



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

DECISION RECORD
COUNCIL

Decision record of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

ATTENDANCE

<p>PRESENT</p>	<p>Councillor G Hughes, Councillor B Stephens, Councillor L Addiscott, Councillor M Ashford, Councillor J Barton, Councillor R Bevan, Councillor P Binning, Councillor J Bonetto, Councillor J Brencher, Councillor G Caple, Councillor J Cook, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor S J Davies, Councillor R Davis, Councillor A Dennis, Councillor V Dunn, Councillor E L Dunning, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor J Elliott, Councillor L Ellis, Councillor S Emanuel, Councillor D Evans, Councillor S Evans, Councillor A Fox, Councillor D Grehan, Councillor H Gronow, Councillor B Harris, Councillor S Hickman, 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 C Preedy, Councillor S Rees, Councillor A Roberts, Councillor A O Rogers, Councillor G Stacey, Councillor L A Tomkinson, Councillor S Trask, Councillor W Treeby, Councillor J Turner, Councillor G L Warren, Councillor K Webb, Councillor D Williams, Councillor G E Williams, Councillor R Williams, Councillor T Williams, Councillor D Wood and Councillor R Yeo.</p>
<p>APOLOGIES</p>	<p>Councillor Sheryl Evans, Councillor S Bradwick, Councillor A J Ellis, Councillor P Evans, Councillor G Holmes, Councillor S Powderhill, Councillor M Powell, Councillor J Smith and Councillor M Webber.</p>

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Council Tax Discounts	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To agree the continuation of no Council Tax discount in respect of Class A, B and C properties; ii) To agree the continuation of a 50% premium for properties that have been empty for between 12 and 24 months and a 100% premium for properties empty for longer than 24 months; and iii) To note and reaffirm the introduction of a 100% premium for Class B properties from 1st April 2024, as agreed in the Council meeting of 18th January 2023. 	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote.
Guide to the Constitution of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To endorse the Constitution Committee's recommendation to adopt the Constitution Guide as attached at Appendix 1 to the report. 	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote.

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Petitions Scheme	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To endorse the Constitution Committee’s proposed amendments to the Council’s current petition scheme as set out within section 5 of the report and agree to the proposed revisions; ii) To instruct the Monitoring Officer to amend the constitution to reflect these changes; and iii) To approve the development of a petition scheme ‘guidance booklet’ to assist members of the public in taking forward a petition and for this booklet to be developed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. 	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote.

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Public Participation Strategy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That following Members’ consideration of the draft strategy and public consultation responses to agree the draft Public Participation Strategy attached as Appendix 1 of the report; ii) That the Strategy and relevant guides are made available in the public domain, following appropriate formatting of the documentation; and iii) That monitoring and reviewing of the Strategy is taken forward by the Democratic Services Committee. <p>(Note: The additional form of wording to the first recommendation which was not supported by the majority of Members, was moved by Councillor C Lises and seconded by Councillor S Trask, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Following Members consideration of the draft strategy and public consultation responses, to agree the draft Public Participation Strategy attached as Appendix 1 of the report <i>subject to the deletion of paragraph 4 on page 123 of the report.</i> 	None	25 October 2023	<p>Majority vote.</p> <p>Majority Disagreed</p>

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Political Balance	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) That the scheme for the allocation of seats to the different political groups and bodies to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be adopted;</p> <p>ii) That the Service Director – Democratic Services & Communication be authorised to make appointments to politically balanced bodies upon receipt by him of notification of the wishes of the political groups subject to any subsequent requests for amendment of membership of Committees being referred to Council;</p> <p>iii) To seek Council’s instruction in respect of the recommendation of the Statutory ‘Head of Democratic Services’ to amend the representation of members upon the Council’s Democratic Services Committee (as set out in table B);</p> <p>iv) That the allocation of Notices of Motion for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023-2024 is as follows: -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Labour - 12 Plaid Cymru -4 RCT Independent Group - 2 Conservatives – 1 Independent Group - 1</p>	None	25 October 2023	<p>Unanimous vote.</p> <p>Unanimous vote</p> <p>Majority vote</p> <p>Majority vote (Councillors S Trask & K Johnson abstained from voting on this motion)</p>

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Membership Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) To appoint County Borough Councillor Scott Emmanuel to the role of Vice-Chair of the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee; and</p> <p>ii) Authorise the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication to make any consequential membership changes, following receipt of nominations from the appropriate political group.</p>	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote.
Re-appointment of an Independent Member of the Standards Committee	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) To re-appoint Mr. John Thomas as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a period of four years from 1st December 2023.</p>	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote
Standards Committee Annual Report 2022-23	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) To note the Annual Report for the Standards Committee, (attached as Appendix 1 to the report).</p>	None	25 October 2023	Unanimous vote

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