



**NOTICE OF THE HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023.**

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.**

### PRESENT:

Councillors: P. Cook (Vice Chair - Presiding), G. Ead, A. Hussey, L. Jeremiah, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Owen, L. Phipps, J. A. Pritchard, S. Williams and W. Williams.

Cabinet Members: Councillor P. Leonard (Planning and Public Protection), Councillor J. Pritchard (Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change) and Councillor S. Cook (Housing).

Officers: N. Taylor-Williams (Head of Housing), L. Allen (Principal Group Accountant - Housing), M. Betts (Tenant and Community Involvement Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Cushing, C. Forehead, D. Price, A. Whitcombe (Chair) and J. Winslade.	N/A
2.	Declarations of interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: -  Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 be approved as a correct record.	10 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	N/A
5.	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	It was proposed that the final reports for the Oakdale and Ty-Darren re-developments be scheduled for the meeting to be held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.  Following consideration of the report, and subject to the additional reports proposed, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.	10 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

		RESOLVED that the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	
6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet reports listed on the Agenda.	There had been no requests for any of the Cabinet reports to be brought forward for discussion at the meeting.	N/A
7.	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023/24.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>Members of the Committee acknowledged and considered the 2023/24 Housing Business Plan prior to its approval by Cabinet on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and its submission to WG by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the submission of the report to Council to request an extension of the HRA borrowing cap to £100m as a result of higher than anticipated inflation to maintain services and to progress with the new build programme. A provisional date for Council has been set for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.</li> </ol>	9 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
8.	Future of Caerphilly Homes Task Group.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the discontinuation of CHTG, for the reasons stated within the report. A special meeting was held in July 22 with the Repairs and Improvement Group and tenant members of CHTG following the completion of the WHQS programme to review the achievements and challenges, whilst also celebrating its successful conclusion.</li> <li>2. Commend the CHTG for the contribution it has made</li> </ol>	10 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

		<p>towards achieving the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.</p> <p>3. Acknowledge and approve the various existing and potential new methods to be explored by Caerphilly Homes for engagement with tenant/contract holders now and in the future. The proposals for effective and meaningful engagement will enable more tenants/contract holders to have an opportunity to express views and be consulted on the future direction of Caerphilly Homes.</p>	
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