



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 2.30 pm on

WEDNESDAY 17 February 2016

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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PART A

1. Mayor's Announcements.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

PART B

3. Report of the Independent Advisor re Chief Officers ER/VR/CR Scheme (Pages 5 - 20)
4. Report of the Head of Engineering and Transport re the Road Safety Strategy (Pages 21 - 72)

5. Joint Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services and the Head of Legal Services re: Wellbeing Of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Creation Of Public Services Board (Pages 73 - 80)
6. Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services re: Changes to Membership Arrangements (Pages 81 - 84)

PART D

7. To receive any questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules.
8. Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Council's Constitution, proposed by Councillor S.Hunt and seconded by Councillor M.Ellis as follows:-

Notice of Motion

Council is minded to adopt a policy which would contain a presumption that as a matter of planning policy it would not support applications for the unconventional exploration or extraction of gas, including the practice commonly known as 'Fracking', within the Neath Port Talbot. This would also include test drilling. This would not stop planning applications being made and would take the form of a rebuttable presumption with the individual circumstances of each case considered.

Welsh Government is clearly concerned about the issue of unconventional oil and gas extraction as it has issued the Town and Country Planning (Notification) (Unconventional Oil and Gas) (Wales) Direction 2015. The effect of this Direction is that no local authority can grant an application for unconventional extraction for a period of 21 days which is to give Welsh Government an opportunity to call in the application. The Direction does not apply to test drilling and Council is of the view that Welsh Government should consider the inclusion of test drilling within the Direction.

In taking this approach Council hopes that its commitment to a cleaner energy future will show the rest of Wales how important it is to protect our environment for future generations and to allow us to stand together with other progressive Local Authorities.

Council further resolves that:

- 1) The Head of Planning prepare a detailed report for Council to consider at the next Council Meeting setting out the implications and a recommendation as to the possibility of the adoption of a change to planning policy relating to unconventional oil and gas extraction.
 - 2) The Head of Economic Regeneration and Planning write to Welsh Government to suggest that the Direction be extended to include drilling solely for the purposes of unconventional gas exploration and extraction.
9. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Mayor pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.



Chief Executive

**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

Thursday, 11 February 2016