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Date: 16th January 2013

MEETING REARRANGED FROM 22ND JANUARY 2013 TO 30TH JANUARY 2013

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, 22nd January 2013** immediately following the Arlingclose seminar to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A O'Sullivan', is written over a light blue circular background.

Anthony O'Sullivan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. To approve and sign the following minutes:-
 - (1) Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 13th November 2012 (minute nos. 1 - 10, on page nos. 1 - 6);
 - (2) Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Performance Management) held on 22nd November 2012 (minute nos. 1 - 3, on page nos. 1 - 3).
3. Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance to the call-in procedure.
4. To receive and consider the following Cabinet reports*:-
 - (1) Cherry Tree Innovation Centre (Cabinet - 13.11.12);
 - (2) Corporate Assessment by WAO (Cabinet - 27.11.12);
 - (3) NPS for Wales (Cabinet - 27.11.12);
 - (4) Council Tax Base 2013-14 (Cabinet - 11.12.12);

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- (5) Dyffryn House – Asset Management Strategy (Cabinet 15.01.12);
- (6) Living Wage (Cabinet 15.01.12);
- (7) Bad Debt in Respect of Commercial Rent – Pedagog Ltd (Cabinet 15.01.12);
- (8) Bad Debt in Respect of Commercial Rent – Southern Cross Healthcare (Cabinet 15.01.12);
- (9) Review of Financial Regulations (Cabinet 15.01.12).

* *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 Thomas, 01443 864245, by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 21st January 2013.*

5. To receive a verbal report by the Cabinet Member(s).
6. To receive and consider the following Notice of Motion received from Councillors Mrs. A. Collins, J.E. Fussell, C.P. Mann, M.J. Prew and J. Taylor:-

Caerphilly CBC strongly opposes the UK Government's cut to Council Tax Benefit and expresses concern at the consequences of this cut on the Authority's finances and additional financial burden that will be forced upon thousands of council tax benefit recipients in this borough.

Caerphilly CBC also expresses concern at the Welsh Government's decision to pass on this funding cut on to individual council tax benefit recipients and calls on the Welsh Government to make up any shortfall in funding for the next financial year and allow time for Local Authorities and the Welsh Government to work together to devise a fair and sustainable approach to council tax benefit in Wales.

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

- (1) Housing Revenue Account Charges – 2013-2014;
- (2) Ystrad Fawr Sports Development.

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) Workforce Information Report;
- (2) Housing Revenue Account and Capital Budget Monitoring 2012-2013;
- (3) Budget Monitoring 2012/13 – Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance;
- (4) Whole Authority Budget Monitoring 2012-2013;
- (5) Summary of Members' Attendance (Quarter 3);
- (6) Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme;
- (7) Minutes of the Corporate Health and Safety Committee held on 19th November 2012;
- (8) Minutes of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group (Welsh Housing Quality Standard) held on 25th October 2012;
- (9) Minutes of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group (Welsh Housing Quality Standard) held on 6th December 2012;
- (10) Minutes of the Pensions/Compensation Committee held on 5th December 2012.

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And Appropriate Officers