



HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CEFN FFOREST LEISURE CENTRE

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor K. Etheridge and is supported by Councillors T. Parry, J. Reed, A. Farina-Childs, J.A. Pritchard, H. Pritchard, G. Ead, J. Jones, N. Dix, J. Roberts, B. Owen
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee for consideration, prior to its consideration by Council/Cabinet if supported.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 **Notice of Motion**

In his notice of motion Councillor Etheridge calls on Caerphilly Council to fund any improvements necessary regarding Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre through internal grants, Senedd Funding and Reserves and not impose any rationalisation on this facility which serves many communities and schools within this area.

The facility contributes to the wellbeing of the population within the respective wards of Argoed, Cefn Forest, Pengam, Blackwood, Pontllanfraith and beyond.

- 5.2 Officers provide the following information in relation to the notice of motion. A 7-week public consultation is being undertaken in relation to a proposal to close the Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre and also Bedwas and New Tredegar leisure centres. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.3 The most recent building condition survey for Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre undertaken in October 2024 identified repair and basic maintenance works totalling £334,453. There are no sources of external funding for these works. The net annual revenue budget for the leisure centre in 2024/25 is £441,602 and even if the maintenance works identified were undertaken this annual cost to the Council of operating the facility would remain.
- 5.4 Members will be aware that the council faces an anticipated savings requirement of £47.456m for the three-year period 2025/26 to 2027/28.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.
- 7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter there are no financial implications

associated with this report, however the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may have financial implications.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter there are no personnel implications associated with this report, however the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may have personnel implications.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 As this is a procedural notice of motion, there has been no consultation undertaken. However, a public consultation is being undertaken in relation to the proposals for Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.