



NOTICE OF COUNCIL DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2024.

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, E. M. Aldworth, C. Andrews, A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, P. Cook, S. Cook, C. Cuss, E. Davies, T. D. Davies MBE, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, M. Evans, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, N. George, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, D.W.R. Preece, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade, and K. Woodland.

Officers: D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), S. O'Donnell (Principal Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rate Officer), F. Wilkins (Housing Services Manager), J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES:

Councillors D. Cushing, N. Dix, G. Ead, K. Etheridge, A. Farina-Childs, J.E. Fussell, A. Gair, S. Kent, A. Leonard, S. Morgan, D. Price, S. Skivens, and C. Wright, together with C. Harray (Chief Executive) and R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services).

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

The full individual voting result on all items can be found with the Council Agenda on the Caerphilly County Borough [Website](#):

| ITEM | SUBJECT | DECISION | VOTE |
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| 2. | Declarations of Interest. | <p>Councillor J.A. Pritchard declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Consultation Outcome – Proposals to Implement Council Tax Premiums on Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes, as her son owns a second home in the Caerphilly Borough. As this was a personal interest only there was no requirement for her to leave the meeting and she could take full part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Councillor A. Broughton-Pettit declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Consultation Outcome – Proposals to Implement Council Tax Premiums on Long-Term Empty Properties and</p> | No Vote Required |

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| | | Second Homes, as she owns a second home in the Caerphilly Borough. As this was a personal interest only there was no requirement for her to leave the meeting and she could take full part in the debate and vote. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Audit Wales Enquiries Return 2022/23. | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council endorsed the response appended to the report. | <p>46 For 0 Against 1 Abstention</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Consultation Outcome – Proposals to Implement Council Tax Premiums on Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes. | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council reviewed and considered the consultation feedback attached at Appendix A of the report; and 2. approved the implementation of the following premiums from 01 April 2025: - <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Class of dwelling</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Premium</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Second Homes</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Long-Term Empty Properties: -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empty longer than 2 years</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empty longer than 3 years</td> <td>200%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empty longer than 5 years</td> <td>300%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Class of dwelling | Premium | Second Homes | 100% | Long-Term Empty Properties: - | | Empty longer than 2 years | 100% | Empty longer than 3 years | 200% | Empty longer than 5 years | 300% | <p>52 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions</p> |
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