



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

6TH JULY 2022

URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN FORWARD

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATION**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present, for Members' information an overview of the Urgent Decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee and the Urgent Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward outside of the Cabinet Committee during the period January – June 2022.
- 1.2 This is excluding those reports which were presented to another Committee of the Council for final decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a) Urgent Executive Decisions taken forward should be reported to Council for information purposes.
- 3.2 To assist in the openness and transparency of the Decision-making process within the Council.

4. URGENT DECISIONS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE

4.1 The following urgent Decision was taken forward by the Cabinet Committee during the period January – June 2022:

Date	Decision Taken	Reason for Exemption
27-01-22	The Council's 2022/2023 Revenue Budget	To allow Phase 2 of the consultation to proceed with immediate effect; final budget strategy will be presented to Council on the 9th March 2022
28-02-22	Acquisition of 103-110 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SL and 13-17 Sardis Road, Pontypridd, CF37 1DX	For the completion of the legal process.
28-02-22	The Council's 2022/2023 Revenue Budget	The acquisition will need to be completed by 30th April 2021.
28-02-22	Pontypridd Placemaking Plan	In order for the consultation process to commence as reasonably as practicable and shorten the period the consultation runs into the Pre-Election Period.
28-02-22	Council Fees and Charges Policy 2022-23	Fees and Charges form part of the Revenue Budget Strategy which will be considered by Council for formal approval.
28-02-22	The Council's Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2024/25	The report will be considered by Council at its meeting on the 9th March, 2022 for formal approval.
28-02-22	Local Business Rate Reduction Scheme 2022-23	The funding of the scheme is identified within a budget report requiring council determination on the 9th March 2022.

5. DELEGATIONS OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

- 5.1 As outlined in Section 3 of the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, Cabinet Members are permitted to make decisions falling under their portfolio if deemed urgent to protect the interest of the Council, subject to prior consultation with the relevant Senior Leadership Team Officer(s).
- 5.2 The Leader can take urgent decisions in the absence of the appropriate portfolio holder.
- 5.3 The confirmation and signature of the Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer to the proposed decision must be sought in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2.
- 5.4 There was one Urgent Decision of the Leader taken forward during the period January – June 2022:

Date	Decision Taken	Reason for Exemption
24-03-22	Welsh Government Cost of Living Support Scheme	To ensure that the Council is able to provide this much needed support to our residents, in a timely manner.

6. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS.

- 6.1 As outlined within section 6 of the Leaders Scheme of Delegation, and in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000, executive functions can be delegated to Officers (as set out within the terms of Section 5 of Part 3 of this part of the Council Constitution)
- 6.2 Following the Council AGM in 2016 and to increase transparency and accountability, Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward would be subject to the Overview and Scrutiny Call in procedure Rules.
- 6.3 The following urgent Key officer Delegated Decisions were taken forward during the period January – June 2022:

Date	Decision Taken	Reason for Exemption
18-02-22	Rhondda Cynon Taf: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2022	To meet Welsh Government's deadline for the submission of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2022.

01-04-22	<u>Car Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Council Employees</u>	The Council relies upon a dedicated workforce who deliver valued services across its communities, many of whom do so using their own vehicles. It is important that such staff do not suffer unduly financially as a consequence of the significant increase in fuel prices and that service continuity is assured.
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7. CONSULTATION

7.1 None Applicable, this report is for information purposes only.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED.

10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

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

11.1 All of the decisions taken forward link to the Councils Corporate plan / priorities and Members should look to each of the decisions to see how they link accordingly.

11.2 All decisions taken by the Executive are taken through the lens of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, ensuring that the decision takes account of the impact it could have on people living their lives in Wales now and in the future.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 Members are advised of the current position in respect of urgent decisions taken forward within Cabinet Committee and through Individual Cabinet Members and Officer Decisions.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny 2022-2027
Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

- Annual General Meeting – May 2016