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Date: 26th February 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee** will be held at **Penallta House (Sirhowy Room), Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach** on **Tuesday, 4th March 2014** at **5.15 p.m.** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Rosser'.

Stuart Rosser
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest – Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest (s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.
3. To approve and sign the following minutes:-
 - (1) Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 21st January 2014 (minute nos. 1 – 20, on page nos. 1 – 11).
4. Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance to the call-in procedure.

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5. To receive and consider the following Cabinet reports*:-

- (1) Outline of a Model for Increasing Affordable Housing Provision – 22nd January 2014;
- (2) Land Fronting King Edward Avenue, Caerphilly – 22nd January 2014;
- (3) Outcome Agreements 2013-2016 – 22nd January 2014;
- (4) Cabinet Forward Work Programme – 22nd January 2014;
- (5) Budget Proposals 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Strategy – 29th January 2014;
- (6) Medal Presentation Ceremony – St David's Day 2014 – 5th February 2014;
- (7) Housing Revenue Account Charges 2014-15 – 5th February 2014;
- (8) Transforming Homes, Lives and Communities – Local Employment Fund – 5th February 2014;
- (9) Write-Off of Debts over £20,000 – NNDR Arrears for Ltd Companies – 19th February 2014;
- (10) Improving Governance Programme Update – 19th February 2014.

* *If a member of the Scrutiny Committee wishes for any of the above Cabinet reports to be brought forward for review at the meeting please contact Rebecca Barrett, 01443 864245, by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 3rd March 2014.*

6. To receive a verbal report by the Cabinet Member(s).

7. To receive and consider the following Scrutiny reports:-

- (1) Welfare Reform Programme Update;
- (2) Update - Housing Benefits Under-Occupation Rules;
- (3) Citizen Engagement Strategy and Household Survey Update;
- (4) Treasury Management - Potential to Increase Investment Income.

8. To record any requests for an item to be included on the next available agenda.

9. To receive and note the following information items*:-

- (1) Council Tax and Business Rate: Changes To Recovery Procedures Used By Enforcement Agents (Formerly Baliffs);
- (2) Welsh Government Procurement Fitness Check;
- (3) Treasury Management and Capital Financing Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report – 1st April 2013 to 31st December 2013;
- (4) Discretionary Rate Relief Applications;
- (5) Summary of Members' Attendance – Quarter 3 – 1st October 2013 to 31st December 2013;
- (6) Caerphilly Local Service Board Minutes – 16th October 2013;
- (7) Special Caerphilly Homes Task Group Minutes – 9th January 2014;
- (8) Caerphilly Homes Task Group Minutes – 23rd January 2014;
- (9) Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

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