

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams (Vice Chair), C. Elsbury, L. Harding, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, B. Owen, Mrs D. Price, J. Ridgewell (Chair), W. Williams and B. Zaplatynski.

Cabinet Members: Councillor S. Cook (Social Care and Housing) and E. Stenner (Performance, Economy and Enterprise).

Officers: M. S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment), N. Taylor-Williams (Head of Housing), F. Wilkins (Housing Services Manager), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), S. Isaacs (Rents Manager), L. Allen (Principal Group Accountant - Housing), D. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer).

Also in Attendance:

Councillor J. Pritchard.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: J. Bevan, D. Cushing, R. W. Gough, A. G. Higgs, Mrs G. D. Oliver, Mrs M. E. Sargent and A. Whitcombe (Cabinet Member for Sustainability, Planning and Fleet).

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.	<p>Councillor L. Harding declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 – Housing Revenue Account Charges 2022/2023</u>, as family members are Council tenants and as such would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor S. Cook declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 – Housing Revenue Account Charges 2022/2023</u>, as a family member is a Council tenant. It was noted that Councillor S. Cook was attending as a Cabinet member therefore he would take no part in the debate of this item.</p> <p>Councillor D. Price sought advice from the Scrutiny Officer in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 – Housing Revenue Account Charges 2022/2023</u>, in that a colleague is a</p>	N/A

		Council tenant, and was advised that there was no requirement to make a declaration of interest.	
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 30th November 2021.	The minutes of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 30th November 2021 were approved as a correct record.	8 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
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.	The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee was informed that the Welsh Government Lease Scheme Proposal report has been scheduled for the special meeting on 10 th February 2022 and the Housing Revenue Business Plan report has been scheduled for 15 th March 2022. Following consideration of the report, and subject to the additional reports noted above, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed. RESOLVED that the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	10 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
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 Charges - 2022/2023.	Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that Recommendation 3.2 option (iii) be recommended to Cabinet for consideration. By way of verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority. RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: 3.2 (iii) – The increase per property from April 2022 be 2% – (£93.62/52 week – additional £1.84/wk) which is additional income of £1m, allowing for a small margin to reflect the unprecedented increase in material costs.	8 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions

		<p>It was also moved and seconded that recommendation 3.2 (vi) be recommended to Cabinet for consideration. By way of verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <p>3.2 (vi) – The level or rent for garages from April 2022 be increased by 2% to £8.39 per week.</p> <p>It was further moved and seconded that recommendation 3.2 (vii) be recommended to Cabinet for consideration. By way of verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <p>3.2 (vii) – A review of the current rent policy to reflect affordability.</p>	<p>9 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>9 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions</p>
8.	Economy and Environment 2021/22 Budget Monitoring Report (Period 7).	The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report and the detailed budget monitoring pages that followed in respect of the Regeneration and Planning Division.	No Vote Required.
9.	Directorate Performance Assessment Six Month Update 2021/22.	The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Caerphilly Homes Directorate Performance Assessment and discussed, challenged, and scrutinised the information contained within.	No Vote Required.
10.	Directorate Performance Assessment for Economy and Environment Services - Six Month Update 2021/22.	The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Economy and Environment Directorate Performance Assessment and discussed, challenged, and scrutinised the information contained within, for the Planning and Regeneration service aspects only.	No Vote Required.

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