



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

1ST JULY 2020

URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN FORWARD

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present, for Members' information an overview of the Urgent Decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee and the Urgent Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward outside of the Cabinet Committee during the period January – June 2020.
- 1.2 This is excluding those reports which were presented to another Committee of the Council for final decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a) Urgent Executive Decisions taken forward should be reported to Council for information purposes.
- 3.2 To assist in the openness and transparency of the Decision making process within the Council.

4. **URGENT DECISIONS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE**

4.1 There were no urgent decisions taken forward by the Cabinet Committee during the period January – June 2020.

5. **DELEGATIONS OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS**

5.1 As outlined in Section 3 of the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, Cabinet Members are permitted to make decisions falling under their portfolio if deemed urgent to protect the interest of the Council, subject to prior consultation with the relevant Senior Leadership Team Officer(s).

5.2 The Leader can take urgent decisions in the absence of the appropriate portfolio holder.

5.3 The confirmation and signature of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to the proposed decision must be sought in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17.2(a)

5.4 The following urgent Cabinet Member Decisions were taken during the period January – June 2020:

Date	Decision Taken	Reason for Exemption
31-01-20	<u>Applications to the Welsh Government Funding Programme – Town Centre Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity.</u>	The application must be submitted to Welsh Government by 31 st January 2020.
17-02-20	<u>'Storm Dennis' – Allocation of Resources from General Fund Balances.</u>	To immediately progress a recovery plan following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as a result of severe rain and flooding caused by 'Storm Dennis'.
18-02-20	<u>'Storm Dennis' – Financial Support for Residents and Businesses.</u>	To provide immediate financial support to residents and businesses who have suffered internal flooding as a result of the extreme event.
21-02-20	<u>'Storm Dennis' – Further Allocation of Resources from General Fund Balances.</u>	To immediately continue the recovery plan following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as a result of severe rain and

		flooding caused by 'Storm Dennis'.
25-02-20	'Storm Dennis' – Grant Funding Support for Property Renovation; and Free School Meals.	To immediately continue the recovery plan following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as a result of severe rain and flooding caused by 'Storm Dennis'.
04-03-20	'Storm Dennis' – Support to Businesses – Non Domestic Rates Relief.	To immediately continue the recovery plan following the major weather incident declared by South Wales Police as a result of severe rain and flooding caused by 'Storm Dennis'.
18-03-20	Preparing for COVID-19	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made to respond to the changing national and local position.
05-05-20	RCT Together Community Asset Transfer of the former Aberdare Park Paddling Pool Site to Friends of Aberdare Park (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).	The Council's Legal Property Team have instigated an 'Open Space Notice' for a two week period which advertises the Council's intention to dispose of the land by way of a lease. This process concludes on 5 th March 2020, which will take into consideration any objections to the proposal to lease the land to Friends of Aberdare Park. Therefore, due consideration for the public to make comments/call-in the proposal would have already been considered.

24-03-20	<u>Proposal to strengthen the continuum of provision for pupils with Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) and Significant Additional Learning Needs.</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	<u>Cwm Taf Regional Statement of Intent for supporting Children, Young People and Families.</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	<u>Rhondda Cynon Taf Draft Tourism Strategy</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	<u>Procurement Policy – Social Responsibility</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	<u>Council Performance Report – Quarter 3</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	<u>Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Update</u>	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with

		the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
24-03-20	Annual Equalities Report 2018-19	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
25-03-20	Free Car Parking in Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centres	To ensure residents have immediate access to food and groceries in the town centres.
02-04-20	Emergency use of Ty Trevithick, Abercynon to support Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	To provide immediate support to the response of the Local Health Board to the Covid-19 pandemic.
01-05-20	Refocus of the RCT Together Community Action Fund in response to COVID-19.	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
06-05-20	The Council's Supplementary Capital Programmes 2020/21	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.
14-05-20	Annual Monitoring Report – Welsh Language Standards 2019/20	The position with coronavirus is changing quickly and immediate decisions will have to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.

10-06-20	Storm Dennis – Tylorstown Tip Remedial Works	The need to appoint contractors to commence these works with immediate effect to deliver the scheme within the necessary timescales.
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6. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS.

- 6.1 As outlined within section 6 of the Leaders Scheme of Delegation, and in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000, executive functions can be delegated to Officers (as set out within the terms of Section 5 of Part 3 of this part of the Council Constitution)
- 6.2 Following the Council AGM in 2016 and to increase transparency and accountability, Key Officer Delegated Decisions taken forward would be subject to the Overview and Scrutiny Call in procedure Rules.
- 6.3 The following urgent decision was taken forward as Key Officer Delegated Decisions during the period January – March 2020:

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05-03-20	RCT Together – Community Asset Transfer of the former Aberdare Park Paddling Pool Site to Friends of Aberdare Park (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)	<p>The group are at risk of losing a Welsh Government Community Facilities Grant of £25,000 which contributes to a total capital match-funding package of £300,483.879. If they cannot finalise the lease which funders require as a consideration to release the funding and spend the WG grant by 31st March 2020 they will lose this funding and jeopardise the whole matchfunding package.</p> <p>The Council’s Legal Property Team have instigated an “Open Space Notice” for a two</p>

		<p>week period which advertises the Council's intention to dispose of the land by way of a lease. This process concludes on 5th March 2020 which will take into consideration any objections to the proposal to lease the land to Friends of Aberdare Park.</p> <p>Therefore due consideration for the public to make comments/call-in the proposal would have already been considered.</p>
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7. CONSULTATION

7.1 None Applicable, this report is for information purposes only.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED.

10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

11. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

11.1 All of the decisions taken forward link to the Councils Corporate plan / priorities and Members should look to each of the decisions to see how they link accordingly.

11.2 All decisions taken by the Executive are taken through the lens of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, ensuring that the decision takes account of the impact it could have on people living their lives in Wales now and in the future.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 Members are advised of the current position in respect of urgent decisions taken forward within Cabinet Committee and through Individual Cabinet Members and Officer Decisions.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

- Annual General Meeting – May 2016

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