



## ***CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE***

***2.00 PM WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023***

***MULTI-LOCATION MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER, PORT TALBOT  
& MICROSOFT TEAMS***

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### **Part 1**

1. Chairs Announcements
2. Declarations of Interests
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 10*)
  - 10/03/2023
  - 05/04/2023
4. Pre-decision Scrutiny
  - To select appropriate items from the Cabinet agenda for pre-decision scrutiny (cabinet reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members)
5. Urgent Items

Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100BA(6)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
6. Access to Meetings

To resolve to exclude the public for the following items pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No.2290 and the relevant exempt paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

## **Part 2**

7. Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s
  - To select appropriate items from the Cabinet agenda for pre-decision scrutiny (cabinet reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members)

**K.Jones**  
**Chief Executive**

**Civic Centre**  
**Port Talbot**

**Thursday, 11 May 2023**

### **Committee Membership:**

**Chairperson:**      **Councillor P.Rogers**

**Vice**  
**Chairperson:**      **Councillor C.James**

**Councillors:**      T.Bowen, C.Clement-Williams, C.Galsworthy,  
J.Henton, J.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Paddison,  
C.Phillips, R.Phillips, S.Purseley, S.H.Reynolds,  
A.J.Richards and M.Spooner

### **Notes:**

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before*

*the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*

- (3) For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

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## Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

(Multi-Location Meeting - Council Chamber, Port Talbot and  
Microsoft Teams)

**Members Present:**

**10 March 2023**

**Chairperson:** Councillor P.Rogers

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor

**Councillors:** T.Bowen, C.Galsworthy, J.Henton, J.Jones,  
R.G.Jones, C.Phillips, R.Phillips and  
A.J.Richards

**Officers In Attendance** K.Jones, C.John, J.Woodman-Ralph, V.Dale  
and C.Furlow-Harris

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1. **To resolve to exercise the powers set out in Section 35 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 being the designated Overview and Scrutiny Committee for this purpose as approved by Council May 2015.**

Resolved: To exercise the powers set out in Section 35 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 being the designated Overview and Scrutiny Committee for this purpose as approved by Council May 2015.

2. **Chairs Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### 4. **Public Services Board - Draft Well-being Plan 2023-2028**

Members were given a presentation on the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board consultation on the Draft Well-Being Plan.

Members were provided with a summary of duties that arise from the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Act places a duty on the Public Services Board to prepare and publish an assessment of the well-being in its area and then prepare and publish a local well-being plan setting out its local objectives to improve the well-being in the area and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. This is now the second well-being plan that the PSB is consulting on.

The PSB is required to work in accordance with the sustainable development principle. Working in this way gives organisations the opportunity to be more innovative. The PSB have used the data gathered from the Let's Talk campaign that ran last summer to assist with informing the well-being assessment.

Key themes have been drawn from the well-being assessment, which have been translated into the draft plan. There is a duty on the PSB to publicly consult on the plan for a minimum of 12 weeks. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee is a statutory consultee and the committee has a duty to scrutinise the work of the PSB. Once the plan is published, the PSB will produce annual reports which will be brought before the scrutiny committee.

As part of producing the plan, the PSB have to propose a series of steps that the Board will take to help them achieve their objectives. Officers outlined the objectives and steps set out.

The PSB set out their intention to work with Neath Port Talbot partners to support future investments that are being made in the Borough and maximise the benefits for local people.

Members queried why the quotes used within the report were from valley communities and not other areas. It was confirmed the quotes used were from the Let's Talk Campaign final reports. The summary of the Well-being Assessment was produced by Swansea University. There are quotes from other areas within Neath Port Talbot and these will be input into the draft plan.

Members noted that the report refers to improving the provision of green spaces within urban areas, but there is no detail of the work to

be undertaken to improve the provision. Further, the report does not refer to allotments, and their possible benefits for wellbeing. Members queried if there was any scope to include them within the plan? Officers confirmed that there is still a lot of detail to be developed around what will happen moving forward and this will be reported back to members.

Members were advised of the information contained within the online well-being assessment and a link would be circulated for members to access it. Since the assessment was undertaken, the Council commissioned a Heritage & Cultural Strategy. This has encompassed engagement with various community groups. The PSB are being encouraged to contribute to this strategy as opposed to set up their own separate piece of work.

Members were informed of the budget constraints in relation to the PSB.

Members queried information presented in the assessment in relation to the housing stock and decarbonisation objectives. Members asked, that once further detail has been agreed with regards to how the objectives are going to be achieved, that this is brought back before the committee for scrutiny.

Members discussed COVID and the effect on the communities. Members also raised how the Welsh language was being supported. With regards to the cost of living, officers advised that they are asking each organisation involved to bring their own sets of data so that the PSB can analyse it and determine who is finding themselves in greatest hardship.

Following scrutiny members agreed to:

- Note the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board draft Well-being Plan as statutory consultee (as listed under Section 43 (1) of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) and provide their comments/feedback that has been raised at today's meeting be included within the consultation.
- That the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee write to the Chair of the PSB, inviting the partners of the PSB to a future meeting of the scrutiny committee to consider the PSB Well-being Plan in further detail.

5. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIRPERSON**



## Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

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**Members Present:**

**5 April 2023**

**Chairperson:** Councillor P.Rogers

**Councillors:** T.Bowen, C.Clement-Williams, J.Henton,  
J.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Paddison, C.Phillips,  
R.Phillips, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards and  
M.Spooner

**Officers In Attendance** A.Thomas, C.John, T.Davies, M.Shaw,  
A.Thomas, L.Thomas and C.Furlow-Harris

**Cabinet Invitees:** Councillors W.F.Griffiths, S.Harris, S.K.Hunt,  
J.Hurley, N.Jenkins, S.Jones, S.A.Knoyle,  
A.Llewelyn, D.M.Peters and J.Hale

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1. **Chairs Announcements**

It was noted that the Public Participation Strategy had been removed from the Cabinet agenda but today's meeting, as an incorrect version of the Consultation report was circulated. It was noted that an updated version will be brought back to a future meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The following minutes were approved as an accurate record:

- 19.01.2023
- 22.02.2023
- 1.03.2023

4. **Report of the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy Task and Finish group**

The Committee noted the work of the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy Task and Finish Group on the review of the draft Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

Following scrutiny, the Committee were supportive of commending the findings of the Task and Finish Group and the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy to Cabinet for consideration.

5. **Pre-decision Scrutiny**

**Quarter 3 Performance Indicators**

Members received the quarter 3 service performance information for the Key Performance Indicators and compliments and complaints data, as detailed within the circulated report.

Discussions took place around the complexity of the report. It was noted that the report needed to be public friendly, to ensure the Council are meeting public participation. It was also noted that the acronyms within the reports needed to be clear with definitions detailed or alternatively removed.

The report was noted.

6. **Forward Work Programme 2022/23**

The forward work programme was noted.

7. **Urgent Items**

There were none.

**CHAIRPERSON**