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Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**, to be held in **THE CHAMBER, POWYS COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS**, on **WEDNESDAY 11 February 2015 at 10:30AM**

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Patterson
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	CC19-2015
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To receive apologies for absence

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	CC20-2015
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

3.	BUDGET FOR 2015-16, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015-2018 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-2020	CC21-2015
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To consider the budget for 2015-16, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015-18 and Capital Programme 2015-20.

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[\[Enclosure CC21b-2015 \]](#)

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4.	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REVISED DELIVERY AGREEMENT	CC22-2015
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To consider revising the Delivery Agreement for the preparation of the Powys Local Development Plan.

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[\[Enclosure CC22b-2015 \]](#)

5.	QUESTION TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN HAYES	CC23-2015
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Changes to clinical waste collections have recently been notified to service users, only ten days before implementation. The changes concern the definition of "clinical waste", and many items previously included in the yellow bag collections will now be excluded, reducing substantially the number of residents eligible for this service.

Notably, used colostomy bags will not now be regarded as clinical waste, and service users have been told to place these in their normal household residual waste, currently collected fortnightly but possibly soon to be collected on a three-weekly cycle.

Service users are extremely concerned and in some cases very distressed about this change. Users of the clinical waste collections typically have long term health needs and are frequently sensitive about their need to access this particular service.

Service users have been told that hygiene issues are addressed by the use of wheelie bins. However, many were issued with purple bags for household waste collection because their wider health circumstances, and/or the nature of their property (eg numbers of steps to reach the roadway) make the use of wheelie bins impracticable. These residents are left with the prospect of having used colostomy pouches stored in their homes as domestic rubbish for up to three weeks.

I appreciate that clinical waste collection is carried out by the authority on behalf of Powys tHB, but I am concerned that this authority has accepted too readily the re-definition of clinical waste with a view to reducing the costs and charges relating to this service.

Is the portfolio holder satisfied that if colostomy bags are to be treated as general waste all possible hygiene concerns have been addressed, and that the particular challenges facing those who are now losing this service, in following the new procedures, have been assessed and attended to on an individual basis?

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