

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
24TH MARCH 2021
AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillors: S. Cook, N. George, C. Gordon, P. Marsden, L. Phipps, J. Ridgewell, Mrs E. Stenner and R. Whiting.

The Cabinet decisions are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant Cabinet report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	Apologies for absence.	Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor S. Morgan.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Cabinet held on 17th February 2021	RESOLVED that the minutes were approved as a correct record.	Unanimous
4.	Cabinet held on 24th February 2021	RESOLVED that the minutes were approved as a correct record.	Unanimous
5.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimous
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN AND ARE AN EXEMPT MATTER			
6.	Welsh Government Strategic Sites Programme - Opportunities for Ness Tar, Caerphilly.	<p>Members considered the Public Interest Test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -</p> <p>RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>i) RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the recommendations at paragraphs 3.1, be approved.</p>	Unanimous
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN			
7.	Welsh Government Retail, Leisure & Hospitality Rate Relief Scheme 2021/2022.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report: -</p> <p>i) The 'Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rate Relief Scheme 2021-22' (the 2021/22 Scheme), be agreed in accordance with the guidance set out at Appendix 1 of the Officers Report and the provisions of section 47(1) (a) and section 47(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;</p>	Unanimous

		<p>ii) That the Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer will use delegated powers to award the relief be noted;</p> <p>iii) The proposal set out in paragraph 5.6 be supported in order to maximise take-up by ratepayers and minimise administration costs for the Authority, the rate relief will be applied directly to eligible ratepayers' bills based on records already held by the Council's Business Rates Team;</p> <p>iv) That Officers of the Authority will make the business community aware of the 2021/22 Scheme through its usual channels, including its website and social media be noted. In addition, it be agreed that where a business is not granted relief through the process set out in paragraph 5.6, they will be asked to submit an email explaining how they satisfy the scheme criteria to enable the Business Rates Team to determine their eligibility or otherwise.</p>	
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN			
8.	Strategic Equality Plan - Annual Monitoring and Improvement Report 2019-2020.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers Report the annual monitoring and improvement report be approved for publication on the Council's website by the 31st March deadline.	Unanimous
9.	Review of Corporate Complaints Policy and Unacceptable Behaviour Policy.	<p>Considered by Audit Committee on 19th March 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers Report: -</p> <p>i) The views of the Audit Committee be considered and the model Concerns and Complaints Policy at Appendix 1 of the Officers Report, the Statement of Principles at Appendix 2 and the Unreasonable Persistent or Unreasonable actions by Complainants Policy at Appendix 3 be agreed;</p> <p>ii) The reporting mechanisms be agreed so that Cabinet will receive reports twice yearly.</p>	Unanimous
10.	White Paper on Re-balancing Care and Support - Presentation.	<p>Considered at Social Services Scrutiny Committee on 16th March 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the item be deferred to a later date.</p>	Unanimous
11.	Pen March Wind Farm -	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers Report: -	Unanimous

	Memorandum of Understanding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The signing of the non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MuO) be approved; ii) It be approved that Officers work with RWE and the Welsh Government Energy Service to amend the MoU so it reflects the councils aspirations for the scheme. iii) It be approved that Officers work with RWE to explore shared ownership models; and iv) It be approved that shared ownership model options be presented to Cabinet at a future date for further discussion. 	
12.	Car Parking Charges.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined in the Officers Report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A further extension of the temporary suspension of car parking charges until 30 September 2021 be approved, subject to further review at that time; ii) It be agreed that the estimated income shortfall of circa £324k be funded from the £2.713m Covid-19 Earmarked Reserve approved by Council at its meeting on 10th September 2020. 	Unanimous

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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) –

5.00 pm on Monday 29th March 2021