



DECISION RECORD COUNCIL

Decision record of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

ATTENDANCE

<p align="center">PRESENT</p>	<p>Councillor G Hughes Councillor S Evans, Councillor B Stephens, Councillor L Addiscott, Councillor M Ashford, Councillor J Barton, Councillor R Bevan, Councillor P Binning, Councillor J Bonetto, Councillor S Bradwick, Councillor J Brencher, Councillor G Caple, Councillor J Cook, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor S J Davies, Councillor A Dennis, Councillor V Dunn, Councillor E L Dunning, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor J Elliott, Councillor S Emanuel, Councillor D Evans, Councillor P Evans, Councillor S Evans, Councillor A Fox, Councillor D Grehan, Councillor B Harris, Councillor S Hickman, Councillor G Holmes, Councillor G Hopkins, Councillor W Hughes, Councillor K Johnson, Councillor G Jones, Councillor G O Jones, Councillor W Jones, Councillor R Lewis, Councillor W Lewis, Councillor C Leyshon, Councillor C Lises, Councillor M Maohoub, Councillor C Middle, Councillor A Morgan, Councillor K Morgan, Councillor N H Morgan, Councillor S Morgans, Councillor W Owen, Councillor D Owen-Jones, Councillor M Norris, Councillor D Parkin, Councillor S Powderhill, Councillor M Powell, Councillor C Preedy, Councillor S Rees, Councillor A Roberts, Councillor A O Rogers, Councillor J Smith, Councillor G Stacey, Councillor L A Tomkinson, Councillor W Treeby, Councillor J Turner, Councillor G L Warren, Councillor K Webb, Councillor M Webber, Councillor T Williams, Councillor D Wood and Councillor R Yeo</p>
<p align="center">APOLOGIES</p>	<p>Councillor R Davis, Councillor A J Ellis, Councillor L Ellis, Councillor S Trask, Councillor D Williams, Councillor G E Williams and Councillor R Williams</p>

REPORT TITLE	DECISION	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	DECISION DATE	VOTE
Council Revenue Budget 2024/25 - Provisional Local Government Settlement	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the <u>Provisional</u> 2024/25 Local Government Settlement, announced by the Minister for Finance and Local Government on the 20th December 2023; 2. Note that the <u>Final</u> 2024/25 Local Government Settlement is expected during early March 2024; and 3. Note the approach to budget consultation for 2024/25 as already determined. 		17 January 2024	Unanimous vote.

<p>Welsh Church Act Annual Report and External Audit Report 2022/2023</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the External Auditor report – “2022- 23 Audit Plan” (Appendix 1); 2. Consider the External Auditor report – “Audit of Accounts Report” (Appendix 2); 3. Approve and note the Welsh Church Act Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the financial year 2022/2023 (Appendix 3); and 4. Approve and note the Letter of Representation relating to the Welsh Church Act Fund (Appendix 4). 	<p>Councillor W Lewis – Personal Councillor W Treeby – Personal Councillor M Maohoub – Personal Councillor D Grehan – Personal Councillor G Jones – Personal Councillor D Owen-Jones – Personal Councillor A Crimmings – Personal Councillor S Rees – Personal Councillor L Tomkinson – Personal Councillor M Norris – Personal Councillor A S Fox – Personal Councillor M Webber – Personal Councillor R Lewis – Personal Councillor A Morgan – Personal Councillor S Bradwick – Personal Councillor A Roberts – Personal Councillor G Holmes - Personal</p>	<p>17 January 2024</p>	<p>Unanimous vote.</p>
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Council Tax Reduction Scheme	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note and adopt the provisions of the Prescribed Requirements Regulations and the amendments made to those regulations by the Amendment Regulations as the Council's local CTRS for 2024/25, subject to the local discretions that the Council is able to exercise and subject to the regulations being approved by Welsh Government on 16th January 2024 and coming into force on 19th January 2024; 2. Note the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken by the Council on the local discretions applicable to the CTRS for 2024/25; and 3. Confirm the discretions applicable to the Council's local CTRS for 2024/25 as set out at paragraph 5.3 (Table 2) of this report. 		17 January 2024	Unanimous vote.
Rhondda Cynon Taf Revised Local Development Plan 2022-2037 - Preferred Strategy	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the RLDP Preferred Strategy for statutory public and stakeholder consultation. 		17 January 2024	Unanimous vote.

<p>Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the responses received in relation to the Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review which are summarised at Appendix 2 to the report; 2. Approve the proposals to amend existing Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report and notes that the Electoral Registration Officer would implement any consequential changes to the register of electors; and 3. Note that the Returning Officer will continue to monitor Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations as outlined in Appendix 1 and/or where no suitable alternative venue is available at any relevant time note any changes would be made in consultation with the relevant Local Member(s). 		<p>17 January 2024</p>	<p>Unanimous vote.</p>
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<p>The Annual Self-Assessment 2022/23 - Incorporating the Council's Corporate Performance Report</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider that the Self-Assessment at Appendix 1 is an accurate and robust reflection of the position of the Council and its services and meets the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Part 6. 2. Note the progress made in respect of the improvement themes identified in the 2021/22 Self-Assessment. 3. Consider the observations of the Governance and Audit Committee on 19 December 2023 and the Joint Consultative Committee on 20 December 2023. 4. Approve the Annual Self-Assessment 2022/23 incorporating the Council's Corporate Performance Report, and its publication within four weeks of approval. 		<p>17 January 2024</p>	<p>Unanimous vote.</p>

Notices of Motion

1) [TATA Steel](#)

Resolved to:

- Request that the Council Leader writes to the Members of Parliament and Members of the Senedd that represent the communities in Rhondda Cynon Taf and ask that they jointly support the representations made by this Council to the relevant U.K. Government Minister(s) to express this Council's view that the investment package announced falls woefully short.
- Notes the findings of the “Wrong Deal for Steel” and supports the steps laid out by Industrial Communities Alliance.
- Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Leaders of the other 9 Councils in the Alliance (The Industrial Communities Alliance) and ask that they agree to be a party to further approaching the UK Government to improve their investment in the steel Industry so that any job losses are minimized across Wales and can be managed effectively on a voluntary basis in agreement with TATA and the relevant Trade Unions.

Councillor G
Jones – Personal

Councillor J
Smith - Personal

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Unanimous Vote
on the [Amendment to the
Notice of Motion](#) which
became the substantive
motion

Unanimous Vote
on the substantive motion

2. Settlement for Wales	Resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that the Leader of the Council writes to call upon Tory Government Ministers to announce additional investment in the Budget in March. 			<p>Majority Vote against the Amendment to the Notice of Motion</p> <p>Unanimous Vote on the substantive motion</p>
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