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## CABINET

Tuesday, 25th March, 2025

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## SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

<b>8.</b>	<b>LOCALITY FUND - SHARED PROSPERITY FUNDING</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor David Selby Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys.

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<b>11.</b>	<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) THIRTY YEAR FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN 2025-2026</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor Matthew Dorrance, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Fairer Powys.

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<b>17.</b>	<b>PCC OLDER PEOPLES CARE HOMES: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE SERVICE DESIGN AND OPERATING MODEL</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor Sian Cox, Cabinet Member for a Caring Powys.

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**Cabinet 25.03.2025**

**Item 8 Locality Fund – Shared Prosperity Funding**

Comment received from the Anti-Poverty Champion County Councillor Joy Jones.

As the Anti-Poverty champion for Powys, I am in total support of the establishment of the "Anti-Poverty Locality Fund" utilizing Shared Prosperity Funding for 2025/26. This initiative is a significant step towards reducing inequality and combatting poverty within our communities. The fund will empower local councillors to pursue impactful anti-poverty projects, such as advice surgeries, community support for the elderly, school uniform swap shops, meal provision, support for mother and baby groups, after school clubs, community trips and exercise clubs, awareness campaigns, volunteer recruitment and development, and community garden schemes.

By allocating £5,000 to each County Councillor, we are ensuring that targeted support reaches every locality in Powys. This approach aligns with the strategic objectives laid out in the council's Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan (CSEP), aiming to deliver better outcomes for those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage. The fund will also contribute to the goals of a More Equal Wales and a Resilient Wales as stipulated by the Well Being of Future Generations Act.

I believe that this fund will foster a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life for our residents, making Powys a fairer and more resilient place for everyone.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Cllr Joy Jones

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## Economy Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee

### Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on:

The Economy Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee met on 20/03/2025 and considered the following documents:

#### 1. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) THIRTY YEAR FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN 2025-2026.

The Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee thank the Portfolio Holders for a Fairer Powys and Housing Services Officers for attending scrutiny.

### Scrutiny made the following observations:

The Committee noted that:

- There was a risk of delivery due to reliance upon grants and welcomed that this was acknowledged in the Risk Register.
- The building of different property models to meet need such as large residential buildings (Neuadd Maldwyn).

The Committee welcomed:

- The report and were pleased to read the business plan.
- The work being done to develop a sustainable in-house workforce and support apprenticeships.
- The work being undertaken to standardise materials in social housing to improve the efficiency of maintenance.

The Committee requested that:

- Figures in table 4.3.3 be checked for accuracy.
- The service continued to work with Welsh Government and other local authorities in implementing the Welsh Housing Quality Standards.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
1 Figures in table 4.3.3 should be checked for accuracy.			
2 That members continue to work with the Welsh Government and other authorities in implementing the Welsh Housing Quality Standards.			

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 Cabinet meeting i.e. by

Membership of the Economy Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee on:  
20/03/2025

County Councillors:

A Davies, G Breeze, B Davies, R Devlin, A Jones, C Kenyon-Wade, P Lewington, C Masefield, G Mitchell, L Rijnenberg.

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