



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

**COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**6 FEBRUARY 2023**

**BUDGET CONSULTATION 2023-24 Phase 2**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to respond and contribute to the Council's phase 2 2023-24 Budget Consultation
- 1.2 The report to Cabinet in respect of the 2023/24 local government settlement and the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 exercise which supported deliberations in formulating the revenue budget strategy for the financial year 2023/24 can be found [here](#) with the Decision notice [here](#)
- 1.3 Proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for the 2023/24 financial year also to be consulted on as part of phase 2 of the 2023/24 budget consultation process can also be found [here](#).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Provide feedback, as the Committee considers appropriate, to the Council's 2023-24 Budget Consultation

**3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To afford the opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to provide its feedback on the 2023-24 Budget Consultation, as part of its role as a consultee in the process.

**4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The revenue budget for the financial year ending the 31st March 2024, must be

constructed in accordance with the “Budget and Policy Framework” (contained in the Council’s Constitution), which was agreed by Members in May 2002.

- 4.2 Following Cabinet agreement on the draft budget strategy, and in light of the provisional local government settlement, feedback from consultees is now being sought on the draft strategy as part of Phase 2 Budget Consultation

## **5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

- 5.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process aims to provide opportunities for all of the Council’s stakeholders to get involved in giving their feedback, through a wide range of engagement methods.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Community Liaison Committee is requested to act as a consultee as part of the Council’s Budget Consultation process.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation set out in the report.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to consult on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme each year and this requirement has been incorporated into the 23-24 Budget Consultation process.

## **9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 The budget setting process impacts on all Council services and, in doing so, contributes to the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process provides opportunity for the Community Liaison Committee to contribute and comment upon the Council’s Phase 2 Budget consultation.
- 10.2 The feedback of all stakeholders provided via the consultation process will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation Report to be considered by Cabinet as part of it developing a draft Revenue Budget Strategy.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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