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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 FRIDAY 6 March 2015 at 10:30AM

Yours sincerely,
Jeremy Patterson
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	CC24-2015
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To receive apologies for absence

2.	MINUTES	CC25-2015
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To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the previous meeting(s) of the Committee held on the following date(s) as a correct record / correct records.

[\[Enclosure CC25a-2015 \] \(Powys County Council 21 January 2015\)](#)

[\[Enclosure CC25b-2015 \] \(Powys County Council 11 February 2015\)](#)

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	CC26-2015
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

4.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	CC27-2015
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To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council.

5.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	CC28-2015
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To receive any announcements from the Leader.

6.	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING	CC29-2015
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To receive a briefing from the Chief Executive.

7.	BUDGET VIREMENTS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL	CC30-2015
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To consider budget virements over £300,000 requiring Council approval.

[\[Enclosure CC30a-2015 \]](#)

8.	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION	CC31-2015
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To set the Council Tax for 2015-16.

[\[Enclosure CC31a-2015 \]](#)

9.	PAY POLICY STATEMENT	CC32-2015
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To receive and consider the Pay Policy Statement for 2015-16.

[\[Enclosure CC32a-2015 \]](#)

[\[Enclosure CC32b-2015 \]](#)

[\[Enclosure CC32c-2015 \]](#)

10.	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY	CC33-2015
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To receive and consider the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy.

[\[Enclosure CC33a-2015 \]](#)

10.1 **Confidential Matter**

To consider passing the following resolution:

The Monitoring Officer has determined that category 3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following items. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 11.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

These factors in his view outweigh the public interest in disclosing this information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

10.2 **Confidential Appendix**

To receive and consider the confidential appendix to the report.

[Enclosure CC33.2a-2015] (You must be logged in and have sufficient rights in order to view this document.)

11.	APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL	CC34-2015
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To consider the appointment of six members to the Powys Community Health Council.

[\[Enclosure CC34a-2015 \]](#)

12.	NOTICE OF MOTION - LLANWRTYD HEALTH CENTRE	CC35-2015
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Powys County Council deplores the removal of the minimum practice income guarantee from the Builth and Llanwrtyd Medical Practice which will result in the closure of the Llanwrtyd Wells Health Centre. The County Council notes that this surgery provides primary health care for over 1,200 patients and provides a full range of health facilities including a pharmacy open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on a daily basis. The Builth Wells branch of the practice is wholly unable to accommodate the transfer of such a substantial number of patients, is in any event a minimum of 13 miles away from Llanwrtyd, public transport is negligible and roads not infrequently during the winter in particular are difficult.

The County Council, therefore, calls on representatives of the Welsh Government and Powys teaching Health Board to meet with locally elected members of the County Council, representatives of Llanwrtyd and Builth Town Councils and medical practitioners to discuss a formula whereby the Llanwrtyd Health Centre can remain open to cater for the needs of this highly important rural community.

Proposer County Councillor Tim Van-Rees

Seconder County Councillor Avril York

13.	QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION	CC36-2015
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13.1 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning from County Councillor Gary Price**

Following the announcement that the Tour of Britain won't feature in Powys in 2015 can the Portfolio Holder tell Council what discussions have taken place pre and post the announcement?

[Enclosure CC36.1a-2015]

13.2 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for HR and ICT from County Councillor Aled Davies**

Members of the public have raised concerns about smoking on Powys County Council property. There are clear rules on smoking on Council property. What actions can be taken to ensure that the Council's policy is complied with?

[Enclosure CC36.2a-2015]

13.3 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways from County Councillor Dawn Bailey**

The new National Transport Plan 2015 will set out in detail how the Welsh Government proposes to deliver in those areas of transport for which it is responsible in order to achieve the outcomes as set out in the Wales Transport Strategy from 2015 and beyond.

The consultation period on the draft National Transport Plan 2015 ends on 11th March 2015.

As Local Member for the border constituency of Trewern located on the borders of Shropshire and Montgomeryshire, it is extremely frustrating to see the Newtown bypass proposals progress whilst a scheme that was originally identified some forty years ago and more recently in 2004 for similar interventions on the A458 Buttington Cross to Wollaston Cross trunk road still remain identified in the Plan as being subject to further consideration.

It has been announced recently the Transport Minister, Edwina Hart AM has established a Cross Border Road Forum in order to help unlock the current impasse on road schemes that cross the English and Welsh borders. Specific mention has been made to the Forum re-opening discussions on the A483 Llanymynech to Pant bypass scheme located on the main trunk route between Wrexham and Swansea. Could the Portfolio Holder therefore confirm what representation this Council has on the Forum and whether the A458 Buttington Cross to Wollaston Cross trunk road scheme is also to form part of future discussions?

Furthermore, what assurance can the Portfolio Holder give me this Council remains committed to improving the east-west corridor transport links between England and Wales?

[\[Enclosure CC36.3a-2015 \]](#)

13.4 **Question to the Leader from County Councillor Gwilym Williams**

Many people in my constituency and myself are concerned about the number of consultants that are employed by Powys Council.

There has recently been an article in the paper where three consultants obtained over £1 million in a few years salaries.

Therefore, you are responsible for all the portfolio holders as leader, and consultants are employed across all of Powys in different portfolio departments.

My question would be to you as leader, can you tell me how many consultants are currently employed by Powys County Council, and how much money do we pay as an authority pay these consultants per month?

[\[Enclosure CC36.4a-2015 \]](#)

13.5 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways from County Councillor Russell George**

Will the Cabinet member provide an update on rubbish clearance from roadsides and hedges throughout Powys?

[\[Enclosure CC36.5a-2015 \]](#)

13.6 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways from County Councillor Russell George**

Will the cabinet member provide an update on the state of roads in Powys that are the responsibility of PCC?

[Enclosure CC36.6a-2015]

13.7 **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care from County Councillor Russell George**

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on what lessons have been learnt following the Independent review on domiciliary care?

Has the Authority contacted service users or family members to apologise for the failings of the Authority in regards to domiciliary care?

[Enclosure CC36.7a-2015]

