



COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT:

Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Planning Annual Performance Report 2018-2019.

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF REPORT:


In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director of Prosperity and Development as described below.

The purpose of the report is to outline the contents of the Planning Service Annual Performance Report 2018-2019, and seek approval for its submission to the Welsh Government.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION (OCTOBER 2019):

It is agreed that:

The Planning Annual Performance Report for the year 2018-2019 is submitted to Welsh Government.

 Llofnod y Prif Swyddog Chief Officer Signature	SIMON GALE Enw (priflythrennau) Print Name	25.10.19 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

YMGYNGHORI | CONSULTATION



25/10/14

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

DYDDIAD | DATE

LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

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

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN 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:

NAC YDY | NO

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Maer/Dirprwy Faer/Pennaeth 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 Mayor or Deputy Mayor 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:

.....*N/A*.....

(Maer | Mayor)

(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:- 25.10.19

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 implementation date will be

31.10.19

DYDDIAD / DATE

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

Rhagor o wybodaeth | Further Information:

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

**A REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT**

OCTOBER 2019

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF PLANNING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
2018-2019**

**AUTHOR: JIM BAILEY, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER
(APPLICATIONS)**

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to outline the contents of the Planning Service Annual Performance Report 2018-2019.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

The contents of the Planning Service Annual Monitoring Report (attached at Appendix 1) are agreed prior to submitting the document to the Welsh Government on the 31st October 2019.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is considered that the content of the report is a true and accurate record of the monitoring of the Performance of the Planning Service for the year 2018-2019.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Welsh Government, publishes an all Wales Performance Framework for Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. The framework sets out each authority's performance on a Good/Red, Fair/Amber and Improvement Needed/Red, basis judged against a set of published standard measures. These measures include a wide range of issues including status of the LDP and housing land supply; determination times

for planning applications; speed of enforcement action; Member overturns at Committee; appeals performance; public speaking at Committee; and accessibility of the planning website.

- 4.2 In addition to this performance framework Welsh Government has a requirement for each LPA to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) which offers the opportunity to set a narrative around the performance framework itself. The APR will give a description of the geographic, economic and corporate conditions the Planning Service operates in; outlines staffing and budget issues; any major projects that are ongoing and gives the opportunity to highlight any best practice the Service is undertaking.

5.0 KEY FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 5.1 The Service had 'Improvement Needed/Red' scores in 4 areas of the 20 measures in Performance Framework. The first two of these relate to the requirement to undertake a formal review of the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP). On 17th October, RCT Cabinet approved the LDP Review Report that concluded we need to revise our LDP. They also approved the Delivery Agreement (DA) proposed for the revised plan. This indicates a start date of April 2020. The call for Candidate Sites is programmed for between May and October 2020. The third 'red score' relates to the fact that the County Borough currently does not have a five year housing land supply (which was also the position shown in the 2017/18 APR). The fourth relates to the percentage of major applications that are determined within agreed timescales.
- 5.2 In support of the APR the Welsh Local Government Data Unit provided each local authority with a range of performance data for their service set against the All Wales average. In 6 out of the 9 areas measured, RCT was above the Welsh average. The indicators where the Council was below on was the speed of determining major and listed building applications within agreed timescales and the percentage of enforcement cases within a specified (84 days) time period.
- 5.3 The Welsh Local Government Data Unit also undertook (in 2017/18) a customer survey on behalf of all LPAs in Wales. In RCT, the majority of responses (55%) were from agents. 34% were from members of the public. 5% of respondents had their most recent planning application refused.
- 5.4 The Service was again rated above the Welsh average on all 7 of the questions that were asked. The Data Unit highlighted comments received which included: *"Offers a very professional and proactive service."* And *"A very easy and speedy service for me so very happy"*.

5.5 The APR highlights the Service's involvement in seeking to create opportunities within, in particular, the identified Strategic Opportunity Areas (SOA's) within the county borough. In addition, it notes the role of the LPA in facilitating the delivery of major schemes, such as the new South Wales Metro CVL Rolling Stock Depot at Taffs Well and the DWP HQ building at Treforest Industrial Estate. It also recognises the increasing cross service work that is required to deliver projects such as the development of the former Taff Vale site in Pontypridd and the need to build on such successes going forward.

5.6 The APR also sets out areas where we will need focus on in the coming year. Foremost of such focus needs to be on the review of the LDP and making sure that the initial steps and approvals required are in place in order that an achievable delivery plan can be agreed and delivered moving forward. Other areas of focus include making sure we are creating opportunity for investment potential in our SOA's *and* our performance in respect of processing major applications within agreed timescales. Although our speed in dealing with such applications is the 5th best across the Welsh LPAs this is not reflected in one of the indicators, due to inconsistent recording of agreed extensions of time. Given changes to the scope of the wider service area it is also identified that there needs to be a realignment of managerial reporting roles within the Service Area.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 None required.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

8.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

9.1 The Annual Performance Report is a statutory requirement from Welsh Government.

10.0 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN/OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/SIP

10.1 The effectiveness of the Regeneration and Planning plays an important role in delivering the overall objectives of the Council by ensuring the service creates opportunities for people and companies to live and work and invest in the County Borough.

11.0 CONCLUSION

11.1 The Council's Planning Service generally compares well in relation to the rest of Wales in the suite of measures contained in the Performance Framework issued by Welsh Government. There are areas that need to be addressed but there is also work that is innovative and exemplar in a Wales context.

Other Information:

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