

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.</b>
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### PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, C. Cuss, G. Enright, D. Ingram-Jones, G. Johnston (Chair), C. P. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles (Vice Chair), J. Reed, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. G. Whittle, and C. Wright.

Cabinet Member: Councillor Mrs E. Stenner

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), L. Lucas (Head of Customer and Digital Services), I. Evans (Procurement and Information Manager), R. Roberts (Business Improvement Manager), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), G. Jenkins (Head of Children's Services), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer), and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: Councillors C. Andrews and J. Pritchard, and B. Roberts (Audit Wales).

### APOLOGIES:

Councillor. D. Preece.

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 at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	No vote required
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes:  Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.	The minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as a correct record.	11 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	No matters had been called in.	No vote required
5.	Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.  RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	13 For 0 Against 1 Abstentions

6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda.	None of the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda had been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	No vote required
7.	Proposal for the Development of Community Hubs	<p>Having considered the content of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be recommended to Cabinet. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider and provide comment on the proposal.</li> <li>2. Support the proposal to implement the Tier 1 Community Hub model incrementally</li> <li>3. Make any additional recommendations for taking the proposal forward.</li> <li>4. Agree that co-production with communities is the best most sustainable method for developing Community Hubs, and that engagement with communities and organised groups in the locations should be a key.</li> <li>5. Agree that discussions should begin with staff working from the locations to gain their feedback and understanding of the proposal.</li> <li>6. Agree that the concept of 'one public sector estate' and a shared commitment to carbon reduction principles, allowing shared use of spaces with our main public sector partners should underpin the proposal.</li> </ol>	11 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
8.	Update on the Procurement Reform Agenda and to extend the Council's Programme for Procurement (Strategy) for a period of up to Eighteen (18) Months	Having considered the content of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be recommended to Cabinet. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting, there were 12 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.	Unanimous

		<p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <p>3.1 That Scrutiny Members note the current status of The Procurement Bill and the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill.</p> <p>3.2 That Scrutiny Members support the recommendation to Cabinet to extend the Council's existing Procurement Strategy for a period of up to eighteen (18) months.</p>	
9.	Audit Wales Report, Springing Forward – Assets July 2022	The Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Appendix A and discussed, challenged and scrutinised the information contained within.	No vote required

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