

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

Cabinet Members: Councillor J. Pritchard (Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change) and Councillor S. Cook (Housing).

Officers: M. S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment), N. Taylor-Williams (Head of Housing), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), H. Munro (Caerphilly Place-Making Programme Manager), A. Dallimore (Regeneration Services Manager), C Davies (Private Sector Housing Manager), R. Evans McLean (Principal Housing Officer - Communities), 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 |
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| 1. | To receive apologies for absence. | Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Cushing and C. Mann. | |
| 2. | Declarations of interest. | <p>Councillor J. A. Pritchard declared a personal interest only in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 7 – Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2023-2028</u>, in that her son is looking to purchase a house in the area. As there was no requirement for her to leave the meeting, she took full part in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Councillor G. Ead declared a personal interest only in relation to <u>Agenda Item No. 8 – Caerphilly Town 2035 - Project Overview and Progress Report</u>, in that he lives in close proximity to the town centre. As there was no requirement for him to leave the meeting, he took full part in the debate.</p> | N/A |
| 3. | <p>To approve and sign the following minutes: -</p> <p>Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 29th November 2022.</p> | RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 29 th November 2022 be approved as a correct record. | <p>12 For 0 Against 1 Abstention</p> |

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| 4. | 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 |
| 5. | Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme. | <p>The Committee was advised that the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny meeting scheduled for 14th March 2023 will be brought forward to a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations 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> | 13 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions |
| 6. | 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 |
| 7. | Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2023-2028. | <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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the 2-pronged strategic approach and associated risk assessment for dealing with private sector empty homes. 2. the comments of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to the strategic approach be noted and the empty homes strategy be approved. 3. the introduction of an empty homes council tax premium to incentivise private sector empty property owners into action be agreed and a further report be drafted and presented to the necessary Committees to agree the detail and bring into force. | 12 For 0 Against 1 Abstention |
| 8. | Caerphilly Town 2035 – Project Over | The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report and the work | No vote required |

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| | | being undertaken in delivering key interventions to deliver on the ambitious vision for Caerphilly Town. | |
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