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13 April 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a MEETING of COUNCIL will be held at Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely via video conferencing on Thursday, 20 April 2023 at 10.00 am for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosure of personal / prejudicial interests**
3. **Personal matters**
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 2 March 2023 and 9 March 2023 (Pages 5 - 22)**
5. **To consider the following motion submitted under Rule 10.1 of the Council's Rules of Procedure: (Pages 23 - 24)**

Proposer: Councillor Meirion Davies

Seconder: Councillor Paul Hinge

Council notes:

Given the crisis facing the rural bus network in Ceredigion and rural Wales, Ceredigion Council urges Welsh Government to set up a rural transport task force to urgently tackle this issue.

We recognise that residents and visitors have not returned to public transport post-Covid, in the numbers we would expect. However, as a result of the withdrawal of many rural bus routes due to affordability, our

communities are becoming increasingly isolated from accessing public services and socialising with friends and family.

The withdrawal of many rural bus routes exacerbates rural poverty where the impact is felt most greatly. Vulnerable adults, including older people, and those without transport have a right to access public transport in their communities.

Ceredigion Council supports Welsh Government's focus on tackling the climate emergency. Yet by asking residents to move from cars to public transport, investment and the accompanying subsidy for a rural transport infrastructure is required.

Rural transport must have parity with our larger towns and cities if we are to seriously tackle the climate emergency, and to prevent rural communities from being further isolated.

Therefore, Council notes:

- 1. That Ceredigion Council asks Welsh Government to acknowledge that there needs to be investment in transport in rural communities, and subsidised accordingly.*
 - 2. That public transport in rural communities such as those in Ceredigion, which have been adversely impacted by the underfunding of public transport from Welsh Government, seeks parity of access similar to larger communities.*
 - 3. That a rural transport task force is established immediately by Welsh Government and in conjunction with key stakeholders like Ceredigion Council, to tackle the issue of rural transport.*
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- 6. To consider a report by the Corporate Lead Officer: Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer upon the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 and Local Code of Corporate Governance 2023-24 (Pages 25 - 162)**
 - 7. To consider a report of the Corporate Lead Officer: Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028 (Pages 163 - 286)**
 - 8. To consider a report by the Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services upon the Schedule of Member Remuneration for 2023/24 (Pages 287 - 344)**
 - 9. To consider a report by the Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services upon a Members' Survey in relation to the Timing of Meetings of the Council and its Committees (Pages 345 - 352)**

10. **To consider a report by the Chief Executive and Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer and Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services upon a Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements - Council Size Policy (Pages 353 - 358)**
11. **To consider a report by the Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services upon the Amendments to the Membership of the Community Health Council (Pages 359 - 360)**
12. **To consider a report by the Corporate Lead Officer: Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer upon the Nomination of Trustee to the charity known as Llandysul Memorial Park (Pages 361 - 372)**
13. **To confirm Members of the Council to the Committees of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year (Pages 373 - 380)**
14. **To elect a Chairman-elect for the Council for 2023/24 to be installed at the Annual Meeting to be held at 2:00pm on Friday, 19 May 2023**
15. **To elect a Vice-Chairman-elect for the Council for 2023/24 to be installed at the Annual Meeting to be held at 2:00pm on Friday, 19 May 2023**

Members are reminded to sign the Attendance Register.

A Translation Service will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully



Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

To: Chairman and Members of Council