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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y P A C K

5.	**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Scrutiny Comments
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Powys

Finance Panel

Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: Financial Overview and Forecast – February 2019

The Finance Panel met on 20 March 2019 and considered the following documents:

- Financial Overview and Forecast – February 2019

Scrutiny make the following observations:

Scrutiny Comments or Recommendations	Accept (plus Action and	Partially Accept (plus Rationale	Reject (plus Rationale)
Savings Plans must be sufficiently robust in order to be achieved – Powys has the lowest level of savings delivery across Wales which is a cause for concern.			
The Improvement and Assurance Board Chair has expressed doubt regarding the achievement of savings to address pressures within the budget. Finance anticipate significant savings to be achieved but there remains risk around all pressures being met.			
Financial training has been provided for Heads of Service and appropriate managers however attendance has been questionable. The Panel wish to recommend that this training becomes mandatory and that consideration should be given to including Portfolio Holders within that training.			

In accordance with Rule 7.27.2 the Cabinet is asked to provide a written response to the scrutiny report, including an action plan where appropriate, as soon as possible or at the latest within 2 months of the date of the meeting i.e. by 20 May 2019.

Membership of the Finance Panel:
County Councillors: A W Davies, M Dorrance, J Gibson-Watt, J G Morris, P Roberts, D Thomas, R G Thomas, E Vaughan, G I S Williams and Mr J Brautigam

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