

County Council

Meeting Venue
**Council Chamber - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells**

Meeting date
Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Meeting time
10.30 am



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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	CC22- 2016
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES	CC23- 2016
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record.
(Pages 5 - 10)

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	CC24- 2016
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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	CC25- 2016
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To receive any announcement's from the Chair of Council.

5.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	CC26- 2016
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To receive any announcements from the Leader.

6.	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING	CC27- 2016
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To receive a briefing from the Chief Executive.

7.	BUDGET VIREMENTS	CC28- 2016
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To consider budget virements requiring Council approval.
(Pages 11 - 12)

8.	REVISED MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION ANNUAL STATEMENT 2015/16	CC29- 2016
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To consider the revised Minimum Revenue Provision Annual Statement for 2015/16.
(Pages 13 - 22)

9.	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION FOR 2016-2017	CC30- 2016
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To set the Council Tax for 2016-2017.
(Pages 23 - 42)

10.	HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014 - COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS	CC31- 2016
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To consider setting a Council Tax premium for long-term empty properties and periodically occupied properties.
(Pages 43 - 94)

11.	PAY POLICY STATEMENT	CC32- 2016
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To receive and consider the pay policy statement for 2016-2017.
(Pages 95 - 116)

12.	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES MADE BY POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPROVED THE MONITORING OFFICER	CC33- 2016
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To note the following appointment made by the Liberal Democrat group and approved by the Monitoring Officer under the general power of delegation granted by Council on 16th May 2013:

County Councillor Kathryn Silk appointed to Standards Committee in place of County Councillor Maureen Mackenzie.

13.	QUESTION TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KELVYN CURRY	CC34- 2016
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I was recently contacted by a local cancer support charity, the Bracken Trust, concerned that PCC had increased its charges for temporary road closures from £130 to £330, an increase of over 150%. This makes the cost of running one of their most popular fund-raising events round the lake in Llandrindod Wells prohibitively expensive, and will similarly impact the fund-raising ability of other charities who run events of this type throughout Powys.

In reply to a number of questions I asked the Portfolio Holder recently, he admitted that “No impact assessment was undertaken when the cost of the temporary orders was increased in October 2015”, so it is unclear whether the increase will actually result in more revenue as it may well deter charities from running these events at all. Furthermore, we do not know what the effect will be on the fund-raising ability of these charities at a time when PCC is relying increasingly on local community groups and the Third Sector to take over functions previously operated by the Council.

The Portfolio Holder has stated that he anticipates the new fees will generate an income of £12, 920 this year as opposed to £6,120 last year. However, without an impact assessment, this is impossible to know. £6,120 may not even be achieved! As it stands, PCC may very well have a decrease in income as local community groups and the Third Sector decide not to organise this type of fund raising event, and the organisations themselves will certainly lose income by this type of fund raising activity becoming uneconomic (costing more to run than it will generate). In fact, a double whammy, everyone loses!

In light of this, and the fact that many (but not all) Welsh councils do not charge for road closures relating to community or non-profit events, would it not be prudent for the Portfolio Holder to revert to the previous charging structure of fees for temporary road closures until a full impact assessment has been carried out? At that time a reasoned way forward could be developed, based on evidence, not a hunch.

(Pages 117 - 118)

14.	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY	CC35- 2016
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To receive and consider the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy.

(Pages 119 - 146)

14.1. **Exempt Item**

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.

14.2. **Confidential Appendix**

To consider the confidential appendix to the report.

(Pages 147 - 156)

The following presentation will take place at 2.00 p.m.

15.	PRESENTATION BY SIMON PRINCE, CHIEF CONSTABLE OF DYFED POWYS POLICE	CC36- 2016
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