

CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

5 February 2020

Chairperson: **Councillor S.Rahaman**

Councillors: S.apDafydd, S.E.Freeguard, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, S.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.M.Penry, S.H.Reynolds and A.N.Woolcock

Officers In Attendance: S.Phillips, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths, S.Curran and T.Davies

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors D.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards and A.Wingrave

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chief Executive of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

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| Steven Phillips | Re Future Arrangements in Respect of Neath Port Talbot Council Shareholding in Baglan Bay Company Limited and Coed Darcy Limited, as he is a Director of the companies concerned. As his interest was prejudicial he withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon. |
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2. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

The committee scrutinised the following cabinet items:

Valleys Action Plan – Progress Report

Members discussed the lack of transport currently servicing valleys communities. It was noted that the City Deal Joint Committee had recently established a shadow Transport Sub Committee, with the agreement of the Welsh Government, to address priorities going forward. Although a lot of work was needed in this area, the building blocks were being put in place to improve the current situation.

The high occupancy of small business units in valleys communities was discussed, and Members noted the additional allocation made in the regeneration capital programme to be able to take advantage of potential funding opportunities.

Examples of social enterprises were discussed, including the domiciliary care service going forward. The service would be more geographical going forward, providing local jobs for local people. The difference between the new home help service (low level personal care) and the domiciliary care service (higher level and some medical care) was discussed.

Following scrutiny, the committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by cabinet.

Future Arrangements in Respect of Neath Port Talbot Council Shareholding in Baglan Bay Company Limited and Coed Darcy Limited.

In response to Member's questions, officers clarified that the price of the shares held by the Council in respect of Coed Darcy Limited was £1.

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3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020**

The committee noted the Forward Work Programme for 2019/2020.

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