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Date: 14th January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee** will be held in the **Sirhowy Room**, **Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Tuesday, 20th January, 2015** at **5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris Burns INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To approve and sign the following minutes: -

3 Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 11th November 2014 (minute nos 1-15).

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- 4 Special Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 8th December 2014 (minute nos 1-9). 11 - 22
- 5 Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.
- 6 To receive a verbal report by the Cabinet Member(s).
- 7 To receive and consider the following Cabinet Reports*:-
 - 1. Draft Savings Proposals 2015/16 29th October 2014.
 - 2. Former Newbridge Library 12th November 2014.
 - 3. Update Report Groundwork Caerphilly 12th November 2014.
 - 4. Land at Riverside Walk, Deri 26th November 2014.
 - 5. National Home Improvement Loan Scheme 26th November 2014.
 - 6. Draft Domestic Abuse, Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Violence Policy and Guidance for Managers 26th November 2014.
 - 7. Draft Flexible Working Policy and Procedure 26th November 2014.
 - 8. Cabinet Forward Work Programme 26th November 2014.
 - 9. Disposal of Land off Woodbine Road, Blackwood 10th December 2014.
 - 10. Council Tax Base 2015-2016 10th December 2014.
 - 11. Write-off of Debts over £20,000 NNDR Arrears for Ltd Companies 10th December 2014.
 - 12. Write-off of Debts over £20,000 NNDR Arrears (EXEMPT) 10th December 2014.

* 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 Barrett, 01443 864245, by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 19th January 2015.

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