

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER
2017**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, P Davies, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, S M Hayes,
R Powell, M Weale and J Wilkinson

In attendance: County Councillors CJ Gibson-Watt, K Laurie-Parry and G Williams.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor MC Alexander.

2. MINUTES

The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th September 2017 as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

County Councillor Phyl Davies declared an interest in item 8 Taxi Metering – Review of Regulated Fares as a director of Celtic Travel who ran taxis.

4. WASTE & RECYCLING LOGISTICS - ROUTE OPTIMISATION
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The Portfolio Holder for Property and Waste advised that the logistics review of services carried out by Waste and Recycling had already delivered £417k in efficiency savings, leaving £258k to find in 2017/18. He presented options to achieve further savings of £275k through route optimisation of collection rounds. The Portfolio Holder explained that this would deliver savings with minimum disruption to the public and maintain the current 5 day working pattern (3 weekly residual collections and weekly recycling collections).

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To approve Option 3 – Optimise all domestic collection routes and maintain the current 5 day working pattern (3 weekly residual collections and weekly recycling collections).	To make W&R collections more efficient which will help to achieve part of the savings proposed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015-18.

The Leader asked for the thanks of the Cabinet to be passed on to all the staff involved in the logistics project.

5.	DRAFT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 2016 - 17 (ONE POWYS PLAN AND POWYS CC CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN)
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The Leader presented the draft Annual Performance Evaluation which set out progress made by the Council in delivering the objectives of the Corporate Improvement Plan and the One Powys Plan (2014 – 2017) commitments during its third and final year. In presenting the report the Leader drew Cabinet’s attention to the comments made by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs, acknowledging the need to build in cost benefits analysis in future reporting. Going forward, the commitments of the One Powys Plan had been integrated into the council’s own CIP for 2017-18 and would correlate with the Cabinet’s 2025 Vision.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>To approve the DRAFT Annual Performance Evaluation 2016 – 2017 in Appendix A to the report and recommend to County Council for approval on 19th October 2017.</p>	<p>To ensure the report gives a balanced and open account of the Powys Public Service Board’s performance during the 2016-17 financial year, against the commitments and measures that were set out in the One Powys Plan 2014-17.</p> <p>To ensure the report gives an open account of the Council’s performance against its CIP objectives.</p> <p>To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery guidance.</p>

6.	FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2017
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The Portfolio Holder for Finance reported a deteriorating financial position particularly in the People Directorate which, if not addressed, would seriously impact on reserves. Cabinet noted that People Directorate dealt with the most vulnerable people and had to deliver safe services whilst coping with an increase in demand. The Strategic Director – Resource confirmed that a budget recovery plan was being worked on and he advised that there may be a case to call on the budget management reserve and the social care reserve before the end of the financial year. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services asked for Management Team to take a view on whether the saving on reablement would have to be delivered in one year or spread over a number of years.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
<p>1. The contents of the report are noted by Cabinet;</p> <p>2. Cabinet supports appropriate</p>	<p>To monitor the council’s financial performance and ensure that spending remains within approved</p>

<p>action by services to curtail or reduce the reported forecasted service deficits</p> <p>3. That a budget recovery plan is prepared for consideration by the Cabinet at the next meeting on 7th November.</p>	<p>limits and that the 3% minimum general fund reserve is maintained.</p>
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7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2017

Cabinet received and considered the updated Capital report.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>1. The contents of this report are noted by Cabinet; and</p> <p>2. The Capital virement set out in Section 3 of the report in respect of Crickhowell High school be submitted to Council for approval.</p>	<p>To outline the capital budget position as at 31st August. To ensure appropriate virements are carried out.</p>

8. TAXI METERING - REVIEW OF REGULATED FARES

County Councillor Phyl Davies declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting while it was being considered,

Cabinet considered revised hackney carriage tariffs. An initial online survey of licensed drivers showed support for revising tariffs which had remained unchanged since 2011.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>(i) That the table of hackney carriage fares set out at Annex B is approved for consultation and will be published in relevant local newspapers to enable a fourteen day period for objections to be received.</p>	<p>To commence public consultation on a 2017 table of fares for hackney carriages licensed by Powys County Council.</p>
<p>(ii) In the event that objections are raised in the consultation period a further report be brought to Cabinet for consideration</p>	
<p>(iii) In the event no objections are raised in the consultation period the table of fares set out at Annex B of the report shall take effect in Powys from the date that the new fares are communicated in writing to the trade after the close of the consultation.</p>	<p>To ensure a current set of fares are agreed at a level with which the trade and public are satisfied.</p>

County Councillor Phyl Davies returned to the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Appointment to the River Wye Special Area of Conservation Nutrient Management Plan Board

Cabinet considered a request to appoint a member to the River Wye Special Area of Conservation Nutrient Management Plan Board.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Phyl Davies be appointed.

10. DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Cabinet received details of delegated decisions taken by Portfolio Holders since the last meeting.

11. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Cabinet received the forward work programme.

12. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under categories 3 and 5 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

13. ADDITIONAL MTFS SAVINGS REQUIRED - STAYLITTLE OUTDOOR CENTRE & LLANFAIR CAEREINION LEISURE CENTRE
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Cabinet considered the report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the recommendations in the report.	This option will realise the necessary savings required and will also enable the new Cabinet to consider alternative uses and opportunities for the buildings. Most financially viable option for the Council.

14. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL CARE HOMES

The Portfolio Holder Adult Services set out the Council's options following BUPA's announcement of its intention to sell the Council owned residential care home contracts they held to HC-One. Cabinet noted the legal advice received and questioned officers on the due diligence work being undertaken and the steps being taken to ensure a smooth transition. Cabinet also noted the comments of the Chair of Scrutiny Committee A and of County Councillor Gibson-Watt who had led the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Group.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the recommendations in the report save that Recommendation 2 was amended to add the Leader as a decision maker and the Chief Executive as a consultee.	1. To ensure that HC-One are a suitable contractor. 2. To secure continuity of a safe, reliable service within existing budgets.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)