



PWYLLGOR CRAFFU'R CABINET

10.01 am DYDD MERCHER, 31 GORFFENNAF 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

Rhan 1

1. Datganiadau o gysylltiadau
2. Cofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol (*Tudalennau 5 - 8*)
3. Dewis eitemau priodol o agenda y Cabinet (Adroddiadau y Cabinet yn amgaaedig ar gyfer yr aelodau craffu)
4. Dewis eitemau priodol o agenda Is-bwyllgor (Cyllid) y Cabinet (Adroddiadau Is-bwyllgor (Cyllid) y Cabinet yn amgaaedig ar gyfer yr aelodau craffu)
5. Blaenraglen Waith 19/20 (*Tudalennau 9 - 12*)
6. Eitemau brys
Unrhyw eitemau brys (boed yn gyhoeddus neu wedi'u heithrio) yn ôl disgrisiwn y Cadeirydd yn unol ag Offeryn Statudol 2001 Rhif 2290 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).
7. Mynediad i gyfarfodydd
Mynediad at gyfarfodydd i benderfynu a ddylid gwahardd y cyhoedd o'r eitem ganlynol yn unol ag Adran 100A (4) a (5) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 a'r paragraffau eithriedig perthnasol o Ran 4 Atodlen 12a y Ddeddf uchod.

Rhan 2

8. Dewis eitemau priodol o agenda Cabinet Preifat ar gyfer craffu cyn

y penderfyniad (adroddiadau cabinet wedi eu hamgáu ar gyfer Craffu Aelodau)

9. Dewis eitemau priodol o agenda Preifat Is-bwyllgor (Cyllid) y Cabinet (Adroddiadau Is-bwyllgor (Cyllid) y Cabinet yn amgaaedig ar gyfer yr aelodau craffu)

S.Phillips
Prif Weithredwr

Canolfan Ddinesig
Port Talbot

Dydd Iau, 25 Gorffennaf 2019

Aelodaeth y Pwyllgor:

Cadeirydd: M.Harvey

Is-gadeirydd: S.Rahaman

Cynghorwyr: S. ap Dafydd, S.E.Freeguard, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, A.Llewelyn, S.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, L.M.Purcell, S.M.Penry, S.H.Reynolds a/ac A.N.Woolcock

Nodiadau:

- (1) *Os yw aelodau'r pwyllgor neu'r rhai nad ydynt yn aelodau'r pwyllgor am gynnig eitemau perthnasol i'w cynnwys ar yr agenda cyn cyfarfodydd y dyfodol, rhaid iddynt roi gwybod i'r Prif Weithredwr/Cadeirydd 8 niwrnod cyn y cyfarfod.*
- (2) *Os yw'r rhai nad ydynt yn aelodau'r pwyllgor am fod yn bresennol ar gyfer eitem o ddiddordeb, mae'n rhaid rhoi rhybudd ymlaen llaw (erbyn 12 hanner dydd ar y diwrnod cyn y cyfarfod). Gall y rhai nad ydynt yn aelodau'r pwyllgor siarad ond nid oes ganddynt hawl i bleidleisio, cynnig nac eilio unrhyw gynnig.*

- (3) *Fel arfer, ar gyfer trefniadau cyn craffu, bydd y Cadeirydd yn argymhell eitemau gweithredol sydd ar ddod i'w trafod/herio. Mae hefyd yn agored i aelodau'r pwyllgor ofyn i eitemau gael eu trafod - er y gofynnir i'r aelodau ddewis a dethol yma o ran materion pwysig.*
- (4) *Gwahoddir aelodau perthnasol Bwrdd y Cabinet hefyd i fod yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod at ddibenion Craffu/Ymgynghori.*
- (5) *Gofynnir i aelodau'r Pwyllgor Craffu ddod â'u papurau ar gyfer Bwrdd y Cabinet i'r cyfarfod.*

Mae'r dudalen hon yn fwriadol wag

CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)****Members Present:****10 July 2019****Chairperson:** Councillor M.Harvey**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor S.Rahaman**Councillors:** S.E.Freeguard, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, A.Llewelyn, S.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, L.M.Purcell, S.M.Penry, S.H.Reynolds and A.N.Woolcock**Officers In Attendance** S.Phillips, A.Evans, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, A.Thomas, N.Chapple, V.Dale, A.Hinder, C.Jones, N.Sparkes, N.Jones and T.Davies**Cabinet Invitees:** Councillors D.Jones, R.G.Jones, E.V.Latham, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor and A.Wingrave

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

That the Minutes of the previous meetings of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, held on 29 May and 19 June, 2019, be approved, subject to the addition of Councillor J.D.Morgan's attendance on 29 May 2019.

2. NEATH PORT TALBOT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

In order to enable the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee to discharge the role given to it by Council, namely to scrutinise the work of the Public Services Board (PSB), the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Annual Report 2018/19 was presented to Members. Members noted that although they did not have the remit to change the Annual

Report, as it was the work of the Public Services Board, they were able to request the attendance of PSB partners if more in depth scrutiny was deemed necessary.

Members discussed the work of the Local Area Coordinators in connection to Wellbeing Objective 2 (Safe Resilient Communities) as well as their ability to empower communities to support themselves. Members also discussed the role of the Police in relation to this Objective.

It was noted that although such issues as 'a first class digital and transport infrastructure' were not currently priorities of the PSB, it would be appropriate for Members to ask PSB partners why certain areas such as these had not been identified as a current priority, even though they had been included in the Vision of the PSB.

The recent closures of well established, local employers, including the proposed closure of the Ford plant in Bridgend was discussed in reference to Wellbeing Objective 4 (Wellbeing in the Workplace). It was noted that a Welsh Government work stream had been established in response to the proposed closure of the Ford plant. Concerns around recent changes to local health boards and queries concerning their performance were also discussed.

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee Members requested that further scrutiny of Wellbeing Objectives 2 (Safe Resilient Communities) and 4 (Wellbeing in the Workplace) be added to the Forward Work Programme, and the relevant PSB partners be invited to attend.

Following scrutiny the report was noted.

3. **PRE DECISION SCRUTINY**

Committee scrutinised the following Cabinet items:

Removal of Council Tax Discounts for Empty Properties and Second Homes

Members discussed removing the level of discount in respect of dwellings that were classified as long term empty properties and those that were classed as second homes.

Council Tax exemptions were discussed, including the entitlement for council tax relief re empty homes where the owner resides in Residential Care. The appeals process and discretionary powers of Council Tax Officers were discussed, as well as the conversion of non-residential buildings into houses. Officers advised that an initial six month period of council tax exemption would still apply to empty properties before requesting full Council Tax payments.

Members queried why the circulated information had been presented by way of parishes rather than electoral divisions. Officers advised that the Council Tax Regulations required billing and reporting to be provided at Community/Parish levels and thus information was not available at electoral division level.

Following scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by Cabinet.

Corporate Plan Key Performance Indicators, 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 (Full Year)

The 2018/19 full year performance was reported to Members for the Council's Corporate Plan Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, for services within the purview of Cabinet.

Members discussed CP/015 (Percentage of schools that have adopted suitable programmes to address violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)), and specifically how this programme was being promoted in schools currently. Members noted that Officers would address the primary and secondary head teacher's forums in September with a view to further rolling out the programme to schools. Operation Encompass was also discussed, and Members noted this was an initiative which aimed to enhance communication between the Police and schools where a child was at risk from, or had witnessed, domestic abuse.

Members requested clarity on the term 'Channel Panel' referred to in CP/035. Officers explained this was a multi-agency meeting chaired by the Council, to identify individuals who may be at risk of being drawn into extremism or terrorism, before they became a threat to the community. There was a strong connection between the Channel Panel and other safeguarding agencies. The low number of referrals to the Channel Panel was attributed to a number of cases which did

not meet the threshold for the Panel but were signposted towards more appropriate pathways.

The following areas were also discussed:

- Calls abandoned/dropped calls
- New technologies and their impact on call queues
- Less resilience across all Council services due to budget pressures
- The need for different skill sets for call centre staff

Repeat offenders of anti-social behaviour were discussed in connection with CP/037, and Members felt this could be referred to the Community Safety and Public Protection Scrutiny Sub Committee for addition to their Forward Work Programme and further scrutiny.

Following scrutiny the report was noted.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme for 2019/20.

CHAIRPERSON

(DRAFT)
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2019/20

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Officer
29 May 2019		
19 June 2019		
10 July 2019	Public Service Board – Annual Report	Karen Jones
31 July 2019		
11 September 2019		

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25 September 2019	Public Services Board – updates on Wellbeing Objectives 2 (To build Safe, Confident and resilient Communities) and 4 (To Support wellbeing through work and in the workplace).	Public Services Board
2 October 2019	Periodic report on the progress of work against the Wales Audit Proposals for Improvement -	Karen Jones/ Caryn Furlow
30 October 2019		
20 November 2019		

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4 December 2019		
8 January 2020		
22 January 2020		
5 February 2020	Public Services Board – updates on Wellbeing Plan	Public Services Board
12 February 2019		

19 February 2020		
11 March 2020		
1 April 2020		
29 April 2020		
27 May 2020		

Items to be programmed in for future meetings

- To view the impacts of the decisions on the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy and the Valleys Action Plan annually (Karen Jones)