



FULL COUNCIL - INFORMATION REPORT

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Service Area	Democratic Services
Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
Committee Date	9 th September 2020

To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Delegated Decisions Made During Covid-19 Lockdown

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Council on the delegated decisions made by the Chief Executive while committee meetings were suspended during the Covid-19 Lockdown.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Lockdown in Wales which began on 24th March 2020 saw all meetings scheduled at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for what was left of the municipal year, up to and including the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 20th May 2020, being cancelled.
- 2.2 Legislation was introduced in April 2020 through the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020, which made temporary provisions for local authority meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic that allowed for more accessible remote meetings.
- 2.3 As a result, a few meetings were held remotely between June and August 2020 to make recommendations that could not be legally delegated to officers. There were, however, some decisions that continued to be made outside of committee prior to a full committee cycle being agreed by AGM on 9th September
- 2.4 All of the delegated decisions made by the Chief Executive were done so in line with Section 3.06 of the authority's Constitution 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers'.

3.0 LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE

- 3.1 All of the delegated decisions made between March and September 2020 have been published on the [Council's website](#).
- 3.2 A list of titles is also attached at Appendix A.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 4.1 This report does not address the specific details of the decisions made, so there are no financial implications.

5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	1 of 5	0 of 5	4 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The main positive impacts are that we are ensuring to meet legal requirements so that the public are aware of our democratic processes and there are no future challenges. There are no negative impacts</p>			

ELLIS COOPER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COUNCILLOR KEVIN O'NEILL
LEADER

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020	April 2020	Democratic Services
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.

APPENDIX A

Committee	Report Title	Decision
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Annual Equality Report for 2018-2019	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Strategic Equality Plan 2020-2024	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Active Travel Fund and Safe Routes in Communities Fund	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Formal Approval of a New Foundation Economy Challenge Fund Community Meanwhile Project	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Local Transport Fund: Ultra Low Emission Vehicles & Resilient Road Funds	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	New Merthyr Tydfil Bus Station	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Regional Transport Authority Metro Plus Programme	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Welsh Government Free Swimming Initiative in the County Borough	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative (VVC) Annual report for 1 st April 2018 to 31 st March 2019	Information
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Youth Service Performance	Information
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Charging for Community Care Support Services	Information
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Land at Twynyrodyn	Approved
Cabinet – 25 th March 2020	Glynmill Caravan Site	Approved
Council – 25 th March 2020	Fees and Charges Inflation Policy	Approved
Council – 25 th March 2020	Council Tax Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties	Approved

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Council – 25 th March 2020	Pay Policy Statement 2020-2021	Approved
Council – 25 th March 2020	Human Resources Policies 2020-2021	Approved
Council – 25 th March 2020	Strategic Equality Plan 2020-2024	Approved
Council – 25 th March 2020	Annual Equality Report 2018/19	Information
22 nd April 2020	Children’s Services: COVID-19	Information
22 nd April 2020	Payment of Care Home Fees 2020-2021	Approved
24 th March 2020	Planning Application No P/20.0013 for PCH	Approved
3 rd June 2020	Statement of Wellbeing & Focus on the Future – Wellbeing in our Community	Approved – 3 rd June 2020
31 st July 2020	Code of Corporate Governance Policy	Approved
12 th August 2020	Planning Application No P/20/0109 – Land at Pant Industrial Estate	Approved