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Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach on Tuesday, 26th January, 2016 at 5.00 pm to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris Burns
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

Pages

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Mayor's Announcements.
- 3 Presentation of Awards.
- 4 Short Film Presentation "It's My Shout".



5 Declarations of interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of 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: -

6 Council held on 17th November 2015 (minute nos 1 - 18).

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To receive and consider the following report from the meeting of Cabinet held on 20th January 2016: -

Planning Guidance for Smaller Scale Wind Turbine Development/ Caerphilly County Borough Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Study.

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To receive and consider the following reports: -

8 Establishment of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee/Panel for South East Wales Education Achievement Service.

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9 Caerphilly County Borough Council Response to the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.

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10 Election of Caerphilly Youth Champion.

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To receive and to answer the following question received under Rule of Procedure 10(2): -

11 Welsh Medium Education - to Councillor Passmore, Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, from Councillor P.J. Bevan: -

The growth of Welsh Medium education is the result of parental demand, and to date authorities have merely responded to existing demand. In doing so, they have only made additional provision as and when existing schools have reached capacity.

The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 however, requires local authorities to "promote" Welsh medium education. But while there is sufficient short term capacity in most of our Welsh medium schools in Caerffili County, the authority is satisfied that it <u>meets</u> demand. The definition of "promote" however, is to "encourage further advance" and this requires the authority to create demand if it is to satisfy the requirements of the 2013 Act.

Will the Cabinet Member for Education say what steps the authority is taking to achieve the legal demands of the Act, which is to "promote" Welsh medium education i.e. opening new schools in areas where demand has been identified.

Circulation:

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