

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: M. A. Adams, Mrs E. M. Aldworth, C. Cuss, Mrs C. Forehead, Miss E. Forehead, L. Harding, G. Johnston, G. Kirby (Vice Chair), C. P. Mann, J. Pritchard (Chair), R. Saralis, G. Simmonds, J. Taylor and L. G. Whittle.

Cabinet Members: Cllr. C. Gordon (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), Cllr. L Phipps (Cabinet Member for Housing) and Cllr. Mrs E. Stenner (Cabinet Member for Customer, Performance and Property Services).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), V. Doyle (Policy Officer), H. Lancaster (Senior Communications Officer), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer).

#### Also in attendance:

A. Hubbard (Wales Strategic Migration Partnership), C. Hennigan (Home Office) and S. Lakey (Clear Springs Ready Homes).

#### APOLOGIES:

Councillors: B. Miles and Mrs M. E. Sargent.

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	N/A
3.	Caerphilly County Borough Council - Proposals for Asylum Dispersal and Afghan Relocation.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officers report:</p> <p>The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee provided their views on the local authority's participation in the Home Office Asylum Dispersal Scheme and considered the options proposed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <p>Option 2 - to begin with a smaller number (5) family properties and evaluate the success after 12 months.</p> <p>The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee provided their views on the relocation of Afghan Nationals, which will be reflected in the consultation section of the report to Cabinet.</p>	13 For 1 Against 0 Abstention

4.	Community Empowerment Fund.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officers report:</p> <p>The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>(i) Endorsed the proposed approach to the delivery of the Community Empowerment Fund, and commented on and endorsed the funding criteria and grant management arrangements for the fund, prior to it being considered by Cabinet.</p> <p>(ii) Offered their views on appropriate support required to enable Elected Members to effectively champion the Community Empowerment Fund across their communities.</p> <p>(iii) Supported a review of the Community Empowerment Fund after 12 months in order to review take up of the fund to date and to identify and mitigate against any emerging barriers to the scheme.</p>	<p>13 For 0 Against 0 Abstention</p>
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