydd, gyda £20 miliwn wedi'i fuddsoddi mewn atgyweirio difrod ar bontydd fel y Bont Wen a Phont y Castle Inn, gyda chynigion am fuddsoddiad llifogydd pellach i uwchraddio ceuffosydd a sicrhau bod y fwrdeistref sirol wedi'i diogelu cymaint â phosibl. Ychwanegodd fod Safleoedd Derbynnnydd Cam 2 a 3 Tomen Tylorstown ar y cam Cynllunio ar gyfer defnydd parhaol, tra bod contract Cam 4 wedi'i ddyfarnu a pharatoadau ar y gweill i'r gwaith ddechrau yn y gwanwyn.

### Rhaglen Gyfalaf ac Isadeiledd

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod y rhaglen gyfalaf yn RhCT wedi bod yn sylweddol, gan fwrw £172 miliwn, ffigur uchaf erioed i'r Cyngor - cynhaliwyd adolygiad o'i gronfeydd wrth gefn a thanwariant i dynnu unrhyw arian ychwanegol i mewn.

### Prosiectau Mawr a'r Metro

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at gefnogaeth y Cyngor i welliannau'r Metro. Mae prosiect yr A4119 ar y gweill gyda'r contract wedi'i ddyfarnu, ac mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo'n dda ar y safle tuag at gwblhau'r datblygiad yn haf 2024.

### Prosiectau Strategol

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod hen adeiladau M&S a Dorothy Perkins/Burton's yn nhref Pontypridd wedi'u caffael a bod cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru wedi'i sicrhau i wneud y gwaith dymchwel. Mae ailddatblygiad y Miwni yng nghamau olaf y gwaith dylunio manwl ac mae trafodaethau ar y gweill gyda'r contractwr a ffafir i alluogi'r gwaith i ddechrau ar y safle erbyn yr haf. Dywedodd fod y gwaith ar adeilad yr YMCA hefyd ar fin cael ei gwblhau yn fuan.

## **ADDYSG**

### Arolygiadau

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd y bu 13 o arolygiadau craidd rhwng mis Mawrth a mis Rhagfyr 2022 ac nid oedd angen unrhyw arolygiad dilynol ar 84.6% o ysgolion. Yn seiliedig ar adroddiadau cyhoeddedig, mae un ysgol mewn Mesurau Arbennig ac un ysgol yn cael ei monitro gan Estyn. Diolchodd yr Arweinydd i holl staff yr ysgol am eu hymdrechion a'u cefnogaeth barhaus i'r holl bobl ifainc yn dilyn y pandemig.

### Canlyniadau Arholiadau

Amlygodd yr Arweinydd y canlyniadau a ganlyn:

Dangosodd canlyniadau **Cyfnod Allweddol 4** yn 2022 welliant o gymharu â lefelau cyn y pandemig.

O ran graddau A\*-C, roedd gwelliant o 5.8% pwynt ledled Cymru a chynnydd o 7.1% pwynt yn RhCT.

O ran graddau A\*-A, roedd cynnydd o 6.7% pwynt yng Nghymru, a thwf o 7.4% pwynt yn RhCT.

O ran **cyfnod allweddol 5** mae'r darlun ar gyfer y graddau uchaf, A\*-A, yn arbennig o gadarnhaol ar draws RhCT gyda phob ysgol yn cyflawni'n well nag

yn 2019 a bron i hanner yn cyflawni'n well nag yn 2021. Mae cyfartaledd RhCT yn sylweddol uwch na'r cyfartaledd 2019 ac ychydig yn is na'r cyfartaledd yn 2021.

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd, mewn perthynas â graddau A\*-C - bod bron pob ysgol wedi cyflawni'n well yn 2022 o gymharu â 2019 sy'n dangos bod pethau'n gwella a'r broses arolygu yn gadarnhaol.

#### Cymunedau Cynaliadwy ar gyfer Dysgu (Ysgolion yr 21ain Ganrif) a Phrosiectau Eraill

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod y rhaglen Band B yn fwy na £272 miliwn. Yn ogystal â hynny, dim ond ddydd Gwener yr wythnos diwethaf y cymeradwywyd cyllid gwerth £15 miliwn gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer ysgol newydd yng Nglyn-coch, sydd wedi cael ei hyrwyddo gan yr Aelod Lleol. Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod yr uwchraddio a'r buddsoddiad mewn ysgolion ledled y fwrdeistref sirol yn amlwg ac yn glir, gyda thair ysgol newydd yn cael eu hadeiladu yn ne'r fwrdeistref sirol.

Cyfeiriodd y Cynghorydd K Morgan at y 12 mis anodd diwethaf i gymunedau RhCT a soniodd am flaenoriaethau'r Cyngor i wasanaethu ei gymunedau a phwysigrwydd gwrandao ar ymatebion i ymgynghoriadau cyhoeddus. Cyfeiriodd y Cynghorydd Morgan at agwedd aeddfed y cytundeb cydweithredol gyda Plaid Cymru yn y Senedd, sydd wedi cefnogi llawer o'r heriau. O ran dadl yr Arweinydd, dywedodd y gallai fod wedi bod yn ddefnyddiol manteisio ar y Cwestiynau i'r Aelodau sy'n weddill o'r eitem agenda gynharach er mwyn ehangu'r ddadl.

Cynigiodd pob un o'r Arweinwyr Grŵp gwestiynau i'r Arweinydd, ac amlinellir rhai o'r ymatebion isod:

Pwysigrwydd adolygu cyfleusterau hamdden, yn enwedig storfeydd, i drigolion RhCT – Ymatebodd yr Arweinydd fod y Cyngor wedi ymrwymo i gefnogi chwaraeon ar lawr gwlad gyda buddsoddiad cyfalaf mewn meysydd megis caeau 3G ledled y fwrdeistref sirol. Ychwanegodd ei fod ef a rhai o'i Gabinet gyda Swyddogion wedi cyfarfod â thrigolion a chlybiau chwaraeon i wrando ar eu pryderon ac i helpu i fynd i'r afael â materion ac o ganlyniad i hynny, gwnaed gwelliannau sylweddol i ystafelloedd newid a chyfleusterau chwaraeon eraill.

Cyflwyno Cwestiynau i'r Cyngor (a yw hyn yn dangos bwlch gwybodaeth i Aelodau?) – Nid oedd yr Arweinydd yn cytuno bod hyn yn dangos bwlch gwybodaeth a nododd mai dim ond tri chwestiwn a gyflwynwyd gan aelodau Grŵp Plaid Cymru.

System addysg dwy haen RhCT – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod anawsterau'n parhau gyda'r niferoedd sy'n manteisio ar y cyrsiau, a'r nifer annigonol o fyfyrwyr sy'n ceisio cyrsiau penodol gydag ychydig o ysgolion uwchradd yn bodloni'r meini prawf ar gyfer darpariaeth 6ed dosbarth (80 neu fwy o ddisgyblion). Ychwanegodd fod y Cyngor wedi uno'r darpariaethau a gwneud y camau rhesymoli angenrheidiol o ran cyrsiau ym mhob ysgol er mwyn darparu'r cynnig angenrheidiol o bynciau Lefel A.

Materion traffig/tagfeydd ym Mhontypridd – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd y bydd cyflwyno'r Metro yn dod â 24 o drenau drwy Bontypridd bob awr, a fydd yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar faterion trafndiaeth yn ardal Pontypridd, gan annog mwy o

ddefnydd o drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus. Hefyd, cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd y byddai cynigion ynghylch gwelliannau i fysiau/swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn cael eu cyhoeddi'n fuan.

Metro (cysylltedd ar gyfer gwasanaethau rheilffordd ar hyd coridor Ffordd Osgoi Pentre'r Eglwys) – Darparodd yr Arweinydd sicrwydd bod cyllid Rhanbarthol a Llywodraeth Cymru ar gael ar gyfer yr estyniadau i reilffyrdd Hirwaun a Metro Gogledd-ddwyrain Caerdydd. Ychwanegodd fod nifer o opsiynau'n cael eu trafod ar gyfer Rheilffordd Gogledd-ddwyrain Caerdydd yn rhan o'r Arweiniad ar Arfarnu Trafnidiaeth Cymru (bws rhedeg pwrpasol/bysiau trydan)

Diweddariad ar Gasgliadau Sbwriel (Amnewid bagiau ailgylchu plastig untro/bagiau gwastraff bwyd llai) – Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd y bydd bagiau ailgylchu bwyd newydd yn cael eu cyflwyno cyn bo hir a phan fydd y stoc bresennol yn cael ei defnyddio, ac ychwanegodd fod y bydd bagiau ailgylchu mae modd eu haildefnyddio'n gweithio'n dda ac yn well i'r amgylchedd (yn lle'r bagiau untro)

Agorodd y Llywydd gwestiynau i'r holl Aelodau:

Rhaglen Ffyrdd Heb eu Mabwysiadu £126K – Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd fod adroddiad ynghylch parhad y rhaglen ffyrdd heb eu mabwysiadu wedi cael ei ystyried yn ddiweddar gan y Cabinet. Mae gan y Cyngor raglen flynyddol sy'n cael eu chroesawu.

Ymwneud Aelodau Lleol ag achlysuron achredu'r Mudiad Meithrin – Sicrhaodd yr Arweinydd y Cyngor y byddai'r holl Aelodau lleol yn cael eu gwahodd i unrhyw ddigwyddiadau achredu/agoriadau mewn wardiau Aelod deuol, ond ychwanegodd y dylid cyfeirio unrhyw bryder unigol ato am ymateb.

Buddsoddiad Chwaraeon – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod gan y Cyngor ymrwymiad cryf i fuddsoddi mewn chwaraeon fel pêl-droed a rygbi ledled y fwrdeistref sirol, megis y caeau 3G, gyda chyllid wedi'i sicrhau gyda'r Gymdeithas Bêl-droed ar gyfer y cyfleuster ym Mharc y Darren ac ar gyfer ystafelloedd newid i ategu'r caeau 3G. Ychwanegodd fod gan y Cyngor ymrwymiad i hyrwyddo a sefydlu ysgolion o ragoriaeth ar gyfer Hoci a Phêl-rwyd.

Teuluoedd Cydnerth - Cydnabu'r Arweinydd ganmoliaeth yr Aelod unigol i raglen Teuluoedd Cydnerth y Cyngor a Gwifren Aelodau'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yr oedd yn cyd-fynd â hi, a sicrhaodd yr Aelod y byddai ei sylwadau cadarnhaol yn cael eu cyfleu.

Gwasanaethau Gofal Cymdeithasol (Grant Cyfleusterau i'r Anabl) – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod dros £4 miliwn o fuddsoddiad (320 o grantiau) wedi'i ddyfarnu dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf.

Newidiadau i Wasanaethau Gwastraff – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd y dylai 80% o sbwriel trigolion gael ei ailgylchu yn ôl ffigyrau Cenedlaethol ond ychwanegodd fod gan y Cyngor fecanweithiau yn eu lle i gefnogi teuluoedd a allai gael trafferth gyda newidiadau i'r gwasanaethau gwastraff. Ychwanegodd fod y Cyngor hefyd yn cynnig cynllun casglu cewynnau wythnosol, rhad ac am ddim, a chynllun gwastraff bwyd i drigolion a bydd yn cyflwyno cynllun yn fuan i ailgylchu offer trydanol bach preswylwyr fel haearn smwddio neu dostiwr o fan casglu dynodedig. Eglurodd yr Arweinydd y bydd y rhan fwyaf o awdurdodau lleol eraill



yn symud i gasgliad bob tair wythnos neu, mewn rhai achosion, casgliad bob pedair wythnos.

Diweddariad ar y pwysau cyllidebol – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod lefel bresennol y pwysau cyllidebol yn ddi-baid gyda charfanau ariannol y Cyngor yn sicrhau bod yr holl gyllid allanol sydd ar gael wedi'i gyrchu. Eglurodd yr Arweinydd fod lefel treth y cyngor wedi'i chodi i 3.9% yn wyneb y pwysau cynyddol ar ofal cymdeithasol a'r pwysau ychwanegol, a'i bod yn bwysig pennu cyllideb gytbwys. Ychwanegodd y bydd trafodaethau gyda Llywodraeth Cymru yn parhau i ddarparu prydau ysgol am ddim yn wyneb y costau bwyd cynyddol. Rhybuddiodd y bydd y pwysau yn parhau am beth amser ac y bydd yn heriol i'r awdurdod lleol fynd i'r afael â gorwario.

Wardeiniaid Cymunedol – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod y wardeiniaid cymunedol yn gweithio'n dda o fewn y cymunedau ledled y fwrdeistref sirol ond atgoffodd y Cyngor nad ydynt yn cymryd lle swyddogion Heddlu De Cymru, ond y byddant yn gweithio gyda nhw. Atgoffodd yr Aelodau y bydd gan y Cyngor 14 o wardeniaid cymunedol a 10 PCSO ar lawr gwlad yn fuan yn gweithio gyda'r Heddlu, yn mynd i'r afael ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol, yn rhoi dirwyon lle bo'n briodol am droseddau megis cŵn yn baeddu ond, yn gyffredinol, yn wyneb cyfeillgar sy'n rhoi cefnogaeth yn y gymuned i drigolion.

Cronfeydd wrth Gefn y Gyllideb – Cynigiodd yr Arweinydd y byddai cyflwyniad yn cael ei drefnu yn y dyfodol i'r holl Aelodau er mwyn cael dealltwriaeth o gronfeydd wrth gefn y Cyngor. Ychwanegodd y bydd rhai o gronfeydd wrth gefn y Cyngor yn cael eu defnyddio yn y gyllideb ar gyfer y flwyddyn i ddod £9.1 miliwn, (£5 miliwn ar gyfer ynni wrth gefn/£4.1 miliwn wrth gefn trosiannol) £3 miliwn yn darparu cymorth uniongyrchol i deuluoedd gyda'r taliad costau byw, efallai y bydd angen rhywfaint o gymorth i gefnogi'r trydydd sector gyda'i gostau ynni. Bydd y cyflwyniad yn egluro sut mae'r cronfeydd wrth gefn yn cael eu defnyddio, yn ogystal â rhoi gwybodaeth bellach am gronfeydd yswiriant, y gronfa wrth gefn gyffredinol, y cronfeydd trosiannol, ble mae'r hyblygrwydd a sut mae'r rhaglen gyfalaf yn cael ei hariannu ar gyfer priffyrdd, ffyrdd heb eu mabwysiadu ac ati.

Yr ysgol newydd 3-16 Pontypridd (yn ymwneud â materion megis lleihau ôl troed carbon a chynaliadwyedd) – Gwahoddodd yr Arweinydd yr Aelod i ohebu'n uniongyrchol ag ef ar y mater hwn i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw bryderon, a dywedodd y byddai'n ymweld â'r safle newydd yn fuan.

Materion Hygyrchedd/Symudedd (cyrbau isel)- Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod y Rhaglen Gyfalaf wedi nodi 50 o gynlluniau llwybrau troed lle bydd cyrbau isel yn cael eu gosod lle bo angen. Ychwanegodd fod £15K ar gael i fynd i'r afael â chyrbau isel yng nghanol trefi a lleoliadau allweddol fel meddygfeydd a chanolfannau cymunedol. Yn ddiweddar yn Llanharan, darparwyd arian cyfatebol gyda'r cyngor cymuned i hwyluso hyn, gyda thrafodaethau ar y gweill ynghylch cyfle tebyg yn Nhonyrefail.

Adfywio Tref Pontypridd – Dywedodd yr Arweinydd y byddai cynigion pellach yn cael eu cyhoeddi maes o law mewn perthynas ag adfywio Pontypridd.

Ffyrdd heb eu Mabwysiadu – Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd fod gwaith ar y rhaglen ffyrdd heb eu mabwysiadu yn parhau (£300K) ac yn ward yr Aelodau (Llwydcoed) byddai gwaith yn cael ei wneud.

Diolchodd y Llywydd i'r Arweinydd am ei ddadl a'i ymatebion i'r Aelodau.

## 103 STRATEGAETH RHEOLI'R TRYSORLYS

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran Gwasanaethau Cyllid, Digidol a Rheng Flaen yr adroddiad blynyddol yn hysbysu bod gweithgareddau benthyca a buddsoddi Rheolaeth y Trysorlys yn cael eu rheoleiddio'n fanwl, a'u bod yn cael eu cynnal yn unol â'r Codau Ymarfer proffesiynol perthnasol. Ychwanegodd fod cynnal adolygiad ymlaen llaw o'r strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys cyn dechrau'r flwyddyn ariannol newydd yn ofyniad penodol, yn yr un modd â'r adolygiad canol blwyddyn ffurfiol ac adolygiad diwedd blwyddyn.

Dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr, fel y nodir yn yr adroddiad, fod gan y Cyngor £297.6 miliwn o fenthyca ar gyfradd llog gyfartalog o 3.07% gyda gofyniad benthyca ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf o £19.6 miliwn. Bydd hyn yn ariannu'r rhaglen gyfalaf y cytunwyd arni bellach, a bydd yn ategu hyn trwy bennu dyled tymor hwy os yw'r amgylchedd economaidd a rhagamcanion cyfraddau llog yn mynnu, ac yn unol â chyngor gan gynghorwyr Rheoli'r Trysorlys y Cyngor. Bydd hyn yn unol â sefyllfa tanfenthyca'r Cyngor, y mae'r Cyngor wedi parhau i'w dal ers nifer o flynyddoedd, ac mae'r Cyngor yn parhau i gael ei wobrwyo gyda chost cyllid cyfalaf net is.

Dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran, o ran strategaeth fuddsoddi'r Cyngor, fod y Cyngor yn parhau i fenthyg arian i sefydliadau yn y sector cyhoeddus a sefydliadau a gefnogir gan y Llywodraeth gan gydnabod blaenoriaeth diogelwch a hylifedd yn hytrach nag elw.

Cyfeiriodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran yr Aelodau at baragraff 16 ar gyfer dangosyddion a therfynau Rheoli Trysorlys y Cyngor a'r Polisi MRP a nodir yn adran 17 sy'n parhau i ddileu benthyca â chymorth y Cyngor ar sail llinell syth dros 40 o flynyddoedd.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth ar Strategaeth Rheoli Trysorlys y Cyngor, **PENDERFYNWYD:**

1. Cymeradwyo'r Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys, Strategaeth Fuddsoddi, Dangosyddion y Trysorlys, a Datganiad Polisi Darpariaeth Isafswm Refeniw fel y nodir yn yr adroddiad;
2. Cymeradwyo'r Datganiad Polisi Rheoli'r Trysorlys wedi'i ddiweddarau (Atodiad 1) a'r Cymalau Rheoli'r Trysorlys (Atodiad 2).

(**Nodyn:** Datganodd y Cynghorydd K Johnson fuddiant (gweler Cofnod Rhif 97) – “Rwy'n un o gyflogeion Trafnidiaeth Cymru”)

## 104 ADRODDIAD STRATEGAETH GYFALAF 2023/24

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Digidol a Rheng Flaen yr Adroddiad Strategaeth Gyfalaf statudol blynyddol 2023/24 sy'n nodi trosolwg lefel uchel o sut mae gwariant cyfalaf, fel y cytunwyd yng nghyfarfod diwethaf y Cyngor, yn cael ei ariannu, fel y nodir yn yr adran 6 o'r adroddiad. Ychwanegodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran ei fod yn cynnwys gofynion cyllido cyfalaf y Cyngor (CFR) sef yr angen sylfaenol i fenthyca i ariannu cynlluniau gwariant hanesyddol a chyfredol y Cyngor. Fel y cyfeiriwyd yn flaenorol, dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran fod hyn yn dangos sefyllfa o dan fenthyca sylweddol yn unol â chyngor ymgynghorwyr y Trysorlys.

Dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y byddai'r Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys a'r datganiad Strategaeth Gyfalaf yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio at ddibenion adolygu a chraffu'n benodol yn unol â'r codau ymarfer perthnasol.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNWYD** cymeradwyo'r adroddiad Strategaeth Gyfalaf sy'n ymgorffori'r Dangosyddion Darbodus.

(**Nodyn:** Datganodd y Cynghorydd J Brencher fuddiant personol (gweler Cofnod Rhif 97) – "Mae fy mab yn gyfarwyddwr Trafnidiaeth Cymru")

## **105 DATGANIAD 2023/24 Y CYNGOR AR BOLISI CYFLOGAU**

Yn unol ag Adran 38(1) o Ddeddf Lleoliaeth 2011, rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol wybodaeth i'r Aelodau am Ddatganiad Polisi Cyflogau 2023/24 y Cyngor. Cyfeiriodd y Cyfarwyddwr yr Aelodau at baragraffau 3.1 i 3.2 a oedd yn nodi'r cyd-destun cyfreithiol ar gyfer yr angen am y polisi tâl a pharagraffau 4.1-4.9 sy'n cyfeirio at y cefndir i'r polisi tâl, yr angen am gymeradwyaeth y Cyngor Llawn ac yn cyfeirio at y Datganiad Polisi Cyflogau yn Atodiad A i'r adroddiad.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNODD** yr Aelodau gymeradwyo'r Datganiad ar Bolisi Cyflogau, sef Atodiad A yr adroddiad.

## **106 CYNLLUN LLESIANT CWM TAF 2023-2028**

Cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr ei adroddiad a oedd yn gofyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cyngor i Gynllun Llesiant drafft 2023-2028 ar gyfer rhanbarth Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cwm Taf Morgannwg. Mae'n ofynnol i'r Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus lunio a chyhoeddi cynllun llesiant lleol sy'n nodi'r amcanion llesiant ar gyfer y rhanbarth a'r camau y bydd yn eu cymryd i gyflawni'r amcanion hynny. Mae hyn yn ofynnol bob pum mlynedd ac mae'r cynllun yn seiliedig ar y dystiolaeth a gasglwyd drwy asesiad llesiant cynhwysfawr a ddisgrifir yn adran 6 o'r adroddiad.

Darparodd y Prif Weithredwr fanylion am ddatblygiad y cynllun a oedd yn cynnwys proses ymgynghori gynhwysfawr gyda rhanddeiliaid a chymunedau ac a oedd yn cynnwys ystyriaeth o'r cynllun drafft gan y Cydbwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu ar 20 Ionawr 2023, yn rhan o'r ymarfer ymgynghori, cafodd drafft terfynol ei ystyried gan y Cabinet ar 27 Mawrth 2023.

Dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr fod gan y cynllun ddau brif amcan, sy'n deillio o'r asesiad lles, mae'r cyntaf yn ymwneud â chymdogaethau lleol iach a'r ail amcan yw cymdogaethau lleol cynaliadwy a gwydn. Ychwanegodd fod y cynllun llawn, sydd ynghlwm yn Atodiad A, yn gynllun strategol lefel uchel gyda chynlluniau cyflawni manwl a fydd yn cael eu datblygu dros y misoedd nesaf wrth i ddau Fwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus y rhanbarth gael eu huno yn un Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cwm Taf Morgannwg, gyda strwythur cyflawni diwygiedig.

Dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr y bydd y Cyngor yn myfyrio ar yr amcanion hyn wrth iddo ddatblygu ei Gynllun Corfforaethol newydd ar gyfer 2024 ymlaen a dywedodd, yn amodol ar y Cyngor yn cymeradwyo'r cynllun, y byddai'r camau nesaf yn cynnwys gweithredu'r trefniadau llywodraethu newydd ar gyfer ardal

ranbarthol newydd Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus CTM, buddsoddi yn natblygiad y Bwrdd gyda'i aelodaeth newydd, datblygu cynllun cyflawni manylach, trefniadau ynghylch gwerthuso a mesurau canlyniadau a sicrhau bod ymgysylltu a chynnwys parhaus gyda rhanddeiliaid a chymunedau drwy gydol y broses.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, roedd **PENDERFYNWYD** cymeradwyo Cynllun Llesiant Cwm Taf Morgannwg fel yr amlinellwyd yn Atodiad A yr adroddiad.

(**Nodyn:** Datganodd y Cynghorydd K Morgan fuddiant (gweler Cofnod Rhif 97) – “Rydw i'n gweithio i Fwrdd Iechyd Cwm Taf Morgannwg”)

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## Rhybudd o Gynnig

**11A Trafod Rhybudd o Gynnig sydd wedi'i gyflwyno yn enwau Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol** D Grehan, A Rogers, K Morgan, S Evans, A Ellis, H Gronow, D Wood, P Evans:

Mae'r Cyngor yma'n gwerthfawrogi'r materion sy'n cael eu codi mewn Rhybuddion o Gynnig pan fo'r prif ddiben yn ymwneud â dylanwadu ar ganlyniadau cadarnhaol er budd cyhoeddus ehangach ein trigolion, ond sy'n gyfrifoldeb ar sefydliadau eraill.

Er bod gan y Cyngor fecanwaith ar gyfer adrodd ar ganlyniadau Rhybuddion o Gynnig sy'n cyfeirio'r mater at bwyllgor neu swyddogion eraill, does dim mecanwaith i roi gwybod i'r Aelodau am gynnydd unrhyw gynigion sy'n gofyn am gyfleu negeseuon ar ran y Cyngor ar hyn o bryd.

Mae llawer o enghreifftiau o'r Cyngor yma'n penderfynu, yn drawsbleidiol, bod Arweinydd y Cyngor yn ysgrifennu at Weinidogion ar lefel Cymru a'r DU i leisio ein pryderon ar faterion sy'n effeithio ar ein hetholwyr, ond does dim mecanwaith ffurfiol ar waith i adrodd ar gynnydd neu ganlyniadau camau gweithredu o'r fath ar gyfer y cofnod cyhoeddus.

Enghraifft arall yw ein cais y byddai rhagor o deuluoedd sy'n byw mewn tldi tanwydd ar eu hennill pe byddai'r Gweinidog perthnasol yng Nghymru yn ehangu meini prawf cymhwysedd rhaglen NYTH. Ym mis Mawrth 2022 penderfynwyd bod Arweinydd y Cyngor yn ysgrifennu at y Darparwyr Tai Cymdeithasol yn y sir i ofyn iddyn nhw roi o leiaf pythefnos o amser ychwanegol yn dilyn angladd anwyliaid er mwyn galluogi perthnasau i symud eu heiddo o'u cartrefi. Mae llawer o enghreifftiau eraill, fel y bydd y cofnod yn ei ddangos. Dydyn ni yn Gyngor Llawn ddim wedi derbyn adborth ar unrhyw un o'r materion yma er mwyn asesu pa mor effeithiol oedden nhw o ran cyflawni'r canlyniadau dymunol.

### **Mae'r Cyngor yma, felly, yn penderfynu:**

Gofyn i'r Swyddog Priodol gyflwyno adroddiad i'w drafod gan Bwyllgor Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor cyn Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blyneddol y Cyngor, sy'n ystyried opsiynau a mecanwaith ar gyfer adrodd yn ffurfiol ar ganlyniad ac effaith negeseuon ar ran y Cyngor a wnaed gan Aelodau yn dilyn mabwysiadu Rhybuddion o Gynnig.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNWYD** mabwysiadu'r Rhybudd o Gynnig.

**11B Trafod Rhybudd o Gynnig sydd wedi'i gyflwyno yn enwau Cyngorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol D Grehan, S Evans, K Morgan, A Rogers, A Ellis, H Gronow, D Wood, P Evans**

Mae'r Cyngor yma'n cydnabod bod lefelau tlodi plant yn Rhondda Cynon Taf yn parhau i gynyddu, a'u bod nhw'n debygol o waethgu o ganlyniad i'r argyfwng costau byw.

Mae'r Cyngor hefyd yn cydnabod y cysylltiad rhwng tlodi plant a chyrhaeddiad addysgol.

Mae'r Cyngor yn credu bod setliadau cyllideb Llywodraeth Leol sydd o dan wasgfa yn bryder, a bod perygl y byddan nhw'n effeithio ar ymyraethau wedi'u targedu i fynd i'r afael â thlodi plant a chyrhaeddiad addysgol.

Er gwaethaf targedau blaenorol wedi'u gosod gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddileu tlodi plant erbyn 2020, mae tlodi plant yn Rhondda Cynon Taf yn parhau i gynyddu, gyda rhai adrannau etholiadol yn parhau i fod ymhlith y gwaethaf yn y DU. Er gwaethaf ymdrechion gorau staff addysgu yn RhCT, mae cysylltiad amlwg rhwng y tlodi yma a chyrhaeddiad addysgol.

Rhaid i liniaru effaith yr argyfwng costau byw, a hynny'n syth ar ôl pandemig Covid a llifogydd dinistriol 2020 ledled y fwrdeistref sirol, fod yn flaenoriaeth i'r Cyngor. Dylid cymryd camau i fynd i'r afael â'r cysylltiad rhwng tlodi a chyrhaeddiad addysgol sy'n bwnc llawer o dystiolaeth. Rhaid i bob disgybl gael pob cyfle posibl i dderbyn yr addysg ardderchog y mae'r Cyngor yn awyddus i'w chyflawni wrth symud ymlaen.

Er mwyn gwneud cynnydd cynnar ac effeithiol mewn perthynas â'r cynnydd mewn tlodi plant, mae'r Cyngor yn penderfynu:

- Parhau i amddiffyn cyllidebau ysgolion a sicrhau eu bod nhw wedi'u hariannu'n llawn ar gyfer y pwysau ariannol maen nhw'n eu hwynebu, a sicrhau bod modd i blant ddal i fyny yn dilyn effaith y pandemig.
- Parhau i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu ymyraethau tlodi allweddol, fel sydd wedi'i nodi yn y Cytundeb Cydweithio rhwng Plaid Cymru a Llafur Cymru, sy'n cynnwys prydau ysgol am ddim i holl ddisgyblion ysgolion cynradd.

Mae'r Cyngor yn gofyn bod adroddiad yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Craffu priodol:

- Sy'n cynnig opsiynau i ddatblygu Strategaeth Tlodi Plant, sydd i'w rhoi ar waith ar draws pob gwasanaeth perthnasol, gan gynnwys addysg
- Sy'n sicrhau bod plant, disgyblion, rhieni, staff addysgu, undebau addysgu a phobl berthnasol eraill, yn ogystal â Phwyllgorau Craffu priodol, yn cael cyfle i gymryd rhan yng ngwaith datblygu a chraffu ar y Strategaeth Tlodi Plant cyn ei mabwysiadu.

**Cyhoeddodd y Cadeirydd, yn unol a Rheol 10.4.1 o Reol Gweithdrefnu'r Cyngor, fod diwygiad i'r rhybudd o Gynnig sydd wedi'i gyflwyno yn enwau Cyngorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis, A Morgan OBE, 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, S. Emanuel, R. Evans, A. S. Fox, B. Harris, S. Hickman, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, W. Hughes, G. Jones, G. O. Jones, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, M. Maohoub, C. Middle, N. H. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, D. Parkin, S. Powderhill, C. Preedy, S. Rees, A. Roberts MBE, J. Smith, G. Stacey, L. A. Tomkinson, W. Treeby, J. Turner, G. L. Warren, K. Webb, M. Webber, D. Williams, G. E. Williams, R. Williams, T. Williams, R. Yeo.

### **Roedd y Cynnig Diwygiedig yn nodi:**

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Er mwyn gwneud cynnydd cynnar ac effeithiol mewn perthynas â'r cynnydd mewn tlodi plant, mae'r Cyngor yn penderfynu:

***Nodi bod cyfanswm cyllideb ysgolion wedi cynyddu 28% yn ystod y 10 mlynedd diwethaf o gymharu â chynnydd o 11% yn y gyllideb gyffredinol. Mae hyn yn cyfateb i £25 miliwn ychwanegol a ddarparwyd i ysgolion o gymharu â gwasanaethau eraill y Cyngor***

***- Nodi bod cyllideb Ysgol ar gyfer 23/24 yn £187 miliwn (cynnydd o 7.9%) o 22/23 o gymharu â chynnydd o 6.6% yn setliadau Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer RhCT.***

***- Nodi bod data cymharol cyhoeddedig yn dangos bod gwariant cyllidebol RhCT fesul disgybl ar gyfer 2022/23, sef £6,867, yn uwch na chyfartaledd Cymru, sef £6,773.***

**- Parhau i flaenoriaethu cyllidebau ysgolion a sicrhau bod plant yn gallu dal i fyny yn dilyn effaith y pandemig.**

- Parhau i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu ymyraethau tlodi allweddol, fel sydd wedi'i nodi yn y Cytundeb Cydweithio rhwng Plaid

Cymru a Llafur Cymru, sy'n cynnwys prydau ysgol am ddim i holl ddisgyblion ysgolion cynradd.

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- Sy'n sicrhau bod plant, disgyblion, rhieni, staff addysgu, undebau addysgu a phobl berthnasol eraill, yn ogystal â Phwyllgorau Craffu priodol, yn cael cyfle i gymryd rhan yng ngwaith datblygu a chraffu ar y Strategaeth Tlodi Plant cyn ei mabwysiadu.

Yn unol â Rheolau Gweithdrefn 12.6 y Cyngor, cynhaliwyd pleidlais mewn perthynas â'r diwygiad i'r Rhybudd o Gynnig a **PHENDERFYNWYD** mabwysiadu'r diwygiad. Yn dilyn trafodaeth bellach mewn perthynas â'r cynnig gwreiddiol **PENDERFYNWYD** mabwysiadu'r cynnig.

**(Nodwch:** Roedd Y Cyngorydd K Morgan yn dymuno cofnodi ei fod wedi pleidleisio yn erbyn y Rhybudd o Gynnig diwygiedig a'r Rhybudd o Gynnig gwreiddiol)

**Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 8.00 pm**

**Y Cyngorydd G Hughes  
Cadeirydd.**







## PWYLLGOR CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CYNGOR

Cofnodion o Wythfed Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Cyngor Blynyddol Ar Hugain o **GYNGOR  
BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF** ar 10fed Mai 2023 am 4pm

Cafodd y cyfarfod yma ei ddarlledu'n fyw, ac mae modd gweld y manylion [yma](#)

### **Y Cyngorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol – Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol yn Siambr y Cyngor:-**

Y Cyngorydd G Hughes (Cadeirydd)

Y Cyngorydd S Evans	Y Cyngorydd B Stephens
Y Cyngorydd L Addiscott	Y Cyngorydd M Ashford
Y Cyngorydd P Binning	Y Cyngorydd R Bevan
Y Cyngorydd S Bradwick	Y Cyngorydd J Bonetto
Y Cyngorydd G Caple	Y Cyngorydd J Brencher
Y Cyngorydd A Crimmings	Y Cyngorydd J Cook
Y Cyngorydd R Davis	Y Cyngorydd S J Davies
Y Cyngorydd V Dunn	Y Cyngorydd A Dennis
Y Cyngorydd J Edwards	Y Cyngorydd E L Dunning
Y Cyngorydd L Ellis	Y Cyngorydd A J Ellis
Y Cyngorydd D Evans	Y Cyngorydd S Emanuel
Y Cyngorydd R Evans	Y Cyngorydd P Evans
Y Cyngorydd H Gronow	Y Cyngorydd D Grehan
Y Cyngorydd S Hickman	Y Cyngorydd B Harris
Y Cyngorydd W Jones	Y Cyngorydd G Holmes
Y Cyngorydd W Lewis	Y Cyngorydd W Hughes
Y Cyngorydd C Lises	Y Cyngorydd G Jones
Y Cyngorydd C Middle	Y Cyngorydd R Lewis
Y Cyngorydd N H Morgan	Y Cyngorydd C Leyshon
Y Cyngorydd W Owen	Y Cyngorydd M Maohoub
Y Cyngorydd M Norris	Y Cyngorydd A Morgan
Y Cyngorydd M Powell	Y Cyngorydd S Morgans
Y Cyngorydd A Roberts	Y Cyngorydd Owen-Jones
Y Cyngorydd J Smith	Y Cyngorydd G Stacey
Y Cyngorydd L A Tomkinson	Y Cyngorydd S Trask
Y Cyngorydd G L Warren	Y Cyngorydd W Treeby
Y Cyngorydd M Webber	Y Cyngorydd D Williams
	Y Cyngorydd D Wood

### **Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol ar-lein:-**

Y Cyngorydd J Barton	Y Cyngorydd G Hopkins
Y Cyngorydd Sera Evans	Y Cyngorydd A S Fox
Y Cyngorydd K Johnson	Y Cyngorydd S Rees

Y CYnghorydd A Rogers      Y Cynghorydd D Parkin  
Y CYnghorydd J Turner      Y Cynghorydd K Webb  
Y CYnghorydd D Williams    Y Cynghorydd R Yeo

### **Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol**

Mr P Mee, Prif Weithredwr  
Mr B Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol  
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr - Materion Adnoddau Dynol  
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democraidaidd a Chyfathrebu  
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

### **Ymddiheuriadu am absenoldeb**

Y Cynghorydd J Elliott    Y Cynghorydd G O Jones  
Y Cynghorydd K Morgan    Y Cynghorydd S Powderhill  
Y Cynghorydd C Preedy    Y Cynghorydd G E Williams  
Y Cynghorydd T Williams

#### **1      DATGAN BUDDIANT**

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

#### **2      Ethol Llywydd y Cyngor**

**PENDERFYNWYD** – ethol Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hughes i fod yn Llywydd ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/24.

Yn dilyn hyn, cymerodd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hughes y Gadair ac anerchodd y Cyngor yn ei rôl fel Llywydd.

#### **3      Etholiadau a Phenodiadau**

##### **Ethol Dau Ddirprwy Lywydd y Cyngor**

**PENDERFYNWYD** – ethol Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol Sheryl Evans i fod yn Ddirprwy Lywydd cyntaf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/24.

**PENDERFYNWYD** – ethol Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol Barry Stephens yn ail Ddirprwy Lywydd ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/24.

##### **Derbyn anerchiad gan Faer y Cyngor ar gyfer 2022-2023.**

Nododd y Maer diweddaraf, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Treeby, fod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf fel Maer wedi bod yn faint iddi. Rhoddodd ddiolch i drigolion, cymunedau a swyddogion oedd wedi ei chefnogi hi a'i helusennau. Ei phrif uchafbwyntiau'r flwyddyn oedd ymgysylltu â disgyblion ysgolion ledled RhCT a chwrrd â Chyn-filwyr RhCT.

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Treeby ei bod wedi sicrhau dau grant gwerth £24k ar gyfer Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru a'r Gymdeithas Strôc, a rhoddodd ddiolch i bawb a oedd wedi ei helpu i wneud hyn. Dymunodd yn dda i'r Maer newydd ar gyfer y dyfodol.

Wrth ymateb i hyn, talodd Aelodau deyrnged i'r Maer sy'n ymddeol am ei holl waith ac ymdrechion caled yn ystod ei chyfnod yn y rôl.

### **Ethol Maer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024.**

**PENDERFYNWYD** - ethol Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Lewis yn Faer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024.

Dywedodd Maer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024 fod cael ei hethol yn Faer Rhondda Cynon Taf yn anrhydedd enfawr. Talodd deyrnged i'r Maer diweddaraf, y Cynghorydd Treeby, am ei gwaith caled ac ymrwymiad i'r rôl.

Cyhoeddodd y Cynghorydd Lewis mai Mr Christopher Lewis a Dilys Jouvenat fyddai ei chydweddogion yn ystod ei chyfnod fel Maer RhCT. Yr elusennau y mae wedi'u dewis yw Brain Tumour Research, Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, SANDS (Cymdeithas Marw-enedigaethau a Marwolaethau Newyddanedigion) a Hope Rescue, yn ogystal â chefnogi'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol sydd ar ddod a'r Lluoedd Arfog.

Edrychodd y Cynghorydd Lewis ymlaen at weithio'n agos gyda'r Dirprwy Faer.

Dymunodd y Llywydd ac Arweinwyr y Grwpiau/Dirprwy Arweinwyr y Grwpiau yn dda i'r Maer newydd ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf.

### **Penodi Dirprwy Faer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023 - 2024.**

**PENDERFYNWYD** - ethol Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol D Owen-Jones yn Ddirprwy Faer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024.

Llongyfarchodd y Dirprwy Faer y Maer newydd, yn ogystal â diolch am yr anrhydedd o gael ei ethol yn Ddirprwy Faer ar gyfer 2023-24.

Cadarnhaodd y Cynghorydd Owen-Jones ei gydweddog sef ei ferch, Abbey Louise Owen-Jones.

### **Penodi Arweinydd y Cyngor.**

**PENDERFYNWYD** – penodi Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE yn Arweinydd y Cyngor ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/2024.

Rhoddodd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE ddiolch am gael ei ailbenodi'n Arweinydd y Cyngor. Nododd ei fod wedi bod yn Arweinydd Cyngor RhCT ers 2014 ac mae ei ailbenodiad yn golygu mai dyma'r cyfnod hiraf gan Arweinydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol. Aeth ati i gydnabod yr anrhydedd o gael ei ethol yn Arweinydd Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru ers 2019.

Talodd yr Arweinydd deyrnged i staff y Cyngor sydd wedi gweithio'n ddiflino trwy nifer o heriau diweddar i gefnogi cymunedau RhCT. Siaradodd am y cymorth mae'n ei dderbyn gan y Grŵp Llafur, yn ogystal â chymorth gan uwch swyddogion sy'n gweithio'n galed i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw bryderon sy'n cael eu codi ac i gyflawni'r buddsoddiad wedi'i dargedu a gafodd ei bennu ochr yn ochr â Chynllun Corfforaethol y Cyngor. Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi gobeithio y byddai'r buddsoddiad cyfalaf uwch a phrosiectau ledled cymunedau RhCT yn parhau i wneud gwahaniaeth er budd trigolion a chymunedau RhCT. Aeth ati i gydnabod y cyfnod heriol sydd o'n blaenau ni ond ychwanegodd y byddai'n mynd i'r afael â'r heriau gyda chymorth pob Aelod, gan gynnwys cymorth pob grŵp gwleidyddol. Siaradodd am yr ymdrechion i gadw'r cynnydd yn Nhreth y Cyngor mor isel â phosibl a dyma rywbeth y mae'r Cyngor wedi'i gyflawni am saith allan o'r naw mlynedd diwethaf.

I gloi, talodd yr Arweinydd deyrnged arbennig i'w Ddirprwy Arweinydd, y Cynghorydd M Webber, sydd wedi rhoi cymorth iddo drwy gydol y cyfnod yma, a rhoddodd ddiolch i bob Aelod y Cyngor.

### **Cadarnhau bod Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid fwyaf yn cael ei benodi'n Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid.**

**PENDERFYNWYD** cadarnhau penodiad Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol K Morgan yn Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid.

Llongyfarchodd Arweinwyr y Grwpiau eraill Arweinydd y Cyngor ac Arweinydd yr Wrthblaid.

## **4 Swyddogaethau Gweithredol**

**PENDERFYNWYD** nodi'r Cabinet a'u swyddogaethau unigol, fel y ganlyn: -

- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE, Arweinydd y Cyngor ac Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Isadeiledd a Buddsoddi
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Webber, Dirprwy Arweinydd y Cyngor ac Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Busnes y Cyngor
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Norris, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Datblygu a Ffyniant
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Addysg, Cyfranogiad Pobl Ifainc a'r Gymraeg
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Caple, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol B Harris, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd y Cyhoedd a Chymunedau
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Crimmings, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden
- Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol C Leyshon, Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion

## 5 Cydbwysedd Gwleidyddol y Cyngor

Yn ei adroddiad ar y cyd â Chyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu wybod i Aelodau am ganlyniad yr adolygiad o Gydbwysedd Gwleidyddol yr Awdurdod ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/24.

Amlygodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth ganlyniadau'r adolygiad a gynhaliwyd a'r seddi sydd ar gael sydd angen eu llenwi gan y grwpiau gwleidyddol priodol fel y nodir yn nhablau A a B yr atodiad i'r adroddiad. Dywedodd fod Adran 5 yn gofyn bod y Cyngor yn penderfynu ar ddyraniad y rhybuddion o gynnig ar gyfer blwyddyn newydd y Cyngor.

### **PENDERFYNWYD-**

1. Mabwysiadu'r cynllun ar gyfer dyrannu seddi i'r gwahanol gyrff a grwpiau gwleidyddol y mae Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol a Thai 1989 yn gymwys iddo, fel y manylir yn yr Atodiad i'r adroddiad yma;
2. Awdurdodi'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu i benodi i gyrff gwleidyddol cytbwys, pan fydd yn derbyn hysbysiad o ddymuniadau'r grwpiau gwleidyddol, yn amodol ar dderbyn unrhyw geisiadau dilynol i newid aelodaeth y Pwyllgorau sydd wedi'u cyfeirio at y Cyngor;
3. Bod y dyraniad o ran cyflwyno Rhybuddion o Gynnig ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024 fel y ganlyn:-

Llafur - 12  
Plaid Cymru - 5  
Grŵp Annibynnol RhCT - 2  
Y Blaid Geidwadol - 1

## 6 PENODI AELODAU PWYLLGORAU 2023-2024

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu ei adroddiad, a oedd yn gofyn am benodi Pwyllgorau'r Cyngor ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024.

**PENDERFYNWYD** penodi'r Pwyllgorau sydd wedi'u nodi isod ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024:

- a) Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Datblygu (x11 Aelod)
- b) Pwyllgor Trwyddedu (x11 Aelod)
- c) Pwyllgor Penodiadau (x5 Aelod)
- d) Pwyllgor Apeliadau / Apeliadau'r Gweithwyr / Apeliadau'r Prif

Swyddogion (x5 Aelod)

- e) Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu (x14 Aelod)
- f) Pwyllgor Craffu - Addysg a Chynhwysiant (x14 Aelod)
- g) Pwyllgor Craffu - Gwasanaethau Cymuned (x14 Aelod)
- h) Pwyllgor Craffu – Materion yr Hinsawdd, Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Ffyniant (x14 Aelod)
- i) Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio (x6 Aelod)
- j) Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd (x17 Aelod)
- k) Pwyllgor Safonau (x2 Aelod)
- l) Pwyllgor Materion Cyfansoddiadol (x8 Aelod)
- m) Pwyllgor y Gronfa Bensiwn (x5 Aelod)
- n) Cydbwyllgor Craffu Bargen Ddinesig Prifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd (x2 Aelod)

## **7 PENODI CADEIRYDDION AC IS-GADEIRYDDION PWYLLGORAU 2023-2024**

Yn ei adroddiad, roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu yn gofyn i'r Cyngor ystyried penodi Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Pwyllgorau'r Cyngor ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024, a **PHENDERFYNWYD**:

1. Penodi'r Aelodau canlynol i swyddi Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion:
  - Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Datblygu  
Cadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd S Rees  
Is-gadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd W Lewis
  - Pwyllgor Trwyddedu  
Cadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd A S Fox  
Is-gadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd G Stacey
  - Pwyllgor Penodiadau  
Cadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd S J Davies  
Is-gadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd M Webber
  - Pwyllgor Apeliadau / Apeliadau'r Gweithwyr / Apeliadau'r Prif Swyddogion  
Cadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd R Williams  
Is-gadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd L Addiscott
  - Pwyllgor y Gronfa Bensiwn  
Cadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd M Norris  
Is-gadeirydd – Y Cynghorydd M Ashford
2. Penodi Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Jones yn Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor

Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Webber yn Is-gadeirydd ar y pwyllgor hwnnw, yn unol â gofynion Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011 (y 'Mesur');

3. Cytuno y dylai'r Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio fod yn gyfrifol am benodi'r Cadeirydd a'r Is-gadeirydd ar gyfer y pwyllgor hwnnw, yn unol â'r adroddiad;
4. Bod penodiad Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu - Addysg a Chynhwysiant yn cael ei ddyrannu i Grŵp Plaid Cymru;
5. Yn unol â'r enwebiadau a dderbyniwyd gan y Grwpiau Gwleidyddol priodol, bod yr Aelodau canlynol yn cael eu penodi'n Gadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion y Pwyllgorau Craffu sydd wedi'u nodi isod:--

<b>Pwyllgor</b>	<b>Cadeirydd</b>	<b>Is-gadeirydd</b>
Trosolwg a Chraffu	J Edwards	B Stephens
Materion yr Hinsawdd, Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Ffyniant	C Middle	G Warren
Gwasanaethau Cymuned	J Bonetto	R Davis
Addysg a Chynhwysiant	Sera Evans	K Webb

6. Nodi penodiad y Dirprwy Lywydd, y Cynghorydd Sheryl Evans, yn Is-gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Materion Cyfansoddiadol;
7. Nodi, yn dilyn pontio i un Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ar gyfer Cwm Taf Morgannwg, y bydd adroddiad sy'n amlinellu'r trefniadau craffu newydd yn cael ei gyflwyno gerbron Aelodau ym mis Mehefin. Bydd yr adroddiad yn adlewyrchu'r diwygiad i'r trefniadau craffu ar y cyd sydd ar waith ar hyn o bryd;
8. Nodi y dylai unigolion sy'n cyflawni'r rolau Cadeiryddion canlynol dderbyn Cyflog Uwch yn unol ag argymhellion Adroddiad Blynyddol y Panel Annibynnol ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol (Hyd at uchafswm o 19):

Y Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Datblygu
Y Pwyllgor Trwyddedu
Y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu
Y Pwyllgor Craffu – Addysg a Chynhwysiant
Y Pwyllgor Craffu – Gwasanaethau Cymuned
Y Pwyllgor Craffu – Materion yr Hinsawdd, Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Ffyniant
Y Pwyllgor Apeliadau
Y Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd
Pwyllgor y Gronfa Bensiwn

9. Nodi'r angen i gyhoeddi a chyflwyno'r rhestr o gydnabyddiaeth ariannol ar gyfer 2023-24 erbyn 31 Gorffennaf 2023.

## 8 CYRFF LLED FARNWROL/PWYLLGORAU AD HOC 2023-2024

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd ei adroddiad mewn perthynas â phenodi Aelodau i'r Cyrff Lled-Farnwrol/Pwyllgorau Ad Hoc ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023 - 2024, yn amodol ar gydbwysedd gwleidyddol y Cyngor fel y nodir yn adran 3 yr adroddiad.

**PENDERFYNWYD** penodi'r canlynol:

1. Pwyllgor Llywodraethwyr yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol (Penodiadau) (5 Aelod). (4 Llafur, 1 Plaid Cymru):

Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol R Lewis, G Stacey, J Brencher, S Hickman a Sera Evans

2. Panel Ymddeol yn Gynnar o Wirfodd / Ymddiswyddo (5 Aelod – 4 Llafur, 1 Plaid Cymru):

Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Webber, L Tomkinson, J Bonetto, G Jones a D Grehan.

3. Cydbwyllgor Ymgynghori (4 Aelod):

Cynghorwyr y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Crimmings, R Lewis, M Webber ac A Morgan OBE

## 9 CYRFF ALLANOL

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu ei adroddiad i ystyried penodi Aelodau i Gyrff Allanol a Chydbwyllgorau Anweithredol. Tynnodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth sylw Aelodau at y rôl wag ar Gorff Allanol Trivallis ar ôl i'r Cynghorydd B Stephens ymddiswyddo o'r rôl:-

**PENDERFYNWYD** – penodi'r Aelodau sydd wedi'u nodi isod i'r Cyrff Allanol ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-2024

- a) Age Concern Cymru (Y Cynghorydd G Caple)
- b) Consortiwm Awdurdodau Lleol Cymru (C.L.A.W.) (Y Cynghorydd C Leyshon)
- c) Pwyllgor Bowls Dan Do Cwm Cynon (Y Cynghorydd A Morgan OBE)
- ch) Elusen Edward Thomas (Y Cynghorwyr R Lewis, R Williams, A S Fox ac A Dennis)
- d) Cyngor Cyswllt Cymru (Y Cynghorwyr M Webber a C Leyshon)
- dd) The Alliance (Y Cynghorwyr G Jones, E Dunning a D Parkin)
- e) Pwyllgor Cyswllt Safle Glofa'r Tŵr (Y Cynghorwyr L Addiscott, S Emmanuel ac A Rogers)
- f) Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru (Y Cynghorwyr A Morgan OBE, M Webber, C Leyshon, R Lewis ac A Crimmings)
- ff) Bwrdd Gweithredol Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru (Y Cynghorwyr A Morgan OBE a M Webber)
- g) Busnes mewn Ffocws (Y Cynghorydd M Norris)
- ng) Trivallis (Y Cynghorydd C Middle)



**PENDERFYNWYD** penodi cynrychiolwyr y Cyngor i'r Gydbwyllgorau Anweithredol canlynol:

- a) Awdurdod Tân ac Achub De Cymru (Y Cyngorwyr S Bradwick, A Roberts, G Holmes a G Williams)
- b) Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog (Y Cyngorwyr S Emmanuel)
- c) Panel Troseddau Heddlu De Cymru (Y Cyngorwyr B Harris a L Addiscott)

**(Noder:** Roedd yr Aelodau canlynol am gofnodi eu bod nhw wedi pleidleisio o blaid penodi'r Cyngorwyr A O Rogers fel cynrychiolydd i Gydbwyllgor Anweithredol Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog:  
Y Cyngorwyr S Evans, D Grehan, A Ellis, P Evans, H Gronow, D Wood, S Trask, K Johnson, M Powell, C Lises, P Binning a D Evans)

## **10 CALENDR CYFARFODYDD 2023-2024**

Yn ei adroddiad, ceisiodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu gymeradwyaeth ar gyfer Calendr Cyfarfodydd 2023-2024 sydd wedi'i nodi yn Atodiad 1, a chyfeiriodd at yr hyblygrwydd fyddai ei angen gan fod modd i'r calendr newid yn sgil gofynion busnes y Cyngor.

Cyfeiriodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth at ganlyniadau'r arolwg a gafodd ei gynnal yn unol ag Adran 6(2) o Fesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011 ac mae crynodeb i'w weld yn adran 4 yr adroddiad. Ychwanegodd, mewn perthynas â'r gofyniad statudol i gynnal arolwg i Aelodau o ran amseroedd cyfarfodydd, nad oes rheidrwydd ar y Cyngor i wneud newidiadau ar sail yr adborth yma. Cadeiryddion perthnasol fydd yn gyfrifol am benderfynu ar hyn yn unol â gofynion busnes y Cyngor.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNWYD:**

1. Cytuno ar y Calendr o Gyfarfodydd arfaethedig ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023-24, fel sydd wedi'i nodi yn Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad;
2. Nodi bod modd i'r calendr drafft yma newid, yn seiliedig ar ofynion busnes dros flwyddyn nesaf y Cyngor. Caiff unrhyw newidiadau neu ychwanegiadau eu gwneud ar y cyd â chadeiryddion y pwyllgorau priodol;
3. Cytuno, ac eithrio cyfarfodydd y Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Datblygu, na fydd cyfarfodydd yn cael eu cynnal yn ystod gwyliau'r ysgol, yn amodol ar anghenion busnes brys.

## **11 Adroddiadau Blynyddol 2022/23**

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu ei adroddiad a roddodd Adroddiadau Blynyddol y Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio a'r Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2022/23 i'r Cyngor, gyda chyfle i'r Cadeiryddion gyfrannu at fusnes y ddau bwyllgor ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor.

Cafodd Mr Christopher Jones, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio,

a Chynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Edwards, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu, eu croesawu gan Aelodau er mwyn iddyn nhw gyflwyno eu hadroddiadau ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2022/2023.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNWYD** nodi cynnwys adroddiadau'r Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio a'r Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2022/23.

**Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 5.15 pm**

**Y Cynghorydd G Hughes  
Cadeirydd.**

## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL

14 JUNE 2023

### MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the order of questions in respect of the Members Questions on Notice, following the amendment to the process agreed at the [Council AGM 2019](#).

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Receive the Questions and any supplementary questions proposed, as in accordance with the running order advised upon in 4.3 of the report, which should not exceed a 20-minute time period.

#### 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As agreed at the Council AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, Members agreed to amend Council Procedure Rule 9.2 in respect of Members Questions on Notice. A further amendment was made to Council Procedure Rule 9.2 at the Council AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in respect of supplementary questions following expiry of the 20 minute time duration. [Council AGM 2021](#)

#### 4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of Members Questions on Notice to the Council Business Unit for the Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was 5pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.
- 4.2 Thirty questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below, however since undertaking the ballot, the Proper Officer received notification from Councillor N. Morgan, advising that he would like to withdraw his question, which was drawn at 2. The revised order of questions is listed below:

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. E. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>Ahead of the winter and the preparations for severe weather, will there be an opportunity for Members to have engagement and briefings on the preparations?</p>
2	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Cook B.E.M. to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“What support is available for food banks and similar local schemes in the coming year?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please make a statement on capital investment in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Hughes to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</b></p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader provide an update on the Council’s apprenticeship and graduate programmes?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the works to improve Ynysangharad War Memorial Park?”</p>
6	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“In light of the funding shortfall facing councils across Wales for next year, please can the Leader provide an update on discussions with other Council Leaders and Welsh Government?”</p>
7	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p>

	<p>“We have heard in recent months that the combined impacts of both Brexit and the war in Ukraine are having a profound effect on our construction industry. What does this mean for the Council and how can we mitigate these impacts?”</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. J. Dennis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“What support and signposting services are available to residents in regards to the cost of living crisis?”</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D.R. Bevan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader update on the progress of the Tylorstown tip works?”</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Ellis to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</b></p> <p>“There is no access to Welsh medium pre-school nursery provision for the children of Ynysybwl and Glyncoch. What is the council doing to replace this service and promote Welsh language in the area?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Following the wet winter we had, potholes have been an issue for councils across the country. Can the Leader therefore provide an update on the Council’s ongoing programme of investment in the County’s Highways network?”</p>
12	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</b></p> <p>The Welsh Government Protocol relating to appointments of councillors to the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority states that “<i>priority should be given to selecting Councillors who have wards within the Park boundary, (in our case, Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos), and that selection of Councillors with electoral wards some distance away from the Park should be avoided where possible</i>”.</p>

	<p>“Will the Cabinet Member explain why the majority of RCT council chooses to ignore this protocol and to ignore what is best for the communities living in BBNP by nominating and appointing a councillor from outside of the park boundary as evidenced at the Council AGM in 2022 and again in 2023?”</p>
13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader provide Members with an update on the rollout of the Council’s Community Wardens team?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E. L. Dunning to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on outreach work and detached youth service provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf, particularly in the Ystrad area?”</p>
15	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on the implementation of the Real Living Wage and the Council’s progress on becoming an accredited Real Living Wage employer?”</p>
16	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Johnson to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:</b></p> <p>“Please can I have an update on EV charging installations throughout the county borough and how usage is being encouraged?”</p>
17	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Smith to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Following the granting of planning approval, can the Cabinet Member outline the next steps for the development of a brand new school in Ferndale for YGG Llyn-Y-Forwyn?”</p>
18	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p>

	<p>“How is the Council working with and supporting local food banks through the effects of the Cost of Living crisis?”</p>
19	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Wood to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor R Harris:</b></p> <p>“What is RCT doing to help mitigate anti-social behaviour in Pontypridd town?”</p>
20	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</b></p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member provide a further update on the progress of EV charging point rollouts in RCT?”</p>
21	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Could the Leader provide Councillors with an update on the Shared Prosperity Fund Community Fund?”</p>
22	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Preedy to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please give an update on the usage of the National Lido of Wales’ and any information on how long the summer season will be this year?”</p>
23	<p><b>Question from the County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Could the Cabinet portfolio holder for highways say what measures or proposals the RCT Highways department are considering to alleviate the dire traffic congestion problems that the Pontypridd Town centre has been enduring for many, many years please?”</p>
24	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on bus services in RCT and outline the latest position on providing support to providers?”</p>

25	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Parkin to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the progress of play area improvements across the County Borough?”</p>
26	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader update on the commitment to fund 10 PCSOs in RCT?”</p>
27	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Would the Leader update on the progress of the Welsh Government funded walking and cycling route along the river through the Rhondda Fach?”</p>
28	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Lises to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor R Harris:</b></p> <p>“What plans does RCTCBC have for any form of memorial to those who lost their lives due to Covid 19 or are experiencing long Covid”.</p>
29	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please give a roundup on the Winter Welcome Centre scheme in RCT and provide information on whether the scheme was successful in supporting residents?”</p>

4.4 At the Council meeting a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for Questions on Notice. Any questions that are not dealt with in this time limit shall fall. Any questions on notice not answered will need to be resubmitted to the Proper Officer for the next full Council meeting in accordance with these rules.

## **5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

5.1 The amendments to the Council Procedure Rule in respect of Members Questions was considered and agreed at the Council’s AGM 2019 and AGM 2021, following consultation with the Constitution Committee.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**



- 6.1 The amendment to the Council procedure rule taken forward at the Council AGM, allows the opportunity for more Members to ask a question at Council

**7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

**9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.**

- 9.1 The opportunity for Members to propose questions at Council meetings allows Members to receive information which potentially detail the Council priorities. It also embraces the Future Generations Act as all work and decisions taken by Council seek to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the County Borough.

**10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Detailing the procedure for Members Questions on Notice assists in transparency for both Members and for public engagement.

**Other Information:-**

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**14 JUNE 2023**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &  
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**Item: MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Background Papers**

[Council AGM 2019.](#)

[Council AGM 2021](#)



## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

COUNCIL

14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

### FLOOD RISK AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE FOLLOWING STORM DENNIS IMPACTS OF FEBRUARY 2020

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – FRONTLINE SERVICES, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (CLLR A MORGAN OBE)

**Author:** Roger Waters, Director – Frontline Services

#### 1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- (i) Update members on the Council's actions to mitigate flood risk since Storm Dennis, together with an overview of works undertaken to replace and upgrade flood affected public infrastructure. This short report will be supported by a presentation to members.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Council notes the content of the report and the presentation.

#### 3. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To update members on the work that has been ongoing in response the devastation caused by Storm Dennis, including progress against the actions set out in the report of the Chief Executive to Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. [Report.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

#### 4. **BACKGROUND**

4.1 During February 2020, Wales was hit by four major storms:

- Storm Ciara – 8 – 9 February 2020;
- Storm Dennis – 15 – 17 February 2020;
- Unnamed Storm – 21 – 24 February 2020;
- Storm Jorge – 28 February – 1 March 2020.

- 4.2 The devastation caused by these storms, which combined to generate the wettest February on record, is unprecedented in RCT, with around 1500 residential and business premises suffering from fluvial and pluvial flooding.
- 4.3 The report to Cabinet, referred to above, followed a report to Council on 25 November 2020, which covered the reports published by Natural Resources Wales in response to the flood events. [Report.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- 4.4 The Chief Executive's report set out eleven recommendations and progress against these recommendations is updated via the Council's quarterly Performance Reports. For ease of reference, an overview of progress more specific to Frontline Services is included at Appendix 1.
- 4.5 In addition, and in accordance with the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, RCT as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has produced Section 19 Reports on all applicable flood incidents. Further information is available online and these reports have been subject to the Council's Scrutiny processes. [Flood Investigation Reports | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](#)
- 4.6 The response to the physical impacts of the storms on our civil infrastructure has been wide ranging and substantial, but it is acknowledged that much more work is needed to reduce the risk of flooding and it is further acknowledged that it is not possible to eliminate the risk of flooding.
- 4.7 The scope of the response has extended across water courses, culverts, river walls, bridges, highway drainage, landslips, coal tips and highways reconstruction. Funding has been secured from a number of sources including directly by RCT.

The main external funding sources since Storm Dennis and up to the current financial year are as follows: -

- Replacing and Upgrading Damaged Infrastructure; Direct grant from Welsh Government related to Storm Dennis (£42.419M).
- Flood Risk Management Initiatives; Annual Small Scale and Large Flood Risk Management Grants (£14.343M)
- Upgrading Highways Drainage; Welsh Government Resilient Roads Grant (£4.750M).
- Coal Tip Safety; Welsh Government Annual Coal Tip Safety Grant (£8.707M to the end of 2022/23 with a further £11M anticipated this year)
- The external funding sources above are supported by the Council's own resources as match funding (£2.785M)

- 4.8 The total cost of addressing the physical impacts related to Storm Dennis addressed by external (WG) grant funding is therefore of the order of £84.004M. Whilst the specific Storm Dennis funding programme is concluding, the other programmes will continue year on year.

Appendices 2-4 set out specific detail related to each of the areas of programme expenditure and the associated infrastructure and works.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report outlines the programme of public infrastructure works arising directly and indirectly from Storm Dennis and the significant Welsh Government grant funding that has been secured to support these programmes.
- 5.2 Grants related to Flood Risk Management and Resilient Roads schemes are annual Wales-wide grants that involve bid processes that are subject to elements of RCT match funding. Annual Welsh Government grants are also awarded to meet the costs of our Tip Safety programme.
- 5.3 Works to Council buildings affected by flooding, support for businesses and residents, both physical and financial, are outside the scope of this report.

## **6. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

- 6.1 The report updates Council on delivery programmes to address the physical impacts of Storm Dennis on public infrastructure and the mitigation of flood risk. The programmes are being delivered in compliance with prevailing legislation.

## **7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no Welsh language implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

## **8. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

- 8.1 There are no consultation implications aligned to this report.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 The programmes highlighted in this report are being delivered in accordance with relevant prevailing legislation.

## **10. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 10.1 This investment programme supports the Council's Corporate Plan Priority 'Places – Where people are proud to live, work and play'.

## **11. CONCLUSION**

- 11.1 This report sets out the programmes of work undertaken to rectify the damage done by the unprecedented storm events of February 2020, together with the programmes being delivered by Flood Risk Management to mitigate the risks of future flood events.

- 11.2 The amount of work undertaken is amplified in the accompanying presentation to Council. The repair and upgrade works will conclude during the current financial year.
- 11.3 Due to our unique topography and geography, RCT has the highest risk of surface water flooding of all local authorities in Wales, so we recognise the programmes of work related to Flood Risk Management will need to continue to move forward at pace.
- 11.4 The work undertaken in repairing and upgrading public infrastructure, together with the ongoing FRM programmes have, and will continue, to reduce flood risk across the county borough. However, it must be emphasised that we cannot eliminate flood risk.
- 11.5 It is therefore imperative that other complimentary actions continue, as set out in Appendix 1, and wider measures to reduce the impacts of Climate Change continue to be prioritised.

## **Appendix 1; Progress on Recommendations Arising from the Report to Cabinet of 18 December 2020**

At its meeting on 18 December 2020, Cabinet received a report comprising an overview of the Council's response to Storm Dennis. At this meeting, Cabinet agreed a series of recommendations to enhance the Council's short and long term responses to extreme weather events and which limit the impact of flooding on those communities most at risk. Since then, the Council's progress in implementing the recommendations has been considered by Cabinet as part of the Council's quarterly performance reports and scrutinised by Overview and Scrutiny Committees [Q3 for illustrative purposes](#). Progress and Risk Controls have also been reflected in the Council's Strategic Risk Register, [Q3 for illustrative purposes](#). These reports are separate to the standalone Flood Risk reports considered by Cabinet e.g. the review of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy in [November 2022 and](#) by Overview and Scrutiny Committee which recently considered the Audit Wales national report 'A Picture of Flood Risk Management' [at its meeting in March 2023](#).

This focus by officers, elected Members and partners in Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales has enabled significant progress in delivering the plan emerging from the recommendations since 2020 which has been robustly monitored and scrutinised. High level progress on recommendations actioned by Frontline Services includes

- Putting in place a Strategic Flood Risk Board, chaired by the Council's Leader and comprising representatives from the Council, Natural Resources Wales and Welsh Government. The Board provides the direction in the collaborative approach to meet the immediate and ongoing challenges associate with flood risk.
- Completing all [Section 19 Flood Investigation reports](#) pertaining to Storm Dennis. The flood investigation reports highlight high flood risk residential and industrial areas, information on the flooding/rainfall event, findings and recommended long term alleviation and mitigation actions.
- Putting in place a new Flood Support Team comprising of an Enforcement Officer and a Flood Risk Awareness and Support Officer to support landowners, residents and businesses in high-risk flood areas.
- Increasing the number of staff in our Pluvial Drainage Team, from 20 to 34.
- Completing 65 projects or major project stages in flood alleviation works between 2021 and 2023. The £10.33M investment in this work was funded by a combination of the Council, Welsh Government Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (WG F and CERM) grants and the Welsh Government Resilient Roads Fund.
- Achieving 'Approval in Principle' (AIP) of 15 major project stages for works in 2023/24, as a part of the [Welsh Government Flood and Coast Erosion Risk Management Programme](#). The value of these 15 project stages is £3.765M. AIP has also been approved for 13 Small Scale schemes totalling £1.151m. Resilient Roads Fund has been confirmed

at £0.9M and RCT funding at £0.75m. The total investment for 2023/24 is estimated at £6.566M.

- Completing 332 Flood Resilience Projects for residential properties in flood high risk areas between 2021/23.
- Putting in place an [Emergency Control Centre](#) (ECC) to support the coordination of timely, accurate information and data that informs critical strategic and operational decisions emerging from a monitoring network of 42 locations. Each location has either CCTV, telemetry sites, or both, installed which provide information on water levels of key culverts, outlets and other drainage systems. The equipment at the locations now includes 38 cameras, 31 telemetry sites and 7 rain gauges.
- Maintaining and optimising key infrastructure across the County Borough in the event of other extreme weather events. Work to maintain and further enhance current infrastructure is ongoing as part of service delivery arrangements.
- Including natural flood management arrangements within the Council's Climate Change Strategy '[Think Climate RCT](#)' agreed by Cabinet in June 2022.

All actions set out within the Plan in 2020 for Frontline services have now been completed and/or overtaken by events.

Increased resources are in place to help to tackle the expected extreme weather events in the short and longer term, the focus on technology and infrastructure to prevent and minimise the significant impact arising from flood events, stronger collaboration with partners to manage and mitigate the risks and the increased involvement of residents and communities whose voices have helped to shape our work and future plans.

Management, adaptation and mitigation of flood risk remains a priority for the Council. The response to extreme weather events will remain on the Council's Strategic Risk Register for 2023/24 and beyond.

Further, since the original plan was agreed by Cabinet in 2020, the Council has agreed its Climate Change Strategy '[Think Climate RCT](#)'. Among other things, this Strategy acknowledges the changes in weather that will impact on the environment and ecosystems within RCT and puts in place our commitments to minimise flood risk and put in place green infrastructure and nature based solutions that will increase flood defences and support the management and minimisation of flood risk.

As reported to [Cabinet in November 2022](#), the development of a revised Local Flood Risk Strategy and Action Plan is now in progress and be published to meet the revised Welsh Government deadline of March 2024. '[Think Climate RCT](#)' will be central to its development.



**Appendix 2; Flood Risk Management Programme (including Major Schemes Pipeline, Small Schemes and Resilient Roads Schemes)**

Scheme/Location	Activity/Work	Number of Schemes completed per Financial Year			
		2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023- 2024
Flood Risk Management – Major Schemes	OBC/BJC/FBC & Works (15% Match Funding)	0	3	11	19
Small Scale Projects	Detailed Design & Construction project < £200k	15	19	15	13
Resilient Road Grant	Detailed Design & Construction related to Transport infrastructure resilience	34	11	9	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43*</b>

\*in progress.

**Flood Risk Management - Major Schemes – WG Pipeline for Grant**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Activity/Work (2022/23)</b> BJC = Business Justification Case OBC – Outline Business Case FBC- Full Business Case	<b>Current Status</b>
Peat Bogs Restoration	Treherbert	BJC Development and Optioneering	Completion 23/24
Glenboi Pumping Station	Mountain Ash	FBC – Construction	Ongoing
Nant Gwawr (Phase 2)	Aberaman North	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Ongoing
Oakland Terrace	Cilfynydd	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Ongoing
Abertonllwyd Road	Treherbert	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Ongoing
Pentre FAS	Pentre	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Ongoing
Treorchy FAS - (Phase 2)	Treorchy	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Cwmaman Phase 2	Aberaman South	Full BJC - Construction	Commencing 23/24
Pentre FAS	Pentre	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Turberville Rd - Porth	Porth	Full BJC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Maes y Ffynon FAS	Aberaman North	Full BJC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Nant Gwawr (Phase 2)	Aberaman North	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Abertonllwyd Road	Treherbert	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24
Cwmbach Canal FAS	Cwmbach	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Commencing 23/24
Trehafod FAS	Trehafod	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Commencing 23/24
Cefn Pennar Road - FAS	Cwmbach	BJC - Preliminary Design & Development.	Commencing 23/24
Gwernifor And Kingscraft St - FAS	Mt Ash	Full BJC - Construction	Commencing 23/24
Tirfounder/Bro Teg Road - Phase 2	Cwmbach	Full BJC - Construction	Commencing 23/24
Arfyn Terr, Tylorstown - FAS	Tylorstown & Ynyshir	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Commencing 23/24

Afon Cynon/Wellington St	Aberdare	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 22/23
Afon Cyno/Wellington St	Aberdare	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Completed 22/23
Upper Bronallt Terrace	Aberaman	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Completed 22/23
Upper Bronallt Terrace	Aberaman	FBC - Construction	Completed 22/23
Treorchy FAS - (Phase 2)	Treorchy	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 22/23
Treorchy FAS - (Phase 1)	Treorchy	FBC BJC - Construction	Completed 22/23
Cwmaman Phase 2	Aberaman South	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 22/23
Cwmaman Phase 2	Aberaman South	FBC - Detailed Design and Development	Completed 22/23
Glenboi Pumping Station	Mountain Ash	FBC – Detailed Design and Development	Completed 22/23
Turberville Rd - Porth	Porth	BJC - Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 22/23
Maes y Ffynon FAS	Aberaman North	BJC - Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 22/23
Park Lane FAS	Trecynon	Full BJC - Detailed Design and Development	Completed 21/22
Park Lane FAS	Trecynon	Full BJC - Construction	Completed 21/22
Upper Rhondda Strategic Flood Risk Area	RCT	OBC Development– Preliminary Design & Development.	Completed 21/22

**Small Scale Projects <£200k Individual Flood Alleviation Schemes (FAS)**

Scheme	Location	Activity/Work	Current Status
Jones Street - Culvert Relining	Treorchy	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Dyffryn Road	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Telemetry	Various	Expansion of the Ordinary watercourse Telemetry across RCT	Commencing 23/24
Nant Cae Dudwg - Inlet Upgrade	Cilfynydd	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Nant Y Fedw - Scour Repair	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Baglan Street - Culvert Relining	Treorchy	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Afryn Terrace	Ferndale	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Heath Terrace (Central Inlet) – <b>(Design Only)</b>	Ynyshir	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Penrhys Rd	Ystrad	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Brook Street – Blaenrhondda	Treherbert	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Victor Street - Mt Ash	Mt ash	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Tynywaun - Relining	Treherbert	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Ynyshir Road	Tylorstown & Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Bryn Ifor Inlet Upgrade	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Plantation Road	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Cardiff Road, Aberaman	Aberaman	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Campbell Terrace - Mt Ash	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Granville St -Allen sT mt ash	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Fernhill Abercwmboi	Fernhill	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Troed y Rhiw/Fforest Road- Inlet Upgrades	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Victor Street, kingscraft st Mt Ash - inlet	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21

Painters Row, treherbert - Inlet	Ynyswen	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Pentre (Volunteer st) FAS (Advanced Works - Pleasant Street)	Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Cwmbach – phase 2	Cwmbach	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Granville Terr – phase 2	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Nant y fedw	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
“Pretty Ponty”	Pontypridd	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Property Flood Resilience Program Phase 1	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 20/21
Pentre (Volunteer st) FAS (Advanced Works - Nant Y Pentre Inlet)	Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Allen St, Mt Ash	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Mt Ash A4059 Upper catchment scour	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Heath Terrace	Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Turberville Rd - Porth	Porth	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Tyn-Y-Wern	Tonyrefail	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Standard View	Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Nant Cae Dudwg	Cilfynydd	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Mostyn Street	Abercwmboi	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Cefn Pennar Road	Cwmbach	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Abercwmboi - Pit Cottages Inlet	Abercwmboi	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Cross street	Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Glan Ffrwd	Cymmer	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Royal oak	Cilfynydd	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Property Flood Resilience Program Phase 2	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Trifounder Rd	Cwmbach	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Monitoring equipment	Varuous	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Nant Y Fedw	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22

Rhydyfelin	Rhydyfelin	Construction Phase	Completed 21/22
Jones Street - Culvert Relining	Treorchy	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 22/23
Dyffryn Road	Mt Ash	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 22/23
Kingcraft St,	Mt Ash	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 22/23
Telemetry	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Bryn Tail Rd	Rhydyfelin	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Cae Felin Parc West	Hirwaun	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Baglan St	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Masefield Way	Rhydyfelin	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Tanycoed Tce	Aberaman South	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Cemetery Rd, Glynaff	Treforest	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Gwernifor St, Mt Ash	Mt Ash West	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 22/23
Nant Y Fedw	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Pentre - Structural Renovation/Relining	Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Brynhyfred Street	Ynyswen	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23
Quarry Road	Pontypridd	Construction Phase	Completed 22/23

**Resilient Road Grant - Alleviate the effects of climate change (flooding) on transportation infrastructure**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Activity/Work</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Maes y Ffynon /Cardiff Rd,	Aberdare	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Cwmbach Industrial Estate,	Cwmbach	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
Aberdare Bypass	Aberdare	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Aberdare - Asda Roundabout	Aberdare	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Bronallt Terrace - Phase 3	Abercwmboi	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Rhigos Road - Nant Cnapiau	Rhigos	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Rhigos Road - 2 x Culverts	Rhigos	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Abercynon Road to A4059 New Road	Abercynon	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
A4059 - Abercynon - Mt Ash	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Bends Low Point (A4059)	Cwmbach	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Mt Ash Hall (A4059)	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Build Out, Mt Ash (A4059)	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Overflow Culvert (A4059)	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Cynon Valley Monitoring Stations	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Nant y Ffrwd (A4059), Mt Ash	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Pipe Crossing, Mt Ash (A4059)	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21

Plantation Road, Abercynon	Abercynon	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Mount Street, Aberaman	Aberaman	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
A4233 Porth Relief Road, Porth	Porth	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Nant y Gwyddon Road, Llwynypia	Gelli	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Tonypandy Bypass A4058 Trealaw R/A- Dinas Rd	Tonypandy	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Tonypandy Bypass A4058 Tonypandy R/A- Trealaw R/A	Tonypandy	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Tonypandy Bypass A4058 Asda- Tonypandy R/About	Tonypandy	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Ynyshir Cycle Path	Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
A4119 bypass Ynysgrug roundabout Tonypandy to Coedely	Coed Ely	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Mynydd-Yr-Eos Penygraig	Penygraig	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Rhondda Valley Monitoring Stations	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
A4058 - High Street Treorchy	Treorchy	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
A4058 - Pentre Pump Station Review	Pentre	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2020-21
Tudor Road, Ton Pentre	Ton Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Oxford St, Nantgarw - Highway Drain Collapse	Nantgarw	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Maindy Road, Ton Pentre	Ton Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Rhigos Mt Rd	Rhigos	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Bwlch Mt Rd	Maerdy	Construction Phase	Completed 2020-21
Aberdare - Asda Roundabout	Aberdare	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22



Bwllfa Road, Cwmdare	Cwmdare	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
Monitoring Stations	Various	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
A4058 Pentre Road	Pentre	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
A4061 Abertonllwyd Street	Treherbert	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2021-22
B4278 Pontypridd Road	Pontypridd	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
B4278 Cemetery Road, Porth	Porth	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
A4093 Blackmill Road, Hendreforgan	Hendreforgan	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2021-22
B4278 Llwyncelyn Road	Porth	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
Margaret Street, Pontygwaith	Pontygwaith	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
Glenboi Mt Ash, Highway Drainage Improvements (ph1 and ph2)	Mt Ash	Construction Phase	Completed 2021-22
Rhigos Road - 2 x Culverts	Hirwaun	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
A4059 Abercynon - Mt Ash	Mt Ash East	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
A4061 Abertonllwyd Street	Treherbert	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
A4059 Aberdare Bypass (Harriet St to Penywaun)	Aberdare West	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
B4275 John Street	Aberaman South	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
A4061 Rhigos Mountain Road	Treherbert	Construction Phase	Completed 2022-23
Lewis Street	Aberaman North	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2022-23
Llanwonno Road	Ynysir	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2022-23
B4278 Gilfach Road	Tonyrefail West	Detailed Design Phase	Completed 2022-23

A4058 Tonypandy - Porth (RV5)	Trealaw/Porth	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
A4058 Tonypandy - Porth (RV4)	Trealaw/Porth	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Lewis Street (New)	Aberaman North	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
St Luke's Road, Llwyncelyn (New)	Porth	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Mill Street (New)	Tonyrefail East	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Ynyshir Road (New)	Ynyshir	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
Llanwonno Road (New)	Ynyshir	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Llwyncelyn Industrial Estate (New)	Porth	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
Cymmer Road	Porth	Detailed Design Phase	Commencing 23/24
A4058 Trehafod (New)	Cymmer	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24
B4278 Gilfach Road (New)	Tonyrefail West	Construction Phase	Commencing 23/24

### Appendix 3; Storm Dennis Infrastructure Repairs/Upgrading

Storm Dennis Schemes		Status	Works Year	23/24 Spend	Comments
Hopkinstown Wall Phase 1	Pontypridd	Complete		-	Complete
Sion St Wall	Pontypridd	Works stage	2022/23 2023/24	£7k	Works nearing completion. Following delay in Cadw approval, river window missed for final small section of repointing. To be completed early 2023 embargo
Berw Rd Wall	Pontypridd	Design	2023/24	£400k	Works delayed to 23/24 due to clash with Berw Road (Whitebridge) refurbishment. Works split into 3 zones of priority. Awaiting quotations – 09/06/2023
Tramway Culvert	Aberdare	Complete	2021/22	-	Complete
Afon Dar Culvert	Aberdare	Complete	2021/22	-	Complete
Ynysangharad Park Cable Stay	Pontypridd	Complete		-	Highly Commended in ICE awards
Blaencwm River Wall	Blaencwm	Works stage	Ph1 20/21 Ph2 21/22 Scour 22/23/24	-	Main works complete. Final section of scour to be completed 23/24
Penydarren Tramroad Bridge	Aberdare	Works stage	21/22/23/24	£700k	Planning and SMC applications submitted. Walters re-engaged for phase 2. Cadw approval in place for phase 2 scheme. Awaiting final costs from Walters and planning approval. Due to restart on site end of June 23.
Ynyshir Community Route	Ynyshir	Complete	2021/22		Complete
Footbridge on FP72	Ynysybwl	Complete	2022/23		Complete
Mill Farm Footbridge	Ynysybwl	Design	2022/23	£15k	Liaison with Welsh Water undertaking the work. No firm programme date but update received indicates design now moving forward with scheme due early 23/24 financial year.
Gelligaled Park Bridge	Ystrad	Works stage	2022/23/24	£450k	Scheme awarded to Centregreat. Emergency closure of bridge enacted 15/07/2022 following site visit identified collapsed wingwall section. Bridge reopened

					02/09/2022. Works restarted on site 15/05/2023
Nant Clydach Bridge	Ynysybwl	Complete	2022/23		Complete.
Gelli Culvert	Gelli	Design stage	2023/24	£360k	Quotations being received for repairs in 23/24
Pontypridd Rd Wall	Porth	Ph1 complete Ph 2 complete	Ph1 20/21 Ph2 22/23		Complete
Campbell Terrace Culvert	Mountain Ash	Design stage/Works Stage	Emergency repairs completed Ph2 - 23/24	£415k	Repair scheme being designed focusing mainly on headwall alterations to improve hydraulic performance Culvert barrel stonework repairs awarded to EDS, commencing on site ~ June pending OWC approvals
Maindy St	Ton Pentre	Commissioning	23/24	£1.25m	Scheme being designed by Redstart. Tender return date of 13/06/2023
Feeder Pipe Bridge	Abercynon	Design stage	23/24	£3.5m	Demolition 20/21, renewal 23/24, at design stage with SCAPE Framework.
Berw Rd Bridge	Pontypridd	Works stage/ Design stage	22/23 / 23/24	£2.8m	Phase 2 Works on site. Larger volumes of parent concrete repairs required causing delays. Latest programme indicates Phase 2 completion late 2023. Phase 3 scheme to be run in parallel to phase 3. CRL picking this up as CE to main scheme. Concrete repairs far in excess of those originally determined causing significant overall delays. All river works awarded to CRL and being mobilised.
Castle Inn Bridge	Treforest	Works stage	22/23/24	£4.3m	Planning and Listed Building Consent obtained. Contract awarded to Knights Brown. Works significantly delayed due to DCWW diversion and issues with temporary works design. Bridge will not be fully demolished in 22/23 but several aspects of scheme to be completed. FRAP approved for early start due to nature of works. Demolition commenced end of April 2023. Overall completion October 2023.
Tonypandy River Wall	Tonypandy	Works stage	23/24	£930k	Scheme awarded to Centregreat for summer 23 works. FRAP received and works on site

Nant Gelliwion Bridge	Pontypridd	Design stage	22/23/24	£700k	Design ongoing. Likely now on-site September 23. Tender return date of 09/06/2023
Tynybryn F/Bridge & Culvert	Tonyrefail	Ph1 Complete Ph2 Design stage	Ph1 20/21 Ph2 23/24	£3.3m	SCAPE framework scheme. Enabling works to start 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April. Main scheme design in final stages. Main works programmed to start June 2023. Updated estimate increases main works cost ~£350k.
Hopkinstown River Wall Phase 2	Pontypridd	Works stage	<b>23/24</b>	£240k	Scheme awarded to Hammonds for summer 23. Works started on site 15/05/2023.
Maerdy Mountain Landslip	Maerdy	Complete	21/22/23	£15k	Complete.
Gyfeillion Wall	Hopkinstown	Works stage	23/24	£110k	Scour repairs awarded – delayed due to Barry Sidings 3 RW. Updated scour survey following vegetation removal shows concerns over wall. Updated PI completed following veg removal which indicates less concerns than expected. Awarded, existing FRAP in place, works due to commence 12/06/2023
Mill Road Culvert	Ynysybwl	Design Stage	23/24	£300k	Very difficult to repair – ongoing review of procurement methods. Additional hydrology procured to prove repair method is appropriate. Scheme being compiled for completion in summer 23
Treferrig House Footbridge	Tonyrefail	Commissioning Stage	23/24	£170k	Scheme delayed due to landowner and stakeholder discussions. Plan now agreed by all parties. Works to take place summer 23
Maesy Ffynnon F/Bridge		Complete	22/23	£2k	Works complete
Pantybrad F/Bridge		Works stage	23/24	£35k	Works Awarded. Awaiting update quotation from Hammonds, works summer 23
Cross Street R/Wall	Ynyshir	Works stage	22/23	£1500	Main works complete.
Various Scour Repairs	Various	Works/Design Stage	22/23/24	£300k	Abercynon Rec Wall – survey complete. Works in 23/24. Awarded to EDS Caroline Street – Awarded. Works complete

					Cwm Clydach Bridge – Awarded. Works complete Harcourt Terrace – Awarded. Works in 23/24 Miskin River Bridge – Awarded. Works complete Ty Mawr– Awarded. Works complete Manchester Place Culvert - Works complete Playing fields footbridge scour – awaiting quotes Bridge street scour – awaiting quotes
Gelli Park River Wall		Works stage	23/24	£750k	Scheme awarded to Centregreat for summer 23 works. FRAP in place. Works started 15/05/2023
Heol Y Graig Culvert	Rhigos	Design Stage	22/23/24	£250k	Clearance works complete. DCWW temporary truss being installed to protect asset prior to start date and during works themselves. OWC approval imminent for main relining works
Llanwonno Road Bridge	Tylorstown & Ynyshir	Works Stage	23/24	£70k	Scheme awarded. Works for summer 23
B4273 Ynysybwl River Wall Phase 2	Ynysybwl	Works Stage	23/24	£525k	Scheme awarded to DT Contracting. Pre-start meeting ~late May.
Brook Street River Wall	Porth	Commissioning	23/24	£30k	Debates with NRW as to needs for permanent FRAP for additional skin of blockwork to substandard
Cynon Trail River Wall	Mountain Ash	Works Stage	23/24	£3m	Works on site

## Appendix 4; Coal Tip Safety Programme

Tip	Works Description
Tylorstown Landslip Remediation – RH01 Upper Llanwonno Tip	<p>Phase 1 Emergency Drainage Works 2020</p> <p>Phase 2 and 3 removal of landslip material from the river channel and valley floor to Receptor sites A and B 2021</p> <p>Phase 3a – repair to north slope below landslip. Drainage Channel reinstatement and infill to scour channels. Included contractor designed soil nailing and netting. 2022</p> <p>Phase 4 – Remediation of Upper Llanwonno Tip to increase stability factor of safety by removing approximately 150,000 cubic metres of spoil to a new receptor site and reprofiling the remaining spoil on the hillside. Main works commenced in April 2023 after planning permission was granted in October 2022 with completion due Winter 2023.</p> <p>Final stages – permanent uses for receptor sites A and B; setting up management group and long-term management for the hillside and use of receptor site C.</p>
RH77 Graig Ddu, Dinas	<p>Site investigation and installation of ground water monitoring instruments, site investigation and geotechnical reporting. Temporary drainage mitigation works and repairs to carriageway. Clearance of local landslip to Vicarage Road. Design ongoing for drainage improvements and ground stabilisation.</p>
RH87 Wattstown Standard Colliery	<p>Desk study and review of available information. Facilitated Coal Authority works to install erosion protection to slip surface.</p>
RH03 Wattstown National Tip	<p>Drainage maintenance and reinstatement, drainage by-pass installation, monitoring and telemetry installed – two RCT trials, liaised with Coal Authority and Welsh Government on other technology trials. Further design work for further drainage reinstatement and long-term management considerations ongoing.</p>
A, B C and D Tips Maintenance	<p>General maintenance and vegetation clearance to re-establish effective drainage infrastructure on a prioritised basis on several tips.</p> <p>Examples of work undertaken include:</p> <p>Flushing out drainage installation on TE03 Albion Colliery Tip</p> <p>Clearing drainage channels on several tips such as RH113 Lewis Merthyr, Trehafod</p> <p>Vegetation clearance on CV129</p> <p>Working on RH04/05 Tonypandy to restore eroded channels after unauthorised use by vehicles caused damage to drainage channels</p>

Tip	Works Description
Technology	<p>Use of an automated telemetry system at Graig Ddu Dinas tip have established data critical to the ongoing design of a stabilisation scheme</p> <p>Installation of tilt meters at RH03 Wattstown National</p> <p>Photogrammetry surveys of all C and D tips in 2020 with repeat surveys in 2023 to compare</p> <p>LIDAR surveys – using drones these surveys have obtained very useful information to be used in drainage reviews and stability analysis</p>
Inspections; Desk studies; Reviews of information; Ground Investigation	Regular inspections are undertaken on all Category A, B, C and D tips and a defects sheet established to plan and prioritise works. A tip category review was undertaken in 2021. Desk studies and information reviews have been undertaken on a prioritised basis, this includes for tips such as RH72 at Ynyshir. This work is being used to compile a forward works programme of maintenance, investigations, analysis and monitoring. Ground Investigation has been completed on site at CV63 Cwmbach to enable further analysis of the site.



## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL

14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME: 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present, for Members' comment and approval, a draft Work Programme on the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by Council for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note and comment on the draft Work Programme attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 2.2 Subject to Members' comments, approve the Work Programme for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year (with appropriate amendments where necessary) and thereafter receive further updates from the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication as appropriate.

#### 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As agreed at the Council AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018, a Council Committee Work programme should be provided for Members to assist them in forward planning and to advise other business functions of the Council
- 3.2 The Work Programme will also be made available in a central location on the Council website to improve transparency and public engagement.

#### 4. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 4.1 The proposed Work Programme is a rolling work programme for the 2023-24 Municipal Year, which will be reported to Council at regular intervals to reflect additional updates and amendments.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 12.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution) the Work Programme will contain information in respect of the timetable for considering the budget

and any plans forming part of the policy framework and requiring Council approval.

- 4.3 During the period outlined, the Work Programme may be subject to further change to take into account any additional/deleted reports, including any new consultative documents or legislative initiatives from the Welsh Government, which require urgent attention. Such changes to business will be undertaken by the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Presiding Member. Where possible, Group Leaders will be informed of changes and additions throughout the Municipal Year.
- 4.4 The Work Programme will also assist Members if any items have been referred to a committee or service area for consideration / action and relevant updates are required by Council (e.g. Action required in respect of a Notice of Motion considered by Council).
- 4.5 A draft Work Programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for Members' comment.
- 4.6 Subject to agreement, a link to the agreed Council work programme will be added to every Council meeting agenda for Members' information, to inform Members of any amendments to the programme going forward.

## **5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

- 5.1 The Work Programme has been compiled by members of the Senior Leadership Team in discussion with the Presiding Member.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 12.1 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (found in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution).

## **9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.**

- 9.1 The Council Work Programme encompasses all of the Council priorities as it references reports coming forward across the Directorates which may impact upon the Council's corporate priorities. It also embraces the Future Generations Act as all future decisions taken by Council seek to improve

the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the County Borough.

**10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 The development of a Council Work Programme for the 2023-24 Municipal Year will assist in transparency for both Members and for public engagement.

**Other Information:-**

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.**

**Item: COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME: 2023- 2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

**Background Papers**

- Rule 12.1 and 12.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Found in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.)
- [Council AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018.](#)

## Council Work Programme. (APPENDIX 1)

Forward plan of proposed Council Business for the 2023/24 Municipal Year

Specific Period: -June 2023 – May 2024.

(Summary of proposed Key Decisions coming forward for Members' consideration.)

*N.B – The work programme is subject to change to take account of any additional / deletion of reports, including any new consultative documents or legislative initiatives from the Welsh Government, which require urgent attention.*

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
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<b>JUNE</b>				<b>14.06.23</b>
Council Work Programme	To consider the Draft Council Work Programme for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Flood Resilience	To receive the report of the Director, Frontline Services	Director, Frontline Services	Open	
The Transition to a Single Public Services Board (PSB) For Cwm Taf Morgannwg- Joint Overview & Scrutiny Arrangements	To consider the proposals for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements Following the Transition to a Single Public Services Board (PSB) For Cwm Taf Morgannwg.	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Notices of Motion Reporting Mechanism	To consider the report following the Notice of Motion to Full Council on the <a href="#">29.03.23</a>	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	Constitution Committee
Democratic Services Committee Annual Report 2022/2023	To receive the Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committees for the Municipal Year 2022 / 2023.	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	Democratic Services Committee
<b>JULY</b>				<b>12.07.23</b>

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
Annual Treasury Management Review 2022/23	To provide Members with information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Council's Treasury Management activity during 2022/23; and</li> <li>• the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2022/23</li> </ul>	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	
Public Participation Strategy	To consider the Council's Public Participation Strategy	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Open	A formal Consultation on the Strategy/Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Constitution Guide	To receive the Council's Constitution Guide	Director of Legal & Democratic Services;	Open	Constitution Committee
Local Development Plan (LDP) for Rhondda Cynon Taf -Update	Proposals to Approve an Amended Delivery Agreement for the Preparation of the Rhondda Cynon Taf Revised Local Development Plan	Director of Prosperity & Development	Open	
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<b>AUGUST – RECESS</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
				<b>20.09.23</b>

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Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
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Medium Term Financial Plan – Update	To provide Members with an update on the Medium-Term Financial Plan	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services	Open	Cabinet
Council Investment Priorities	To consider any potential investment opportunities	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Cabinet
Multi Location Meeting Policy (MLM)	To consider the Council’s Multi Location Meeting Policy (MLM)		Open	Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs/ Democratic Services Committee/Constitution Committee
Petitions Scheme	To consider the Council’s Petitions Scheme	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	Constitution Committee

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**OCTOBER**

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Council Tax Discounts	To receive the report providing Members with proposals in respect of Council Tax discounts	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.		
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**NOVEMBER**

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Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
Council Revenue Budget 2024/25 - Provisional Local Government Settlement	This report provides Members with information in respect of the 2023/2024 Provisional Local Government Settlement (Subject to timing of WG announcements on the Local Government Settlement)	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, is a consultee as part of the Council's overall consultation arrangements.
Rhondda Cynon Taf Pension Fund 2022/23 Statement of Accounts and External Audit Report	To consider the RCT Pension Fund Annual Accounts and the report of Audit Wales	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Governance and Audit Committee
2023-24 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report	To provide Members with information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council's Treasury Management activity during the first 6 months of 2023-2024 and</li> <li>Prudential and Treasury Indicators for the same period.</li> </ul>	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	
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<b>JANUARY</b>				<b>17.01.24</b>
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	The need to consider whether to revise or replace the Council existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) and the requirement to adopt a scheme by 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024.	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	
Welsh Church Act Annual Report and External Audit Report	To consider the statement of Accounts for the Welsh Church Act Fund for the financial year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 and the report of Audit Wales.	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Governance and Audit Committee

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
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## FEBRUARY

07.02.24

Leaders Annual Debate	To receive & participate in the Leaders Annual Debate	Leader of the Council	Open	
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## MARCH

06.03.24

Revenue Budget Strategy	To provide information to Members in respect of the Council's Revenue Budget, together with the level of Council Tax, for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025.	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Overview & Scrutiny/ Cabinet
Council Tax Resolution	To provide Members with the details of the calculation of the Authority's Council Tax for the financial year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 prior to passing the necessary statutory resolutions	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Cabinet
Capital Programme	To set out the Council's proposed Capital Programme for 2024-25 to 2026-27, following confirmation of the local government settlement for 2024-25.	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Cabinet
Treasury Management Strategy	To provide Members with information in respect of treasury Management Strategy, Incorporating Investment Strategy, Treasury Management indicators	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	Governance and Audit Committee

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
	and minimum revenue provision (&MRP Statement for 2024/25.)			
Capital Strategy Report 2024/25	To receive the Capital Strategy 2024/25 incorporating prudential indicators.	Deputy Chief Executive & Group Director – Finance, Digital & Frontline Services.	Open	
The Council’s Pay Policy Statement	To provide Members with information in respect of the Council’s 2023-2024 Pay Policy Statement	Director of Human Resources Director of Legal Services	Open	
The Council’s Corporate Plan	To provide Members with the Council’s Corporate Plan.	Chief Executive	Open	Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>APRIL</b>				<b>tbc</b>
<b>MAY</b>				<b>tbc</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> (the following items to be considered as and when appropriate / necessary during the Municipal Year)				
Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act	To receive updates on the proposals contained within the ‘Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act’	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication.	Open	Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
Changes to Committee Membership	To consider the changes to Committee Memberships as advised	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Updates to the Council's Constitution	To consider updates contained within the Council's Constitution	Director of Legal & Democratic Services	Open	
The Development of the Council's Corporate Plan	To consider the development of the Council's Corporate Plan	Chief Executive	Open	
Corporate Joint Committees (CJC's)	To receive an update in respect of the Corporate Joint Committees (CJC's)	Chief Executive/Director of Legal & Democratic Services Services/Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Community Review	To receive the Community Review	Director of Legal & Democratic Services	Open	
Town/Community Council Charter	To advise Members of the Town/Community Council Charter	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Invitation to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	To receive representatives from the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Cwm Taf UHB	Open	
Freedom of the Borough	To award the Freedom of the Borough following endorsement of the FOB Working Group recommendations	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	Freedom of the Borough Working Group.

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
Welsh Government Consultations	To consider the Council's response to relevant Welsh Government Consultations	Director of Legal & Democratic Services Services/Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Urgent Executive Decisions	To present, for Members' information an overview of the Urgent Decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee and the Urgent Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward outside of the Cabinet Committee	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	Cabinet
Public Questions & Presentations	To receive public questions & presentations	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Audit Wales Reports	To consider reports brought forward by Audit Wales	As applicable	Open	
Annual Reports	To consider reports brought forward for consideration by Full Council	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Open	
Notices of Motion	To consider Notices of Motions / Amendments to the Motion as received and in accordance with the Council Constitution. To receive updates in respect of Notices of Motion as appropriate.	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	
Members Questions	To consider the Questions put to Members as received and in accordance with the Council Constitution	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	To provide Members with updates / information in respect of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.	Chief Executive		
Scrutiny Working Groups	To receive details of Scrutiny Working Group reviews undertaken.	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication		
Council Work Programme	To receive updates on the 2023-24 Council Work Programme	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication	Open	

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## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL

14 JUNE 2023

### NOTICES OF MOTION REPORTING MECHANISM

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider proposals for formally recording and reporting the outcome and effect of the Council's representation made by Members following the adoption and/or referral of a Notice of Motion (NOM).
- 1.2 This follows consideration of the proposed revisions by the Council's Constitution Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Consider the content of the report; and
- 2.2 Note the support provided by the Council's Constitution Committee for the revised arrangements.

#### 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To strengthen the existing notice of motion reporting arrangements, to feedback to Council responses received to motions adopted by full Council.
- 3.2 To provide transparency by informing Members of the progress made following the adoption of a notice of motion through publication of 'information reports' on the Council agenda.

#### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At Full Council on the [29<sup>th</sup> March 2023](#) the Plaid Cymru Group submitted a notice of motion, proposed by Councillor D Grehan and seconded by

Councillor A Rogers, calling for a specific reporting mechanism which would keep Members informed of progress following the adoption of notices of motions to Full Council.

- 4.2 The notice of motion made particular reference to the need for feedback in order to assess how effective the notices of motions are in achieving their desired outcomes. Some examples were provided where there had been little evidence of outcome and effect following the adoption and/or referral of a notice of motion.
- 4.3 The notice of motion was unanimously adopted, and Council resolved 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”.***
- 4.4 It is now for Council to consider the proposals to establish a more formal mechanism of recording the outcome and progress of the adopted notices of motions and improving the current provision of recording the notices of motions to the Council website.

## **5. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- 5.1 The Council already has arrangements for reporting the outcome of matters adopted by Council, following consideration of a motion, which are referred to a Council committee for consideration. In addition, all notices of motions are logged on the Council website immediately following a council meeting demonstrating whether they have been adopted or not. It records details such as the proposer and seconder, the date of the council meeting and is linked to the relevant Council meeting on the website.
- 5.2 Where a notice of motion has been referred to a scrutiny/other committee for consideration, this is also indicated on the [website](#) for Members to view.
- 5.3 In a report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in [May 2019](#) it was proposed that in order to clarify the essence of the NOM, the proposer and seconder would be invited to attend the relevant meeting on the subject to provide clarity on its intentions and proposed outcomes.
- 5.4 This has since been adopted as good practice and has worked well ensuring the initial mover and seconder to the Council's notice of motion attend as key stakeholders/observers to assist the discussions and are able to bear witness to the outcomes of their NOM. Progress or resolution of the matter is reported to Council to publicly record completion of the matter from a democratic and governance perspective.
- 5.5 Previously, recommendations to arise as a result of consideration by Scrutiny have been reported back to Council so that the outcomes are demonstrated. Examples include consideration of the NOM by the former [Children & Young](#)



[People Scrutiny Committee](#) in relation to period poverty. As a result of this work, the Council adopted an approach in respect of the provision of sanitary products at schools. Also, the NOM in respect of voluntary [Snow Wardens](#) was taken forward by a scrutiny working group resulting in the 'Know Your Neighbour Campaign'.

- 5.6 Notwithstanding these examples, a more consistent approach has been requested by Council to ensure that all outcomes to arise as a result of a NOM from Full Council making formal representations be reported and recorded.

## PROPOSALS

### **Council Website**

- 5.7 Members may wish to consider improving the way that notices of motions are recorded by including an additional column within the current table on the council website which will act as a '**formal mechanism in place to report the progress or outcomes of such actions for the public record**'.
- 5.8 This may be in the form of a link to any responses received following a letter from the Leader of the Council to the Welsh or UK Government or the outcome of a Scrutiny review/working group recommendation to Cabinet/Full Council. Publication of the outcomes to the notices of motion through an additional column on the website would seek to strengthen the transparency and provide a clear record for all Members and residents.

### **Information Reports**

- 5.9 In addition to the above it is proposed that all responses or outcomes following a formal representation, by for example the Leader of the Council to an outside organisation or government either at a Wales or UK level, be reported to Full Council in the form of information reports. These will appear on the agenda of Full Council when necessary and will allow all Members the opportunity to read and digest the information, track the progress of the NOM and importantly this will be formally recorded in the Council minutes.
- 5.10 The importance of evidencing the outcomes and actions of the notices of motions will respond to that recently adopted at Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and develop a formal process when taking forward notices of motions. This process will also take in the current practices when referrals are made from Council.
- 5.11 During the course of this municipal year Members may wish to consider further reviews to respond to the proposals set out in 2.1-2.3 of the report.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and

no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report. The proposal to introduce specific actions to record all outcomes following the adoption of a NOM would assist a more focussed approach and an opportunity for greater transparency.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 When adopting this motion, full Council determined to refer the matter for consideration by the Constitution Committee. The committee considered the recommendations of the Head of Democratic Services at a meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, prior to consideration of any proposals presented to Council. Members supported the revisions proposed.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 This report advises Members of the proposal to strengthen the existing Notice of Motion [webpages](#) to formally record and publish the outcome and effect following the adoption and/or referral of a Notice of Motion and to adopt a more consistent approach when reporting outcomes from Scrutiny/other committees back to Full Council through the information report mechanism.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**COUNCIL**

**14 JUNE 2023**

**NOTICES OF MOTION REPORTING MECHANISM**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND  
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## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL**

**14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

#### **PROPOSALS FOR THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING THE TRANSITION TO A SINGLE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) FOR CWM TAF MORGANNWG.**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER, CLLR MORGAN OBE.**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the proposed scrutiny arrangements for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board, following the transition to a single Public Services Board (PSB) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Agree to the creation of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprising elected Members from Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend County Borough Councils to scrutinise the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board;
- 2.2 To endorse the Draft Terms of Reference of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Appendix 1, and to make any further comments as felt appropriate.
- 2.3 To determine the PSB Statutory members (non executive) and `invited participants` to serve as co-opted members on the Cwm Taf PSB JOSC as highlighted within section 6 of the report;
- 2.4 To agree that the Chair and Vice Chair arrangements, highlighted within section 7 of the report, be taken forward, commencing from the beginning of the 2023/24 Municipal Year.
- 2.5 To agree that the support and administrative arrangements, highlighted within section 8 of the report be provided by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, for a 2 year period, commencing from the beginning of the 2023/24 Municipal Year before a review of the arrangements is undertaken.

- 2.6 To agree that all Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC be provided with training to assist them in undertaking their new role.
- 2.7 Subject to agreement of the above recommendations, Council is requested to nominate a total of 5 Elected Members, 4 (Labour), 1 (Plaid Cymru) and 1 additional substitute member (Labour), as in accordance with the Council's political balance arrangements.

### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The need to ensure effective scrutiny arrangements are in place to scrutinise the joint PSB, following its recent merger.

### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 gives a legally-binding common purpose to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area by contributing to the achievement of the 7 national well-being goals. The Well-being of Future Generations Act (the Act) puts a well-being duty on specified public bodies including local authorities, local health boards, fire and rescue services and Natural Resources Wales to act jointly via PSBs. PSBs are required to
- assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in their areas (the Well-being Assessment)
  - use that assessment to set local well-being objectives (the Well-being Plan)
  - act together to meet those objectives
- 4.2 To reduce duplication and enable more effective joint working to improve well-being for people within the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area, the two PSBs currently in place within the footprint (Cwm Taf and Bridgend) have taken forward a merger to create a new PSB for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area. This merger will enable the PSB to align with the health board footprint, as well as being co-terminus with the 'Mid Glamorgan' basic command unit of South Wales Police.
- 4.3 The Well-being of Future Generations Act provides for two or more PSBs to be able to merge and to collaborate if it would assist them in contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.
- 4.4 The Well-being Assessment was prepared to cover the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area and was done in close collaboration with the Regional Partnership Board in the development of their Population Needs Assessment.

- 4.5 Following on from the Assessment, the two PSBs have worked together this year to develop a single Well-being Plan for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region that was endorsed by Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- 4.6 During February, the two separate PSBs, Agreed to the formal transition to a single PSB to ensure the delivery of the well-being plan and objectives, and are currently operating as a shadow joint PSB whilst the Board works through its governance and operating arrangements.

## **5 SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS.**

- 5.1 In order to ensure democratic accountability of the PSB, there is a statutory requirement set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 and associated statutory guidance for a designated Local Government Scrutiny Committee of the relevant authority to scrutinise the work of the PSB.
- 5.2 Both regions have established scrutiny arrangements in place in respect of scrutiny of their respective PSBs.
- 5.3 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council agreed to the creation of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprising elected Members of both Authorities Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (respectively) to scrutinise the Cwm Taf Public Services Board in 2016, and meets quarterly to scrutinise and challenge the work of Cwm Taf PSB.
- 5.4 The Membership of the Cwm Taf JOSCS equates to 5 County Borough Councillors from each Authority and also consists of 'co-opted' members representing the Local Health Board, Community Health Council and citizen representatives from the 2 local regions.
- 5.5 Bridgend Council have established a Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel. The membership of the PSB Panel is determined annually and incorporates six Overview and Scrutiny Members and counterpart representatives that sit on the Public Service Board.
- 5.6 Following the merger of the PSBs, it is important that the scrutiny arrangements mirror the same footprint to prevent duplication and ensure effective scrutiny arrangements are in place.

## **6 SCRUTINY GOING FORWARD.**

- 6.1 It is proposed that a Cwm Taf Morgannwg Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee is established comprising of 5 Elected Members from each of the three Local Authorities' Overview and Scrutiny Committees designated to scrutinise the work of the PSB as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 and based on the political balance of each of those Committees, as far as practical.
- 6.2 To assist with attendance and potential quorum issues, provision will be made for one substitute Member from each Local Authority to be provided. A substitution will be made available to allow an alternate Member to attend the JOSC when *one* of the core Members are not available. This will assist with any quorum issues but will not dilute the knowledge base of the overall Membership.
- 6.3 Good practice would suggest that Co-option of Members to the JOSC is taken forward, to allow the JOSC to mirror in part the PSB. It is important to highlight that the current membership of the Cwm Taf PSB has not yet been finalised in respect of invited attendees, therefore it is suggested that the statutory partners of PSBs are co-opted within the scrutiny arrangements, i.e. non executive representation from Cwm Taf Morgannwg Local Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue and National Resources Wales. As a form of recognised good practice and in line with the ambitions of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 of 'public engagement and involvement' the citizen panel representations currently taken forward with the Cwm Taf JOSC PSB is continued for future arrangements.
- 6.4 It is suggested that the arrangements proposed above are reviewed at an appropriate point in time to ensure that the membership, where possible, reflects the single PSB membership, once confirmed in respect of invited attendees. In accordance with paragraph 8.3.3(1) of the Statutory Guidance of the Local Government (Wales) Measure, 2011, the number of co-opted members on the JOSC should not exceed the number of elected Members.
- 6.5 A draft Terms of Reference for the merged Joint Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix 1 of the report. It is proposed that once agreed the Terms of Reference are reviewed periodically to ensure they are 'Fit for Purpose'

## **7 CHAIRPERSON**

- 7.1 The role of the Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will play an important role in the success and outcomes of the Committee. It is suggested that the appointment of the Chairperson is taken forward on an annual basis, although for greater consistency of the leadership of the JOSC, it is proposed that there is no requirement for an annual



rotation of appointment between Authorities and a current Chair could be re-appointed.

- 7.2 It is suggested that the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair can not be from the same Authority. Due to legal requirements, a co-opted Member could not be considered for the role of Chair or Vice Chair.

## **8 SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS.**

- 8.1 Following the agreement to establish the Cwm Taf Public Service Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee , Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council agreed to undertake the administrative arrangements on a joint basis and provide dedicated support and advisers for the JOSC for a period of one year each, on a rotational basis respectively.

- 8.2 In 2019 a review was undertaken by senior officers from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council of the administrative arrangements of the Cwm Taf Public Service Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee, where it was subsequently agreed that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council would continue the role as the Host Authority with periodic reviews of the Administrative arrangements when appropriate.

- 8.3 The agreed approach ensured that Members of the JOSC would continue to work together with shared responsibility for improved outcomes with the most appropriate support and resources in place. This arrangement also complimented the secretariat support that was provided by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council to the Joint PSB.

- 8.4 Bridgend County Borough Council take forward the support arrangements for the Bridgend Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

- 8.5 Due to the previous experience gained with support arrangements for Joint Overview and Scrutiny it is proposed that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council take forward the support arrangements for the newly merged Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It is proposed that this arrangement is taken forward for a 2 year period, commencing from the beginning of the 2023/24 Municipal Year before a review of the arrangements is undertaken. This would allow for consistency of approach and support, whilst support officers from each of the Local Authorities would be involved in discussions and approaches going forward.

## **9 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

- 9.1 Members appointed to the Committee will be provided with any necessary training requirements to fulfil their role as a Member of the

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee as detailed in the Terms of Reference.

## **10 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

- 10.1 The Committee will meet on a meeting frequency that will reflect the meeting arrangements of the PSB, where the scrutiny Committee will meet at least 2 weeks prior to a PSB meeting to allow for any potential pre-scrutiny to be undertaken. The meetings will be conducted on a hybrid arrangement and can be reviewed by the Committee as and when appropriate.

## **11 FUTURE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 11.1 A review of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Region Community Safety Arrangements has recently been undertaken which recommended the establishment of a Cwm Taf Morgannwg Community Safety Partnership Board. Given that the footprints are the same and the Boards are intrinsically linked it would seem appropriate that consideration be given in the near future to the inclusion of this Board, once established, within the remit of the Joint Overview Scrutiny Committee. Similar consideration could also be given to the inclusion of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board and any future partnership mergers based on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.

## **12 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **13 CONSULTATION**

- 13.1 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference have been developed in discussions with the relevant senior officers from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council.

## **14 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 14.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report, although amendments to the Councils constitution will need to be taken forward as appropriate.

## **15 LINKS TO PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD WELLBEING OBJECTIVES**

- 15.1 The recommended approach set out supports the Public Service Board Wellbeing objectives by ensuring progress of the Joint Overview &

Scrutiny Committee is robustly scrutinised by the Committee, the public and others with a vested interest.

- 15.2 The proposed approach will also support the requirements set out in the 'Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' which states:
- Effective involvement of people and communities in decisions that affect them is at the heart of improving well-being currently and in the future; and, It is vital to factor people's needs; ensuring engagement is meaningful and effective

## **16 CONCLUSION**

- 16.1 The proposals outlined within the report will allow for the continued approach to scrutiny of the PSB, as the merger of the two PSBs move forward.

### **Other Information:-**

***Relevant Scrutiny Committee*** – Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Background Papers**

None.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE: CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Introduction

#### 1. Statutory Provisions.

- a) The joint overview and scrutiny committee (JOSC) has been established in accordance with the following legislation:-
- The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Sec 58 – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees);
  - The Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013; and,
  - Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (Part 4, Chapter 1, Sec 35 - Overview and scrutiny committee of local authority)
- b) The conduct of the JOSC and the arrangements for joint scrutiny shall be subject to the legislative provisions in a) above, and any regulations or guidance made in accordance with the legislation; and in the event of any conflict between the Act and/or Regulations and any joint arrangements, the requirements of the legislation will prevail.

#### 2. Name of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- a) The appointing Authorities are Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Bridgend County Borough Council and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
- b) The title of the JOSC between the three Authorities shall be the “Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee” (*The JOSC for the purpose of this document*).

#### 3. Purpose of the Joint Scrutiny Committee (JOSC)

- a) The overall aim of the JOSC is to scrutinise the overall effectiveness of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board (the Board).
- b) The core statutory functions of the JOSC are:-
- To carry out functions in relation to the Board that are imposed on it by the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, including in particular as a statutory consultee upon the:
    - PSB Well-being Assessment;
    - PSB Well-being Plan, and;
    - To receive an Annual Report detailing the progress made towards meeting local Well-being objectives in the Well-being Plan
  - To review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by Board;
  - To review or scrutinise the Board’s governance arrangements;
  - To make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions or governance arrangements;

- To consider matters relating to the Board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly; and
- c) In addition to these functions the JOSC's Lines of Inquiry can include (but not be limited to), the following:
- The effectiveness of the Wellbeing Assessment;
  - The effectiveness of the Wellbeing Plan;
  - The effectiveness of performance measurement arrangements;
  - The level of commitment from individual partners to the work of the Public Services Board;
  - The effectiveness of the Public Services Board in communicating its work, objectives and outcomes to its stakeholders; and,
  - The effectiveness of the Public Services Board in addressing the issue of pooled funding to tackle priorities
- d) The remit of the JOSC includes only the activities of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board as a partnership and excludes scrutiny of individual partner organisations (see also para 5).
- e) Existing legislation excludes any matter which could be considered by an Authority's Crime and Disorder Committee (sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006) from the work programmes of all other scrutiny committees, sub-committees and JOSCs.

#### 4. Intended outcome(s) of the joint overview and scrutiny committee

- a) Ensuring that the JOSC achieves the following benefits:-
- **Effective challenge** is provided to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board and that it is achieving the desired aims.
  - **the focus is on outcomes for people not organisations:** shifting the perspective from inputs to delivering results;
  - **the JOSC acting as a unifying force:** helping partners address the complex needs of citizens across different political, organisational and geographical boundaries;
  - **Accountability:** clarifying different organisations' contributions to delivery;
  - **Efficiency:** maximise resources;
  - **Innovation:** identifying new insights and solutions.

#### 5. Accountability Framework

- a) The parameters for the JOSC as defined within the Future Generations Act are as follows:
- The act allows for scrutiny of the PSB as a 'corporate body', not the individual partners comprising the PSB. Paragraph 180 of the Future Generations guidance states that; "**The committee can require any member of the**

**board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on them as a member of the board under this Act.”**

This includes any person that has accepted an invitation to participate in the activity of the PSB. The JOSC will therefore scrutinise the work of the PSB and not the individual activities of PSB partners.

- Whilst the joint actions of the PSB will demonstrate the impact and outcomes achieved, the JOSC may choose to probe individual partners as to how they intend to exercise their well-being duty in line with the PSB’s wellbeing plan. Section 36 (1) (c) of the Act (in defining the PSB’s well-being duty) refers to; **“The taking of all reasonable steps by members of the board (in exercising their functions) to meet those objectives.”**
- Furthermore, the JOSC can exercise its existing power under S21 (2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2000 to; **“Make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive on matters which affect the authority’s area or the inhabitants of that area.”**

## **6. Elected Member Membership (Councillors)**

- a) There will be an equal number of Elected Members from each appointing authority and no executive members may be on the committee.
- b) The JOSC will comprise fifteen Elected Members; that is five non-executive Elected Members from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, five non-executive Elected Members from Bridgend County Borough Council and five non-executive Elected Members from Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
- c) Each local authority will determine and nominate its Elected committee Members in accordance with its own arrangements from within each Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The term of office of the nominated Elected Members shall be a matter for each nominating local authority.
- d) The Membership will allow for **one** substitute Member to be made available to attend the JOSC when one of the core Members are not available. This nomination for a substitute member will be made in accordance with each Authorities own arrangements.

## **7. Quorum**

- a) A quorum of one third of Elected Members of the JOSC will be required to enable a meeting to proceed.

## **8. Duration of the JOSC and procedures for withdrawal**

- a) The duration of the JOSC will be until such time as there is written notification from the Chief Executive and the Leader of either of the three participating local authorities to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the other, advising of the decision to withdraw that Authority from the JOSC arrangements.

## **9. Co-opted Members**

- a) The JOSC may invite additional members to serve on the JOSC as co-opted members subject to:-
- the appointment being approved by a majority of the members of the JOSC;
  - the person co-opted to serve on the JOSC is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the JOSC on any question which falls to be decided at that meeting;
  - the person not being an elected member of a local authority, whether that authority is one of the appointing authorities or otherwise;
  - the membership of a person co-opted to serve on the JOSC being withdrawn by a majority vote at any time by the JOSC or sub-committee; and,
  - the number of co-opted members on the JOSC not exceeding the number of elected members that sit on the JOSC.
- b) The JOSC may invite the PSB Statutory Members (non-executive) from the following organisations to serve as co-opted members on the JOSC :-
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
  - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
  - Natural Resources Wales
- and
- c) The JOSC may invite `invited participants` as defined in the Act<sup>1</sup> to serve as co-opted members on the JOSC. These “invited participants” will be invited to participate as and when required.
- d) The JOSC may appoint three “Independent Co-opted Members” by public advertisement to serve as co-opted members on the JOSC i.e. a resident from each of the three local authority areas.

## **10. Termination / suspension of membership of the JOSC**

- a) If an Elected Member appointed to the JOSC ceases to be a member of the appointing authority, then that person also immediately ceases to be a member of the JOSC.
- b) If a person appointed as a member of a JOSC is suspended from being a member or a co-opted member of one of the appointing authorities, that person may not serve as a member of the JOSC for the duration of the suspension.
- c) If a co-opted member appointed to the JOSC ceases to be an employee of the organisation he/she was appointed from, then that person immediately ceases to be a member of the JOSC.

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<sup>1</sup> Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Part 4, Chapter 1, Para 30.



- d) Each Statutory Co-opted Member term of office will be for a period of four years from date of appointment. The Statutory Co-opted Member may serve for two terms.
- e) Each Independent Co-opted Member term of office will be for a period of four years from date of appointment. The Independent Co-opted Member may serve for two terms.
- f) If an Independent Co-opted Member moves away from the local authority area he/she was appointed from, then that person immediately ceases to be a member of the JOSC.

### **11. Voting rights**

- a) All Elected members may vote on any question that falls to be decided at that meeting
- b) Where there is an equality of votes at a meeting of a JOSC, the chair has a second or casting vote.
- c) A person co-opted to serve on the JOSC is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the JOSC on any question which falls to be decided at that meeting (also see Co-opted Members above).

### **12. Sub Committees of the JOSC**

- a) The JOSC can establish sub-committees in order to operate in a more streamlined and flexible manner to undertake its statutory functions.
- b) Any sub-committees appointed by the JOSC will comprise at least six Elected Members, together with any co-opted members as agreed when establishing the sub-committee.
- c) A sub-committee is to comprise an equal number of Elected Members of each of the appointing authorities.
- d) Any report or recommendations made by a sub-committee of the JOSC is subject to approval by a resolution of the JOSC.
- e) Any sub-committee can only exercise the functions conferred upon it by the JOSC.

### **13. Political Balance**

- a) Each appointing authority must ensure that, as far as practicable, the members of the JOSC reflect the political balance of each of the appointing authority.

### **14. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

- a) A JOSC must appoint a chair of the committee from within its Elected Member membership.

- b) A JOSC may appoint a vice-chair and this must be from within its Elected Member membership.
- c) The appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair is taken forward on an annual basis, although for greater consistency of the leadership of the JOSC, it is proposed that there is no requirement for an annual rotation of appointment between Authorities and a current Chair and Vice Chair could be re-appointed.
- d) The appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair cannot be from the same Authority. Due to legal requirements, a co-opted Member could not be considered for the role of Chair or Vice Chair.

### **15. Access to meetings and documentation etc.**

- a) The JOSC is to be treated as a committee of a principal council for the purposes of Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972(1) (access to meetings and documents of certain authorities, committees and sub-committees).

### **16. Resolving disagreements**

- a) All members of the JOSC have a duty to act assertively and proactively to resolve disagreements.
- b) Initially, the JOSC will utilise a collaborative-style methodology to resolve any conflict(s) or disagreements. The collaboration style involves parties working together to resolve issues, with a 'win-win' attitude clearly focused on making a positive difference to the lives of people who live in the County Boroughs of Bridgend County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf. If necessary other ways of resolving disputes, such as mediation, will be used. Where mediation is used the parties must agree on the final, binding resolution.

### **17. Meetings of the JOSC**

- a) Meetings will initially be held on a quarterly basis with a schedule of meeting dates circulated and agreed at the start of each Municipal year. Extra meetings may be called following the agreement of the Chair.

### **18. Work programme (Forward Plan)**

- a) The JOSC should formulate a forward plan to identify what issues the JOSC intends to focus upon during the course of the year.
- b) The terms of reference of the JOSC are to be reviewed on an annual basis and to be incorporated into the Committee's Work Programme.
- c) The forward plan should provide a clear rationale as to the purpose of considering a particular topic, and to the methods by which it will be investigated.
- d) The JOSC must have regard to The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and guidance, which places a requirement to engage with the public.

- e) The forward plan will be published on all three Authorities' websites to allow interested groups and individuals to provide comment and offer their views.

### **19. Invitations to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board**

- a) The JOSC shall review and scrutinise the performance of the PSB, and in exercising its powers, may require members of the PSB to attend a meeting of the JOSC. This includes any person that has accepted an invitation to participate in the activity of the PSB.
- b) The JOSC shall review and scrutinise the performance of the PSB, and in exercising its powers, may invite Officers and Cabinet Members to attend its meetings when appropriate.
- c) The JOSC may request invitees to give account for their activities and their performance on matters within the JOSC's remit, particularly relating to:-
- Any particular decision
  - The performance of partners in delivering shared objectives
- d) When the JOSC wishes to invite members of the PSB, officers, Cabinet Members or another individual to a meeting, it will:-
- Offer a minimum notice of 6 weeks' notice;
  - Clearly outline the reason and the likely areas for questioning;
  - Identify whether any paperwork is to be produced.
- e) Where individuals attend before the JOSC, the Chair shall ensure that they are treated with courtesy and respect. Following the meeting, attendees will be provided with feedback and clarification as to whether further information is required as part of the Scrutiny process.

### **20. Access to information rules**

- a) Meetings of the JOSC will be subject to the same access to information rules as other public meetings of the councils.
- b) The Chair will adhere to the access to information rules of his/her respective Authority.

### **21. Rules of Procedure**

- a) Members of the JOSC and the public must have regard for the Chair who will have the authority to determine on any rules of procedure during meetings of the JOSC.
- b) The Chair will adhere to the rules of procedure of his/her respective Authority.

### **22. Declarations of Interest**

- a) All Elected Members shall observe the Code of Conduct in force for their respective Authorities, whilst co-opted members shall observe the Code of

Conduct of the Authority of the Chair of the JOSC at the time the co-opted member was appointed.

- b) Members of the JOSC must declare any interest during meetings of the JOSC (and withdraw from the meeting if necessary) in accordance with the paragraph above.

### **23. Confidentiality of Information**

- a) In accordance with Members' respective Authority's Code of Conduct, members (Elected Members and Co-opted Members) of the JOSC must not disclose any information considered 'exempt' in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **24. Administrative arrangements**

- a) Rhondda Cynon Taf Council take forward the support arrangements for the newly merged Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this arrangement will be taken forward for a 2 year period, commencing from the beginning of the 2023/24 Municipal Year before a review of the arrangements is undertaken. The function includes:
- Arranging regular meetings of the JOSC - meetings are held within appropriate timescales following meetings of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board.
  - Preparing agendas and commissioning papers for meetings - Agendas and commissioning papers are prepared and distributed in a timely manner.
  - Inviting participants
  - Managing attendance
  - Provision of meeting venues
  - Minute taking
  - Preparing evidence for Scrutiny
- b) The terms of reference of the JOSC are to be reviewed on an annual basis and to be incorporated into the Committee's Work Programme.

### **25. JOSC meeting procedures (including sub-committees)**

- a) Main agenda items will be identified at the previous meeting in line with the agreed work programme. At this point potential witnesses and broad themes should be considered.
- b) Prior to the meeting all JOSC Members should be engaged in raising and discussing possible questions by email. The JOSC Chair will facilitate this process.
- c) A pre-meeting for all JOSC Members will be held for 30 minutes immediately before each JOSC meeting. The purpose is to ensure that members are fully prepared for the JOSC meeting and that the questioning strategy is clear.

- d) During the meeting, the JOSC Chair will be responsible for ensuring that questioning is effective and that the JOSC achieves its objective.
- e) Those invited to attend for a particular agenda item shall not be expected to remain at the meeting.
- f) At the close of the meeting, witnesses will be asked to leave to enable JOSC Members to discuss their conclusions and any recommendations arising from the meeting. These conclusions and recommendations will be reported to the PSB and relevant Cabinet Member(s) in the form of a Chairs' Letter. This part of the meeting should review the effectiveness of the meeting and identify ways that future meetings could be improved

## **26. Responding to the JOSC recommendations**

- a) The JOSC will agree outcomes of its meetings and detail the conclusions and any recommendations arising from a JOSC meeting.
- b) The JOSC may recommend amendments to a strategy or policy at their meeting which will be formally minuted. The Chair will formally make recommendations via a Chairs Letter to the PSB Members and will send a copy to the Future Generations Commissioner, the Welsh Ministers, and the Auditor General for Wales (see 27 below) following each meeting.
- c) Where recommendations have been made to the PSB and/or the Cabinet Member(s), a written response would be expected within one month, indicating whether the recommendation is to be accepted and what action (if any) will be taken in response.
- d) Where the JOSC makes a report or recommendations to any of the appointing authorities or their executives the JOSC:-
  - may publish the report or recommendations
  - may require the appointing authority or authorities, or the executive or executives—
    - to consider and respond to the report or recommendations indicating what (if any) steps it proposes, or they propose, to take; and
    - if the JOSC has published a report or recommendations, to publish the response.
  - Where the JOSC has provided a copy of the report or recommendations to a member of an appointing authority who has referred a matter to the JOSC or sub-committee, it must provide the member with a copy of the response.

## **27. Reports of the JOSC**

- a) When making reports or recommendations to the PSB with respect to the board's functions or governance arrangements, the JOSC must send a copy of any report or recommendation to:-
  - the Welsh Ministers;

- the Future Generations Commissioner;
  - the Auditor General for Wales.
- b) Any reports or recommendations will be made on behalf of the JOSC, not the local authorities, and therefore there is no requirement for an executive or full council of the three Authorities to endorse the report. However it would be appropriate to share copies of reports with Executives of the participating local authorities in the interests of effective communication and good governance.

## **28. Evidence Gathering**

- a) The JOSC is entitled to gather evidence in connection with any review or inquiry it undertakes as part of their agreed work plan.
- b) The JOSC shall adopt methods of gathering evidence to inform its deliberations. These include, but are not limited to, task and finish groups, holding enquiries, undertaking site visits, conducting public surveys, holding public meetings, commissioning research, hearing from witnesses and appointing advisors and assessors. The knowledge of Members is also a valuable source of evidence and should be considered as part of each inquiry.

## **29. Setting the agenda**

- a) Individual agenda items, other than standing items, are to be determined in the first instance by the Work Programme which is to be established and agreed by the JOSC. The decision to consider additional items or defer planned items will be a matter for the discretion of the Chair.
- b) Any matter that is referred to the JOSC or a sub-committee by any member of the JOSC or a sub-committee will be included on the agenda for, and discussed at, a meeting of the JOSC or the relevant sub-committee. See “Reference of matters to joint overview and scrutiny committee, etc” below

## **30. Reference of matters to joint overview and scrutiny committee, etc**

- a) Any member of the JOSC can refer to the committee any matter which is relevant to its functions.
- b) Any member of a sub-committee of the JOSC can refer to the committee any matter which is relevant to its functions.
- Any member of any of the appointing authorities can refer to the JOSC any local government matter which is relevant to the functions of the JSOC.
- c) Any referral as per above will be included on the agenda for, and discussed at, a meeting of that committee or sub-committee.
- d) Where the JOSC makes a report or recommendations in relation to a matter referred to it by that member, it must provide the member with a copy of the report or recommendations.

## **31. Public Engagement / Public Question Time**

- a) Meetings of the JOSC and sub-committees are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.
- b) All persons who live or work in the three local authority areas can bring to the attention of the committee their views on any matter under consideration by the committee; and the committee must take into account these views.
- c) The JOSC will seek to gather evidence from the public as an ongoing aspect of its work.
- d) Meetings of the JOSC will be open to the public to observe and an item for public questions will be included on each agenda if received.
  - A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by electronic mail to the Head of Democratic Services of the administrative Council no later than 10 days before the date of the meeting.
  - At any one meeting no person or organisation may submit more than one question and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.
  - A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed at the meeting for public questions unless otherwise agreed at the meeting.
  - Each question must give the name and address of the questioner.
  - The Chair will invite the questioner to put the question to the meeting. If the questioner is unable to be present, the Chair will put the question and a written response will be provided to the questioner.
  - A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice to the meeting.
- e) Letters and agenda packs will be published via each Authority's agenda publications pages.

### **32. Training and Development**

- a) Training will be provided to members of the JOSC as and when required / appropriate.

### **33. Expenses, Allowances and Salaries**

- a) The JOSC will not be responsible for or pay any expenses or allowances.
- b) The remuneration of Chair of the JOSC (or a Sub-Committee of the JOSC) is prescribed by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and is a matter for the constituent local authorities to decide whether such a post will be paid.

- c) All Elected Members and Co-opted Members will need to apply to their respective Authority or Organisation for any payment of expenses etc.

**34. Meeting Venue / time**

- a) The JOSC will decide on an annual basis how the meetings will be taken forward, whether through a mix of hybrid meetings supported by each of the Local Authorities, where provision is available or whether a proportion of the meetings are held on a purely virtual basis.
- b) Meeting times of the JOSC or any sub-committees will be agreed by the JOSC Elected Member membership. A survey of Members as to the most convenient date and time will be taken forward as well as consideration of the supporting Authorities arrangements.





## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL

14 JUNE 2023

#### DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022 / 2023

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

##### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Council with the Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committees for the Municipal Year 2022 / 2023.

##### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- 2.1 Note the Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committee attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

##### 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need to provide Council with an update in respect of the work of the Committee during the Municipal Year.

##### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committee, provides a summary of the role and work of the Committee undertaken during the last Municipal Year.
- 4.2. During its meeting on the [27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023](#), Members of the Democratic Services Committee approved the Annual Report and this is attached as Appendix 1.

##### 5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

**6. CONSULTATION**

6.1 There is no consultation required for this report. Consultation on the report was undertaken at the Committee meeting referenced within 4.2 of the report.

**7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's constitution.

**9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/ FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

9.1 The work of all Committees of the Council encompasses all of the Councils priorities and the provision of an Annual Report allows the Committee to highlight the work undertaken and items for future consideration in line with the corporate priorities.

**10. CONCLUSION**

10.1 The Annual reports outlines the work of the Committee in the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

# Democratic Services Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

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Cllr W Jones

## FOREWORD

### Chair of the Democratic Services Committee

It was my privilege to take forward the role as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee through this important inaugural year for the Committee, following the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The election welcomed 35 new Members within the Council and the role of this Committee has been more important than ever, to ensure that we support all new and returning Members to undertake their role. The work and support of the Council Business Unit should not go unnoticed through the Member Induction Programme and beyond, with the support and advice, training and the provision of technology to assist members. This appreciation was clearly visible through the results of the Members Survey results and our thanks go to the Head of Democratic Services and the dedicated team who continue to go over and above to support all elected members.

As a committee we have welcomed the work undertaken to establish a suitable voting system for Members to take forward at Committee and appreciate the review of numerous options to try and take forward an option that works best for us as a Council as we proactively take forward hybrid meetings across the Committee structure. Linked with this is the importance of establishing a robust policy for hybrid meetings and the Committee provided positive challenge and comment on the draft Multi Location Meeting policy, which will now work its way through to Council for endorsement.

We have embraced a fresh forward-looking approach as a committee, being fortunate to build upon the strong foundations of the previous Committee and its former Chairs. We continue to champion areas previously progressed, in particular the diversity and equality agenda that the former Committee passionately highlighted through its working group arrangements, which has made a positive difference to the diversity of the Council.

As a new Committee Membership there are many areas and opportunities we have committed to take forward over the next

Municipal Year to ensure that each and every Member is given the best opportunity to deliver for their residents and will look to produce a robust work programme in the new municipal year to achieve this aim. In particular, we look forward to the review of the Member training program and its delivery following the successful Personal Development Review process that has been undertaken by the Head of Democratic Services and his senior colleagues.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my Vice Chair, Councillor M Webber for her invaluable support and advice during my first year as Chair of the Committee and to each of the Members for their attendance, input and positive challenge brought to each and every meeting.

I would also like to place on record my thanks for continued corporate resources identified to support the improvements agendas being taken forward by the Democratic Services Team.

**County Borough Councillor W Jones  
Chair.**

# Members Of The Democratic Services Committee



Councillor W Jones  
Chair



Councillor M Webber  
Vice Chair



Councillor L Addiscott



Cllr J. Bonetto



Councillor S J Davies



Councillor A J Ellis



Councillor R Evans



Councillor P Evans



Councillor S Hickman



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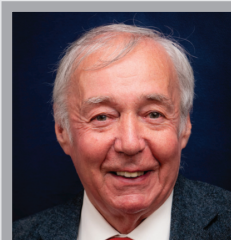
Councillor S Morgans



Councillor S Powderhill



Councillor C Preedy



Councillor B Stephens



Councillor S Trask



Councillor J Turner



Councillor K Webb

# Member Induction Program and Training

The Member Induction Programme saw the most extensive programme of training to newly elected and returning Members, over and above the prescribed mandatory training requirements. During the course of the first municipal year, further general and bespoke sessions were delivered both externally and internally. In addition, Members were provided with a Member Induction Booklet and training literature and of course the provision of electronic devices such as laptops and mobile phones to assist them in undertaking their role and training.

The training sessions were undertaken both virtually and through the hybrid approach and at various times to accommodate Members with their personal and business commitments. Where Members were unable to attend, individual 1-1 sessions were arranged. The provision of training on a group-by-group basis was also positively received.

The Democratic Services Committee is responsible for the training and development opportunities provided to Members by the Council Business Unit. Therefore the Committee were keen to review the Members Survey to establish the feedback from Members in respect of the Induction programme to ascertain the relevance/length/content of the sessions and where, if any, improvements could be made for future induction training programmes. It was pleasing to note that overall, 87% of Members said they were satisfied with the delivery, timings and content of the training. It is appreciated that for a few Members the programme was difficult to accommodate and the Council Business Unit were appreciative of the feedback, to allow them to where possible refine the induction programme for the benefit of future Members.

Going forward, it is important to build on the training foundations of the Induction Programme to ensure Members are further equipped with the skills and further knowledge base to undertake their role and the Committee have supported the Personal Development Review Process undertaken by the Head of Democratic Services, providing Members with the opportunity to take forward private discussions to establish any additional training needs and also the opportunity to discuss general wellbeing, which as a Committee, we feel is just as important.

A report outlining the training programme going forward for the 2023/24 Municipal Year was considered by the Committee during its April meeting, with training to be taken forward on a number of different settings, through political group settings, Committee settings and one to one training and the Committee welcomed the refresher training to be provided following the Council Annual General Meeting. A specific training programme is already in place for Members of the Audit and Governance Committee and with many of our Committees, Members MUST undertake initial training before taking forward their place on a Committee Membership.

Members are reminded that any training requests can be brought forward either through requests by Committee's, individual requests direct to the Head of Democratic Services or through political group requests.

# Resources

At its meeting in February the Committee were presented with the Head of Democratic Services statutorily required opinion in respect of the sufficiency of resources available to support Members in their role.

Members were provided with detailed information surrounding staffing levels, accommodation, training and digital support, all key areas for Members.

Through the report Members welcomed back 3 Members of staff from maternity leave, passed on their thanks and best wishes to one team member who had secured employment elsewhere and provided thanks to the Head of Democratic Services, The Council Business Unit and officers from within ICT for their continued support and assistance, with particular reference to the Member Induction programme. Members were advised how the good working practices of the Council Business Unit were recognised by other organisations, with the unit taking forward support to the Central South Consortium and taking forward the Joint Scrutiny arrangements for both the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cardiff City Deal Region Scrutiny Committee.

Members were made aware of the changes to the office accommodation setting within the Council Offices, and committee were supportive of the approach being taken, and the direction of travel being set by the Head of Democratic Services in terms of evolving the provision to respond to new virtual ways of working. Members were mindful that the Council were currently out of compliance with the current requirements of the Advance Level Charter in respect of Member meeting room requirements as a result, although Members welcome the involvement of the Head of Democratic Services in shaping the revised national Charter requirements currently being reviewed.

Members were supportive of the digital provisions that had been made available to Members and the Head of Democratic Services re-emphasised the importance of security of Member devices following recent phishing attacks on the Council, with particular aim to Elected Members, hence the importance that Members should use whenever possible Council devices to undertake Council business.



# Hybrid / Webcasting

The Democratic Services Committee have been heavily involved in the implementation and roll out of the webcasting system since initial discussions in 2019 and it is pleasing to see so many of the Council's Committees being webcast and live streamed with Members choosing to attend meetings either via attendance at the Council Chamber or through the zoom platform. The webcasting infrastructure has assisted the Council in its proactive approach to hybrid meetings, with the facilities also being used by the WLGA to host its AGM and by the Public I User group, the Council's webcast provider.

The live streaming / webcasting of meetings is a further approach to engaging with the public, allowing members of the public to watch meetings as they happen from their own setting, rather than having to attend the Council Chamber, which has previously been recognised as a barrier for public participation. Other benefits achieved through webcasting include:

- A positive demonstration of accountability and transparency;
- Encouraging engagement and debate, by creating more opportunities for the public to access meetings;
- Accuracy of recording of meetings including recording of decisions, voting and attendance;
- The opportunity to raise the profile of the work of Councillors, and the discussions behind the decisions of Council and its committees.
- Assists in supporting our paper light approaches to meetings moving forward as some facilities in the Council chamber are currently inhibiting the role-out of a paper-light approach.

# Hybrid Meetings conducted since Council AGM 2022 – April 2023

Committee Meeting	No of Meetings	All Views	Live Views	Archive Views	Times Shared
<b>Council</b>	12	2,739	411	2,328	26
<b>Cabinet</b>	13	3,396	288	3,108	3
<b>Democratic Services</b>	2	65	9	56	0
<b>Scrutiny</b>	18	988	106	882	10
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>	17	3,359	745	2,614	7

The Committee recognise that although the webcast views are healthy and are higher than any physical attendance by the public at meetings, still further needs to be done to increase public participation within democracy and the Committee welcome the Public Participation Strategy that the Council will be taking forward, as required by the Local Government & Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

The hybrid approach to meetings is well established within the Council and the Committee considered the Draft Multi Location Meeting Policy at its meeting in February, where Members constructively challenged the policy to ensure that it created a meeting environment that was suitable for all. Members recognised the importance to establishing the policy, including the conduct of Members through hybrid meetings and refining of meetings that would be held as Hybrid or purely virtual.

Going forward with the digital advancements available the Council Business Unit are reviewing the various virtual meeting platforms available to ensure value for money, security and professionalism of meetings.

# Voting Arrangements

At its meeting in September, the Democratic Services Committee undertook a pilot of a digital voting arrangement through the Civica Modern.Gov system, a system utilised by the Council to access Committee papers.

Voting through the Modern.Gov in-app voting feature would support both physical attendance and remote attendance with simple, secure and transparent voting functionality through a paperless application. The application provides the opportunity for the Democratic Services team to Pre-submit votes and ad-hoc voting on agenda items for hybrid or virtual meetings. In addition, the app also manages attendance, the entire voting process, vote re-runs and casting votes, provide a suite of additional information, which is publicly accessible.

Utilising the Mod Gov App, Members' attendance will continue to be recorded alongside their respective profiles on the Council website with the addition of voting results which will be captured under their 'Voting Record'. This process will ensure accountability and transparency where voting has taken place and a clear record of Members' decisions.

Although Members were supportive of the voting app and taking forward a phased roll out approach (following thorough training provision), advancements have been made in the digital market with other hybrid voting arrangements being developed which the Head of Democratic Services is scoping to ensure that the Council take forward the most appropriate voting arrangement.

Timely Updates in respect of voting arrangements are to be provided to the Committee.

# Members Portal

During the Member Induction process, Members were provided with training on the Members Portal, a web based portal which it was hoped would allow Members greater flexibility and access to undertake their Elected Member role. The system currently allows Members to submit questions to Council, completion of Declaration of Interest at Meetings and to submit a Call In. It is the intention that all training materials will be available on the Portal for Members future reference. The Portal is a developing system and it is proposed that it will, in time, provide statistical information, compiled from the Council's customer reporting system ('The CRM'). Information on reported matters, such as dog fouling or pot-holes, will be compiled on a ward by ward basis, alongside information on the resolution of these complaints. The portal will also provide information on the latest business of the council being considered and matters such as planning applications which relate to the respective Members electoral division.

The current status of the Portal was considered by the Democratic Services Committee during February and it was discussed how the Portal in its current form needed to be reviewed to ensure it provided the intended platform that was envisaged. Volunteer Members of the Committee have therefore taken forward the role as 'Member Portal Champions' and are working with Council Business Officers in respect of developments to the system and have already identified a number of advancements which would improve the users use of the system as well as amendments to the look and feel of the Portal, to make it more aesthetically pleasing. The submission of Member Expenses will shortly be made available on the system as well as key contacts, training materials and inclusion of a well-being section. The Member Portal Champions will take forward tests on the system following the developments prior to a further roll out to all Members. It will be the intention that the portal is reviewed on a regular basis by the Member Portal Champions to ensure it continues to be an important and useful aid to Members in undertaking their role, so that the Portal becomes the 'go to place' for all Members when wanting to access information / report problems and get involved in the democratic process.

# Members Safety & Security

The Role of an Elected Member is integral to the running of the Council and as such an important role of an Elected Member is to keep in touch with their residents and communities, which includes communication via telephone, email, social media, virtual meetings and face to face contact with constituents, for example, by holding ward surgeries, making visits to people's homes, or when receiving people at their own homes.

It was therefore important that as a Committee, we reviewed the safety and security arrangements in place to ensure Members feel safe and secure in undertaking their role. Due to the new ways of virtual working and the use of digital devices, it isn't surprising that there has been an increase in the cyber attacks against the Council.

As a Council we have been subject to a large number of cyber phishing attacks and as Elected Members details are more easily sourced due to the nature of the role undertaken and the contact details available on public facing websites, Elected Members have been at the centre of some of these attacks. It is important that as Members, whenever possible, we limit use to trusted Council digital devices which allows access to emails, teams and Council systems to Members, whilst Members are safe in the knowledge that this access is trusted.

Members on Council provided devices are more protected from such attacks, and also cannot be impersonated as they are protected by the Council's cyber security technologies. For the reasons mentioned above, Members will now only able to access Council emails from a Council digital device. It is for this reason that all Members, by default, were provided with the provision of a mobile telephone from the local elections in May 2022.

Online abuse is also on the increase, as social media platforms are one of the main channels of communication. The social media training provided at the Member Induction programme was therefore of vital importance to help Members interact safely and confidently with constituents and residents of the County Borough. Members are reminded that access to such training can always be made available to help Members feel more confident in dealing with difficult and persistent messages.

A range of safety provisions available to Members were outlined at the Democratic Services Committee in April and it is important to recognise the effects on Members wellbeing, when a victim of any personal or cyber attack, which is discussed in the next section.

# Members Wellbeing

The welfare and mental health of Members is crucially important and Members need to be aware of the support that is available to them if they wish to utilise through the Council's Occupational Health service.

Members are reminded of the support arrangements available to them, through informal and private discussions with the Head of Democratic Services, opportunities to utilise the Council's Occupational Health team and referral through the self referral Care First program

(<http://www.carefirst-lifestyle.co.uk>).

The Committee supported the return of the Coffee Catch Up session, an opportunity to allow all Members to come together in an informal environment to network and catch up in person, which is sometimes missed through the hybrid / virtual approach to meetings. Although the latest session was hampered by the adverse weather, it was lovely to see Members from all political parties coming together and the Council Business Unit, with the support of this Committee will look forward to taking forward more of these opportunities over the next Municipal Year.

# Looking Ahead

As a Committee and through our Member Portal Champions we will continue to develop the Members Portal to ensure Members can easily access and obtain information, engage in the democratic process and report problems on behalf of constituents. This 'one stop shop' will hopefully assist Members going forward.

In addition to the above it important that we continue to monitor Member's training. For both returning and new Members, training provides many opportunities and helps Members become even more confident in their roles. It is appreciated that for New Members, the induction process involved lots of new and key information, so it is important that we continue to build on this knowledge base going forward. We need to make sure that we have done all that is possible to make any Member, newly elected or long standing, easier by providing them with the information and support necessary to equip them in undertaking the positive and rewarding role of a Councillor.

We will continue to strive to make improvements in the democratic process and a transparent voting system will help improve accountability. This combined with a focus on public participation in the democratic process will further improve and enhance the decision-making process within the Council. We will therefore monitor the implementation of the Public Participation Strategy as part of our on going work and the ongoing commitment to hybrid meeting arrangements, as outlined within the Councils Multi Location Meeting Policy.

# Appendix - Terms of Reference for the Democratic Services Committee

- Carry out the local authority's function of designating the Head of Democratic Services;
- Keep under review the provision of staff, accommodation and other resources made available to the Head of Democratic Services, in order to ensure that it is adequate for the responsibilities of the post;
- Make reports to the full Council in relation to these matters;
- The Democratic Services Committee may require Members and officers of the Council to attend before it to answer questions such Members and Officers having a duty to comply with but are not obliged to answer any questions which they would be entitled to refuse to answer in court proceedings in England and Wales. The Democratic Services Committee may invite other persons to attend meetings of the Committee;
- The Democratic Services Committee must meet at least once in every calendar year.
- The Chair of the Democratic Services Committee must secure that meetings are held in accordance with the requirements set out in these terms of reference;
- The Democratic Services Committee must consider any report or recommendation sent to its Members any report prepared by the Head of Democratic Services under Section 9(1)(h) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 at a meeting held not more than three months after copies of the report are first sent to Members of the Committee;
- The Democratic Services Committee must as soon as practicable after it has prepared a report or made a recommendation under Section 11(1)(c) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 arrange for a copy of it to be sent to each Member of the Council who is not a Member of the Committee;
- The Democratic Services Committee will have overall responsibility for deciding what should be regarded as reasonable training and development opportunities as part of its function of providing support to Members to carry out their functions. In addition to the list set out below, the Democratic Services Committee may add some policy areas for which training is considered essential, such as planning or licensing:
  - Induction
  - Role and functions of the Executive, the Council and its Officers
  - Overview and Scrutiny
  - Information Technology
  - Code of Conduct
  - The role of a Councillor as a local Member
  - Public Engagement
  - Equality and Diversity training
- The agreed training and development opportunities will be contained within a published development strategy; The WLGA's Charter for Member Support and Development ("the Charter") will be used for guidance purposes in maintaining the award of the "Advanced Charter";
- The Democratic Services Committee will propose the appropriate level of funding to be made available for the purchase of external training, should there be the case that the reasonable training and development needs of the Council cannot be met in-house.