

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

29th September 2025

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. RCTCBC AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHARTER

- 1.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (and previous Welsh Government guidance) emphasises the importance of collaboration between principal councils and community and town councils.
- 1.2 There has been Charter in place for many years between Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and the Community / Town Councils in the area.
- 1.3 The Charter provides a framework for working relationships, supporting joint priorities, effective communication and a shared understanding of roles.
- 1.4 The most recent charter has been developed in consultation with the local authority and community councils through a working group of Clerks and Officers from the area of Rhondda Cynon Taff. (**Appendix 1**)
- 1.5 The key feature of the Charter is to show commitment to open communication, information sharing and consultation on issues affecting the community. Sharing of best practice amongst all is built into the updated charter. There will be a designated liaison officer within Rhondda Cynon Taf who will link with Clerks and Officers on a more formal basis.
- 1.6 The Charter is not a legally binding document and there are no financial implications but provides a mutually agreed Framework for co-operation.
- 1.7 The next step are:
 - All Councils will need to approve the Charter
 - Clerk's meetings will be quarterly starting in November 2025
 - 6-month meetings of RCTCBC/TC-CC Chairs and RCT Councillors will start soon

- Other aspect of the planned delivery is that there will be better access to both officer and member training from the local authority, access for clerks to RCT email/ phone contact lists,
- 1.8 The document strengthens partnership arrangements and accountability to local Communities and also supports the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 principles including long term collaboration and involvement.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** That Council approves and adopts the Charter between Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and the Town and Community Councils within RCT.

