

County Council

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

Meeting date
Thursday, 26 January 2017

Meeting time
10.30 am

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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	CC1- 2017
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES	CC2- 2017
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record.

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3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	CC3- 2017
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

4.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS	CC4- 2017
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4.1. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning from
Dr Christine Hugh-Jones**

Could he please identify the particular paragraph of Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9) or the major change in local circumstances, which requires the definition of local search areas and hence provides the justification for the Authority's designation of such "Local Search Areas" as a Further Focussed Change so late in the examination process?

(Pages 21 - 24)

5.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	CC5- 2017
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To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council.

6.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	CC6- 2017
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To receive any announcements from the Leader.

7.	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING	CC7- 2017
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To receive a briefing from the Chief Executive.

8.	PAYMENTS TO CO-OPTED MEMBERS	CC8- 2017
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council and the Strategic Director – Resources.

(Pages 25 - 28)

9.	ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 4 MAY 2017	CC9- 2017
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council.

(Pages 29 - 30)

10.	COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017	CC10- 2017
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To receive for information the Council forward work programme for 2017.

(Pages 31 - 32)

11.	QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION	CC11- 2017
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11.1. Question to the Portfolio for Property, Buildings and Housing from County Councillor Huw Williams

In a Powys County Council news release, dated the 24th of November 2016, it was stated that, 'the Council is considering buying Ladywell House, Newtown, as part of an overall strategy to reduce building ownership...'. This news release goes on to say, 'buying Ladywell House is part of a long term strategy to reduce building ownership and reduce the number of buildings, in the area.'

As part of the business plan, specifically which other buildings have been identified and considered for disposal, 'to reduce building ownership'?

This purchase, according to the news release, will also enable the Council to, 'reduce its revenue costs by vacating other buildings, with the potential of a substantial capital receipt from the future sale of some of the redundant buildings'? Are these unidentified 'other' buildings located in Newtown and/or further afield? Is the purchase of Ladywell House dependent on capital receipts from the sale of these 'other buildings', or, is this an aspirational and separate matter?

(Pages 33 - 34)

11.2. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for HR from County Councillor Graham Jones**

Can you please tell me the number of full time and part time employees Powys County Council employed in the financial years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016?

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12.	EXEMPT ITEMS	CC12- 2017
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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.

13.	BRECON CULTURAL HUB - REQUEST FOR VIREMENT	CC13- 2017
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To consider a report on the Brecon Cultural Hub budget position and permission to let main contract.

(Pages 37 - 58)