



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

**COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD BRYSGAN O'R ARWEINYDD Y
CYNGOR, Y CYNGHORYDD A MORGAN
RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR A MORGAN.**

Yn unol ag Adran 3A Ran 3 (paragraff 3) o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.
In accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (paragraph 3) of the Council's
Constitution.

PWNC | SUBJECT: 'Storm Dennis' – Support to Businesses – Non Domestic Rates Relief

PENDERFYNIAD | DECISION:

A Cabinet Steering Group (**Major Incident Recovery Board – FEBRUARY 2020 'STORM DENNIS' FLOODING EVENT**) has been established to ensure an Authority-wide approach in the delivery of services and the prioritisation of resources following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as result of severe rain and flooding caused by Storm Dennis. The Board will lead business continuity planning in the immediate period following this weather event and will continue to monitor the progress of associated action(s) agreed as part of the recovery plan determined by the Board. This Recovery Board has been established within the Leader's scheme of delegation.

Amongst a number of immediate recovery actions, the Council has already :

- Released £1.5M from its General Reserves to support the recovery requirements;
- Announced a Community Flood Grant (hardship payment) of £500 for residents and £1,000 for businesses;
- Provided funding of £100 per pupil living in an impacted property to support and replacement requirement for a school uniform;
- Allocated £800k of funding to provide grant funding for the renovation of flood impacted properties following Storm Dennis.
- Funded free school meals for children living in properties impacted by flooding for a four week period.

This is over and above the significant frontline support which is being provided to residents including re-housing, special collections and the co-ordination of food donations.

Welsh Government are also supporting residents with payments of £500 or £1,000 dependent upon their insurance status. Other local fundraising is also being distributed to residents.

In recognition of the impact upon our business community, it is now proposed to provide an immediate 3 month local relief (Credit) for the payment of Non Domestic Rates (NDR) :

- This will be applied to the 2019/20 NDR account of all Non Domestic Ratepayers whose property has suffered from flood water ingress from Storm Dennis;
- This relief will either mean an overpayment of business rates for 2019/20 will have occurred or it will reduce any remaining balance where rates remain payable;
- Overpayments of rates as a result of this decision can either be refunded to ratepayers or credited against 2020/21 rate bills, dependent on the preference of the ratepayer;
- Will be undertaken ahead of the 2020/21 NDR billing process;
- Will be applied with immediate effect.


The **Storm Dennis Discretionary NDR Relief** does not affect the eligibility of the business from applying for any relevant statutory exemption for NDR purposes, such as for example, where a property becomes empty :

- properties will be exempt for the first three months after they become vacant, or six months for industrial premises;
- listed buildings are exempt until they become occupied again;
- buildings with a rateable value under £2,600 are exempt until they become occupied again;
- properties owned by charities are exempt if its next use is likely to be wholly or mainly for charitable purposes;
- community amateur sports club buildings are exempt if their next use is likely to be wholly or mainly a sports club.

The Council formally resolves to adopt this scheme locally in exercise of its discretionary powers under section 47(1) (a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 Act and the Director of Finance and Digital Services will administer the scheme and make the necessary determinations in accordance with the Council's 'officer scheme of delegation'.

On the 3rd March 2020, Welsh Government confirmed that they will support Authorities in meeting the eligible costs of discretionary rates relief through the Emergency Financial Assistance Scheme (EFAS). This Council has already provided formal notice to WG of its request to activate the scheme.

The initial estimate of the cost of this discretionary relief is £1.000M to £1.250M. The relief will now be processed onto the NDR accounts alongside the billing process for new financial year (2020/21) and final costs will be included on this Councils EFAS claim to WG.

 Llofnod yr Aelod o'r Cabinet / Cabinet Member's Signiture	Andrew Morgan Priflythrennau /Print Name	04.03.20 Dyddiad / Date
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Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

M. Webber.

4th MARCH 2020

LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

M. Burt

04 MARCH 2020

LLOFNOD YMGYNGHORAI'R PRIF WEITHREDWR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

Gloria

04 MARCH 2020

CYFARWYDDWR Y GWASANAETHAU CYLLID A DIGIDOL
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYD A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YDY | YES ✓

NAC YDY | NO

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

To immediately continue the recovery plan following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as result of severe rain and flooding caused by Storm Dennis.

Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - Ilofnod y Llywydd, y Dirprwy Lywydd neu Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:



04.03.20

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(Llywydd | Presiding Member)

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(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- 9th March 2020

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

N/A

DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

