

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 1PM |
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PRESENT:

Councillors: C. Andrews, S. Cook, E. Forehead, N. George, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, J. Pritchard, J. Simmonds, and E. Stenner.

The Cabinet decisions are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant Cabinet report.

| ITEM | SUBJECT | DECISION | VOTE |
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| 1. | Apologies for absence. | C. Harry (Chief Executive), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment) | N/A |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest. | <p>Councillor C. Andrews declared a personal interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 National Empty Home Grant</u> in that her mother-in-law has an empty property. As this was a personal interest only there was no requirement for her to leave the Chamber and she could take full part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Councillor S. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 Welsh Government Retail, Leisure, and Hospitality Rate Relief Scheme 2023/2024</u>, in that he owns 2 commercial properties and as such he left the Chamber when the item was discussed and took no part in the debate or vote.</p> | N/A |
| 3. | Minutes. | The minutes of Cabinet held on 25 th January 2023 were approved as a correct record. | Unanimously |
| 4. | Minutes | The minutes of Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute held on the 25 th January 2023 were approved as a correct record. | Unanimously |
| 5. | Cabinet Forward Work Programme. | The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted. | Unanimously |
| EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN | | | |
| 6. | National Empty Home Grant. | <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <p>1. The merits of the new National Empty Home Grant programme and the potential number of empty homes that could be brought back into use based on the maximum grant, across the county borough over the next two years (101) be considered and that</p> | Unanimously |

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| | | <p>Caerphilly Homes participate in the new National Empty Home Grant programme be agreed.</p> <p>2. The contribution of circa £231,000 towards the scheme during 23- 25 from housing general fund capital reserves be agreed.</p> <p>3. The use of both General Fund and Private Sector Housing revenue balances of circa £274,000 to fund the Empty property Team for an additional 2 years until October 2025 be approved.</p> | |
| 7. | Formulising the Youth Service Model. | <p>Considered by Education Scrutiny Committee on the 14th February 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <p>1. The formal adoption of the new blended model of youth working set out within this report be agreed.</p> <p>2. Authority be delegated to the Youth Service Manager to begin to progress discussions with staff and Trade Union partners in consultation with the Chief Education Officer and relevant Cabinet Member.</p> <p>3. Authority be delegated to the Youth Service Manager in consultation with the Chief Education Officer and relevant Cabinet Member to progress meaningful consultation with the local community in respect of the needs for the service to retain the Youth Centre at Brooklands in Risca.</p> | Unanimously |
| 8. | Welsh Government Retail, Leisure, and Hospitality Rate Relief Scheme 2023/2024 | <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <p>1. The 'Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rate Relief Scheme 2023-24' (the 2023/24 Scheme), in accordance with the WG guidance on the WG website and the provisions of section 47(1) (a) and section 47(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 be endorsed.</p> <p>2. The Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer will use delegated powers to award the relief be noted.</p> <p>3. The proposal set out in paragraph 5.8 that in order to assist ratepayers and minimise administration costs for the</p> | Unanimously |

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| | | <p>Authority, it is proposed that the declaration process will involve each eligible business completing and submitting an online form via the Council's website, with the Council's Business Rates Team aiming to process all declaration forms received as quickly as possible and issue amended bills to eligible ratepayers in accordance with the WG guidance be supported.</p> <p>4. That Officers of the Authority will make the business community aware of the 2023/24 Scheme through its usual channels, including its website and social media be noted.</p> | |
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TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN

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| 9. | Budget Proposals for 2023/24 | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council for the reasons given in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The revenue budget proposals for 2023/24 of £438.722m as detailed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 1 be endorsed. 2. The proposed budget virements in relation to Additional Learning Needs as detailed in paragraph 5.3.12 be endorsed. 3. The proposed use of £346k of the LMS Contingency Reserve as a one-off sum to support the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate's 2023/24 contribution to the 50% repairs and maintenance budget for schools (as detailed in paragraph 5.5.3) be endorsed. 4. The movements on the General Fund in Appendix 5 and the current projected balance as at 31 March 2023 of £13.041m be noted. 5. The proposed Capital Programme for the period 2023/24 to 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 6 be endorsed. 6. The proposal to increase Council Tax by 7.9% for the 2023/24 financial year to ensure that a balanced budget is achieved (Council Tax Band D being set at £1,353.01) be supported. 7. The updated MTFP in Appendix 7 showing an indicative potential | Unanimously |
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| | | savings requirement of £48.335m for the two-year period 2024/25 to 2025/26 be noted. | |
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