

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M.A. Adams, A. Collis, D.T. Davies, C. Elsbury, M. Evans, A. Gair, J. Gale, A. Hussey (Vice-Chair Presiding), A. Leonard, B. Owen, J.E. Roberts and T.J. Williams

Cabinet Members: N. George (Waste, Public Protection and Street Scene), J. Pritchard (Infrastructure and Property), A. Whitcombe (Sustainability, Planning and Fleet), R. Whiting (Learning and Leisure)

Also present: Councillor K. Etheridge (Blackwood Ward), Dr D. Platt (Local Resident)

Officers: M.S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection, Community & Leisure Services), M. Headington (Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager), N. Kenny (Community Safety Officer), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer) R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer), J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Kent, D.W.R. Preece, J. Scriven and J. Simmonds.

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.	None received.	No vote required
3.	Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee held on 14th September 2021.	Approved as a correct record.	6 For 0 Against 4 Abstentions
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There were no matters called in.	No vote required
5.	Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	RESOLVED that the Forward Work Programme as appended to the meeting papers be published on the Council's website.	11 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
6.	To receive and consider Cabinet reports listed on the agenda.	It was noted that none of the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda had been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	No vote required

7.	To receive a Notice of Motion – Nine Mile Point Planning Decision.	Having considered the Notice of Motion, it was RECOMMENDED to Council that the Notice of Motion not be supported.	4 For 7 Against 1 Abstention
8.	Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control on Sports Pitches	The Scrutiny Committee provided their views on the draft Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) attached at Appendix 2 to include the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches, prior to the draft Order being presented to Cabinet for approval. It was noted that the views of the Scrutiny Committee will be incorporated into the Cabinet report.	No vote required
9.	Grass Cutting Regimes.	RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that:- 1. The approach adopted during the 2021 cutting season be adopted as the standard going forward in relation to our highway verges and by-pass routes where mowing is kept to a minimum; 2. Urban areas, such as housing estates, older person accommodation, cemeteries etc. are maintained at the current cutting frequencies; 3. the list of areas nominated by local members within their respective wards be endorsed, which could be allowed to flourish during the summer period. Officers will continually work with local members to identify areas as the programme is expanded.	12 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
10.	Public Space Protection Orders - Anti-social Behaviour and Drinking Alcohol in a Public Place.	The Scrutiny Committee provided their views on extending the existing PSPOs for a period of 3 years, varying several areas to include anti-social behaviour restrictions, and introducing a number of new areas, prior to the draft Orders being presented to Cabinet for approval. It was noted that the views of the Scrutiny Committee will be incorporated into the Cabinet report.	No vote required

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