# Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Bridgend County Borough Council



Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont, CF31 4WB / Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

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Dear Councillor,

# Cyfarwyddiaeth y Prif Weithredwr / Chief Executive's Directorate

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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 17 January 2019

## COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Offices Angel Street Bridgend CF31 4WB on **Wednesday**, **23 January 2019** at **15:00**.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>
  - To receive apologies for absence from Members.
- 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Members/Officers in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.

3. Approval of Minutes

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To receive for approval the minutes of 19/12/18

- 4. To receive announcements from:
  - (i) Mayor (or person presiding)
  - (ii) Members of the Cabinet
  - (iii) Interim Chief Executive
  - (iv) Monitoring Officer
- 5. To receive the report of the Leader
- 6. <u>Council Tax: Council Tax Discretionary Discount on Empty Properties and Second Homes</u>

  29 32
- 7. Amendment to 2019-20 Council Tax Base for Cefn Cribwr, Garw Valley,
  Llangynwyd Lower and St Brides Minor Community Councils
- 8. <u>Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019-20</u> 37 44
- 9. To receive the following Questions from:

# 1. Question from Councillor MC Voisey to the Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration

In the last budget round, funds were allocated for a Festival of Learning, and to replace the School uniform grant that was withdrawn by the Labour WAG. I understand the festival of learning was a success and self-funding and that the Assembly did a U turn on the school uniform grant"

Therefore the money taken from Council tax payers in Bridgend was not used as intended. Please confirm what the money was used for, or where it is now?

#### 2. Question from Councillor T Thomas to the Cabinet Member Communities

Since a motion calling for the County Borough to go 'plastic free' in July 2018, will the Cabinet Member clarify what progress this authority has made in reducing its non-recyclable plastic use 6 months on from the original motion?

# 3. Question from Councillor A Hussain to the Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

Traditionally, local authorities should have a budget to purchase assistive equipment if it supports someone to live independently and fully. We would want to see this continue. In many authorities we are hearing of a kind of informal means-testing where the person assessing tries to ascertain if someone could pay for the equipment themselves. This is fraught with difficulty and I hope BCBC doesn't try it.

Will the Cabinet Member let the Council know as how is the Telecare Service being provided to the residents in the County and how much will be the estimated saving to the Council?

### 10. Urgent Items

To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

#### 11. Exclusion of the Public

The Minutes relating to the following item are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4, and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider this item in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

### 12. Approval of Exempt Minutes

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To receive for approval the exempt minutes of 19/12/18

Yours faithfully **K Watson** 

Head of Legal and Regulatory Services

Councillors: Councillors Councillors S Aspey A Hussain JC Spanswick RME Stirman SE Baldwin RM James TH Beedle B Jones **G** Thomas T Thomas JPD Blundell M Jones

NA Burnett MJ Kearn JH Tildesley MBE **DRW Lewis** E Venables MC Clarke N Clarke JE Lewis SR Vidal **RJ Collins** JR McCarthy MC Voisey HJ David DG Owen LM Walters D Patel P Davies **KJ Watts** PA Davies RL Penhale-Thomas CA Webster AA Pucella **DBF White** SK Dendy **DK Edwards** JC Radcliffe PJ White KL Rowlands J Gebbie A Williams T Giffard B Sedgebeer AJ Williams RMI Shaw RM Granville **HM Williams** CA Green CE Smith JE Williams

SG Smith

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