



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24**

**JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**5 FEBRUARY 2024**

**BUDGET CONSULTATION 2024-25 (PHASE 2)**

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

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. For Members of the Joint Consultative Committee to comment on the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of the second phase of the Council's 2024-25 Budget Consultation.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1. Provide feedback on the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of phase 2 of the Council's 2024-25 Budget Consultation.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To afford the opportunity for the Joint Consultative Committee to provide its feedback on the 2024-25 Budget Consultation, as part of its role as a consultee in the process.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Every year the Council undertakes a comprehensive approach to its annual budget consultation, providing a wide range of engagement methods for residents and stakeholders to take part in the process.
- 4.2 Cabinet, at its meeting on [23rd October 2023](#), agreed the Council's 2024/25 budget consultation arrangements. The first phase of the 2024-25 Budget Consultation process took place between 14 November and 19 December 2023, with the Joint Consultative Committee providing feedback as part of its 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 meeting.

## **5. 2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION (PHASE 2)**

- 5.1 At the Cabinet meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 the Cabinet Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance, Digital and Frontline Services in respect of the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy. ‘
- 5.2 As part of the recommendations of the Cabinet, Members, in line with the reported timetable of budget setting, [Resolved](#) to the undertaking of the second phase of the budget consultation process and to receive the feedback from this consultation in order to consider and determine the final budget strategy for submission to Council in March 2024.
- 5.3 The Joint Consultative Committee is requested to provide comment on the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy, as part of the second phase of the 2024-25 Budget Consultation process.
- 5.4 The PowerPoint presentation (as appended to this report) will be presented to the Committee as part of the phase 2 process.
- 5.5 For Members information, the Committee’s feedback will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation report, alongside all other feedback received from stakeholders, for consideration by Cabinet as part of determining the final budget strategy for submission to Council,

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

- 6.1 The 2024-25 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.

## **7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. There are no Welsh language implications arising from this report.

## **8. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT**

- 8.1. The Joint Consultative Committee is requested to act as a consultee as part of the Council’s Budget Consultation process.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

- 10.1. The Council has a legal duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to set a balanced budget and also a legal duty under the Local Government Act 2000 for it to be reported to and approved by Full Council. The phase 2 budget consultation process provides the opportunity for stakeholders to feedback on the Cabinet's draft 2024/25 Budget Strategy and for Cabinet to take this feedback into consideration as part of determining the final budget strategy for submission to full Council.

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

- 11.1 The budget setting process impacts on all Council services and contributes, in turn, to the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan priorities.

## **12. CONCLUSION**

- 12.1. The 2024-25 Budget Consultation process affords opportunity for the Committee to contribute and comment on the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of phase 2 of the Council's Budget Consultation process.
- 12.2. The feedback all stakeholders provide via the consultation process will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation Report to be considered by Cabinet as part of it determining a final 2024/25 revenue budget strategy for submission to Council in March 2024.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

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

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