

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.**

### PRESENT:

Councillors: P. Cook (Vice Chair), D. Cushing, G. Ead, C. Forehead, A. Hussey, L. Jeremiah, C. Mann, A. McConnell, L. Phipps, Mrs D. Price, J. A. Pritchard, A. Whitcombe (Chair), S. Williams, W. Williams and J. Winslade.

Cabinet Member: Councillor S. Cook (Housing).

Officers: N. Taylor-Williams (Head of Housing), M. Jennings (Principal Housing Strategy Officer), L. Allen (Principal Group Accountant - Housing), S. Isaacs (Rents Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	An apology for absence was received from Councillor B. Owen.	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	Councillor A. McConnell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 – Housing Revenue Account Charges 2023/2024</u> , as a Council tenant, and left the meeting during consideration of this item.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: -  Special Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9th June 2022 be approved as a correct record.	13 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
4.	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21st June 2022 be approved as a correct record.	12 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
5.	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
6.	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	Following consideration of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme and subject to the additional report proposed, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations	13 For 0 Against 0 Abstention

		<p>be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.</p>	
7.	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
8.	Housing Revenue Account Charges - 2023/2024.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that:</p> <p>(i) Rent is increased per property to the maximum permitted as per the WG rent policy which is 6.5%. This would increase the current average rent by £6.10 per week from £93.80 to £99.90 per week over 52 weeks.</p> <p>(ii) The level of rent for garages from April 2023 be increased by 5.5% to £8.85 per week.</p>	11 For 0 Against 2 Abstention
9.	Low Cost Home Ownership Policy.	RESOLVED that the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report and any amendments or clarifications raised by Members be incorporated into the report prior to presentation to Cabinet.	No vote required.

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