

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET DECISIONS TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2018

TITLE: Council Tax Base 2019/20

DECISION:

That:

- (i) The Council Tax Base for 2019/2020 as detailed in the report be approved;
- (ii) For properties in Prescribed Classes A and B i.e. Second Homes, the Council continues to apply a nil discount;
- (iii) For properties in Prescribed Class C i.e. Empty Properties, the Council continues to apply a nil discount;
- (iv) A policy in respect of a Locally Defined Discount for Care Leavers continues to be adopted until further notice; and
- (v) Electronic supply of the information that accompanies the demand notice is utilised.

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the report.

CONSULTATION: As set out in the report.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None declared.

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**TITLE: Budget 2018/18 and 2019/20**

**DECISION:**

Cabinet agreed:

- (i) To note the position outlined in respect of the 2018/19 revenue forecast;
- (ii) That funding is provided from corporate reserves as per paragraph 4.3 and;
- (iii) To note the current position in relation to the 2019/20 Budget is noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As set out in the report.

**CONSULTATION:** As set out in the report.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None declared.

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TITLE: The British: Masterplan and Preferred Remediation Approach

DECISION:

Cabinet:

- (i) Approved the draft Masterplan for the British, subject to any changes required by the planning process;
- (ii) Noted the preferred remediation approach and proposed works; and
- (iii) Noted the re-profiled budget.

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the report.

CONSULTATION: As set out in the report.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None declared.

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**TITLE: Increasing Recycling - Bag Sorting at the Household Waste Recycling Centre**

**DECISION:**

Cabinet approved the implementation of a revised operational procedure at the Household Waste Recycling Centre so residents are required to sort their black bag waste to increase recycling.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As set out in the report.

**CONSULTATION:** As set out in the report.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None declared.

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TITLE: Funding Reduction to Cultural Venues

DECISION:

That Members approve a reduction to core funding of cultural venues over the next 4 years, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report.

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the report.

CONSULTATION: As set out in the report.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: The following personal but not prejudicial interests were declared:

- Councillor Richard Clark – Friend of the Congress Theatre Museum Trust
- Councillor Veronica Crick – Board Member at Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre and her Husband is a Board Member on Torfaen Museum Trust.
- Councillor Alan Jones – Observer at Blaenavon Workmen's Hall.
- Councillor Anthony Hunt – Volunteer at The Congress Theatre.

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**TITLE: Gwent Homelessness Strategy (Draft) 2018 - 2022 & Homelessness Reviews**

**DECISION:**

Cabinet:

- (i) Reviewed the draft Gwent Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022 and Reviews; and
- (ii) approved the draft Gwent Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As set out in the report.

**CONSULTATION:** As set out in the report.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None declared.

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TITLE: Domiciliary Care Capacity

DECISION:

Cabinet:

- (i) Agreed in principle to the expansion of the in-house domiciliary care service;
- (ii) Agreed in principle and subject to the availability of funding to work towards the implementation of Option 3;
- (iii) Agreed that scrutiny are fully engaged as option 3 is developed;
- (iv) Agreed that a further report be brought back to Cabinet for final approval following the input of scrutiny; and

- (v) Supported the scoping work of adopting the principles of the Ethical Care Charter.

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the report.

CONSULTATION: As set out in the report.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None declared.

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**TITLE:** Annual Letter 2017/18 - Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

**DECISION:**

Cabinet noted the Annual Letter of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales attached as appendix one to the report.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As set out in the report.

**CONSULTATION:** As set out in the report.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None declared.

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CHALLENGE PROCESS

In accordance with section 5.10 of the Council's Constitution, the decision above may be implemented on or after Thursday 29 November 2018 (save where the provisions of 5.10.2 apply where implementation is required urgently).

Any challenges must be notified to the Chief Executive and the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer (and copied to the Senior Business Support Officer (Democratic Services)) by Noon on Wednesday 28 November 2018.

Any such challenges received will be considered by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which can do any of the following:

- Note the decision.
- Ask for further information including additional information on which the decision was based, background documentation and the reasons for the decision.
- Require the decision maker and any other Executive Member or Officer to attend committee to answer questions.
- Require the decision maker to reconsider any decision which has not been implemented.
- Record their comments on the decision.
- Make recommendations to the Cabinet, Executive Members, Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, Strategic Directors or Chief Officers of Service or Council in relation to the future handling of similar decisions.

Dominique Redman

Senior Business Support Officer (Democratic Services), 20 November 2018