

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 1PM

#### PRESENT:

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

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	Apologies for absence.	Councillors C. Andrews, J. Simmonds and R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services)	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	N/A
3.	Minutes.	The minutes of Cabinet held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023 were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
4.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously
<b>EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN</b>			
5.	Private Sector Empty Home Strategy.	<p>Considered by the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The comments of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee of the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 be noted.</li> <li>2. The 2 pronged strategic approach and associated risk assessment for dealing with private sector empty homes be noted and the Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy be approved.</li> <li>3. The introduction of an empty homes council tax premium to incentivise private sector empty property owners into action be approved and a further report be drafted and presented to the necessary committees to agreed the detail and bring into force be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
6.	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023/24.	<p>Considered by the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained</p>	Unanimously

		<p>in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The comments of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be noted.</li> <li>2. The 2023/24 Housing Business Plan and its submission to WG by the 31st March 2023 be considered and approved.</li> <li>3. RECOMMENDED to Council that the request for an extension of the HRA borrowing cap to £100m as a result of higher than anticipated inflation to maintain services and to progress with the new build programme be approved.</li> </ol>	
7.	Future of Caerphilly Homes Task Group	<p>Considered by the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 27th February 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The comments of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be noted.</li> <li>2. The discontinuation of CHTG, for the reasons stated within the report. A special meeting was held in July 22 with the Repairs &amp; Improvement Group and tenant members of CHTG following the completion of the WHQS programme to review the achievements and challenges, whilst also celebrating its successful conclusion be approved.</li> <li>3. The CHTG for the contribution it has made towards achieving the Welsh Housing Quality Standard be commended.</li> <li>4. The various existing and potential new methods to be explored by Caerphilly Homes for engagement with tenant/contract holders now and in the future. The proposals for effective and meaningful engagement will enable more tenants/contract holders to have an opportunity to express views and be consulted on the future direction of Caerphilly Homes be acknowledged and approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
8.	Participation Strategy 2023-2027	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -	

		<p>1. Cabinet commented on the principles and objectives as outlined in the draft Participation Strategy 2023-2027.</p> <p>2. That further community engagement through the council's ongoing engagement programme 'The Caerphilly Conversation' continues to help shape the strategy's delivery, evolving over time as the benefit of new conversations and national best practice become evident.</p>	
<b>TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN</b>			
9.	Proposed Voluntary Termination of the Caerphilly CBC School PFI Contract	<p>Considered by the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Education and Policy Resources Scrutiny Committees) on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023</p> <p>For the reasons given in the Officers report Cabinet RECOMMENDED that Council consider and endorse the proposal to voluntarily terminate the Caerphilly CBC School PFI Contract.</p>	Unanimously
<b>EXEMPT ITEM - EXECUTIVE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN</b>			
10.	Public Interest Test	<p>Members considered the Public Interest Test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -</p> <p>RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	Unanimously
11.	Caerphilly Town 2035 – Park Lane Market Development	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report recommendations 3.1 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) be approved.	Unanimously

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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) –

**5.00PM on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**