



## **C O U N C I L   S U M M O N S**

**To all Members of Council**

**You are hereby summoned to attend a**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**to be held at 2.00 pm on**

**Thursday 7th March 2024**

**in the**

**CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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DURATION OF THE MEETING**

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### **PART A**

1. Mayor's Announcements
2. Leader's Announcements
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Public Question Time.  
*Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services*

[democratic.services@npt.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@npt.gov.uk) no later than noon on the working day prior to the meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda. Questions will be dealt with in a 10 minute period.

## **PART B**

5. Revenue Budget Proposals 2024/25 (Pages 5 - 104)
6. Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2024/25 TO 2026/27 (Pages 105 - 126)
7. Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (Pages 127 - 148)
8. Council Tax 2024/25 (Pages 149 - 158)

## **PART C**

9. Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution.

*Proposed by Councillor Cathy James and seconded by Councillor Sonia Reynolds:*

The then Cabinet took the decision in 2022, following intense debate and discussion over a period of a few months, to insource indoor leisure services from Celtic Leisure Limited by 1st April 2023. However, the decision has now been made, without reference to scrutiny, to defer the insourcing of Celtic Leisure to 1st April 2025 at the earliest.

Leisure services whilst non-statutory, provide resources for residents that play a key role in promoting health and wellbeing and therefore full attention must now be given to address this as part of service delivery and of course noting budget constraints. They fulfil aspects, relating particularly to prevention and early intervention, of our duty as a Council under the Social Services and Wellbeing Wales (2014) act; also support requirements for physical education within the Education Act Wales (2002); as well as considerations of sustainability of facilities and services under the Wellbeing of Future Generations act (2015). It is therefore, incumbent on us to ensure that these services are offered in a manner that integrates into, and meets needs identified through our statutory services, particularly

Social Services and Education. The current obesity epidemic and the known benefits of exercise and access to countryside for those suffering from mental health issues is also relevant to our considerations.

Unions representing Leisure staff have called for a joint working group with Council to consider bringing services in house and it is noted ongoing dialogue is taking place with trade unions. If all Councillors are to have a clear view in relation to the decision relating to the insourcing of Leisure Services, it is essential that the work is undertaken to consider potential models and put together a clear and well evidenced business case to inform the decision that needs to be taken without further delay.

***It is therefore proposed that the Council establish a cross-party Task and Finish group (terms and conditions to be agreed by the cross-party group), with trade unions and other appropriate organisations as relevant stakeholders, to explore, develop and present to Cabinet an appropriate business case to underpin decisions relating to the future control and operation of the Council's Leisure Services post April 2025.***

10. Questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules
11. 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).*



**Chief Executive**

**Civic Centre  
Port Talbot**

**Friday, 1 March 2024**