

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

GWŶS I GYFARFOD PWYLLGOR

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Llywodraethol
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf
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DYMA WŶS I CHI i gyfarfod hybrid o **GYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF** sydd i'w gynnal ar **DYDD MERCHER, 20 Medi 2023** am **4pm**

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

AMSER	EITEM	TUDALEN(N AU)
5 Munud	ITEM 1. DATGAN BUDDIANT Derbyn datganiadau o fuddiannau personol gan Aelodau yn unol â'r Cod Ymddygiad. <ol style="list-style-type: none">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; a2. Lle bo Aelodau'n ymneilltuo o'r cyfarfod o ganlyniad i ddatgelu buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu, rhaid iddyn nhw roi gwybod i'r Cadeirydd pan fyddan nhw'n gadael.	
5 Munud	ITEM 2. CYHOEDDIADAU	
5 Munud	ITEM 3. COFNODION Cadarnhau cofnodion o gyfarfod y Cyngor, a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Gorffennaf 2023, yn rhai cywir.	5 - 26
LLYWODRAETHU AGORED:		
10 Munud	ITEM 4. DATGANIADAU 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	<p>ITEM 5. CWESTIYNAU GAN YR AELODAU</p> <p>Derbyn cwestiynau'r Aelodau yn unol â Rheol Gweithdrefn 9.2 y Cyngor.</p> <p>(Nodwch: Caniateir hyd at 20 munud ar gyfer cwestiynau.)</p>	27 - 34
	<p align="center">RHAGLEN WAITH Y CYNGOR – ER GWYBODAETH I AELODAU</p> <p>Rhaglen Waith Y Cyngor 2023/24</p>	
	<p align="center">ADRODDIADAU'R SWYDDOGION</p>	
15 Munud	<p>ITEM 6. CYNLLUN ARIANNOL TYMOR CANOLIG 2023/24 - 2026/27</p> <p>Derbyn adroddiad gan y Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr a Chyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cyllid, Digidol a Rheng Flaen sy'n rhoi'r diweddaraf am y Cynllun Ariannol Tymor Canolig.</p>	35 - 44
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 7. ADOLYGIAD O DELERAU AC AMODAU'R CYNGOR</p> <p>Derbyn adroddiad ar y cyd y Prif Weithredwr, Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cyllid, Digidol a Rheng Flaen a Chyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol.</p>	45 - 48
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 8. BLAENORIAETHAU BUDDSODDI'R CYNGOR</p> <p>Derbyn adroddiad y Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr a Chyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cyllid, Digidol a Rheng Flaen.</p>	49 - 54
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 9. POLISI CYFARFODYDD AML-LEOLIAD</p> <p>Trafod Polisi Cyfarfodydd Aml-leoliad drafft y Cyngor.</p>	55 - 70
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 10. SEFYDLU CYDBWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU Y CYDBWYLLGOR CORFFORAETHOL</p> <p>Trafod adroddiad y Prif Weithredwr, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.</p>	71 - 82
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 11. NEWID I AELODAETH CORFF ALLANOL</p> <p>Derbyn adroddiad y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu.</p>	83 - 88
10 Munud	<p>ITEM 12. PENODI CYFARWYDDWR Y GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL</p> <p>Derbyn adroddiad ar y cyd y Prif Weithredwr a'r Cyfarwyddwr Materion Adnoddau Dynol.</p>	89 - 90

	ITEM 13. MATERION BRYD Trafod unrhyw faterion sydd, yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd, yn faterion brys yng ngoleuni amgylchiadau arbennig.	
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Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu

At: Pob Aelod o'r Cyngor

tudalen wag

PWYLLGOR CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF CYNGOR

Cofnodion o gyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd Dydd Mercher, 12 Gorffennaf 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 Sheryl Evans	Y Cyngorydd B Stephens
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 J Edwards
Y Cyngorydd L Ellis	Y Cyngorydd S Emanuel
Y Cyngorydd G Jones	Y Cyngorydd B Harris
Y Cyngorydd W Jones	Y Cyngorydd G Holmes
Y Cyngorydd W Lewis	Y Cyngorydd W Hughes
Y Cyngorydd C Leyshon	Y Cyngorydd G O Jones
Y Cyngorydd C Lises	Y Cyngorydd M Maohoub
Y Cyngorydd C Middle	Y Cyngorydd A Morgan
Y Cyngorydd S Morgans	Y Cyngorydd C Preedy
Y Cyngorydd G Stacey	Y Cyngorydd S Rees
Y Cyngorydd L Tomkinson	Y Cyngorydd J Smith
Y Cyngorydd M Webber	Y Cyngorydd G Warren
	Y Cyngorydd R Yeo

Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol ar-lein:

Y Cyngorydd M Ashford	Y Cyngorydd J Barton
Y Cyngorydd V Dunn	Y Cyngorydd A Dennis
Y Cyngorydd A S Fox	Y Cyngorydd R Evans
Y Cyngorydd D Evans	Y Cyngorydd D Grehan
Y Cyngorydd S Hickman	Y Cyngorydd H Gronow
Y Cyngorydd G Hopkins	Y Cyngorydd R Lewis
Y Cyngorydd A Roberts	Y Cyngorydd D Owen-Jones
Y Cyngorydd D Parkin	Y Cyngorydd C Preedy
Y Cyngorydd W Treeby	Y Cyngorydd A Rogers
Y Cyngorydd K Webb	Y Cyngorydd D Williams
Y Cyngorydd T Williams	Y Cyngorydd R Williams
	Y Cyngorydd D Wood

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 S. Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Gwasanaethau Democrataidd

Swyddogion Trivallis:

Mr D Forbes, Prif Weithredwr
Mr N Beckett, Cadeirydd y Bwrdd
Mr K Montague, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau
Ms L Pinney, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Adnoddau
Mr D Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol - Atgyweirio
Ms T Hawkins, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol - Cymdogaethau

Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb:

Y Cyngorydd L Addiscott	Y Cyngorydd J Bonetto
Y Cyngorydd E L Dunning	Y Cyngorydd A J Ellis
Y Cyngorydd P Evans	Y Cyngorydd S Evans
Y Cyngorydd K Johnson	Y Cyngorydd K Morgan
Y Cyngorydd N H Morgan	Y Cyngorydd M Norris
Y Cyngorydd W Owen	Y Cyngorydd S Powderhill
Y Cyngorydd M Powell	Y Cyngorydd G E Williams

23 DATGAN BUDDIANT

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

Roedd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol C Middle wedi datgan buddiant personol - "Rydw i wedi cael fy mhenodi'n Aelod o Fwrdd Trivallis gan y Cyngor, ond nid yw hyn wedi'i gymeradwyo gan Trivallis hyd yn hyn."

Roedd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Emmanuel wedi datgan buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu - "Rydw i'n cael fy nghyflogi gan Trivallis, fydda i ddim yn bresennol am weddill yr eitem yma."

Roedd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A S Fox wedi datgan buddiant personol - "Mae fy mhartner i'n gweithio i'r sefydliad sy'n cyflwyno yn y cyfarfod yma".

24 Trivallis

Cyflwynodd y Llywydd gynrychiolwyr Trivallis a dywedodd wrth yr Aelodau y byddan nhw'n ymdrin ag eitemau yn ôl trefn yr agenda.

Roedd y Prif Weithredwr, Mr D Forbes, wedi cyflwyno'i hun a'i gydweithwyr, Mr N Beckett, Cadeirydd y Bwrdd, Mr K Montague, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol -

Cymunedau, Ms L Pinney, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cyllid ac Adnoddau, yn ogystal â chydweithwyr eraill oedd yn bresennol i ateb unrhyw gwestiynau am y rolau penodol.

Roedd y Prif Weithredwr wedi darparu trosolwg o'r prif feysydd i'w trafod ag Aelodau, megis heriau sy'n wynebu gwasanaethau, capasiti ar gyfer buddsoddi, a llwyddiannau. Rhoddodd wybod bod y swyddogion sy'n cyflawni rolau ar lefel Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol yn garfan newydd sydd â dealltwriaeth glir o'u rôl a'r bwriad i feithrin perthynas dda gyda phartneriaid allanol, megis y Cyngor.

Gyda chymorth sleidiau PowerPoint cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr drosolwg o faterion allweddol o dan y penawdau canlynol:

- Y cynnydd rydyn ni wedi'i wneud
- Heriau - Gwaith Atgyweirio
- Heriau - Cymdogaethau a Gwasanaethau Cymorth
- Gwasanaeth Gwell
- Hwyluso Twf yn RhCT
- Cyfathrebu

Yn dilyn y cyflwyniad, roedd Arweinydd y Cyngor wedi diolch i gynrychiolwyr Trivallis am ddod i gyfarfod y Cyngor. Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi pwysleisio pa mor bwysig yw hi bod Trivallis yn meithrin perthynas dda gyda'r Aelodau Etholedig, sy'n atebol i'r trigolion ac sydd angen codi'u pryderon gyda Trivallis o bryd i'w gilydd.

Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi nodi bod materion sy'n ymwneud ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol wedi bod yn heriol, i'r fath raddau mewn rhai ardaloedd ei fod e o'r farn bod Trivallis wedi colli rheolaeth o'i eiddo, ond mae gwaith diweddar gyda'r Heddlu, Cyngor RhCT a phartneriaid eraill er mwyn mynd i'r afael â phryderon difrifol o ran ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol wedi arwain at welliannau (nododd yr Arweinydd fod rhai ardaloedd yn galw am sylw pellach o hyd).

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at y pryderon canlynol; rhestr hir o waith cynnal a chadw a gwaith atgyweirio sydd angen cael ei gwblhau, amseroedd ymateb, materion ariannol a gweithredol, mesurau rheoli eiddo. Ychwanegodd hefyd ei bod hi'n hollbwysig meithrin a chynnal perthynas dda gyda'r Aelodau Etholedig wrth fynd ati i ddatrys y materion yma. Yn dilyn cyfnod hir o godi pryderon gyda Trivallis, ac yn dilyn trafodaethau rhwng y Cyngor a Llywodraeth Cymru, nododd yr Arweinydd y byddai angen i'r Cyngor holi cwestiynau sylfaenol os nad yw'r gwelliannau yn y meysydd yma'n cael eu cyflawni. Fodd bynnag, roedd yr Arweinydd yn hyderus na fyddai hyn yn digwydd, a hynny yn sgil penodi'r Uwch Garfan Rheoli newydd a gyda'r ymrwymiad i wella dulliau cyfathrebu rhwng y ddau sefydliad.

Roedd y Prif Weithredwr, Mr D Forbes, wedi ymateb i gwestiynau'r Arweinydd, gan bwysleisio y bydd y berthynas gyda'r Aelodau Etholedig yn cael ei chryfhau, drwy gynnal sesiynau cerdded o dŷ i dŷ gyda Swyddogion Trivallis a'r Aelodau lleol, a hynny i wella dulliau cydweithio rhwng y ddau bartner.

Rhoddodd y Llywydd gyfle i Arweinwyr y Grwpiau (neu Aelodau wedi'u henwebu) i holi cwestiynau.

Roedd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Jones wedi codi pryderon am achos penodol yn ei ward ef, dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau y byddai modd trafod y mater yma yn dilyn y cyfarfod.

Roedd Arweinydd y Grŵp Ceidwadol, Y Cynghorydd S Trask, wedi holi a fyddai modd i Swyddogion Tai Trivallis fynychu cyfarfodydd Partneriaeth ar gyfer Gweithredu Cymunedol yn ei ward e i wrando ar bryderon tenantiaid wyneb yn wyneb. Ychwanegodd yr Aelod nad yw ymholiadau yn cael eu datrys ar hyn o bryd - a bod amseroedd ymateb rhwng 2 a 3 wythnos. Ymrwymodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau y byddai Rheolwr Ardal Gymdogaeth yn mynychu cyfarfodydd Partneriaeth ar gyfer Gweithredu Cymunedol yn y dyfodol, a hynny gan ei bod hi'n bwysig gwrandao ar bryderon y bobl yma.

Ar yr adeg yma, cyhoeddodd y Llywydd y bydd cyfarfod y Cyngor oedd wedi'i drefnu am 5pm yn dechrau am 5.15pm er mwyn rhoi cyfle i bob Aelod ofyn cwestiynau i Trivallis. Roedd yr Aelodau canlynol wedi gofyn y cwestiynau isod:

Roedd y Cynghorydd S Rees, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Datblygu, wedi nodi bod y pwyllgor yn wynebu heriau sylweddol o ran gwrthwynebiad y cyhoedd i nifer o'r cynigion tai sy'n cael eu cyflwyno gan Trivallis. Mae modd i'r sefyllfa oedd yma fod yn anghyfeillgar ar adegau. Yn yr achosion hynny ble mae cymunedau yn croesawu cynigion tai cymdeithasol, yn aml iawn byddan nhw'n gofyn bod y polisi gosod yn sicrhau bod tenantiaid yn 55 oed neu'n hŷn. Sut mae Trivallis yn mynd ati i ymgysylltu â phobl leol i sicrhau bod lleoliadau addas a mathau o dai addas yn cael eu darparu a sut ydyn nhw'n ennill cefnogaeth ar gyfer y datblygiadau yma sy'n cael eu cynnig gan Trivallis?

Roedd y Cynghorydd A Rogers wedi diolch i Trivallis am gynnal achlysur yn ei ward ef ym mis Ebrill, roedden nhw wedi cynnig cyngor i drigolion lleol ar faterion sy'n ymwneud â'r argyfwng costau byw. Fodd bynnag, nododd fod yr ymatebion i bryderon y trigolion yn achosi rhwystredigaeth a holodd pa drefniadau sydd ar waith i gofnodi a dilyn cynnydd ymholiadau, a yw rhifau cyfeirnod yn cael eu defnyddio fel tystiolaeth o'r hyn sydd angen ei wneud?

Roedd y Cynghorydd D Owen-Jones wedi codi pryder ynghylch glendid yr ystadau yn ei ward e, gan nodi bod y Cyngor yn mynd ati i gyflawni'r dasg o symud dodrefn sydd wedi'u gadael yn y lonydd a'r meysydd parcio. Oes modd i Trivallis fynd ati i ddatrys y broblem hirdymor yma, yn ogystal ag adfeiliad y garejys a'r prosiect ceginau/ystafelloedd ymolchi sydd heb ei gwblhau ar ôl 5 mlynedd.

Nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau fod Trivallis yn blaenoriaethu materion amgylcheddol a thipio'n anghyfreithlon. Ychwanegodd fod Trivallis wedi sefydlu gweithgor aml-sefydliad i fynd i'r afael â'r materion yma, rheoli sbwriel a gerddi ar yr ystadau, a bod yn rhagweithiol o ran gorfodi. Nododd hefyd bod Trivallis yn y camau datblygu ar gyfer datblygiadau newydd ac mae hyn yn cynnwys lleoliad manau storio biniau. Cadarnhaodd fod Trivallis yn derbyn dros 1,000 o gwynion sy'n ymwneud â gerddi bob blwyddyn, mae'r cwynion yma'n aml yn gysylltiedig â ffordd o fyw'r unigolyn neu drigolyn sy'n agored i niwed. Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol wedi argymhell bod y Cynghorydd Owen-Jones yn defnyddio'r rhif ffôn ar gyfer Aelodau i sicrhau bod y lefel ymgysylltu

perthnasol ar waith rhwng yr Aelod a chydlynnydd yr ardal leol.

Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau wedi rhoi gwybod bod Trivallis yn defnyddio system Dynamics gan gwmni Microsoft er mwyn cadw cofnod o bob ymholiad sy'n cael ei gyflwyno. Nododd hefyd bod Trivallis yn ymateb yn ysgrifenedig i bob tenant. Er mwyn gwella'r gwasanaeth, yn enwedig ar gyfer tenantiaid sy'n iau na 55 oed, mae Trivallis yn awyddus i ddatblygu ap i denantiaid. Bydd yr ap yma'n cael ei gyflwyno ym mis Medi eleni, bydd modd dilyn cynnydd yr ymholiadau sy'n cael eu nodi ar-lein gan roi cyfle i denantiaid ddilyn cynnydd gwaith atgyweirio. Fodd bynnag, mae gwaith hefyd yn cael ei gynnal i wella profiad y ganolfan alwadau ac amser ymateb o ran gohebiaeth ysgrifenedig ar gyfer yr unigolion hynny sy'n dewis i beidio â defnyddio'r ap.

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau wybod bod gwrthwynebiad i dai cymdeithasol, ond mae Trivallis yn dilyn yr asesiad o anghenion y farchnad sy'n cael ei ddarparu gan yr Awdurdod Lleol. Felly mae'r hyn sy'n cael ei adeiladu yn ymateb i anghenion y gymuned leol. Ychwanegodd fod Trivallis yn ymateb i'r angen lleol a bod angen nodi tystiolaeth o hyn yn rhan o'r rhaglen o ddatblygiadau sydd wedi'u cynllunio. Nododd hefyd bod Trivallis yn cynnal cynifer o achlysuron cyn ymgysylltu ag sy'n bosibl, ond nododd hefyd bod modd gwneud rhagor o waith i helpu tenantiaid sy'n symud i eiddo newydd a'u helpu nhw i ddod yn rhan o'r gymuned drwy gynnig grwpiau cymunedol lleol gyda chymorth yr Awdurdod Lleol.

Roedd y Cynghorydd C Lises wedi diolch i Trivallis am y cyflwyniad, a hefyd am eu cyhoeddiad diweddaraf a'r ffordd y maen nhw'n cyfathrebu â'r Aelodau Etholedig. Tynnodd y Cynghorydd Lises sylw at yr ymddiheuriad gan Trivallis yn y cyhoeddiad, gan nodi ei bod hi'n gobeithio y byddai'r ymddiheuriad yma'n cael ei rannu â'i denantiaid hefyd. Roedd y Cynghorydd Lises hefyd wedi croesawu'r ap newydd i denantiaid sydd ar y gweill.

Roedd y Cynghorydd A Roberts wedi gofyn pam bod gan Trivallis y gyfradd rent uchaf ar gyfer tai cymdeithasol yng Nghymru, a hynny yn un o'r ardaloedd mwyaf tlawd yng Nghymru.

Cododd y Cynghorydd D Williams dau bryder, roedd y cyntaf yn ymwneud â'r chwe garej a gafodd eu hadeiladu gan Trivallis 12 blynedd yn ôl, pan gafodd y ganolfan i'r gymuned ei hadeiladu, ac sydd yn wag o hyd, er i'r ganolfan ofyn i'w defnyddio nhw fel man storio. Roedd yr ail bryder yn ymwneud â'r garejys y tu cefn i'r clwb yn Nglyn-coch, sydd bellach wedi mynd yn adfail ac yn denu ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn aml. Roedd y Cynghorydd Williams wedi dweud bod cynlluniau i ddymchwel y garejys wedi'u nodi dwy flynedd yn ôl ond maen nhw yno o hyd ac yn achosi llawer o ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol.

Roedd y Cynghorydd M Webber wedi nodi ei bod hi wedi ymgysylltu'n rheolaidd â phob Cymdeithas Dai arall ar wahân i Trivallis yn ystod pandemig Covid, a hynny yn ystod cyfnod pan oedd cyfathrebu yn hanfodol. Nododd ei bod hi wedi cysylltu â Trivallis 5 mlynedd yn ôl ynglŷn â garejys mewn cyflwr gwael yn ei ward hi, dywedodd y swyddog fod Trivallis yn cynnal adolygiad o'r garejys cyn bo hir, ond maen nhw'n parhau i fod yn wag ac mewn cyflwr gwael hyd heddiw. Roedd y Cynghorydd Webber hefyd wedi codi pryderon am faterion sy'n ymwneud ag inswleiddio wal geudod gan bwysleisio pa mor bwysig yw hi bod Trivallis yn ymgysylltu ag Aelodau Etholedig. Daeth y Cynghorydd â'i chyfraniad hi i ben drwy nodi bod angen gwneud gwaith pellach i wella dulliau cyfathrebu a gweithio mewn partneriaeth.

Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau wedi ymddiheuro am y cyfathrebu gwael wrth ymateb i gŵyn y Cynghorydd Webber, amlinellodd y mesurau sydd ar waith i fynd i'r afael â'r materion yma wrth symud ymlaen. Rhoddodd wybod y bydd Trivallis yn mynd ati yn ystod y misoedd nesaf i geisio recriwtio swyddog a fydd yn gyfrifol am gydlynu gweithgareddau datblygu'r gymuned. Rhoddodd wybod hefyd y bydd Trivallis yn rhoi diweddariad am ddau fater allweddol sydd wedi cael eu codi gan Aelodau yn ystod y cyfarfod yma, sef garejys ac inswleiddio wal geudod.

Roedd y Cynghorydd G Hopkins wedi holi cwestiwn am y rôl y mae Trivallis yn ei chwarae yn rhan o'r Gofrestr Tai Cyffredin, gofynnodd y Cynghorydd a oes modd i Trivallis gynnig sut y mae modd gwella'r gofrestr yma, ac yntau'n bartner allweddol yn rhan o'r cynllun?

Roedd y Cynghorydd J Barton wedi nodi na fydd yr Ap i Denantiaid yn addas ar gyfer tenantiaid hŷn, holodd pa strategaethau sydd ar waith ar gyfer y tenantiaid hirdymor hynny sy'n delio â thenantiaid newydd, aflonyddgar sy'n cael effaith negyddol iawn ar eu bywydau?

Roedd y Cynghorydd J Smith wedi gofyn pa bolisi sydd gan Trivallis er mwyn mynd i'r afael ag achosion o dipio'n anghyfreithlon a chreu llwybrau llygod mawr mewn gerddi?

Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol - Cymunedau wedi rhoi gwybod bod gofyn i denantiaid gadw'u gerddi yn daclus yn rhan o'u cytundebau. Fodd bynnag mae hyn yn anodd i rai tenantiaid o ganlyniad i broblemau iechyd neu anabledau, er bod rhai tenantiaid yn dewis i beidio â chydymffurfio â'r cytundeb o gwbl. Nododd hefyd bod angen mabwysiadu dull mwy rhagweithiol, fel bod modd nodi problemau'n gynnar a rhoi'r cymorth sydd ei angen ar denantiaid i fynd i'r afael â'r broblem. Ychwanegodd y byddai modd dylunio rhai rhwystrau yn ystod y camau datblygu cynnar ar gyfer datblygiadau newydd.

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr wybod bod Trivallis wedi penodi dau swyddog newydd yn ddiweddar i gynorthwyo â gwaith ymateb i ymholiadau, er mwyn mynd i'r afael ag ymholiadau'n gyflym ac mewn modd effeithlon. Wrth ymateb i'r ymholiad ynghylch y Polisi Dyraniadau, roedd y Cyfarwyddwr wedi cadarnhau bod gan Trivallis berthynas dda gyda'r Awdurdod Lleol o ran rheoli'r dyraniadau tai. O ganlyniad i faterion sy'n ymwneud ag iechyd meddwl, yr argyfwng costau byw a'r galw am lety dros dro, mae angen gweithredu dull cytbwys i sicrhau bod anghenion y tenantiaid mwyaf agored i niwed yn cael eu bodloni yn unol ag egwyddorion cymunedau cynaliadwy. Awgrymodd y Cyfarwyddwr y bydd hyn yn cyflwyno her, ond byddai angen mabwysiadu dull ar y cyd.

I gloi, dymunodd y Prif Weithredwr, Mr D Forbes, ddiolch i'r Aelodau am gymryd rhan a holi cwestiynau, gan nodi y bydd rhai cwestiynau yn cael eu hateb ar ôl y cyfarfod. Nododd fod y materion sydd wedi cael eu codi'n dangos pa mor bwysig yw hi bod y Rheolwr Cymdogaethau, Cydlynwyr y Cymdogaethau a'r Aelodau Etholedig yn cyfathrebu â'i gilydd am y sgysiau maen nhw'n eu cael gyda'u trigolion er mwyn goresgyn y materion sy'n codi, gan gynnwys ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol. Ychwanegodd fod y rhan fwyaf o achosion yn galw am ddull cytbwys, er mwyn cefnogi cymdogion drwy'r broses gyfryngu. Nododd hefyd bod covid a'r argyfwng costau byw wedi cael effaith negyddol ar broblemau sydd wedi effeithio ar y gymdogaeth ers sbel, ac yn gwaethygu'r problemau yma.

Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi diolch i swyddogion Trivallis eto, gan nodi bod Aelodau Etholedig yn codi'r un materion tro ar ôl tro, yn ogystal â'r materion ehangach y mae angen i Trivallis eu gwella. Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi pwysleisio pa mor bwysig yw hi i wneud cynnydd yn y meysydd yma, ond nododd ni allai Trivallis ganiátau i'r materion yma fynd yn waeth eto. Mae angen mynd i'r afael a'r materion sydd wedi codi dros y 17 mlynedd diwethaf a bydd yr Awdurdod Lleol yn gweithio'n agos gyda Trivallis i wneud cynnydd ar gyfer tenantiaid Trivallis ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

Roedd y Llywydd wedi diolch i gynrychiolwyr Trivallis am ddod i'r cyfarfod gan nodi bod modd i Aelodau gyflwyno cwestiynau pellach iddyn nhw drwy Uned Busnes y Cyngor.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 5.00 pm

**Y Cyngorydd G Hughes
Cadeirydd.**

tudalen wag



**PWYLLGOR CYNGOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF
CYNGOR**

Cofnodion o gyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd Dydd Mercher, 12 Gorffennaf 2023 am
5.15 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 S Evans	Y Cyngorydd B Stephens
Y Cyngorydd J Brencher	Y Cyngorydd R Bevan
Y Cyngorydd S Bradwick	Y Cyngorydd G Caple
Y Cyngorydd J Cook	Y Cyngorydd A Crimmings
Y Cyngorydd E Dunning	Y Cyngorydd R Davis
Y Cyngorydd S Emanuel	Y Cyngorydd J Edwards
Y Cyngorydd G Jones	Y Cyngorydd L Ellis
Y Cyngorydd W Jones	Y Cyngorydd B Harris
Y Cyngorydd W Lewis	Y Cyngorydd G Holmes
Y Cyngorydd C Lises	Y Cyngorydd W Hughes
Y Cyngorydd C Middle	Y Cyngorydd G O Jones
Y Cyngorydd S Morgans	Y Cyngorydd C Leyshon
Y Cyngorydd A Morgan	Y Cyngorydd M Maohub
Y Cyngorydd S Rees	Y Cyngorydd C Preedy
Y Cyngorydd G Stacey	Y Cyngorydd J Smith
Y Cyngorydd S Trask	Y Cyngorydd L Tomkinson
Y Cyngorydd M Webber	Y Cyngorydd G Warren
	Y Cyngorydd R Yeo

Roedd y Cyngorwyr canlynol yn bresennol ar-lein:

Y Cyngorydd J Barton	Y Cyngorydd P Binning
Y Cyngorydd A Dennis	Y Cyngorydd M Ashford
Y Cyngorydd V Dunn	Y Cyngorydd S J Davies
Y Cyngorydd R Evans	Y Cyngorydd D Evans
Y Cyngorydd H Gronow	Y Cyngorydd S Hickman
Y Cyngorydd R Lewis	Y Cyngorydd J Elliott
Y Cyngorydd D Owen-Jones	Y Cyngorydd Sera Evans
Y Cyngorydd W Treeby	Y Cyngorydd D Grehan
Y Cyngorydd K Webb	Y Cyngorydd A S Fox
Y Cyngorydd T Williams	Y Cyngorydd G Hopkins
Y Cyngorydd R Williams	Y Cyngorydd D Parkin
Y Cyngorydd A Rogers	Y Cyngorydd A Roberts
Y Cyngorydd D Wood	Y Cyngorydd D Williams

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 S. Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Democraataidd a Chyfathrebu
Mr A Wilkins, Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Gwasanaethau Democraataidd

Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Y Cynghorydd L Addiscott	Y Cynghorydd J Bonetto
Y Cynghorydd A J Ellis	Y Cynghorydd P Evans
Y Cynghorydd K Johnson	Y Cynghorydd K Morgan
Y Cynghorydd N H Morgan	Y Cynghorydd W Owen
Y Cynghorydd M Norris	Y Cynghorydd S Powderhill
Y Cynghorydd G E Williams	Y Cynghorydd M Powell

26 Croeso

Roedd y Llywydd wedi croesawu'r Aelodau i gyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor - a oedd wedi dechrau am 5.15pm.

27 Datgan Buddiant

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, cafodd y datganiadau o fuddiant canlynol eu gwneud ynglŷn â'r agenda a chafodd datganiad o fuddiant pellach ei wneud ynglŷn ag eitem 5 ar yr agenda yn ddiweddarach yn y cyfarfod (gweler Cofnod 31):

Eitem 7 ar yr Agenda - Y Diweddaraf Am Faterion Cynllunio Cenedlaethol a Rhanbarthol a Chymeradwyaeth ar gyfer Cytundeb Cyflawni a Diwygiad i'r Amserlen ar gyfer Gwaith Paratoi Parhaus Y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig.

Roedd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Lewis wedi datgan buddiant personol - "Mae fy nghyflogwr, Cymdeithas Tai Hafod, wedi'i nodi yn yr adroddiad, rydw i hefyd yn aelod o Gymdeithas y Sgowtiaid".

Eitem 10 ar yr Agenda – Rhybudd o Gynnig Brys

Roedd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Hughes wedi datgan buddiant personol a buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu (Bydda i'n gadael y cyfarfod yn ystod y drafodaeth am yr eitem yma) - "Mae fy ngwraig yn rheoli'r gwasanaeth gofal yn y cartref".

Roedd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hughes wedi datgan buddiant personol a buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu (Bydda i'n gadael y cyfarfod yn ystod y drafodaeth am yr eitem a bydd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol B Stephens, y Dirprwy Lywydd, yn camu i rôl y Cadeirydd ar gyfer yr eitem yma) - "Mae fy mam yn gweithio i'r gwasanaeth gofal yn y cartref."

28 Cofnodion

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion cyfarfod hybrid y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Mehefin 2023 yn rhai cywir.

29 Cyhoeddiadau

Cafodd y cyhoeddiadau canlynol eu gwneud:

- Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi cyhoeddi marwolaeth y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran, Mr George Jones. Disgrifiodd yr Arweinydd Mr Jones fel swyddog gwyb, cwrtais a chyfeillgar. Yn anffodus, roedd Mr Jones wedi ymddeol yn gynnar o ganlyniad i iechyd gwael. Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi cyfleu ei dristwch am y mater yma gan estyn cydymdeimlad i deulu Mr George Jones ar ran y Cyngor.
- Ar ran y Cynghorydd S Morgans, roedd Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Smith yn dymuno llongyfarch disgyblion Blwyddyn 1 a Blwyddyn 2 Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned y Maerdy am ennill cystadleuaeth cyfnod sylfaen Menter Ysgolion y Dreftadaeth Gymreig 2023. Roedd 6,000 o geisiadau ac roedd disgyblion Blwyddyn 1 a 2 wedi ennill cystadleuaeth prosiect treftadaeth gyda'u cyflwyniad nhw 'Made and Moulded in Maerdy'.

30 DATGANIADAU

Roedd Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE wedi rhoi gwybod ei fod e wedi gofyn i'r Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran - Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Digidol a Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen i gyflwyno unrhyw becynnau cyllid sydd ar gael i gefnogi trigolion a'r 3ydd sector cyn y gaeaf, a hynny'n rhan o'i adolygiad canol blwyddyn o sefyllfa'r Cyngor o ran tanwariant a chronfeydd wrth gefn. Ychwanegodd y byddai'n hoffi gweld y Cyngor yn defnyddio pecyn cyllid gwerth miliynau o bunnoedd i gefnogi trigolion a'u teuluoedd gyda'r argyfwng costau byw a'r effaith ddilynol ar dlodi plant lle bynnag y bo modd, pe byddai'r pecyn cyllid yma ar gael.

3 Cwestiynau gan yr Aelodau

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

"A wnaiff yr Arweinydd roi diweddariad ar yr ymrwymiad i gyllido 10 Swyddog Cymorth Cymunedol yr Heddlu a darparu trosolwg o sut mae'r gwasanaeth Wardeiniaid Cymunedol yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar ein cymunedau?"

Ymateb gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod 10 Swyddog Cymorth Cymunedol yr Heddlu bellach yn gweithio'n dda gyda'r 14 Warden Cymunedol i gefnogi Heddlu De Cymru. Ychwanegodd na fyddan nhw'n cymryd lle'r Heddlu, gan eu bod nhw'n darparu presenoldeb gweladwy sy'n tawelu meddwl ein trigolion mewn ardaloedd allweddol yn ein cymunedau, megis canol trefi a pharciau. Mae adborth y cyhoedd wedi bod yn gadarnhaol iawn hyd yn hyn ac mae busnesau a thrigolion lleol wedi nodi bod eu presenoldeb nhw yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar ganfyddiadau o ddiogelwch y gymuned.

Nododd yr Arweinydd eu bod nhw'n helpu i sicrhau cydymffurfiaeth â Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus y Cyngor, o ran cadw cŵn oddi ar gaeau chwaraeon a'r Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus sy'n gysylltiedig ag alcohol yng nghanol trefi Pontypridd ac Aberdâr. Ar hyn o bryd mae 14 Warden yn rhan o'r garfan, gan gynnwys 2 Uwch Warden, maen nhw'n gweithio hyd at 7 diwrnod yr wythnos yn rhan o batrwm sifftiau. Mae'r gwasanaeth yn gweithredu 14/15 awr y dydd.

Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi annog Aelodau i roi gwybod am unrhyw achosion o ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol gan ddefnyddio'r dulliau arferol, sef mewnlwch y Gwasanaethau i Aelodau, Diogelwch y Cyhoedd neu'r Heddlu. I gloi, roedd yr Arweinydd wedi nodi bod y gwasanaeth yma'n un o'r ymrwymadau craidd oedd wedi'u nodi yn rhan o fanifesto Grŵp Llafur RhCT, ac sydd bellach wedi cael ei weithredu.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

2. Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol D Parkin i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd a Hamdden, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Crimmings:

"A wnaiff yr Aelod o'r Cabinet roi diweddariad ar welliannau i'r mannau chwarae ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Crimmings:

Roedd y Cyngorydd Crimmings yn falch o gadarnhau bod rhaglen adnewyddu a gwella mannau chwarae'r Cyngor wedi parhau yn ystod y cyfnod ers dechrau tymor newydd y Cyngor. Esboniodd fod y Cyngor wedi cyflawni rhaglenni buddsoddi sylweddol yn y maes yma bob blwyddyn ers 2015 - a hynny er mwyn cydnabod sut y mae pobl ifainc yn cael budd o chwarae yn yr awyr agored, gan annog eu datblygiad a'u dychymyg.

Roedd y Cyngorydd Crimmings wedi rhoi gwybod bod 166 o'r 217 o fannau chwarae wedi derbyn buddsoddiad yn ystod y cyfnod yma, sef 76.5% o'r holl fannau chwarae. Mae dros 3/4 o'r cyfleusterau chwarae wedi derbyn gwelliannau'n rhan o raglen fuddsoddi gwerth £6miliwn. Mae rhai o'r cyfleusterau yma wedi gweld gwaith "cam 2" o ganlyniad i fuddsoddiadau rhannol neu'r angen i adnewyddu offer, felly mae cyfanswm o 186 o brosiectau wedi'u cyflawni.

I gloi, rhoddodd y Cyngorydd Crimmings wybod bod 10 prosiect wedi cael eu nodi ar gyfer gwaith gwella yn ystod blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24, gan gynnwys man chwarae Tyn-y-Bryn yn ward y Cyngorydd Parkin. Mae hyn yn cynnwys buddsoddiad gwerth £341,000.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

3) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S. Emanuel i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

"A oes modd i'r Arweinydd rannu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud mewn perthynas â Metro De Cymru?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod Trafnidiaeth Cymru wedi gwneud cynnydd sylweddol dros y pedwar mis diwethaf. Mae'r Ganolfan Reoli yn Ffynnon Taf bellach wedi agor a chafodd cerbyd newydd y Metro ei gyflwyno ar y rheilffordd. Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod gwaith profi'r tram-drenau trydan/batri, a fydd yn gweithredu ar linellau Treherbert ac Aberdâr, bellach wedi cychwyn. Mae'r gwaith profi yma'n cael ei gynnal cyn dechrau'r

broses o hyfforddi gweithredwyr y trenau, a byddan nhw'n gweithredu o ddepo Ffynnon Taf, gwerth £100miliwn.

Esboniodd yr Arweinydd fod y rhan gyntaf o'r rheilffordd, rhwng Caerdydd a Phontypridd, wedi cael ei thrydaneiddio ar ddiwedd mis Mai, mae gwaith gwella'r traciau wedi cael ei gynnal mewn lleoliadau ledled Llinell Graidd y Cymoedd er mwyn paratoi ar gyfer y tram-drenau newydd. Roedd y rhaglen drawsnewid ar gyfer llinell Treherbert wedi dechrau ar ddiwedd Ebrill 2023, gan osod ffensys palisâd ac adeiladu manau croesi o dan y trac ar hyd y llwybr yma. Mae plattform newydd yn cael ei adeiladu yng ngorsaf Dinas, Cwm Rhondda, gan y bydd y rheilffordd yn cael ei dyblu yn yr orsaf yma. Bydd pont Mynediad i Bawb newydd, sy'n cynnwys lifft a grisiau i'r ddau blatfform, hefyd yn cael ei gosod.

Nododd yr Arweinydd fod Trafnidiaeth Cymru wedi rhannu negeseuon diogelwch mewn perthynas â thrydaneiddio'r llinell ar Facebook, a hynny i gadw cymunedau'n ddiogel.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

4) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A J Dennis i Arweinydd y Cyngor - Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE:

"Pa gefnogaeth a gwasanaethau cyfeirio sydd ar gael i drigolion o ran yr argyfwng costau byw"

Ymateb gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod y bydd pecynnau cymorth pellach yn cael eu cyhoeddi yn yr Hydref, ond hyd yn hyn, mae modd i grwpiau cymunedol geisio cyllid yn rhan o'r cynllun micrograntiau ac mae'r Cyngor eisoes wedi derbyn nifer fawr o geisiadau. Ychwanegodd fod effaith cyni parhaus a'r argyfwng costau byw yn golygu bod banciau bwyd yn hanfodol er mwyn cefnogi trigolion, mae gwaith sylweddol yn cael ei gynnal yn y Pantrioedd Bwyd, Clybiau Bwyd a Hwyl, a thrwy swmp brynu bwydydd yn rhan o wasanaethau caffael y Cyngor.

Siaradodd yr Arweinydd am lwyddiant Canolfannau'r Gaeaf y llynedd a'r cymorth a gafodd ei ddarparu gan y llyfrgelloedd a chanolfannau cymuned y Cyngor i'r trigolion hynny oedd yn cael eu heffeithio gan yr argyfwng costau byw. Ychwanegodd fod helpu trigolion i gymdeithasu a chynnig man diogel a chynnes i gwrdd yn hanfodol, yn enwedig gan ystyried costau ynni a thanwydd uwch. Pwysleisiodd yr Arweinydd y byddai angen i'r Cyngor barhau i ddarparu cymorth yn ôl yr angen, yn enwedig i'r 3^{ydd} sector.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

5) Cwestiwn gan Gynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Morgans i'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Addysg, Cyfranogiad Pobl Ifainc a'r Gymraeg, Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R. Lewis:

"Yn dilyn sicrhau caniatâd cynllunio, a wnaiff yr Aelod o'r Cabinet amlinellu'r camau nesaf ar gyfer datblygu ysgol newydd sbon ar gyfer Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn y Forwyn yng Nglynrhedynog?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol R. Lewis:

Rhoddodd y Cyngorydd Lewis wybod bod gwaith eisoes wedi dechrau ar y safle i greu Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg newydd sbon ar gyfer Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn y Forwyn. Hyd yn hyn, mae gwaith adfer sylweddol wedi cael ei gyflawni, ac mae'r contractwr sydd wedi'i benodi, Wynne Construction, bellach ar y safle yn gwneud cynnydd da gyda gwaith clirio'r safle a gwaith tyrchu a llenwi. Mae disgwyl i'r gwaith adeiladu ddechrau ym mis Medi 2023.

Nododd y Cyngorydd Lewis fod y Cyngor anelu at gwblhau'r ysgol newydd (yr adeilad ei hun) erbyn Awst 2024, fel bod yr adeilad yn barod ar gyfer blwyddyn academaidd 2024. Mae'n bwysig nodi bod Wynne Construction wedi ymweld â'r ysgol yn ddiweddar i gynnal sesiwn lechyd a Diogelwch ar y safle gyda'r disgyblion, gan dynnu sylw'r disgyblion at beryglon safle adeiladu. Maen nhw hefyd wedi lansio cystadleuaeth dylunio poster lle bydd disgyblion o sawl grŵp blwyddyn yn dylunio poster diogelwch, bydd rhai yn cael eu dewis a'u harddangos ar y safle.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

6) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol D R Bevan i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

"A wnaiff yr Arweinydd rannu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud ar domen Tylorstown?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod gwaith yn parhau i fynd rhagddo ar safle Tomen Tylorstown o ganlyniad i'r tywydd sych yn ddiweddar. Dechreuodd y cloddwaith ym mis Ebrill 2023, gyda'r contractwyr yn symud 160,000 tonnell o ddeunyddiau. Nododd ei fod e wedi ymweld â'r safle yn ddiweddar yng nghwmni Prif Weinidog Cymru a swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru i weld y gwaith sy'n cael ei gynnal ar hyn o bryd.

Esboniodd y bydd gwaith pellach yn cael ei gynnal dros y misoedd nesaf a bydd gwaith ar y safle'n cael ei gwblhau cyn y gaeaf, ond bydd angen parhau i fonitro'r safle dros y gaeaf i asesu sut y bydd y glaw yn effeithio ar y mynydd, a phennu a oes angen cynnal gwaith pellach a gwaith addasu. Bydd gwaith i gwblhau'r prosiect yn cynnwys gorffen y proffiliau terfynol, gosod ac atgyweirio'r seilwaith draenio ac adfer y safle.

Roedd yr Arweinydd yn falch o gyhoeddi bod y safle bellach yn ddiogel (er y tirlithriad mawr yn RhCT, un o'r tirlithriadau mwyaf yn hanes Cymru) - ar ôl cwblhau'r gwaith yma fydd dim angen cynnal rhagor o waith ar y safle. I gloi, roedd yr Arweinydd wedi cyhoeddi bod cais wedi cael ei gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru i gynnal ymyriadau pellach ar domennydd eraill.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

7) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W. Lewis i Arweinydd y Cyngor – Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

"Sut ydy'r Cyngor yn gweithio gyda banciau bwyd, ac yn eu cefnogi nhw, drwy'r argyfwng Costau Byw?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Pwysleisiodd yr Arweinydd fod y Cyngor wedi bod yn darparu cymorth uniongyrchol i'r banciau bwyd lleol a chymorth drwy ei bŵer prynu dros y blynyddoedd. Gyda chymorth micrograntiau, ychwanegodd yr Arweinydd fod ceisiadau 75 o brosiectau a grwpiau cymunedol wedi cael eu cymeradwyo a byddan nhw'n dechrau'r broses o ddarparu'r cynlluniau cyn bo hir, gyda rhai yn cynnwys darpariaeth yn ystod y gwyliau ac eraill yn cynnig darpariaeth fwyd. Mae'r Gronfa Rhwydweithiau Cymdogaeth yn cynnig grantiau o hyd at £1,000 i sefydliadau a grwpiau cymunedol. Nododd yr Arweinydd y bydd Microgrant Cymunedol CBRhCT - Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin - yn cynnwys dyraniad o oddeutu £40,000 ar gyfer darpariaeth fwyd gynaliadwy. Cafodd y cyllid yma ei sicrhau gan y Cyngor er mwyn cwrdd â'r galw cynyddol.

Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi cydnabod y garfan fach, sy'n cael ei harwain gan Syd Dennis, am y gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud gyda chysylltwyr cymunedol, drwy rwydwaith RhCT Gyda'n Gilydd, sy'n cefnogi trigolion yn ystod cyfnodau anodd. Roedd yr Arweinydd yn gobeithio y bydd yr economi yn gwella a bydd y sefyllfa o ran gwariant y cyhoedd yn newid, gan leihau'r galw am fanciau bwyd ymhlith trigolion, wrth iddyn nhw symud allan o dlodi.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn ategol.

8) Cwestiwn gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Maohoub i Arweinydd y Cyngor, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Morgan OBE:

"A wnaiff yr Arweinydd roi diweddariad ar yr hyn y mae'r Cyngor yn ei wneud i baratoi ar gyfer cynllun 20mya Llywodraeth Cymru?"

Ymateb gan Gyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A. Morgan OBE:

Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd fod llawer o waith eisoes wedi ei wneud i gyflawni blaenoriaeth Llywodraeth Cymru. Yn 2021/22, cafodd £53,522.62 ei wario ar waith paratoadol ac yn 2022/23, cafodd £1.1 miliwn pellach ei wario ar adolygu rheoliadau traffig a chynnal profion dylunio a chafodd y marciau cylchol 20mya eu tynnu i lawr mewn rhai ardaloedd. Mae gwaith gweithgynhyrchu 1,268 o arwyddion newydd wedi cael ei gomisiynu ac mae carfanau wedi'u trefnu i osod yr arwyddion newydd, ac mae'r broses o symud y pyrth arafu yn RhCT wedi dechrau.

Rhoddodd yr Arweinydd wybod bod y Cyngor yn wynebu heriau mawr i gyflawni'r gwaith erbyn y terfyn amser, sef 1 Medi, ac mae'r cynllun yma'n cael ei blaenoriaethu dros gynlluniau eraill. Fodd bynnag, pwysleisiodd yr Arweinydd er nad oes unrhyw adnoddau pellach ar gael eleni ar gyfer ceisiadau gorchmynion rheoleiddio traffig sy'n cael eu cyflwyno gan Aelodau, bydd unrhyw geisiadau yn parhau i gael eu nodi a'u croesgyfeirio ag adroddiadau'r Heddlu am Ddamweiniau er mwyn nodi unrhyw faterion sydd angen sylw brys, gan nodi cynlluniau traffig sydd ddim yn rhai brys fel cynlluniau i'w hadolygu yn y dyfodol.

Doedd dim cyfle i ofyn cwestiwn ategol gan fod yr amser ar gyfer gofyn cwestiynau wedi dod i ben.

(Nodwch: Datganodd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Brencher fuddiant personol – “ Mae

fy mab yn gweithio i gwmni Trafnidiaeth Cymru”)

32 Rhaglen Waith Y Cyngor 2023/24

Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth - Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu wedi cadarnhau mai dyma yw cyfarfod olaf y Cyngor cyn toriad yr haf, a bydd cyfarfod nesaf y Cyngor Llawn yn cael ei gynnal am 5pm ar 20 Medi 2023. Ychwanegodd y bydd angen trafod nifer fawr o faterion yn ystod y cyfarfod yma, felly mae'n bosibl y bydd angen edrych unwaith eto ar drefn y materion y mae angen eu trafod yn ystod cyfarfodydd y Cyngor yn yr Hydref. Bydd hyn yn cael ei wneud yn rhan o drafodaethau gydag Arweinwyr y Grwpiau ble'n addas.

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth wybod y bydd y sesiynau hyfforddiant a'r sesiynau datblygu ar gyfer Aelodau sydd wedi cael eu cyhoeddi yn ddiweddar yn cael eu cynnal am amser cyfleus yn dilyn adborth yr Aelodau.

33 Adolygiad Blynyddol Cylch Rheoli'r Trysorlys 2022/23

Yn unol â gofynion Cod Ymarfer y Sefydliad Siartredig Cyllid Cyhoeddus a Chyfrifyddiaeth ar gyfer Rheoli'r Trysorlys a Chod Darbodus y Sefydliad Siartredig Cyllid Cyhoeddus a Chyfrifyddiaeth ar gyfer Cyllid Cyfalaf mewn Awdurdodau Lleol, rhoddodd y Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr a Chyfarwyddwr Cyfadran, Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen a Gwasanaethau Digidol wybodaeth i'r Aelodau ynglŷn â:

- Gweithgarwch Rheoli'r Trysorlys y Cyngor yn ystod 2022/23; a
- Gwir Ddangosyddion Darbodus a Dangosyddion y Trysorlys ar gyfer 2022/23.

Cyn mynd ati i bennu'r meysydd allweddol sydd wedi'u nodi yn yr adroddiad, rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran wybod bod gweithgarwch Rheoli'r Trysorlys y Cyngor yn cael ei reoleiddio a'i lywodraethu gan godau ymarfer ac mae'r Cyngor yn parhau i gydymffurfio â'r holl ofynion perthnasol. Mae'r cynghorwyr Trysorlys yn rhoi gwybodaeth a chynghor i'r Cyngor, ond yn nodi bod pob penderfyniad sy'n cael ei wneud yn benderfyniad gan y Cyngor.

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran wybod bod y Cyngor yn parhau i weithredu ei strategaeth risg-isel, a hynny mewn cyd-destun economaidd heriol, gan fanteisio i'r eithaf ar falans arian parod y Cyngor. Ychwanegodd fod costau cyfalaf net y Cyngor ar gyfer y flwyddyn wedi'u cyflawni o fewn y gyllideb a doedd dim cyfleoedd i leihau costau benthyca drwy wneud newidiadau i'r amserlen yn ystod y flwyddyn, caiff hyn ei adolygu'n gyson.

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran drosolwg o weithgarwch benthyca'r Cyngor - y gyfradd llog gyfartalog gymhwysol ar gyfer y flwyddyn oedd 2.86% ac mae'r Cyngor yn parhau i gadw cyllid ad-daladwy Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer seilwaith trafndiaeth. £135miliwn oedd cyfanswm y gwariant cyfalaf yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol ddiweddar, a £503miliwn oedd y Gofyniad Gwariant Cyfalaf, sy'n cynrychioli'r angen sylfaenol i fenthyca. Mae'r cyfanswm benthyca ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn (sef £294miliwn) yn dangos bod sefyllfa'r Cyngor o ran benthyca yn parhau i fod yn gadarnhaol.

I gloi, nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran fod y Cyngor wedi gweithredu o fewn ei

derfynau ar gyfer benthyca darbodus ac o ganlyniad i hynny, mae ei amlen gyfalaf wedi cynyddu gan £40.5miliwn i adlewyrchu'r cynnydd yng nghostau'r prosiect. Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran wedi cadarnhau y bydd yr adroddiad yn cael ei adolygu gan y Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran wedi ymateb i sawl ymholiad am yr adroddiad, cadarnhawyd y bydd diweddariad a chyflwyniad am Gynllun Ariannol Tymor Canolig y Cyngor yn cael ei roi i'r Aelodau cyn cyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Medi (bydd modd cyflwyno cais am hyfforddiant unigol yn rhan o'r broses Adolygu Datblygiad Personol i Aelodau).

PENDERFYNWYD:

1. Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad; a
2. Nodi'r trefniadau cyllido ar gyfer y Rhaglen Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy, fel sydd wedi'u nodi yn adran 12.

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Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig 2022-2037. Y Diweddaraf Am Faterion Cynllunio Cenedlaethol a Rhanbarthol a Chymeradwyaeth Ar Gyfer Cytundeb Cyflawni a Diwygiad I'r Amserlen Ar Gyfer Gwaith Paratoi Parhaus Y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig.

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig 2022-2037 - Y Diweddaraf am Faterion Cynllunio Cenedlaethol a Rhanbarthol a Chymeradwyaeth ar gyfer Cytundeb Cyflawni a Diwygiad i'r Amserlen ar gyfer Gwaith Paratoi Parhaus Y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig.

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu yr adroddiad sy'n pennu materion cynllunio rhanbarthol a chenedlaethol parhaus sy'n dylanwadu ar waith paratoi'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig 2022-2037.

Tynnodd y Cyfarwyddwr sylw'r Aelodau at adran 5 yn yr adroddiad, sy'n nodi'r wybodaeth am y cynnydd cadarnhaol sydd wedi'i wneud hyd yn hyn o ran llunio Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig. Mae'r adroddiad hefyd yn esbonio'r ffactorau sydd wedi cyfrannu at y cynnig i ymestyn yr amserlen sydd wedi'i phennu er mwyn llunio'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig. Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr wedi cynnig bod y strategaeth yn cael ei chyflwyno i'r Cyngor ym mis Tachwedd 2023, a hynny cyn y cyfnod ymgynghori 6 wythnos ar gyfer y Strategaeth a ffafir.

Wrth gyfeirio at faterion sy'n effeithio ar gynnydd y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig, cyfeiriodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu at y fersiwn newydd o ddogfen Nodyn Cyngor Technegol 15 (NCT 15) ar gyfer Perygl Llifogydd sy'n creu rheolau penodol ar gyfer dyrannu tir yn y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig a'r ceisiadau cynllunio dilynol. Cyfeiriodd at yr anawsterau sy'n codi wrth bennu opsiynau ar gyfer twf hyd yn hyn a'r angen am eglurder o'r fersiwn newydd o'r NCT y mae disgwyl iddo gael ei gyhoeddi yn y flwyddyn newydd, yn dilyn trafodaethau rhwng Swyddogion Cynllunio a Llywodraeth Cymru.

I gloi, tynnodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu sylw'r Aelodau at adran 5 o'r adroddiad, sy'n cynnwys y newidiadau arfaethedig i'r amserlen. Mae'r dyddiadau blaenorol a gafodd eu cytuno wedi'u dangos yn glir, ynghyd a'r dyddiadau newydd arfaethedig.

Roedd Cadeirydd Grŵp Llywio'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig, y Cynghorydd L Tomkinson, wedi sôn am gyfraniad y Grŵp Llywio trawsbleidiol hyd yn hyn o ran camau a chynnwys y cynllun i sicrhau bod pob mater yn cael ei ystyried yn briodol. Roedd y Cynghorydd wedi diolch i'r Aelodau am eu cyfraniadau cadarnhaol i'r Grŵp pwysig yma.

Ar ôl trafod yr adroddiad, **PENDERFYNWYD**:

1. Nodi'r materion sydd wedi'u nodi ac sy'n effeithio ar waith llunio'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig yn unol â'r amserlen gymeradwy.
2. Cymeradwyo'r diwygiad i amserlen y Cytundeb Cyflawni ar gyfer y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig er mwyn ymestyn y cyfnod ar gyfer llunio'r cynllun. Mae hyn wedi'i nodi yn adran 5 o'r adroddiad ac yn y Cytundeb Cyflawni newydd sydd wedi'i atodi yn Atodiad 1.
3. Ceisio cydsyniad Llywodraeth Cymru i weithredu'r newidiadau i'r Cytundeb Cyflawni.
4. Awdurdodi'r Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu i wneud newidiadau bach i'r amserlen, gan ymgynghori â'r Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Ffyniant a Datblygu. Gofyn bod Grŵp Llywio'r Cynllun Datblygu leol Diwygiedig yn cael gweld unrhyw ddiwygiadau sy'n cael eu gwneud gan y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu.

35 Newid Aelodaeth

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth - Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu wybod am y newidiadau i aelodaeth y Grŵp Llafur yn rhan o'r Gynghrair ar gyfer Blwyddyn y Cyngor 2023/24.

Ar ôl trafod yr adroddiad, **PENDERFYNWYD** nodi y bydd:

1. Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Smith yn cynrychioli'r Awdurdod Lleol yn rhan o'r Gynghrair o hyn ymlaen; a
2. Bydd gohebiaeth yn cael ei hanfon i'r Gynghrair er mwyn rhoi gwybod am y newid i gynrychiolydd yr Awdurdod.

36 Materion Brys

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth - Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu wybod bod y Llywydd, yn unol â Rheol Gweithdrefn 10.5, wedi rhoi caniatâd i'r Cyngor Llawn benderfynu a ddylai'r Cynnig Brys hwn:

- Cael ei drafod yn y cyfarfod; neu
- Gohirio'r Cynnig tan y cyfarfod nesaf, i'w drafod gyda mantais cyngor ysgrifenedig gan Swyddogion; neu
- Ei atgyfeirio i'r Adain Weithredol neu Bwyllgor.

PENDERFYNWYD trafod y Rhybudd o Gynnig brys yn y cyfarfod.

(**Nodwch:** Roedd y Llywydd, Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol G Hughes, a Chyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol W Hughes wedi gadael y cyfarfod ar gyfer y drafodaeth yma, a hynny ar ôl iddyn nhw ddatgan buddiant personol a buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu (gweler cofnod 27).

Yn absenoldeb y Llywydd, camodd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol B Stephens, y Dirprwy Lywydd, i rôl y Cadeirydd ar gyfer eitem 10.

37 **Rhybudd O Gynnig Brys**

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

Er gwaethaf yr e-bost gan y Prif Weithredwr a anfonwyd at yr Aelodau am 13:26 o'r gloch ddoe, mae'r Cyngor yma'n gresynu nad oedd ganddo unrhyw wybodaeth flaenorol am gynlluniau i derfynu darpariaeth fewnol y gwasanaeth gofal yn y cartref symudol gyda'r nos . Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r holl Aelodau am y cynnig yma drwy e-bost a anfonwyd ddeuddydd yn ôl gan staff sy'n gweithio yn y gwasanaeth. Cawson nhw eu galw i gyfarfod gyda swyddogion ac undebau yr wythnos ddiwethaf i gael gwybod am y bwriad i roi'r gwasanaeth ar gontract allanol i ddarparwyr eraill yn y sector preifat/annibynnol.

Mae hyn yn mynd yn groes i ymrwymiad y Cyngor i warchod gwasanaethau a ddarperir yn uniongyrchol lle mae'r staff yn cael eu talu ar Delerau ac Amodau Cenedlaethol. Mae'n anfaddeuol bod newid o'r fath i wasanaeth gwerthfawr ac angenrheidiol iawn wedi cael ei ystyried gan reolwyr o dan benderfyniad dirprwyedig gweithredol nas cyhoeddwyd tan ddoe.

Roedd Rhaglen Waith y Cabinet hefyd wedi'i diwygio, gydag Adroddiad Blynyddol Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a'r Strategaeth Gwasanaethau i Oedolion ddrafft, yr oedd disgwyl iddyn nhw gael eu trafod ym mis Gorffennaf, bellach wedi'u symud i fis Hydref 2023. Pe byddai'r adroddiadau yma wedi cael eu trafod ym mis Gorffennaf yn ôl y cynllun gwreiddiol, byddai o leiaf rhywfaint o wybodaeth gan yr Aelodau am y cynnig i derfynu'r gwasanaeth gyda'r nos.

Mae'r Penderfyniad Dirprwyedig Gweithredol sydd wrthi'n cael ei gyhoeddi yn mynd i'r afael â rhywfaint o bryderon yr Aelodau am y broses briodol. Serch hynny, nid yw'n awdurdodi penderfyniad y swyddog ym mis Mawrth i beidio â derbyn atgyfeiriadau, gan fynd ati'n fwriadol i gwtogi'r gwasanaeth a pheri i'r Prif Weithredwr ddatgan bod y "trefniant presennol ddim yn cyflwyno'r dull mwyaf effeithiol o ddarparu'r gofal a chymorth yma mwyach" yn ei e-bost.

O dan yr amgylchiadau yma, mae'n bwysig sicrhau dealltwriaeth o ran sut mae modd i swyddogion ddefnyddio awdurdod gweithredol i gwtogi ar wasanaeth, gyda'r nod o gael gwared arno yn y pen draw, heb yn wybod i'r Aelodau a heb eu caniatâd.

Mae'r Cyngor yma felly'n gofyn i'r Prif Weithredwr wneud datganiad heddiw, cyn y toriad, ynghylch:

- Pam fod y gwasanaeth wedi'i gwtogi'n fwriadol ym mis Mawrth a pham na chyhoeddwyd hysbysiad o benderfyniad dirprwyedig ynglŷn â'r newid hwnnw?

- Sut mae modd i ddileu gwasanaeth gael ei ystyried yn benderfyniad gweithredol yn hytrach na phenderfyniad i'r Cabinet/Cyngor Llawn.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth, **PENDERFYNWYD** mabwysiadu'r Rhybudd o Gynnig Brys a darparodd y Prif Weithredwr y datganiad canlynol:

"Bydd Aelodau'n cofio strategaeth y gyllideb a gafodd ei chymeradwyo gan y Cyngor ar 8 Mawrth 2023, pan gytunodd y Cyngor i strategaeth y gyllideb a oedd yn cau'r bwch digynsail gwerth £38miliwn yn y gyllideb. Roedd strategaeth y gyllideb yn destun ymgynghoriad cynhwysfawr, ac roedd y Cyngor eisoes wedi dechrau ymgynghoriad mewn perthynas â sawl newid i wasanaethau allweddol a oedd yn cael effaith bellgyrhaeddol ar ein cymunedau, gan gynnwys y newidiadau hynny i wasanaethau gwastraff a phrydau yn y gymuned, a hynny cyn cyhoeddi setliad dros dro Llywodraeth Cymru.

Cafodd yr adolygiad o'r Gwasanaeth Gofal yn y Cartref symudol gyda'r nos ei ystyried yn rhan o arbedion effeithlonrwydd gwasanaethau ac arbedion ad-drefnu gwasanaethau gweithredol, fel sydd wedi'u cytuno yn rhan o strategaeth y gyllideb. Yn nghyd-destun y galw cynyddol a'r pwysau parhaus y mae'r Cyngor yn ei wynebu o ran y gyllideb, mae'r Cyngor yn adolygu'i holl wasanaethau, gan gynnwys y ddarpariaeth gofal cymdeithasol, yn unol â threfniadau cynllun ariannol tymor canolig y Cyngor a'r Fframwaith Rheoli Cyflawniad.

Er mwyn rhoi cyd-destun i Aelodau, mae gwasanaeth gofal yn y cartref ehangach y Cyngor yn darparu 17,000 awr o ofal a chymorth yn y cartref bob wythnos i 1,431 o oedolion ledled Rhondda Cynon Taf, yn rhan o'i wasanaethau mewnol a'r gwasanaethau sydd wedi'u comisiynu, a hynny er mwyn cyflawni'n dyletswyddau statudol yn unol â Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Gofal yn y Cartref symudol gyda'r nos yn wasanaeth dewisol bach sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio i leihau'r amser sy'n mynd heibio rhwng yr ymweliad olaf yn y nos a'r ymweliad cyntaf yn y bore, gyda rhai ymweliadau'n cael eu cynnal dros nos i ddarparu gofal ymatal. Mae'r gwasanaeth yn darparu 145 awr o ofal yr wythnos, gan gefnogi 46 o bobl.

Does dim gofyniad statudol i ddarparu Gwasanaeth Gofal yn y Cartref gyda'r nos, a hyd y gwyddon ni, dydy'r gwasanaeth yma ddim yn cael ei ddarparu gan unrhyw Gyngor arall yng Nghymru. Roedd y gwasanaeth dewisol yma'n destun adolygiad yn rhan o strategaeth y gyllideb a'r trefniadau parhaus ar gyfer y cynllun ariannol tymor canolig, ac yn rhan o'r adolygiad, o fis Ebrill roedd anghenion gofal a chymorth cwsmeriaid newydd yn cael eu diwallu drwy ddarpariaeth amgen, a doedd neb wedi cael wedi cael eu hychwanegu i'r gwasanaeth gofal yn y cartref gyda'r nos, a hynny er mwyn peidio â chodi disgwyliadau a sicrhau bod modd parhau gyda'r ddarpariaeth gofal oedd yn cael ei chynnig.

Cafodd yr adolygiad o'r gwasanaeth ei ddechrau o ganlyniad i gostau uchel y gwasanaeth, cyfyngiadau'r gwasanaeth o ganlyniad i faint y gwasanaeth a natur ddewisol y gwasanaeth. Doedd dim bwriad i leihau'r gwasanaeth o fis Mawrth; roedd yr aneffeithlonrwydd yma eisoes wedi cael ei nodi ar ôl edrych ar y gwasanaeth adeg cymeradwyo strategaeth y gyllideb.

Mae'r adolygiad wedi pennu y bydd anghenion gofal a chymorth yr unigolion sy'n derbyn y gwasanaeth yma'n cael eu hadolygu a'u hailasesu er mwyn gwneud

trefniadau gofal a chymorth amgen a fydd yn diwallu'u hanghenion wedi'u hasesu. Mae modd darparu'r gwasanaethau yma yn rhan o wasanaethau mewnol a gwasanaethau wedi'u comisiynu. Fyddwn ni ddim yn allanoli'r gwasanaeth symudol gyda'r nos.

O ran y penderfyniad, cafodd y penderfyniad ei wneud yn rhan o weithdrefn penderfyniadau gweithredol wedi'u dirprwyo i sicrhau arbedion effeithlonrwydd ac arbedion ad-drefnu gwasanaethau gweithredol, yn rhan o strategaeth y gyllideb. Nid yw'r penderfyniad yn golygu y bydd gofyn i newid polisi neu gyfeiriad strategol y Cyngor o ran cymorth yn y cartref neu ofal cymdeithasol; mae'n ymateb i anghenion yr oedolion sy'n derbyn gofal a chymorth mewn modd gwahanol. Felly, mae penderfyniad Cyfarwyddwr Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol wedi'i wneud yn unol â chynllun dirprwyo'r Cyngor.

Rydw i'n gwerthfawrogi bod hyn wedi peri pryder i'n staff, yr undebau llafur, ac mae Aelodau hefyd wedi bod yn pryderu am effaith y penderfyniad ar ein gweithlu gwerthfawr, ac wrth gwrs y bobl hynny sy'n derbyn y gwasanaeth yma. Rydw i eisoes wedi mynd i'r afael â'r trefniadau i adolygu ac ailasesu anghenion yr oedolion sy'n derbyn y gwasanaethau yma, a dyma bwysleisio y bydd y Cyngor yn gweithio'n agos gyda'r undebau llafur i gefnogi'i staff drwy'r cyfnod heriol yma. Does dim angen dileu swyddi a byddwn ni'n rheoli'r materion yma drwy broses rheoli newid y Cyngor. Bydd gan staff gyfle i ddileu swydd yn wirfoddol/ymddeol yn gynnar o wirfodd, neu gael eu hadleoli i ran arall o'r gwasanaeth.

Rydw i'n hyderus bod penderfyniad Cyfarwyddwr Dros Dro'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol wedi'i wneud yn gywir, a bod angen gweithredu'r newidiadau arfaethedig. Rydw i'n derbyn y bydden ni wedi gallu gwneud yn well wrth fynd i'r afael â'r broses o ymgynghori â'r undebau llafur a sut cafodd staff wybod am y penderfyniad, ac rydw i'n ymddiheuro i'r undebau llafur a'r staff am hyn. Rydw i hefyd yn ymddiheuro am y pryder y mae hyn wedi'i achosi i Aelodau'r Cyngor. Bydda i'n sicrhau ein bod ni'n gwella mewn meysydd penodol wrth symud ymlaen."

Roedd yr Arweinydd wedi cydnabod datganiad y Prif Weithredwr. Dywedodd fod gofyn i swyddogion wneud penderfyniadau gweithredol wedi'u dirprwyo'n gyson, ond ble y bo'n addas, ac ar ôl derbyn cyngor y swyddog priodol, caiff y materion yma eu cyfeirio at yr Aelod o'r Cabinet, y Cabinet neu'r Cyngor. Nododd yr Arweinydd ei fod e'n hapus bod y Cyngor wedi gweithredu yn y ffordd gywir yn yr achos yma, sef gofyn i swyddogion ddefnyddio'r awdurdod dirprwyedig i wneud penderfyniad.

Siaradodd yr Arweinydd am y pwyntiau allweddol a gafodd eu codi gan y Prif Weithredwr, gan bwysleisio nad oes angen dileu unrhyw swyddi gan y bydd y Cyngor yn ceisio cynnig cyfleoedd i ddiswyddo'n wirfoddol, ymddeol yn gynnar o wirfodd, neu adleoli i swydd wag arall yn y gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol.

Daeth yr Arweinydd i ben drwy nodi bod angen dysgu gwarsi o ran sut cafodd yr wybodaeth yma ei chyfathrebu â staff, roedd yr Arweinydd wedi gofyn bod Aelodau'n gweld y mater yn ei wir oleuni, mae penderfyniadau gweithredol wedi'u dirprwyo'n cael eu gwneud bob dydd, dyma'r tro cyntaf y mae'r Prif Weithredwr wedi gwneud datganiad yn dilyn pryderon gan Aelodau.

Cafodd y Cynghorydd A Rogers gyfle i gyflwyno'i sylwadau. Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd ble yng Nghyfansoddiad y Cyngor y mae modd dod o hyd i'r

caniatâd sy'n cael ei roi i swyddog er mwyn cyflwyno a gweithredu newidiadau mawr i wasanaeth ym mis Mawrth, gyda'r bwriad o gau'r gwasanaeth heb angen rhoi gwybod i Aelodau am y penderfyniad.

Nododd y Cynghorydd Rogers y byddai'r penderfyniad yma wedi elwa o waith craffu gan y Pwyllgorau Craffu perthnasol. Holodd a oedd y penderfyniad wedi arwain at gynnydd yng nghost y gwasanaeth, gan ystyried nad oedd unrhyw atgyfeiriadau pellach wedi'u derbyn ers mis Mawrth, er bod costau staffio wedi parhau i fod yr un fath, a holodd beth oedd y cost unedol newydd cyn mis Mawrth?

Holodd y Cynghorydd Rogers a oedd y gyllideb wedi'i haddasu'n yn unol â'r penderfyniad a oedd wedi'i wneud cyn y flwyddyn ariannol newydd, ar 1 Ebrill 2023, gyda'r bwriad o gau'r gwasanaeth yn y pen draw. Holodd hefyd a oedd Aelodau wedi gweld unrhyw wybodaeth am y mater yma yn rhan o adroddiad i'r Cabinet neu adroddiad i'r Cyngor am y gyllideb. Holodd y Cynghorydd Rogers a oedd unrhyw bryderon wedi'u nodi yn rhan o adroddiadau cyflawniad. Daeth y Cynghorydd â'i gyfraniad i ben drwy holi sut cafodd staff eu gwahodd i gyfarfod ar 4 Gorffennaf cyn i'r penderfyniad wedi'i ddirprwyo gael ei wneud ar 6 Gorffennaf a gofynnodd am eglurhad pellach ynghylch a oedd unrhyw ganiatâd gwleidyddol i gau'r gwasanaeth wedi'i roi ym mis Mawrth, ac os felly, gan bwy?

Roedd y Prif Weithredwr wedi ymateb i'r cwestiynau hynny oedd heb gael eu hateb yn rhan o'i ddatganiad ef:

Rhoddodd y Prif Weithredwr wybod bod yr awdurdod i wneud penderfyniad o'r fath yn dod o dan Adran 3 o Gynllun Dirprwyo'r Cyngor, sy'n rhoi caniatâd i Swyddogion wneud penderfyniadau gweithredol wedi'u dirprwyo. Ychwanegodd fod y penderfyniad i beidio â derbyn rhagor o atgyfeiriadau i'r gwasanaeth o fis Mawrth, yn amodol ar adolygiad o'r gwasanaeth symudol gyda'r nos, wedi'i drafod yn ei ddatganiad. Pwysleisiodd nad oedd y Cyngor yn bwriadu cau'r gwasanaeth neu gynyddu cost unedol y gwasanaeth, ond cafodd ei nodi'n effeithlonrwydd yr oedd angen ei wneud yn rhan o strategaeth y gyllideb.

Rhoddodd y Prif Weithredwr wybod bod y penderfyniad wedi cael ei wneud yn ystod y drafodaeth am Strategaeth y Gyllideb a gafodd ei thrafod yn rhan o gyfarfod y Cyngor ar 8 Mawrth 2023. Nododd nad oedd y penderfyniad yn ymwneud â chyflawniad y gwasanaeth, roedd yn ymwneud â materion effeithlonrwydd, gyda'r Cyngor yn defnyddio'i adnoddau i gynnal ei wasanaethau canolog yn y modd mwyaf effeithlon. Ychwanegodd fod staff wedi derbyn gwahoddiad i gyfarfod er mwyn cael gwybod am y newid i'w gwasanaethau, gan nodi ei fod e eisoes wedi cyfeirio at hyn yn ei ddatganiad. Roedd y Prif Weithredwr wedi ymddiheuro am y ffordd y cafodd y newid yma'i chyfathrebu gan ychwanegu bod angen dysgu gwers o'r profiad yma.

I gloi, o ran caniatâd gwleidyddol, rhoddodd y Prif Weithredwr wybod bod y penderfyniad yma wedi cael ei wneud yn rhan o'r effeithlonrwyddau gweithredol a gafodd eu hystyried gan y Cyngor yn rhan o'i gyfarfod ym mis Mawrth eleni.

Roedd y Cynghorydd W Jones wedi diolch i'r Prif Weithredwr am ei ddatganiad onest a didwyll, gan nodi ei fod e'n fodlon â'r penderfyniad cyhyd â bod swyddogion yn hyderus y bydd modd iddyn nhw gynnal y gwasanaeth a bod staff yn cael eu cefnogi.

Pwysleisiodd y Cynghorydd S Trask bwysigrwydd blaenoriaethu defnyddwyr

gwasanaeth, yn ogystal â chofio am staff y Cyngor. Roedd e'n falch o glywed nad oedd unrhyw gynlluniau ar y gweill i ddileu swyddi ac roedd e'n dymuno estyn ei ddymuniadau gorau i'r rheiny sy'n dewis ymddeol a'r rheiny sydd am gael eu hadleoli. Roedd y Cyngorydd yn gobeithio y byddan nhw'n derbyn rôl addas ac yn parhau i weithio i'r Cyngor am flynyddoedd i ddod.

Roedd yr Arweinydd hefyd yn dymuno nodi'r datganiad onest a didwyll gan y Prif Weithredwr. Yn dilyn y datganiad a'r cwestiynau roedd yr Arweinydd wedi codi gyda'r swyddogion, roedd yr Arweinydd yn hyderus y dylai'r penderfyniad yma gael ei wneud yn rhan o gylch gwaith Penderfyniad Gweithredol wedi'i Ddirprwyo. Nododd yr Arweinydd fod angen i'r Cyngor sicrhau bod anghenion y cleientiaid yn cael eu diwallu yn ogystal â sicrhau bod modd blaenoriaethu cyllid mewn meysydd eraill, gan fod y gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol o dan bwysau ariannol mawr.

Daeth yr Arweinydd i ben drwy ddweud eto y bydd y Cyngor yn osgoi dileu swyddi drwy gynnig cyfleoedd i ymddeol yn gynnar o wirfodd ac adleoli i ran arall o'r gwasanaeth, a bydd hyn yn cael ei reoli yn rhan o bolisi rheoli newid y Cyngor, gan weithio'n agos â'r Undebau Llafur a staff.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 6.34 pm

**Y Cyngorydd G Hughes
Cadeirydd.**

tudalen wag

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 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 15th 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 26th 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 20th September 2023 was 5pm on the 7th September 2023.
- 4.2 Thirty-four questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 12th September 2023, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the Britannia Bridge scheme?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Gronow to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Could the relevant Cabinet Member please give us an update on fly tipping across the county borough”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Hickman to the Cabinet Member for Development and Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on investment in Porth town centre?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Davis to the Cabinet Member for Social Services, County Borough Councillor G. Caple:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the works to deliver an Extra Care scheme in Porth?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide Members with an update on the rollout of the Council’s Community Wardens team and outline what progress has been made in the further commitment to fund 10 PCSOs with South Wales Police?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. E. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update to residents on the progress of the Maindy Road bridge scheme?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Communities, County Borough Councillor R. Harris:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please update members on its preparations to host the National Eisteddfod in Pontypridd in 2024?”</p>

8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Wood to the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Communities, County Borough Councillor R. Harris:</p> <p>“With the advent of two small Pontypridd Businesses leaving the town citing issues with ASB and the location of the Hostel, could we please have an update on when the Hostel, which was due to be moved early 2020, will be moved please?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update to Members on the discussions taking place given the significant financial pressures facing the public sector next year?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member update Council on the Leisure 4 Life service, and outline how it is helping to achieve a healthy and active RCT?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sheryl Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Since the additional wardens have been appointed, please can we have an update on how many people have been fined in relation to dog fouling”.</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</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>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Rogers to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“It is important for us all to encourage our residents to use public transport. Unfortunately, our bus services are not the most reliable. How is the Council addressing the issues of cancellations, long waits and the knock-on effect of overcrowding on our buses?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on bus services in RCT and outline the latest position on providing support to providers?”</p>

15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. A. Tomkinson to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor R. Harris:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the Muni Arts Centre redevelopment scheme?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D.R. Bevan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“What impact is the UK Government’s pursuit of austerity having on councils and communities across Wales?”</p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Could the Leader provide Councillors with an update on the Shared Prosperity Fund Community Fund?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Should passenger trains be reinstated to Hirwaun and Rhigos, where would the stations for both villages be located?”</p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the works to Ynysangharad War Memorial Park?”</p>
20	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Action Plan?”</p>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Smith to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“With the introduction of the Social Partnership and Procurement Bill in Wales, can the Leader please outline what action RCT are taking to ensure compliance with the legislation?”</p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on whether any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) has been identified in RCT schools?”</p>

23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</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>
24	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. L. Dunning to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</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>
25	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the progress of the A4119 dualling works?”</p>
26	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</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>
27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member provide a further update on the progress of EV charging point rollouts in RCT?”</p>
28	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Johnson to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:</p> <p>“Please could the Cabinet Member responsible provide a detailed update on EV charging point roll out throughout RCT?”</p>
29	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Middle to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“What progress is the Council making in achieving its commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030?”</p>

30	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Preedy to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</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>
31	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Following the successful lift of the new bridge at Castle Inn, can the Leader outline what the next steps of the final phase of the scheme will be?”</p>
32	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</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>
33	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please confirm the latest position on the scheme to replace the Llanharan Railway Footbridge?”</p>
34	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor N. H. Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader provide an update on how the Council is progressing its work to upgrade and improve drainage on its highway network?”</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

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Background Papers

[Council AGM 2019.](#)

[Council AGM 2021](#)



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023 – 2024

COUNCIL

20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/24 TO 2026/27

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND GROUP DIRECTOR –
FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE
RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR C LEYSHON

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2023/24 to 2026/27, based on current modelling assumptions in advance of formulating the detailed budget strategy proposals for 2024/25 during the autumn.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the current position modelled in respect of the 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27' and receive further updates in the autumn as part of the annual budget setting process.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need to keep Members informed of the budget modelling work being undertaken as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning arrangements. This work is in advance of the Provisional Local Government Settlement, due from Welsh Government later this year.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Each year as part of the Council's robust financial management arrangements, an update on the Medium-Term Financial Planning assumptions is provided to Members in advance of the detailed budget strategy work in the autumn. In this

regard, the Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27 was presented to Cabinet on [18th September 2023](#).

- 4.2 The Public Sector has faced a sustained period of real term reductions in funding levels for a number of years and unprecedented challenges lie ahead for services across local government as a result of on-going difficult economic conditions, high levels of inflation and the widespread implications of the conflict in Ukraine. These conditions are resulting in sustained increases in demand and costs associated with many Council services, in particular Social Care Services, and the need for us to continue to provide additional support to our residents, businesses and communities as they deal with the impact of on-going increases in energy, food and other costs.
- 4.3 Locally, this Council has demonstrated its ability and willingness to invest in services over a long-term period, linked to our priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan "Making a Difference - 2020 – 2024", in order to meet the changing needs of our people and communities. The significant 'additional' investment already agreed by Members during recent years is providing real improvements across many areas including Schools, Town Centres, Roads and Parks and Play Areas, alongside specific packages of financial support, funded by the Council and Welsh Government, to help families through the cost of living crisis.
- 4.4 Whilst investment through the use of one-off funds has been very positive, the Council recognises that it must still address projected base budget shortfalls and make difficult decisions to balance its ongoing revenue budget into the medium term. This report provides an updated view on the range and scale of the significant challenge faced and the arrangements being put in place to address the budget gap across the planning period, recognising that this follows on from the Council needing to address the most significant budget gap it has ever faced, at £38M for the current year, through a wide range of budget reduction measures.
- 4.5 Welsh Government, as part of its 2023/24 settlement, provided an indicative all Wales settlement level for the next financial year (2024/25) at +3.1%. Members will note the UK Government Budget is scheduled to be announced in autumn 2023 and will be a key driver and determinant of any additional funding being made available to devolved nations for 2024/25 and also the prospects for settlement levels over the medium term.

5. CURRENT MODELLING ASSUMPTIONS

- 5.1 The detailed modelling assumptions are included as part of the updated 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27'. The updated plan sets out the detailed basis of the medium-term strategy with references to revenue spending, capital plans, income levels and reserves.
- 5.2 Key assumptions used in the construction of the revenue budget modelling to 2026/27 are shown below:

5.3 Income

- Local Government settlement levels have been modelled on a range of planning scenarios:

Year	Potential Settlement	Potential Settlement	Potential Settlement
2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27	3.1%, 2.0% and 2.0% annum	3.0% per annum	4.0% per annum

- Council Tax increases are currently being modelled at 3.90% per annum.
- Specific grant funding from Welsh Government assumed to continue in respect of the Social Care Workforce Grant (£3.668M for 2023/24).
- Fees and charges uplifted by medium term inflation only (other than where exceptions have already been agreed by Cabinet).

5.4 Expenditure

- Service area pressures reflected which arise from statutory requirements, demand led pressures, demographics etc.
- Modelled uplifts included for pay and non-pay inflation (with agreed pay awards for teaching staff for 2022/23 and 2023/24 included on the basis of being fully funded by Welsh Government).
- Authority wide requirements reflected including Capital Financing, Levies and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- Schools budget is modelled to cover, in full, pay and non-pay inflation plus specific budget pressures (and in the context of the projected range of local government settlement levels).

6. CURRENT MODELLING OUTCOMES

- 6.1 The modelling uses a number of assumptions which are all subject to change and will be reviewed as part of the detailed budget strategy work underway. Due to current uncertainty at a UK Central Government level around public sector funding levels, paragraph 5.3 sets out a range of modelling assumptions for Welsh Government funding levels for financial years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27. The variability of the potential level of the Settlement from Welsh Government has a significant impact on the budget gap, at £4.7M per 1%, and Figure 1 illustrates the outcome of the range of modelling assumptions currently applied.

Figure 1 : Modelled Budget Gap 2024/25 to 2026/27

Budget Requirement	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
Additional Budget Requirement			
Additional Budget Requirement	46,920	41,715	38,710
Additional Resources			
Council Tax	6,409	5,100	5,299
Transition Funding	-9,105	0	0
Social Care Workforce Grant	0	0	0
WG Resource in line with WG indicative settlement for 2024/25 (+3.1%) and a Council assumption of settlement levels: 2025/26 +2% and 2026/27 +2%	14,611	9,719	9,913
WG Resource at +3%	14,140	14,564	15,001
WG Resource at +4%	18,853	19,607	20,391

Remaining Budget Gap at Welsh Government Settlement Levels	3 Year Budget Gap			
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
+3.1% increase for 2024/25, +2.0% increase for 2025/26 and +2.0% increase for 2026/27	35,005	26,897	23,498	85,400
3% increase per year	35,477	22,052	18,410	75,938
4% increase per year	30,764	17,008	13,020	60,792

Note: a 3.90% Council Tax increase per year is assumed as part of the modelled gap

- 6.2 As shown above, all of our planning assumptions result in a significant budget gap being faced by the Council. The extent of the impact on our services is clearly going to be largely and directly determined by the level of funding the UK Government provides to Welsh Government and thereafter the settlement level local authorities in Wales receive from Welsh Government.
- 6.3 The indicative all Wales settlement level provided by Welsh Government for 2024/25 of 3.1% is, as referred to above, informed by and reliant on the forecasted funding level to be provided by the UK Government. It is clear that this position is significantly out of line with inflationary and service pressures being faced across local government.

7. BALANCING THE BUDGET

- 7.1 The Council continues to focus on the budget gap position over the medium term and has successfully implemented a strategy of early identification and delivery of base budget reducing measures in-year. This has enabled the Council to deliver financial savings early and to replenish the Medium-Term Financial Planning and Service Transformation Reserve which has been used proactively as part of the budget strategy for a number of years.
- 7.2 Whilst our priority and focus is on protecting and supporting residents, communities and businesses, this is set in the context of the Council facing a budget gap of £35M for the next financial year and follows on from the £38M budget gap in the current year, as referenced in paragraph 4.4. The significance of the year-on-year funding shortfalls will mean that the Council's priority and focus will be extremely challenging to continue to deliver at the same levels as in previous years.
- 7.3 As the above clearly demonstrates, in the absence of additional funding from UK Government and thereafter Welsh Government, the Council faces a significant budget gap for next year and across the medium term. It is clear that the indicative funding allocation in no way reflects the reality of today and UK Government urgently needs to provide assurance to Welsh Government / Local Government that additional funding will be forthcoming. In the absence of such assurance, and to enable this Council to discharge its statutory duty to set a balanced budget for the financial year 2024/25 by the 11th March 2024, then once again all options to reduce council spend and generate income will need to be considered. This is at a time when residents are continuing to face cost of living challenges with significant pressures on household budgets.
- 7.4 In this regard, we must now, in the absence of any indications of additional funding being provided to local government, embark on further reviews across all our services to urgently identify options which can be considered to close the budget gap being faced. Whilst our valued services and jobs will be safeguarded wherever possible, it is inevitable that there will be a need to make cuts in service levels and jobs in order to close the budget gap we face, unless or until we receive assurances as to likely more positive funding levels next year and into the medium term.
- 7.5 As part of our service and financial planning arrangements, opportunity must be taken to ensure we continue a programme of transformation and service delivery changes which we have made across many, if not all of our service areas, in recent years. The Council continues to make step changes in our working arrangements, supported by a number of key strategies including Office Accommodation Strategy, Climate Change Strategy and Digital Strategy, and are providing the direction and focus to deliver more efficient and effective services to residents.
- 7.6 In line with the above, the areas we will explore include the continued: maximisation of efficiency saving opportunities including on-going review of workforce requirements and resources; delivery of our Social Services Transformation Programme (including our Residential Care Homes for Older People Strategy and Children's Services Residential Transformation Strategy);

review of our base budget requirements at both a service level and an authority wide level including our built assets; maximisation of opportunities to invest for the long term and collaboration with others and progress the delivery of our climate change ambitions; and, as a last resort, proposals to reduce service levels. In parallel, there will be a continued focus on the principles of Digitalisation, Commercialism, Early Intervention and Prevention, Independence and being an Efficient and Effective Organisation.

- 7.7 We have for many years sought to prioritise funding for schools, ensuring they have been treated favourably in comparison with other council services and providing additional resources for inflationary pressures (pay and non-pay), pupil number movements and other cost pressures being felt across our schools, and alongside this, the requirement to deliver a budget efficiency target. In light of the aforementioned position, schools will need to be prepared to contribute to closing the funding gap we face, as the sector has done in previous years.
- 7.8 As work develops through the areas described in 7.6, this will be reported to Members as appropriate.
- 7.9 Greater certainty will be available on the level of savings required post the Provisional Local Government Settlement later in the year. The position will be reported to Members as soon as possible after the settlement publication and as referenced above, the continued focus across a medium-term planning period is paramount.

8. RESERVES

- 8.1 The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan includes its Reserve Policy, setting out the important part reserves play in the overall financial management and financial standing of the Council.
- 8.2 The Council holds a number of categories of reserves, these being one-off funding allocations set aside for specific purposes and are continuously monitored as part of financial management and budgetary control arrangements to assess changes in risk and potential liabilities. This process also identifies reserves that can be released and made available to provide additional one-off investment in priority areas and infrastructure, subject to elected Member approval.
- 8.3 In addition to the above, the Council has also used reserves prudently as part of supporting its annual budget strategies over a number of years. Importantly, the approach recognises that due to their one-off nature, the use of reserves do not represent a sustainable strategy and more permanent changes / reductions to the base budget must be made to address budget gaps. By way of example, as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, to balance the budget based on modelled Welsh Government annual settlement levels at 3.1% for 2024/25 and 2% per year for 2025/26 and 2026/27, using reserves alone would require the

use of over £182M of reserves and the Council would still have a need to reduce its base budget by over £85M at the end of this period.

9. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 9.1 There are no immediate equality and diversity or socio-economic duty implications to consider as an Equality Impact Assessment will be an integral part of the budget strategy itself that will be reported on later in the year.

10. CONSULTATION

- 10.1 There are no specific consultation requirements at this time.

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The financial modelling assumptions and implications are set out in the detail of the report. At this stage, the Council is not being asked to make any new financial decisions in respect of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

12. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

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

- 13.1 The report supports our Corporate Plan cross-cutting priority of 'Living within our Means'.
- 13.2 The Medium-Term Financial Plan is a key enabler for the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and its obligations to support wider partnership objectives.

14. CONCLUSIONS

- 14.1 This report and the accompanying 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27' sets out the current position on the financial challenges facing the Council in the medium term. The report notes, that subject to the level of funding from Welsh Government, a significant budget gap is likely to be faced in 2024/25 and for the following two years.
- 14.2 The report also sets out that the current indicative funding allocation for 2024/25 in no way reflects the demands and pressures facing local government.

Consequently, in the absence of any assurances from UK Government and thereafter Welsh Government of additional funding, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC must embark on further reviews across all its services to urgently identify options which can be considered to close the budget gap being faced and enable the Council to discharge its statutory duty to set a balanced budget for the financial year 2024/25 by the 11th March 2024.

- 14.3 To support this work, the Council will continue the proactive strategy it has adopted in recent years to identify a range of budget saving options for consideration and reporting to Members as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process.

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/24 TO 2026/27

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND GROUP DIRECTOR - FINANCE,
DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT
PORTFOLIO HOLDER (CLLR C LEYSHON)**

Item:

Background Papers

- Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26
<https://rctcbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s36973/Appendix%201.pdf?LLL=0>
- Council Performance Report (Quarter 4 (Year-end) 2022/23)
<https://rctcbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s41942/Report.pdf?LLL=0>
- Budget Strategy 2023/24, Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2025/26 and Council Tax Resolution 2023/24
<https://rctcbc.moderngov.co.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=50004241&Ver=4&LLL=0>

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-2024

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REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S TERMS & CONDITIONS

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & GROUP DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Council with a proposal for change in respect of staff terms and conditions of employment.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council agree to introduce a revised rate of pay for Sunday working based on a Time plus a Half of Time payment;
- 2.2 That this change is introduced from the 1st November 2023.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall that at the Council meeting of 28th September 2022, it was agreed to introduce an enhanced rate of pay for weekend working at Time plus a Third of Time payment.
- 3.2 Members will also recall that a commitment was given to keep further terms and conditions matters, raised by the recognised trade unions, under review in light of operational and service need.
- 3.3 The change agreed by Council was positively received by both the trade unions and staff. The trade unions also welcomed the Council's ongoing commitment to keep under review additional terms and conditions matters raised by them.

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 4.1 As referenced in paragraph 3.3 above, the recognised trade unions welcomed the changes previously agreed. Discussions have continued with them since the Council meeting of the 28th September 2022, in respect of any further changes to the terms and conditions matters they raised.
- 4.2 Recently, the issue of enhanced rates for weekend working was again raised by the trade unions, with a view to whether the Council could further enhance the current Third of Time rate. Following the conclusion of the most recent discussions, the Council has now reviewed its position and determined that it would be reasonable to consider an increase to the current weekend working rate.
- 4.3 The enhancement being proposed is that for any hours worked on a Sunday, staff will be paid an enhanced rate of Time Plus a Half, starting from the 1st November 2023. The existing Time plus a Third payment will remain in place for any hours worked on a Saturday.
- 4.4 In scope roles for the payment of the weekend supplement would include home care staff, social care staff, leisure staff, cleansing staff etc.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 Due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duties under the Equality Act 2010, namely the Public Sector Equality Duty and Socio Economic Duty.
- 5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and concluded that the recommendations set out in the report are in line with the above legislation.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Welsh Language implications as a consequence of the recommendations contained within this report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Discussions have taken place with the recognised trade unions over these proposals.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 The financial implications of implementing the changes set out at section 4 amount to £0.330M (full year cost). The ongoing implications will be factored into the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The part year implication for this financial year (5 months, £0.138M) can be funded from available one-off resources.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 In accordance with Section 54 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 the Chief Executive must keep under review (i) the number and grades of staff required by the Council for the exercise of its functions; (ii) the organisation of the Council's staff; (iii) the appointment of the Council's staff and (iv) the arrangements for the management of the Council's staff (including arrangements for training and development).
- 9.2 Where the Chief Executive considers it appropriate to do so, they must make a report to Council setting out the Chief Executive's proposals in respect of any of the matters set out in paragraph 9.1.
- 9.3 It is Full Council's responsibility to then consider such reports.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 This report sets out a proposal to introduce an increased enhanced payment rate for weekend (Sunday) working which will have operational benefits in terms of ensuring workforce capacity.

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COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN – INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

REPORT OF THE CABINET

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the position regarding the opportunity for the Council to further invest in its priority areas, aligned to the Corporate Plan, “Making a Difference” 2020 – 2024.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council:

2.1.1 Review and if acceptable agree the additional investment and funding arrangements as set out in paragraph 4 which, if agreed, will be incorporated into the Council’s Capital Programme.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The importance of investment in areas supporting key Corporate Plan priorities has already been recognised by the Council with £154M of additional resources, over and above normal Capital Programme allocations, invested since October 2015.
- 3.2 A further opportunity for investment is now available for consideration, subject to agreement by Cabinet on 18th September 2023.

4. ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT

- 4.1 In line with the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities, additional investment is now proposed across the following areas:

Investment Priority	£M
Highways & Roads	1.500
Structures	2.500
Making Better Use/Traffic Developments	0.550
Flood Alleviation Works	0.200
Streetcare Improvements (bins)	0.050
Parks & Green Spaces	0.300
Town Centre Enhancements	0.100
Leisure Centres	0.400
Extra Care and Modernisation of Accommodation for Older People	2.000
Community Facilities Energy Grants	0.130
Total Investment	7.730

4.2 The Council's unaudited draft Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 show the Council has revenue stream earmarked reserves at the 31st March 2023 of £93.806M which are set aside for a variety of purposes. In addition, there are specific reserves relating to funding for the existing Capital Programme plus future Investment/Infrastructure.

4.3 The Investment/Infrastructure reserve is a specific reserve to fund the cost of maintaining and enhancing infrastructure across the County Borough. The balance of this reserve at 31st March 2023 was £24.950M, therefore the proposed investment priorities shown at paragraph 4.1 can be fully funded from this reserve.

4.4 Further detail on the proposed additional investment is shown below.

a) Highways & Roads (£1.500M)

Funding will continue to support the enhanced investment in the Council's largest asset, building on sustained increases in annual funding for highways capital maintenance over recent years.

b) Structures (£2.500M)

Funding will allow the continuation of the enhanced programme of capital repairs and maintenance of over 1,500 structures including, bridges, culverts, retaining walls, reinforced earth embankments and rock anchors. These structures are often critical to the continued safe operation of the highway network.

c) Making Better Use/Traffic Developments (£0.550M)

Funding will allow continuation of the programme of tackling congestion, pinch points and improving road safety by utilising existing road space to provide additional capacity.

d) Flood Alleviation Works (£0.200M)

Funding will continue to support small scale works on land drainage and flood alleviation schemes.

e) Streetcare Improvements (£0.050M)

Funding will support improvements to include new bins in public spaces.

f) Parks & Green Spaces (£0.300M)

This additional funding will allow the ongoing investment programme into the refurbishment of sports pavilions, upgrading of sports pitches and the repairs to parks infrastructure to be enhanced even further.

g) Town Centre Enhancements (£0.100M)

Funding will support townscape enhancements across our key town centres via a targeted approach to upgrading town centre buildings for increased business and commercial use and continuing to improve the quality of the townscape providing business investment and employment growth.

h) Leisure Centres (£0.400M)

Funding will support the capital maintenance of leisure buildings to ensure that the building decoration, floor coverings, changing facilities, and sport surfaces are maintained, adding to the customer experience. Each leisure facility will benefit from this investment.

i) Extra Care and Modernisation of Accommodation for Older People (£2.000M)

Funding will support the Council continuing its work with partners to deliver its strategy to modernise accommodation options for older people and deliver Extra Care housing across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

j) Community Facilities Energy Grants (£0.130M)

This funding would be made available to support energy cost pressures being felt across not for profit community based facilities.

The above investments support all of the Corporate Plan priorities of **People**, **Places** and **Prosperity**.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 Due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duties under the Equality Act 2010, namely the Public Sector Equality Duty and Socio-Economic Duty.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Welsh language implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 There are no consultation requirements as a result of the recommendations set out in the report. Subject to the decision of Council, consultation will be undertaken on specific areas, as appropriate, as part of developing/implementing projects.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. The proposed investment priorities totalling £7.730M are fully funded from Council resources already set aside for this purpose.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The recommendations have been compiled ensuring continued compliance with the Council's legal requirement to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs as set out in Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972. In addition, the proposed investment areas support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan priorities, in line with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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

- 10.1 The proposed investment areas are in line with the priorities included within the Council's Corporate Plan and support the sustainable development principle of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, in particular, planning for the 'long term', helping to 'prevent' problems occurring or getting worse in the future and delivering services in 'collaboration' with others.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 This report has identified the opportunity to invest a further £7.730M of additional resources in our local area including our own assets in order to improve our infrastructure and the services which are available to our residents.

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COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN – INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & GROUP DIRECTOR – FINANCE,
DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL, CLLR A MORGAN**

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20th SEPTEMBER 2023

MULTI-LOCATION MEETING POLICY

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members endorsement of the draft Rhondda Cynon Taf Multi-Location Meeting policy (attached at Appendix 1) following its consideration by the Democratic Services Committee and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Endorse the draft Multi Location Meeting policy (attached as appendix 1), following which the Council Constitution be amended to include a copy of the agreed policy.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need for the Council to take forward a Multi-Location Meetings policy and for the policy to be adhered to by Members, Officers and the general public as a form of good practice when attending multi location meetings.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the start of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 provided a framework for

Councils to convene remote meetings for all attendees while face to face meetings were unable to take place.

- 4.2 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 has enabled Councils to continue to meet remotely with the introduction of multi-location meetings, thereby enabling greater public participation and Councillor involvement in decision making.
- 4.3 During Covid lockdowns and throughout 2020/21 Rhondda Cynon Taf Council convened its meetings by remote means resulting in a number of benefits such as allowing decisions to be made in a transparent way; Making it easy for the public to view and participate in the democratic process and making it easier for participants to take part if they have family and/or caring commitments.
- 4.4 When considering arrangements for remote attendance or 'multi-location meetings', Authorities must have regard to the statutory guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers: Interim statutory guidance on multi-location meetings <https://gov.wales/local-authority-multi-location-meetings-interim-guidance>
- 4.5 The statutory guidance sets out a number of general principles to guide Authorities when developing their meeting arrangements, namely, transparency, accessibility, good conduct, Welsh language, local needs and future generations.
- 4.6 The statutory guidance also stipulates that Authorities should develop a policy setting out how multi-location meetings will operate and reflect the meeting arrangements in its constitution (Appendix 1 refers).

5. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 A 'Multi-Location Meeting' is a meeting whose participants are not all in the same physical place. Some of the participants may be physically located in the meeting venue whilst others join from their home or other remote location.
- 5.2 The Council Chamber has multi-location meeting capability, through its webcasting facility, which enables participants to attend both remotely and in person. The Chamber also has a designated public gallery, which allows the public to attend in person. This is in addition to the live public webcasting of some meetings; both providing additional transparency and public oversight in the decision-making process.
- 5.3 The Council has determined that all meetings must be able to operate as multi-location meetings to ensure that participants are able to attend remotely or physically should they wish to do so, subject to those meetings that were determined by Council, to be conducted as virtual only ([June 2021 Council](#)), or by the request of the Chair.

- 5.4 At the meeting of the [Democratic Services Committee](#) on the 13th February, 2023 Members considered the draft policy before them and took forward a number of amendments, which, for ease of reference are highlighted in red within the appendix, to reflect the changes proposed.
- 5.5 The draft policy was also considered by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs at their meeting on the 21st March 2023, who supported the amended policy.
- 5.6 The draft policy, with the incorporation of the Democratic Services Committee amendments is presented at Appendix 1 for Members comment and agreement.
- 5.7 Subject to Members agreement, the policy will be inserted within the Council Constitution. A Multi Location Meeting handbook will also look to be drafted to assist Members and other attendees for future meetings.
- 5.8 Members are reminded that support staff from within the Council Business Unit / Democratic Services are available to support Members and provide assistance with any arrangements necessary for the undertaking of a Multi Location Meeting.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Equality considerations feature throughout the Council's draft multi-location meetings policy.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation was undertaken with the [Democratic Services Committee](#) and the Council's Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

10. LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 10.1 Equality considerations feature throughout Corporate and National priorities and specifically the content of this report contributes to a More Equal Wales and a Wales of Cohesive Communities. Many of the improvements brought

about by multi-location meetings, such as innovation around the transaction of meetings, reductions in the use of paper, enhanced public accessibility will serve the objective of making local democratic systems more sustainable.

- 10.2 Multi-location meetings contribute to the Councils Climate Change agenda as the meetings reduce the carbon footprint of physical meetings (although digital activity is not carbon-neutral).

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 It is recognised that multi-location meetings are a vital component of good democracy in local government and help improve the Council's decision making, service provision and cost effectiveness.
- 11.2 The undertaking of multi-location meetings will strengthen accountability and transparency in the democratic process.
- 11.3 The Multi Location meetings policy will be reviewed as and when appropriate to ensure it remains relevant and 'fit for purpose'.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

APPENDIX 1

Multi – Location Meeting Policy

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MULTI-LOCATION MEETINGS POLICY

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 came into force on the 30th April 2021 and enabled Councils to operate multi-location meetings whereby Members, Officers, the public and Press are able to attend meetings physically or remotely.
- 1.2 In August 2021, Welsh Government published Interim Statutory Guidance on Multi-Location Meetings which can be found [here](#):
- 1.3 Multi-location meetings provide an opportunity for local authorities to become more efficient, raise their profile in the local community and make it easier for the public to view and participate in decision making and the democratic process.
- 1.4 Conducting meetings in this manner allows for greater flexibility and equality of access, acknowledging that some participants may have a preference for physical meetings potentially due to protected characteristics or circumstances which limits their ability to participate online. Other participants may wish to join council meetings remotely and from another location as a matter of default because, for example, they have working or caring responsibilities..
- 1.5 The provision of multi-location meetings also helps the Authority meet the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in terms of making the Authority more sustainable and resilient. Multi-location meetings reduce the carbon footprint of wholly physical meetings and reduce both the reliance on paper and need for travel;
- 1.6 This policy aims to produce a clear guide as to how the Authority will take forward multi-location meetings, ensuring transparency with decision making and accessibility for all, whilst also reflecting the meeting arrangements within the Council Constitution.

2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ('the 2021 Act'), Part 3, Chapter 4, local authorities are required to:
 - i. Electronically broadcast full Council meetings (with effect from May 2022).

- ii. Make and publish arrangements to ensure that all Council, Cabinet, Committee and Joint Committee meetings may be attended remotely also referred to as 'multi-location meetings'.
 - Meetings must be capable of being held virtually, but each authority must decide whether their meetings will be held fully virtually, partially virtually (where some participants are in the same physical location, whilst others join the meeting virtually, also referred to as 'hybrid meetings') or as physical meetings (authorities may **not** mandate physical attendance at meetings).
 - Participants in the meetings must be able to speak to and hear each other; and for meetings which are required to be broadcast (full Council meetings), participants must also be able to see and be seen by each other.
 - iii. Publish all meeting documents on the Council's website, including notices, summonses, agendas, reports and background papers (with effect from May 2021).
 - A note of the meeting, including Members in attendance and decisions made, must be published within 7 working days of the meeting.
 - Notice of meetings is no longer required to be posted at the Council's offices. However, copies of agendas and reports must be made available for the public if meetings are held physically.
 - The Council is also required to make public access provision for members of the public who cannot access electronic documents, for example, by providing access to computers, copies of documents, or making documents available for inspection.
- 2.2 Authorities should take into consideration the statutory guidance available when taking forward multi-location meetings. The statutory guidance provides a number of general principles to guide authorities when developing their meeting arrangements, namely, transparency, accessibility, good conduct, Welsh language, local needs and future generations.

3. WHAT IS A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING?

- 3.1 A Multi-location meeting is a meeting whose participants are not all in the same physical place. Some of the participants may be physically located in the meeting venue whilst others join from their home or other remote location.
- 3.2 In respect of such meetings, the Authority has determined these meetings to be called 'hybrid' meetings and will refer to them as such on Committee Summonses / Agendas / Meeting invites.
- 3.3 When a meeting is to be convened fully remotely the Council will regard these meetings as 'virtual' meetings and will refer to them as such on Committee Summonses / Agendas / Meeting invites.
- 3.4 The Council Chamber, situated in the Council Headquarters in Clydach Vale

has multi-location meeting capability to enable participants of meetings to attend and fully participate through a hybrid setting. The Council Chamber is therefore the designated venue for physical attendees at a Council Committee meeting. The Chamber also has a designated public gallery to allow the public and press to attend in person.

- 3.5 The Council uses a secure virtual platform to conduct the remote aspect of a meeting. Details of how to access meetings through the virtual platform are provided to Members and relevant attendees in advance of the meeting.
- 3.6 The Council has determined that all meetings must be able to operate as multi-location meetings to ensure that participants are able to attend remotely or physically should they wish to do so, subject to those meetings that were determined by Council, to be conducted as virtual only ([June 2021 Council](#)), or by the request of the Chair.

4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

- 4.1 Meetings invitations will be provided electronically and will provide details of the meeting, its location and timings. Meeting invites will include links to enable the participants to join remotely should they wish to do so. In respect of hybrid meetings, participants will need to indicate their intention to attend the meeting physically or remotely in advance to enable any necessary administrative and support arrangements to be put in place by Democratic Services.
- 4.2 Owing to the necessary administrative support that is required to hold hybrid meetings, a minimum number of physical attendees will be put in place for those meetings as indicated below. If the minimum number is not met, the meeting will be held as virtual only and the participants informed accordingly by Democratic Services. The Council website will also be updated to advise of the changes and notify any members of the public who may have wished to attend the meeting physically in a viewing / observer capacity.
- 4.3 The minimum physical attendance by Members and subsequent arrangements will be in place as follows:

MEETING	DETAILS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council • Cabinet • Planning Committee • Licensing Committee • Appeals Committee • Standards Committee 	<p>All meetings will be offered as hybrid (i.e. participants can attend either physically or remotely).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Scrutiny Committees • Governance and Audit Committee • Democratic Services Committee 	<p>All meetings will be offered as hybrid subject to the following attendance numbers: – $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Committee as</p>

	Minimum number of physical attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Education Authority Governors • Voluntary Early Retirement Redundancy Panel • Pension Fund Committee • Executive Committees / Steering Groups • Joint Committees • Working Groups 	All meetings will be offered as virtual (i.e. participants can attend remotely only)

5 QUORUM

- 5.1 The quorum of a meeting is one quarter of the voting Members unless specified otherwise within the Council’s Constitution. The quorum shall include those attending remotely, or physically; providing they are able to speak and be heard by each other and to see and be seen by others when participating in proceedings.
- 5.2 If the numbers present fall below the quorum required, the meeting ends immediately.

6 USE OF CAMERAS

- 6.1 Remote participants of meetings must be able to “speak to and be heard by each other” and “to see and be seen by each other”.
- 6.2 For all meetings, Members are requested to leave their cameras on throughout the duration of the meeting. Any Press in attendance will be asked to keep their cameras off for the duration of the meeting. If circumstance arises where it may not be appropriate to capture your video image, permission must be sought from the Chair and the reason recorded. It is accepted that there will be occasions when a remote participant may need to disable their camera due to poor connection/internet issues or personal circumstances of their home environment.
- 6.3 Committee reports under consideration will not be displayed on screen. Only when Officers are providing a presentation, will the information be shown on screen.
- 6.4 Members and Officers should be mindful of any confidential information they may have on display when attending a hybrid meeting that could be picked up on camera.

7 WITHDRAWAL FROM A MEETING DUE TO A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- 7.1 Should an Elected Member declare a Prejudicial Interest at a hybrid or virtual meeting, the Member must withdraw from the meeting unless they are relying on a relevant exemption set out in the Council's Member Code of Conduct and which is properly disclosed or obtained a dispensation from the Council's Standards Committee. However, where Members of the public are able to speak at a meeting, the Elected Member can also remain to make their representations but must leave after their representations are made. (For further information on declarations of interests at meetings see the [Council's Constitution](#).)
- 7.2 The Elected Member will be invited back into the meeting once the item relating to the prejudicial item has concluded. Should that person not respond to the call to re-join, the meeting will continue without them, providing it is quorate.

8 CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AT MEETINGS

- 8.1 Each meeting agenda will indicate whether the information to be considered is exempt or confidential and these items are generally kept until the end of the agenda to limit any disruption to the meeting and any participants who may be required to leave the meeting at that point.
- 8.2 Agenda items which contain public information, and which are not exempt or confidential can be considered in a public forum. When an exempt or confidential item is itemised on the agenda the following steps may be used to ensure that the information is not shared with anyone other than those entitled to receive it:
- a) Request that those not entitled to consider the exempt information leave the public remote meeting or be moved to the "virtual" waiting room whilst the exempt information is considered.
 - b) Request that Members who are attending a meeting remotely ensure that the consideration (including any vote) on any confidential/exempt item cannot be overheard or seen other than by themselves
 - c) The meeting recording and webcast will be paused for the duration of the exempt item. In the physical part of the meeting any observers will be requested to leave the room whilst the exempt item is considered.
 - d) When consideration of the exempt information has been completed, if there are further public items to be considered, all remote participants will be invited to re-join the public remote meeting and the recording and webcast will be resumed. Likewise, the observers or participants attending the physical meeting will be invited to return into the meeting venue.

9 MEETING ETIQUETTE

- 9.1 Participants attending meetings remotely, should use an appropriate background setting. It is recommended that Members either blur their

background or chose the corporate background feature when attending remotely.

9.2 Members should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all meetings regardless of the setting (physical or remote). Members should refrain, whenever possible, from eating **and smoking** when on camera and should consider their appearance with no offensive clothing or materials on display. Members should ensure that they show respect at all times and consideration for others and not use bullying language or behaviour towards others.

9.3 In addition it is essential to **attend meetings from a safe, confidential and secure location, ensuring that where possible the location does not cause connectivity, sound and vision issues which may detract from the content of the meeting.** ~~avoid joining a meeting virtually from a noisy or public location or from your vehicle as undoubtedly these locations will cause.~~ **Members and Officers should ensure that their location provides a** ~~Neither will they offer a safe and confidential environment when discussing exempt agenda items. If it is deemed that the location a Member has chosen to conduct the meeting is not suitable for the reasons stated above, Under such circumstances the Chair in discussion with the Proper Officer attending the meeting may~~ ask a member to leave the meeting and rejoin from a more suitable location.

9.4 Virtual participants should only use the chat function if there is something they need the meeting to be aware of i.e. they are having sound issues or they need to leave the meeting early. The chat facility is not to be used for discussions, as all discussions must be made verbally in the meeting for the sake of individuals observing the meeting and / or the meeting recording where appropriate. The chat is not to be used for other reasons. Be mindful that everyone in the meeting can see the chat content.

9.5 All those participating in the meeting, physically or remotely, will need to indicate when they would like to speak, via the microphone queuing system in the Chamber or virtual hands raised when attending remotely. Only when brought in by the Presiding Officer / Chair may someone speak. Those in physical attendance in the Council Chamber should wait for their microphone light to indicate red before speaking. Those attending remotely should remember to unmute their microphone when speaking and to re-mute when finished. In both settings, participants must speak clearly and into the microphone.

10 VOTING

10.1 Voting will either take place electronically, via a roll call or a mixture of both. All voting results will be announced by either the Presiding Officer / Chair, the Monitoring/Legal Officer or the Head of Democratic Services before moving to the next item of business. Should a Member leave the meeting and not return, their vote will not be able to be provided by another Member.

10.2 Unless a recorded vote is requested in accordance with the Council's

Constitution, the Chair will seek a consensus from Members. If no objections are received the recommendations will be considered as carried (“no dissent”).

- 10.3 In both Hybrid or virtual meetings, where the vote will be carried out electronically the names of those voting for, against or abstaining will be automatically recorded and published on the Council’s website. If a physical roll call of votes is taken this will be undertaken by the Monitoring Officer or Head of Democratic Services at Full Council and for any other meeting by the Legal/Democratic Services Officer.

11 WELSH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

- 11.1 The Council Chamber conferencing system, which includes simultaneous interpretation and webcasting, currently promotes the use of the Welsh Language at every opportunity and this provision is in place to support those committees where the membership includes Welsh speaking Members. This will also be offered where Democratic Services has been informed in advance of any public speakers wishing to converse through the medium of Welsh (as indicated above).
- 11.2 For observers of any live webcast meeting, observers will have the option of viewing the webcast through either the English or Welsh feed provided, subject to their language choice.

12 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

- 12.1 The Democratic Services Officer will record the attendance of each Committee Member and participant at the meeting and record attendance in the relevant Decision Notice/Minutes of the meeting. An attendance record will also be displayed on each individual Members’ profile on the Council webpages. Committee Members are to inform the relevant Democratic Services Officer if they are unable to attend a meeting and their apologies will be recorded at the meeting and published in the minutes of the meeting.

13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 13.1 In order to address Committees such as the Planning & Development Committee, public participation guidance is available to assist residents when they attend both remote meetings and in person in the Council Chamber. Following confirmation of their requests to the appropriate chair, they will be contacted and supported through the processes in place to address Committee.
- 13.2 A public participant at a meeting wishing to speak in Welsh is required to contact Democratic Services at least 2 days in advance of a meeting (as directed on each Committee agenda) so that the necessary translation arrangements can be made. All meetings will be facilitated by a Democratic Services Officer.

14 CHAIRING MEETINGS

- 14.1 The Statutory Guidance understands that chairing a multi-location meeting is very different to chairing a face-to-face meeting. The job of the Presiding Officer / Chair is particularly challenging at a physical meeting with some participants joining remotely. Presiding Officers / Chairs and vice-chairs are encouraged to attend meetings in person in order to benefit from the direct support of the Democratic Services officer and Legal officer supporting the Committee. **It is suggested there where a Chair is unable to attend the Council Chamber the meeting is held as a virtual meeting.**
- 14.2 In general Chairs of meetings should ensure they are prepared for the meeting; ensure all participants are able to access the meeting and can see and hear each other; introduce themselves and others to members of the public who may be present; check occasionally to ensure no one has been lost due to technical difficulties and provide support to those participants experiencing challenges; and, ensure all participants are given an opportunity to speak and appropriately use the chat facility.

15 WEBCASTING OF MEETINGS IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

- 15.1 Local Authorities are required to webcast certain Council meetings. The main purpose of webcasting is to aid transparency, governance and accountability by giving members of the public, elected members, officers and other interested parties the opportunity to observe meetings without having to attend in person and for the Council to have an official audio and visual record of its decision-making process.
- 15.2 The following formal meetings of the Council are amongst some of the meetings that will either be webcast by being streamed live or recorded for upload to the Council's webcasting website within a reasonable period of time following the end of the meeting:

[Home – Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(public-i.tv\)](#)
[Virtual Meetings | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council](#)
rctcbc.gov.uk

- Council
 - Cabinet
 - Planning & Development Committee
 - Licensing Committee
 - Governance and Audit Committee
 - Democratic Services Committee
 - All Scrutiny Committee meetings
 - Standards Committee
- 15.3 Webcasting enhances the formal record of the meeting and the decisions taken, which are published on the Council website in the form of minutes or decision notices.

- 15.4 A webcasting protocol is included in [Part 4 Of the Council's Constitution](#).

16 RECORDING OF THE MEETING

- 16.1 At the start of each meeting, participants will be informed verbally of the intention to record the meeting. Subject to any disagreement being made verbally, all attendees consent to be filmed and to the use of those images and any sound recordings.
- 16.2 When recording the meeting the Council collects, uses and stores the following categories of personal information about participants;
- Their voice which will be recorded when they speak at the meeting;
 - Their image which will be recorded for the duration of their attendance in the meeting.
- 16.3 Details of how the local authority uses a participant's personal information for Recording and Publishing Meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committees can be found [here](#).

17 PUBLICATION OF MEETING INFORMATION

- 17.1 The Council's committee administration software [Civica-Modern.gov](#) is used to publish all meeting related agendas, reports, minutes and decision notices to its Council webpages on both the English and Welsh side of the website for the public to view. In addition, each Committee page links to its relevant webcast recording.

18 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

- 18.1 A calendar of meetings will be developed annually which identifies when Committee meetings will be taken forward throughout the Municipal Year and the timings of such meetings. This may be subject to change for operational reasons and these changes will be publicised.

19 TRAINING

- 19.1 Members and officers will receive training to be able to participate at meetings which will include the use of the virtual meeting platform software utilised for joining remote meetings and the use of the microphones in the Council Chamber when meetings take place physically in the building. Other training includes access to Modern Gov Committee papers, electronic voting and external participants will also receive support from Democratic Services when accessing the meeting.
- 19.2 Training for multi-location meetings will continue to be reviewed and provided to ensure the appropriate support provision is provided at all times by the Council Business Unit.

20 REVIEWING THE POLICY

20.1 The Multi Location meetings policy will be reviewed as and when appropriate to ensure it remains relevant and 'fit for purpose'.

21 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

21.1 This guidance policy should be read in conjunction with the Council's Constitution, Privacy Notice for Recording and publishing Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings and the Council's Corporate Privacy Notice - which can be found in the following links:

Constitution – [Council Constitution | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](http://rctcbc.gov.uk)

Privacy Notice - [Recording and Publishing Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings for Staff and Elected Members | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](http://rctcbc.gov.uk)

Council's Corporate Privacy Notice – [How we use your personal information - An Overview | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](http://rctcbc.gov.uk)



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 2023

THE SOUTH EAST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (THE CJC)

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES AND THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks Council agreement for the creation of a Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as part of the Governance arrangements relating to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (the CJC)
- 1.2 The CJC is required to have appropriate scrutiny arrangements in place. This report sets out the requirements in relation to those statutory duties and seeks authority to implement suitable arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Appoints the JOSOC as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the CJC;
- 2.2 Approves the Draft Terms of Reference for its functions in respect of the CJC, as attached at Appendix 2;
- 2.3 Notes the appointment of Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, as the host authority, for the JOSOC.
- 2.4 Notes that the cost of administering the JOSOC for the CJC will be dealt with by a service level agreement between RCTCBC and the CJC, to be concluded in due course.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that appropriate Overview and Scrutiny functions are implemented in respect of the CJC.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Statutory Guidance issued by Welsh Government that accompanies the CJC Regulations states that the CJs will be subject to the same performance, governance and scrutiny requirements as local authorities. However, it also states that it is expected that these arrangements should be proportionate to the scale of functions the CJC undertakes.
- 4.2 The Statutory Guidance further states that *'in considering the most effective and efficient approach to scrutiny, constituent councils and CJs should give thought to the benefits of a joint overview and scrutiny committee made up of the constituent councils'*.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Regulations 8 – 10 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (“the Regulations”) set out the CJC’s duties in relation to overview and scrutiny. The Regulations require the CJC to provide information to, attend meetings of and consider any report or recommendations made by a ‘relevant overview and scrutiny committee.’ A ‘relevant overview and scrutiny committee’ is defined in Regulation 8 (7)) as:
- a. an overview and scrutiny committee appointed by a constituent council under section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 2000;
 - b. a joint overview and scrutiny committee appointed under the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013 where the appointing authorities are constituent councils of the corporate joint committee;
 - c. a sub-committee of a committee described in paragraph (a) or (b).
- 5.2 The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (the “JOSC”) was appointed by the constituent councils of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Committee (the “CCR”) to provide the scrutiny function for the Joint Committee that body. It meets up to 4 times per year and is administered by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (“RCTCBC”).
- 5.3 The JOSC comprises one non-executive member from each constituent council of the CCRCD, which are also the constituent authorities of the CJC. Authorities are also requested to appoint Deputy Members to support the operation of the committee and effective scrutiny.

6. PROPOSALS

- 6.1 It is proposed that appointing the JOSC as the overview and scrutiny committee for the CJC under a separate terms of reference would best satisfy Welsh Government’s intention, as set out in the Statutory Guidance, because:

- (1) the Statutory Guidance provides for consideration to be given to scrutiny being carried out by a joint committee of the constituent authorities;
 - (2) the Statutory Guidance expressly states that scrutiny arrangements should be proportionate to the scale and functions of the CJC; and
 - (3) JOSOC already provides the scrutiny function of the CCR, the functions of which will be transferred to the CJC in due course.
- 6.2 Informal discussions have taken place between the Interim Monitoring Officer of the CJC and Service Director for Democratic Services & Communications in respect of the proposal.
- 6.3 The host authorities 'Head of Democratic Services' would be responsible for fulfilling the statutory responsibility of ensuring that sufficient advice and resources are available to members of the JOSOC to effectively perform their role. This would also include enabling access to sufficient training and development opportunities.
- 6.4 The JOSOC met on 27th July 2023 and have indicated their agreement in principle to the proposal. A letter from the Chair of the JOSOC to the Interim Monitoring Officer of the CJC dated 27th July 2023 is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- 6.5 The Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013 requires all ten constituent Councils to agree to appoint a JOSOC as a relevant scrutiny committee for the CJC, and when doing so, to enter into an agreement setting out the terms of reference, rules and procedures and other ancillary matters as set out in regulation 4 of those Regulations.
- 6.6 A draft terms of reference dealing with these matters is attached to this report as Appendix 2. In approving the draft terms of reference, the Council is entering into an agreement pursuant to regulation 4 as set out above.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The additional costs of providing the scrutiny function will be met by the CJC under existing budgets.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

10. CONSULTATION

- 10.1 The JOSc has been consulted at its meeting held on the 27th July 2023, prior to consideration of any of the proposals being presented to the ten constituent Councils.

11. THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT 2015

- 11.1 In developing these proposals, regard should be given to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act 2015 which provides the context within which public bodies, including CJs, should be exercising their functions, using their resources and ensuring their governance is effective with the aim of maximising their contribution to the well-being goals within the scope of their functions / responsibilities. The Act places a 'well-being duty' on public bodies aimed at achieving 7 national well-being goals for Wales - a Wales that is prosperous, resilient, healthier, more equal, has cohesive communities, a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language and is globally responsible. The five ways of working set out in the WFG Act (long-term, collaboration, involvement, prevention and integration) will be particularly important to consider in the context of the CJC.
- 11.2 The Well-being of Future Generations Act asks public bodies to work better with people, communities and each other to meet the Sustainable Development principle. The Council's approach to the implementation of the Act agreed by Cabinet is to make sure that its requirements are embedded into the everyday business.
- 11.3 The 'Future Generations Framework for Scrutiny' poses a set of questions that Scrutiny Members can use as a prompt. It can be used to see if the decisions they conclude have applied the Sustainable Development principle and to ensure that the work and recommendations of the JOSc are progressed through the lens of the Act.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 This report advises Members of the proposal to appoint the JOSc as the overview and scrutiny committee for the CJC under a separate terms of reference, which would best satisfy Welsh Government's intention, as set out in the Statutory Guidance. To ensure that appropriate overview and scrutiny arrangements are in place as an important part of the democratic accountability of the CJC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Letter from the Chair of the JOSOC dated 27th July 2023

Appendix 2 – Draft Terms of Reference of the JOSOC for the CJC

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27th July 2023

Cardiff Capital Region Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Feedback on the proposal of Scrutiny arrangements of the Corporate Joint Committee

Dear James,

The Cardiff Capital Region Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on the 27th July 2023 to consider the proposed Scrutiny arrangements for the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee, before these are formally considered at the CJC on Monday 31st July 2023

Members were supportive of the proposed arrangements for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be appointed as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the CJC and highlighted the importance of ensuring that an effective model of governance and scrutiny arrangements for the CJC are put in place. This included ensuring that the arrangement is adequately resourced to include funding for Members to receive sufficient training and support to take forward future Scrutiny for the CJC. In doing this, Members welcomed the opportunity to shape and revise their Terms of Reference to ensure they are fit for purpose and provide a clear and defined purpose on the Committee's future objectives and responsibilities.

We look forward to hearing from you following the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee meeting on Monday 31st July to progress the next steps

Yours sincerely,

Councillor A Whitcombe
Chair Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH EAST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Definitions

1. For the purposes of these Terms of Reference:

‘CJC’ – The South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

‘Appointing Authorities’ are the constituent councils of the CJC

‘Host Authority’ means Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC, or such other authority as the Appointing Authorities may agree from time to time;

Introduction

2. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (“the JOSC”) was established by the agreement of the Appointing Authorities pursuant to the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013.

Members

3. The JOSC shall consist of one non-executive member from each Appointing Authority.
4. It is a matter for each Appointing Authority, from time to time, to nominate, or terminate the appointment of its nominated member serving on the JOSC. Each Appointing Authority shall be entitled, from time to time, to appoint a deputy for its member representative to the JOSC but such deputy shall only be entitled to vote at meetings of the JOSC in the absence of their corresponding principal.
5. The length of appointment is a matter for each Appointing Authority.

Quorum

6. The quorum necessary for a meeting of the JOSC is at least 5 out of the 10 JOSC members, present at the relevant time.

Election of a Chair

7. The JOSC shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair annually.

Rules of Procedure

8. The procedure rules will be those of the Host Authority for its Scrutiny Committees.

Members' Conduct

9. Members of the JOSC will be bound by their respective Council's Code of Conduct.

Declarations of Interest

10. Members of the JOSC must declare any interest either before or during the meetings of the JOSC (and withdraw from that meeting if necessary) in accordance with their Council's Code of Conduct or as required by law.

Confidential and Exempt Information / Access to Information

11. The Host Authority's Access to Information Procedure rules shall apply subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972.

Openness and Transparency

12. All meetings of the JOSC will be open to the public unless it is necessary to exclude the public in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.
13. All agendas, reports and minutes of the JOSC will be made publicly available, unless deemed exempt or confidential in accordance with the above Act.

Functions to be exercised by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14. The JOSC shall be responsible for exercising the functions of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee pursuant to the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013.
15. Any member of the JOSC may refer to the JOSC any matter which is relevant to its functions provided it is not a local crime and disorder matter as defined in section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
16. Any member of any of the Appointing Authorities may refer to the JOSC any local Government matter which is relevant to the functions of the JOSC, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The matter relates to one of the functions of the Appointing Authority and is relevant to the functions of the JOSC,
 - b. It affects the electoral area of the member or it affects any person who lives or works there; and
 - c. It is not a local crime and disorder matter as defined in section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
17. When considering whether to refer a matter to the JOSC a member should first consider if it falls within the remit of a single overview and scrutiny committee within the member's local authority, and if that is the case the member should raise the matter there. Members should only refer a matter to the JOSC if it falls clearly within the responsibilities and terms of reference of the JOSC and if there is no scrutiny of the issue in the local authority to which the member belongs.

Administrative Arrangements

18. It shall be the responsibility of the Head of Democratic Services of the Host Authority to ensure that an appropriate level of officer support and other resources to the joint overview and scrutiny committee are in place at all times. The cost of providing these resources will be met by the CJC.

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 2023

OUTSIDE BODY MEMBERSHIP

SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To receive the Authority's nomination and subsequent appointment of an Elected Member on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd for the remainder of the four-year term (culminating in 2025).
- 1.2 To consider the proposed change to the current Officer representation to the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd following the resignation of Mrs G Davies, Director of Education & Inclusion Services, from the position.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To receive Member nominations to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd for the remainder of the term of office;
- 2.2 To consider the appointment of Kate Owen as the nominated Officer in place of Mrs G Davies, Director of Education & Inclusion Services, following her resignation from the position; and
- 2.3 Subject to the agreement of 2.1 and 2.2, correspondence be sent to Coleg Y Cymoedd advising them of the appointment (and change) to the Authority's nominated representatives.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Previously, due to the nature and personal requirements of the role (as set out in section 4 of the report), the Member appointed to this position has been the relevant Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education.

- 3.2 Since the Local Government Elections in May 2022, Mrs G Davies has fulfilled the requirements of the Board and represented the Council on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd in her capacity as Director of Education & Inclusion Services.
- 3.3 Coinciding with the resignation of Mrs Davies, the Council has been invited to consider the appointment of both an Elected Member and proposed nominated Officer representative, namely Kate Owen, to the Outside Body for the remaining term, until the Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2025.

4. THE GOVERNING BODY

- 4.1 The Governing Body at Coleg Y Cymoedd is made up of people from business or public life and will bring with them a range of skills and expertise that is important to the development and future of Coleg y Cymoedd. The Governing Body is responsible for the scrutiny of a number of areas including *'the determination of the educational character and mission of the institution and for oversight of its activities.'*
- 4.2 Coleg Y Cymoedd has determined that amongst the personal qualities required for the appointment includes *'a strong interest in further education and training and a determination to improve student success'*, as well as *'an ability to understand complex matters relating to public education and training policy, College planning, and College performance.'*
- 4.3 In view of the required knowledge and personal qualities, Council is now asked to consider appropriate nominations for the appointment of an Elected Member to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Coleg Y Cymoedd.
- 4.4 Council is also asked to consider the appointment of Kate Owen as the Council's Officer representative.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Members are encouraged as part of the Local Government & Elections Act Wales, to promote diversity in representations, particularly when determining senior roles.

6. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

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

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As in accordance with the Council's membership requirements – Council Constitution.

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

9.1 The Council's Committees contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan objectives, therefore it is important to ensure the Committee membership to its Outside Bodies is complete and accurate.

10 CONCLUSION

10.1 To provide Members with information in respect of the Committee membership.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Author – Richard Evans, Director of Human Resources

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks ratification of the decision of the Appointments Committee, regarding the appointment of the selected candidate to the post of Director of Social Services following completion of the recent recruitment and selection process agreed previously by the Appointments Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council ratify the recommendation of the Appointments Committee that Mr Neil Elliot be appointed to the post of Director of Social Services,
- 2.2 To note that if Council agree to the Appointment Committee's recommendation, then Mr. Elliot's start date in this post will be Thursday 21st September 2023.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will be aware from the Council's Constitution of the procedure for the selection and appointment of candidates to chief officer positions within the Council.
- 3.2 Section 144 of the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 stipulates that a local authority must appoint an officer, to be known as the director of social services, for the purposes of its social services functions.
- 3.3 To that end, I would advise Members that following an intensive assessment centre recruitment process on Wednesday 2nd and Friday

4th August 2023, the Appointments Committee determined to recommend to the Council that Mr Neil Elliot be appointed to the post of Director of Social Services.