



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**A hybrid meeting of the CABINET will be held on
Monday, 20th November, 2023 at 12.30 pm**

Contact: Hannah Jones - Council Business Unit

Councillors and members of the public wishing to request the facility to address the Cabinet on any of the business as listed below, must request to do so by 12pm on Friday 17th November 2023. Councillors and Members of the public should stipulate if this address will be in the medium of English or Welsh.

It must be noted that the facility to address the Cabinet is at the discretion of the Chair and each request will be considered based on the agenda items being considered, the public interest/interest of the member in each matter and the demands of the business on that day. To make such a request please email:- ExecutiveandRegulatoryBusinessUnit@rctcbc.gov.uk

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 23rd October 2023 as an accurate record.

(Pages 7 - 22)

3. THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - EARLY BUDGET REDUCTION MEASURES

To receive the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance, Digital and Frontline Services, which provides Cabinet with an update on operational decisions and base budget reduction measures which have already been identified and the consequential financial implications which can now be factored into the Council's budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan.

(Pages 23 - 32)

4. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY

To receive the report of the Director of Highways, Streetcare and Transportation Services, which seeks Cabinet's approval to initiate a consultation with interested parties and relevant stakeholders in respect of a proposed new Home to School Transport Policy as detailed in the report.

(Pages 33 - 100)

5. CONTINUATION OF FREE BREAKFAST CLUB PROVISION IN PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A CHARGE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE ELEMENT

To receive the report of the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, which seeks permission to consult on the introduction of a charge for the additional childcare element which is available prior to the commencement of free breakfast club provision in primary and special schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf, noting Free School Meal Scheme (eFSM) pupils would be exempt from any charge.

(Pages 101 - 152)

6. LEARNING DISABILITY DAY SERVICES OFFER

To receive the report of the Director of Social Services, which informs the Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation on the proposed co-produced Day Services Strategy and operating model for people with a learning disability. It also sets out recommendations regarding the next steps for the remodelling of the Council's Day Services in line with the day service strategy and operating model.

(Pages 153 - 232)

7. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2024/25

To receive the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director, Finance, Digital & Frontline Services formally setting out the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2024/25.

(Pages 233 - 238)

**8. COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023
(QUARTER 2)**

To receive the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance, Digital and Frontline Services, which provides Members with an overview of the Council's performance, both from a financial and operational perspective, based on the first six months of this financial year (to the 30th September 2023).

(Pages 239 – 270)

9. CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

To receive the report of the Service Director of Democratic Services and Communication, which provides Cabinet with the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

(Pages 271 – 302)

**10. HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND STRATEGIC PROJECTS –
SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

To receive the report of the Director of Highways, Streetcare and Transportation Services, which sets out the supplementary capital programme for Highways, Transportation and Strategic Projects following the approval of additional 2023/24 investment by Council on 20th September 2023.

(Pages 303 – 312)

11. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2022 / 2023

To receive the report of the Director of Social Services presenting Cabinet with the final draft of the Director of Social Services Annual Report for 2022/23 for approval prior to its publication.

(Pages 313 – 368)

12. PRE-SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

To receive the report of the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication, providing the feedback and comments of the items that were pre-scrutinised by the Council's thematic Scrutiny Committee's following its last Committee cycle.

(Pages 369 – 372)

13. TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

"That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of the Schedule 12A of the Act".

14. MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND BUILDINGS PORTFOLIO: INTERIM UPDATE ON PROGRESS

To receive the exempt report of the Director of Corporate Estates, which seeks to provide an interim update on progress for the management of the Council's land and buildings portfolio until a future Corporate Asset Management Plan (2024-2030) is approved by Cabinet.

(Pages 373 - 402)

15. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Smith', is written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Circulation:-

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