

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th JUNE 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs E.M. Aldworth, C. Cuss, G. Enright, D. Ingram-Jones, G. Johnston (Chair), C. P. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles (Vice Chair), J. Reed, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. G. Whittle and C. Wright.

Cabinet Members: Councillors. N. George and Mrs E. Stenner.

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), L. Donovan (Head of People Services), L. Lucas (Head of Customer and Digital Services), V. Doyle (Policy Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), L. Dallimore (Unison Branch Secretary), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: Councillors C. Andrews, K. Etheridge, S. Morgan, and J. Pritchard.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors. M. Adams and D. Preece.

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	No vote required
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 4 th April 2023.	The minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 th April 2023 were approved as a correct record. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.	12 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	No matters had been called in.	No vote required
5.	Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present. RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	12 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda.	None of the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda had been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	No vote required
7.	Notice of Motion – Democracy and Accountability	<p>Following consideration of the Notice of Motion it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion not be supported. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion not be supported.</p>	<p>4 For 8 Against 1 Abstention</p>
8.	Update Report on the Community Empowerment Fund.	<p>The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the contents of the report.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report a Member proposed that the minimum threshold for grant applications be reduced from £1000 to £500. It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. By way of verbal communication this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minimum threshold for grant applications be reduced from £1000 to £500.</p>	Unanimous
9.	Mobilising Team Caerphilly	<p>Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendation be removed from the recommendations. By way of verbal communication this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to remove:</p> <p>5) That delegated authority on the use of the Invest to Save Reserve residual balance of £641k be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, relevant Cabinet Member and Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1) Note the content of the report on the next steps of the transformation process and the need for additional</p>	<p>Unanimous</p> <p>9 For 4 Against 0 Abstention</p>

		<p>resources to be engaged in various aspects of the programme</p> <p>2) Consider the specific proposals to engage specific external support set out in 5.28 and 5.29-5.34</p> <p>RECOMMEND to Cabinet:</p> <p>3) Their support for the proposals</p> <p>4) That £221k of the current balance of £862k on the Council's Invest to Save Reserve be used to fund the specific external support set out in 5.28 and 5.29-5.34, with the residual balance of £641k being repurposed to provide additional one-off support to the ongoing transformation programme</p> <p>6) That the outcome and findings of the external support be shared with a meeting of all Scrutiny Committees in the Autumn.</p>	
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