

## ***FULL COUNCIL - INFORMATION REPORT***

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Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
Committee Date	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Petitions Received by the Authority**

#### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To advise Council of two petitions received by the authority:

1.1.1 To stop the privatisation of leisure centres within the County Borough.

1.1.2 To reinstate Peters Minibuses as service provider for the Ynysfach and Heolgerrig bus route.

#### **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

2.1 A petition was received by the authority on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 calling on the Council to:

2.1.1 Immediately halt any plans for the privatisation of the leisure centres.

2.1.2 Engage in meaningful consultation with community members, stakeholders and centre users to explore alternative solutions that ensure the continued public ownership and operation of the leisure centre.

2.1.3 Allocate necessary resources and support to maintain and improve the accessibility, affordability and quality of services provided by the Leisure Centres.

2.2 A second petition was received on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 requesting that the authority reinstate Peters Minibuses as service provider for the Ynysfach and Heolgerrig Bus Route. The petition contained approximately 700 signatures.

### 3.0 RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Receipt of both petitions were acknowledged, and the petitioners were informed that they would be passed to the relevant departments for attention.

### 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications to the authority from this report

### 5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles	0 of 5	0 of 5	5 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6
5. Decarbonisation	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6
6. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	<b>Maintained</b>	<b>Enhanced</b>	<b>Reduced</b>
	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
7. Consultation and Engagement	<b>Undertaken</b>	<b>Due to be Undertaken</b>	<b>Not Required</b>
	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
8. Data and Evidence	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
	0 of 1		1 of 1
<b>Summary</b>			
<b>The main positive impacts are:</b>	None identified.		
<b>The main negative impacts are:</b>	None identified.		

**ELLIS COOPER**  
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**COUNCILLOR ANDREW BARRY**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE**  
**AND RESOURCES**

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
<b>Title of Document(s)</b>	<b>Document(s) Date</b>	<b>Document Location</b>
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		No

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