

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM**, ON **THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2024** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE CABINET MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS THEY CONTAIN EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007.
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Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

26 JULY 2024

PRESENT: Councillor: A. Lenny (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

S. Jones, Tenancy Support Lead;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10:00am - 10:35am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2024

RESOLVED that the decision record for the meeting held on the 14TH MARCH, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. FORMER TENANT DEBT WRITE-OFF

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual rents is unwarranted and outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information therein as disclosure would be an unwarranted and excessive intrusion into the private and family lives of the individuals concerned.

The Cabinet Member considered a report prepared in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules, providing the current position on current and former tenant debt and seeking the write-off of those debts in excess of £1,500.

The Cabinet Member noted the 9 cases outlined in the report and considered the individual reports for each of the former tenants detailing the reasons why write-off was being sought which included circumstances pertaining to the debts occurred.

RESOLVED that the current and former tenant debt arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

Agenda Item 4

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