



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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

**Yn ynol ag Adran o 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' – Further Allocation of Resources from General Fund  
Balances**

**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.

An initial and immediate allocation of £1M was made from General Reserves to support the recovery requirement arising from this exceptional event.

The extent of the recovery and wider implications across our infrastructure (such as roads, bridges, retaining / river walls, Council property) continues to be assessed alongside an ongoing period of adverse weather. It is though already apparent that the extent of the implications are unprecedented across the County Borough and on our residents and businesses. The requirement for Welsh Government and National Government financial support intensifies. Discussions continue to take place in this regard.

The Council has announced a Community Flood Recovery Grant (hardship payment) of £500 for residents and £1,000 for businesses (SME's) and arrangements for these payments have already been set out and communicated. In order to ensure that the Council can continue to maximise its clean-up, recovery and community support work it is necessary to allocate further resources from the Council's General Reserves. It is proposed to allocate a further £0.500M in this regard.

The Council maintains General Reserves for unforeseen and exceptional events. It is the view of the Director of Finance and Digital Services (as the Council's Statutory Finance Officer), given the overall quantum of our budget and the risks which we face, that we should maintain the level of these reserves at a minimum of £10M.


At the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the level of these reserves stood at £10.498M.

With £1.5M now allocated to Storm Dennis Recovery, the balance of general reserves amounts to £8.998M. It is, however, wholly appropriate that our General Reserves are used in this way to support such an unprecedented event.

**There remains a firm expectation that external financial support will be provided to the Council for this exceptional and substantial event.**

The level of General Fund reserves will be replenished going forward, as and when external funding is confirmed, as part of future budget strategies (including the need to review service levels), from the reprioritisation of existing plans and / or from any opportunities to release earmarked reserves.

The Council's insurers have been put on notice of this substantial event.

 Llofnod yr Aelod o'r Cabinet / <b>Cabinet Member's Signature</b>	Andrew Morgan <b>Priflythrennau /Print Name</b>	21.02.20 <b>Dyddiad / Date</b>
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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. Webster.

21/2/20

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

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**DYDDIAD | DATE**

*M. Webster*

21.02.20

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**LLOFNOD YMGYNGHORAI'R PRIF WEITHREDWR**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONSULTEE SIGNATURE**

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**DYDDIAD | DATE**

*Glenn*

21/02/20

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

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**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 - llofnod 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:*



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**(Llywydd | Presiding Member)**

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**21.02.20**  
**(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:- 24<sup>th</sup> February 20

**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 : ✓**