

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, E. M. Aldworth, C. Andrews, A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, P. Cook, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, E. Davies, T. D. Davies MBE, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, N. George, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, M. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade, C. Wright and K. Woodland.

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), G. Jenkins (Interim Corporate Director Social Services), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), A. Cullinane (Senior Policy Officer - Equalities and Welsh Language), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), D. Lucas (Team Leader, Strategic Planning), S. Pugh (Communications Manager) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: G. Ead, A. Gair, D. Ingram-Jones, A. Leonard, D. W. R. Preece and D. Price.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargod School Choir.

ALSO PRESENT TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Sports and Leisure Department, Decarbonisation Team, Caerphilly's Supporting People Team, United Welsh, Platform and Llamau, Caerphilly Empty Homes Team and Members of Gelligaer Young Farmers Club.

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

The full individual voting result on all items can be found with the Council Agenda on the Caerphilly County Borough [Website](#):

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	No vote required.
3.	Presentation of Awards.	The presentation of awards were noted.	No vote required.

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4.	Council held on 27 th February 2024.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 th February 2024 be approved as a correct record.	58 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
5.	Strategic Equality Plan - Objectives and Actions 2024-2028.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The appended Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028, as recommended by Cabinet, be adopted as Council policy. 	59 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
6.	Greater Blackwood Masterplan.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The representations received as part of the public consultation exercise be considered and the Officer recommendations set out in the ROC be endorsed. 2. The Greater Blackwood Masterplan as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Adopted Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan and as a tool for guiding regeneration activity in the Greater Blackwood area be approved. 	55 For 1 Against 4 Abstentions
7.	Supporting the Work of Members Electronic Access to Information and the Use of Broadband.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee be endorsed that all Elected Members make use of their personal broadband connections to access e-mails, papers and meetings, as is the case for 67 members currently, and if for any 	58 For 1 Against 1 Abstentions

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		reason Members do not have access to their own broadband, they could be provided with a MiFi device or a SIM enabled laptop.	
8.	To receive announcements from the Mayor.	The Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's announcements were noted.	No vote required.
9.	To receive petitions under Rule of Procedure 28(3).	No petitions were received.	No vote required.
10	To receive and to answer questions received under Rule of Procedure 10(2).	Question received and answer noted.	No vote required.
11.	To receive and to answer questions received under Rule of Procedure 10(3).	Question received and answer noted.	No vote required.
12.	To receive questions under Rule of Procedure 10(12) to be answered in writing.	No questions received.	No vote required.

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