

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH July 2022 AT 1PM
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PRESENT:

Councillors: S. Cook, E. Forehead, N. George, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, J. Pritchard and Mrs E. Stenner.

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 Cllr. J. Simmonds (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation), C. Harry Chief Executive, R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer) and S. Harris (Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer).	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	<p>Cllr C. Andrews declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 - Housing Revenue Account Rent Policy Review</u> in that her father is a council tenant and as such she would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Pritchard declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 - Housing Revenue Account Rent Policy Review</u> in that his grandparents are council tenants and as such he would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Cllr S. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 - Enforcement & Compliance Of The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards In Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) Procedure</u> in that he is a private sector landlord and as such he would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Cllr E. Forehead declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 - Enforcement & Compliance Of The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards In Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) Procedure</u> in that her</p>	N/A

		<p>partner is a private sector landlord and as such she would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Cllr E. Stenner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 - Enforcement & Compliance Of The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards In Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) Procedure</u> in that she is private sector landlord and as such she would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>M. S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 - Enforcement & Compliance Of The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards In Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) Procedure</u> in that he is a private sector landlord and as such he would leave the meeting when the item was considered and take no part in the debate and vote.</p>	
3.	Minutes.	The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29th June 2022 were approved.	Unanimously
4.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	Subject to the following items being added to the Cabinet Agenda on 27 th July (Additional Fee Increase For Small Residential Home Providers For 2022/2023, Response To Increase Fuel Costs For Community-Based Staff Employed By Independent Sector Providers and Withdrawal From Ty Pontygwindy) the Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN			
5.	Marriage And Civil Partnership Fees - Registration Service.	<p>Considered by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the 28th of June 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:</p> <p>1) The content of the report and recommendations made by the Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the 28th of June 2022 as detailed in section 11 be considered and the proposed increases in ceremony fees, effective from 1st September 2022 be approved.</p>	Unanimously

		<p>2) A two-year ceremony fee review cycle subject to any significant change in circumstances be approved. Also, ceremony fees be considered annually in the light of any generic increase in non-pay inflation (fees and charges) approved by full Council when considering budget proposals each year.</p>	
6.	Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2022-27.	<p>Considered by the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 21st of June 22.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The findings of the 2022-27 Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment be approved. 2) It be agreed that officers submit the 2022-27 Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment to Welsh Government for scrutinization. 	Unanimously
7.	Housing Revenue Account Rent Policy Review.	<p>Considered by the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 9th of June 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The JRF Living Rent model be included as part of the existing rent policy, using the JRF model to benchmark at least every 2 years against the current rent policy to ensure affordability levels are evidenced. 2) Any variances outside of the benchmark Living Rent model be reported to members as part of the annual rent increase report with appropriate recommendations. 3) An average household earnings approach be adopted to the JRF model rather than based on earnings over 24 Middle Super Output Areas in Caerphilly County Borough. This would maintain the current basic 14 property rent types as opposed to 336 basic property rent types. 	Unanimously
8.	Enforcement & Compliance Of The Minimum Energy	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:	Unanimously

	<p>Efficiency Standards In Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) Procedure.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Enforcement Protocol in Appendix 1 be agreed and adopted as the Council's approach to dealing with identified non-compliances, including the use of Compliance Notices and Penalty Notices where appropriate. 2) The Enforcement & Compliance of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards in Private Rented Domestic Properties (MEES) procedure be periodically reviewed and updated in line with Welsh Government Legislation to reflect the maximum values of penalty permitted and the minimum Energy Performance Rating required under the regulation. 	
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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) –

5.00PM on Monday, 18th July 2022