

DECISION RECORD

Decision record of the meeting of the Cyngor held on Wednesday, 6th March 2024

PRESENT	<p>Councillor G Hughes Councillor S Evans, Councillor B Stephens, Councillor L Addiscott, Councillor M Ashford, Councillor J Barton, Councillor R Bevan, Councillor J Bonetto, Councillor S Bradwick, Councillor G Caple, Councillor J Cook, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Davis, Councillor A Dennis, Councillor V Dunn, Councillor E L Dunning, Councillor J Elliott, Councillor L Ellis, Councillor S Emanuel, Councillor D Evans, Councillor P Evans, Councillor R Evans, Councillor S Evans, Councillor A Fox, Councillor D Grehan, Councillor H Gronow, 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 N H Morgan, Councillor S Morgans, Councillor W Owen, Councillor D Owen-Jones, Councillor M Norris, Councillor D Parkin, Councillor C Preedy, Councillor S Rees, Councillor A Roberts, Councillor A O Rogers, Councillor J Smith, Councillor G Stacey, Councillor L A Tomkinson, Councillor S Trask, Councillor W Treeby, Councillor J Turner, Councillor G L Warren, Councillor K Webb, Councillor M Webber, Councillor D Williams, Councillor G E Williams, Councillor R Williams, Councillor T Williams, Councillor D Wood and Councillor R Yeo</p>		
APOLOGIES	<p>Councillor P Binning, Councillor J Brencher, Councillor S J Davies, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor A J Ellis, Councillor K Morgan, Councillor S Powderhill and Councillor M Powell</p>		
REPORT TITLE	DECISION	DECISION DATE	VOTE

Revenue Budget
Strategy 2024/25

Resolved to:

1. Note the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government (Rebecca Evans MS) and the table on the 2024/25 Final local government settlement, reproduced at Appendix 1;
2. Note the implications for the Council and the remaining budget gap as set out at section 5;
3. Agree a Council Tax increase for 2024/25 of 4.99%;
4. Agree the uplift to the aggregate Schools Budget as detailed at section 8;
5. Agree the budget strategy proposals as set out at paragraphs 10.2 to 10.4;
6. Agree the use of the 'Medium Term Financial Planning & Service Transformation Reserve' as transition funding, totalling £7.502M for 2024/25;
7. Approve Tables 4 and 5 in Section 13 of the report as the basis of allocating resources to the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), to other Council Services and to meet its corporate financing requirements; and
8. Agree the Council's overall budget for 2024/25 at £631.795M, in order to pass the necessary statutory resolutions to set the Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year by the statutory deadline of the 11th March 2024.

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Majority Vote (electronic
vote)

Council Tax
Resolution
2024/25

Resolved to:

1. Note the level of the precept from the Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales;
2. Note the level of the Community / Town Council Precepts, as detailed in Appendix 1;
3. Pass the formal Council Tax resolutions for the financial year ending 31st March 2025, as contained in Appendix 2; and
4. Note my comments upon robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves as detailed at paragraph 9.2.

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Majority Vote (electronic vote)

<p>Capital Programme 2024/2025- 2026/2027</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the detail of the <u>final</u> 2024/25 local government settlement for capital expenditure, reproduced at Appendix 1; 2. Agree to the proposed reallocation of existing resources, and allocation of new resources as detailed in paragraph 5; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree to allocate the funding identified in the report to the investment priorities as detailed in paragraph 6.2; b. Agree the proposed 'core' three year programme detailed at Appendix 2; c. Agree the proposed total three-year Capital Programme, detailed at Appendices 3 (a) to (e), which includes the following non core capital funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudential borrowing to support Sustainable Communities for Learning Schemes (formerly 21st Century Schools); • Capital grants for specific schemes; • Third party contributions; and • The investment priorities detailed in paragraph 6.2. 	<p>6 March 2024</p>	<p>Unanimous Vote</p>
<p>Treasury Management Strategy 2024/2025</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Treasury Indicators, and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy statement as set out in the report. 	<p>6 March 2024</p>	<p>Unanimous Vote</p>

Capital Strategy report 2024/25	Resolved to: 1. Approve the Capital Strategy report incorporating the Prudential Indicators.	6 March 2024	Unanimous Vote
The Council's Pay Policy Statement 2024/25	Resolved to: 1. Approve the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix A of the report.	6 March 2024	Unanimous Vote

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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ADDENDUM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 1: MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members Personal Interests in respect of Agenda Item 5 – Members’ Questions

Councillor K Johnson

I am an employee for Transport for Wales

Elected Members Personal Interests in respect of Agenda item 6 – Revenue Budget Strategy 2024/2025

The Director of Legal & Democratic Services explained that a blanket personal declaration for those who are members of a Town or Community Council would be declared in respect of Agenda Item 6 which references the Community / Town Council Precepts.

Joint Committees/Boards

Councillor

Councillor R Lewis

Committee

Central South Consortium Joint Education Service

Other

Councillor Sera Evans

My son’s school is mentioned in the report

Elected Members Personal Interests in respect of Agenda item 7 – Council Tax Resolution 2024/2025

The Director of Legal & Democratic Services explained that a blanket personal declaration for those who are members of a Town or Community Council would be declared in respect of Agenda Item 7 which references the Community / Town Council Precepts.

Town/Community Councils

Councillor

Councillor C Lises

Councillor J Bonetto

Councillor A Rogers

Town/Community Council

Pontypridd Town Council

Taffs Well & Nantgarw Community Council

Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council

Joint Committees/Panels

Councillor

Councillor B Harris

Councillor L Addiscott

Committee

South Wales Police & Crime Panel

South Wales Police & Crime Panel

Elected Members Personal Interests in respect of Agenda item 8 - Capital Programme 2024-2025-2026-27

Local Authority School Governors

Councillor

Councillor W. Owen

Councillor G Holmes

Councillor S Morgans

Councillor J Smith

Governing Body

Pontyclun Primary School

Penygawsi Primary School

Llyn Y Forwyn School

Llyn Y Forwyn School



Councillor M Webber	Interim Governing Body- Ysgol Awel Taf
Councillor L Tomkinson	Interim Governing Body – Ysgol Afon Taf
Councillor C Lises	Hawthorn Primary School (Chair)
Councillor C Lises	Hawthorn High School/Ysgol Afon Wen
Councillor A Roberts	Hawthorn High School

Other

Councillor C Preedy	I have a family member who is a teacher at Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School
Councillor S Trask	My daughter attends Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School

Personal Interests in respect of Agenda item 11 – The Council’s Pay Policy Statement 2024/2025

The Director of Legal & Democratic Services wished to make a declaration on behalf of all Council Officers present in relation to Agenda Item 11:

“The Pay Policy statement for the Council has no effect on existing terms and conditions applying to individual employees and simply sets out the Council’s approach to previously adopted policies, therefore Officers will remain in the meeting whilst the item is presented by the Director of Human Resources and during subsequent discussion”.

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