

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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20 January 2017

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?

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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.

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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.

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CC2- 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT

County Councillor K F Tampin (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, PJ Ashton, D Bailey, G R Banks, G J Bowker, J H Brunt, L V Corfield, K W Curry, M J B Davies, S C Davies, D E Davies, E R Davies, S Davies, A W Davies, M J Dorrance, V E Evans, W J Evans, D O Evans, R I George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, J C Holmes, G Hopkins, E A Jones, D C Jones, M J Jones, E M Jones, Eldrydd M Jones, D R Jones, J R Jones, F H Jump, H Lewis, MC Mackenzie, S McNicholas, P J Medlicott, DW Meredith, R H Mills, ET Morgan, G Morgan, JG Morris, W J T Powell, WD Powell, GD Price, D R Price, P C Pritchard, G W Ratcliffe, D A Thomas, W B Thomas, A G Thomas, D G Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, G P Vaughan, D H Williams, J M Williams and G I S Williams

1.	APOLOGIES	CC97- 2016
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors R G Brown, L Fitzpatrick, D Mayor, K M Roberts-Jones, J G Shearer, K S Silk, S L Williams and E A York

2.	MINUTES	CC98- 2016
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th October 2016 as a correct record.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the answers to supplementary questions provided after the meeting would be added to the minutes.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	CC99- 2016
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County Councillor Francesca Jump declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item CC101 – 2016 Welshpool Town Primary Education as an LEA appointed governor of Gungrog Church in Wales Infant School.

County Councillor David Jones declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item CC101 – 2016 Welshpool Town Primary Education as an LEA appointed governor of Guilsfield CP School.

County Councillor Timothy Van-Rees declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item CC104 – 2016 Brecon Barracks as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum.

4.	CALL IN OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION DATED 13TH OCTOBER 2016 ON CAR PARKING CHARGES	CC100- 2016
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The Solicitor to the Council explained that the Portfolio Holder for Highway's decision to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce car parking charges at a number of sites had been called in by 5 members of the Place Scrutiny Committee. The Solicitor and Section 151 Officer had agreed that there were procedural irregularities with the decision making process in that there was no impact assessment produced and had allowed the call-in to proceed. The call-in had been considered by the Place Scrutiny Committee who had decided to refer the matter to the full Council.

A number of Members spoke against the introduction of car parking charges in their towns and communities. Some raised specific concerns in respect of car parks in their communities and criticised the lack of an impact assessment. A number argued that car parks should either be handed over to Town and Community Councils to run or they should receive a proportion of the income. Other Members were concerned that any shortfall in income should not be made up by increasing charges in car parks where there were already charges.

The Portfolio Holder for Highways reminded Members that the proposals to increase income from car parking by £30,000 were part of the budget approved by Council in February 2015. If the charges were not raised they would have to be found elsewhere and he also reminded Council that the Highways, Transport and Recycling Service had to find £5m in savings. The Portfolio Holder advised that it was his intention that the issue should be referred back to Cabinet and in those circumstances the Solicitor to the Council advised the Cabinet to abstain from voting.

Councillor Curry left the meeting at 11.40.
Councillor George joined the meeting at 11.50.

County Councillor Gary Price proposed

1. That full Council refer the decision back to Cabinet.
2. In a policy of fairness and equality that the Cabinet abandon its proposals on car parking charges of the 9th September 2015 and undertake a full review of all car parks and parking charges within the County in full consultation with Town and Community Councils.

This was seconded by County Councillor Garry Banks.

Council adjourned from 12.00 – 12.30 for the political groups to consider the proposal.

The first proposal was put the vote and passed by 32 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED that full Council refer the decision back to Cabinet.

The second proposal was put to the vote and was lost by 18 votes to 20 with 1 abstention.

Councillors John Brunt, Sue McNicholas, Huw Williams left the meeting at 12.45 p.m.

Councillor Bob Mills left the meeting at 12.51 p.m.

5.	WELSHPOOL TOWN PRIMARY EDUCATION	CC101- 2016
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The Portfolio Holder for Education outlined his recommendations to Cabinet in respect of primary school education in Welshpool.

- It is proposed that the new English-medium School will be located on land at Welshpool High School. The school will, however, operate from the current sites of Ysgol Maesydre, Gungrog and Oldford Schools on a temporary basis before subsequently transferring to the new building at the earliest opportunity;
- The new build Welsh-medium School will be located on the Ysgol Maesydre site, but will operate from the current site of Ardwyn School on a temporary basis before subsequently transferring to the new building;
- The anticipated timescale is for the new schools to be established from September 2017 before transferring into the two new school buildings upon their opening in 2018/19;
- The current four schools in Welshpool – Ardwyn Nursery & Infant School; Gungrog CiW Nursery & Infant School; Oldford Nursery & Infant School and Ysgol Maesydre would close from the end of August 2017.

297 written responses had been received during the consultation period. 91% of staff (11) responding supported the proposals, 100% of governors (14), 84% of parents (63), and 55% (209) of other respondents. Of these a proportion came from the Wales Humanists Association who had encouraged their supporters to oppose the proposal for the English-medium primary school to be a Church in Wales school. As many of the responses were anonymous it was not clear how many were from Welshpool or Powys and how many came from out of the county.

County Councillor Francesca Jump spoke as a local member to say that she fully supported the proposals. She did ask for extra transport to be provided for pupils and for more information on improving the walkways to the schools. The Head of Schools agreed to discuss this with colleagues to ensure safe routes and integrated transport.

County Councillor Phil Pritchard spoke as a local member. He fully supported the establishment of new English medium and Welsh medium schools but was concerned with some aspects of the proposals, principally about the sites selected and he asked for the Cabinet to visit the sites. He would prefer to have seen a non-denominational school created rather than a Church in Wales school. The Head of Schools noted that any significant changes to the proposals would require a new consultation and submission of a new business case.

County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander also raised the question of the denomination of the school noting that many Roman Catholic Eastern European families lived in the area. She asked whether it would be possible for them to be provided with free transport to a Catholic school. The Head of Schools advised that the transport policy did not currently allow for this. The policy would be reviewed but he could not guarantee that it would change. He also noted that Church in Wales schools provided the same religious education syllabus as other non-denominational schools.

County Councillor Gary Price expressed disappointment that many of the Cabinet were not in attendance. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Council's views would be reported to Cabinet. In response to Councillor Price's question about why the consultation had been delayed, the Head of Schools reminded members about the significant number of consultations that had been undertaken by the Schools Service during the year.

County Councillor David Jones asked for consideration to be given to the transport issues and for information on the number of pupils who would be living further away from the new schools as a result of the proposals. The Head of Schools confirmed that transport would be taken into account as part of the planning process.

County Councillor Aled Davies asked about the capacity of early years provision noting that there only 2 additional nursery places. The Head of Schools advised that he was confident that this was sufficient.

County Councillor Gwilym Vaughan welcomed the proposals.

The Leader confirmed that the Cabinet would visit the school sites.

By 34 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions Council

RESOLVED to support the proposals being recommended by the Portfolio Holder for Education to Cabinet for the establishment of a new English medium school and a new Welsh medium school in Welshpool.

6.	2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES	CC102- 2016
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Council considered the text of a draft response to the Boundary Commission proposals for parliamentary constituencies agreed by the political group leaders.

County Councillor Linda Corfield advised that her community was strongly opposed to being included in a De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Faldwyn constituency and would prefer to be included in the Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery constituency. She proposed that the response be amended to reflect this, seconded by County Councillor Gary Price.

County Councillor Gwilym Vaughan advised that he would prefer to see the historic constituency of Montgomeryshire retained but that if this was not an

option for the communities of Cadfarch, Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth to transfer to Gwynedd rather than De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Faldwyn. This was seconded by County Councillor Michael Williams.

County Councillor Gillian Thomas left the meeting at 1.58 p.m.

Council voted on Councillor Corfield's proposal and by 27 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions

RESOLVED to delete the reference to Forden joining De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Faldwyn in the Council's response.

Council voted on Councillor Vaughan's proposal and by 14 votes to 8 with 10 abstentions

RESOLVED that the Council's response should state that if Montgomeryshire is not retained the communities of Cadfarch, Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth should transfer to Gwynedd rather than De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Faldwyn.

Councillors Gemma Bowker and John Morris left the meeting at 2.05 p.m.

7.	APPROVAL FOR DRAFT COUNTY OF POWYS (COMMUNITY ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) VARIATION ORDER 2016	CC103- 2016
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Council considered a variation order to regularise the ward boundary changes approved by Council in 2006 and to correct a defect recently identified by the Boundary Commission. It was proposed by County Councillor Barry Thomas and seconded by County Councillor Sandra Davies and by 27 votes to 0 with 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>1. That the Council approves the draft Electoral Arrangements Variation Order for the Communities in the County of Powys as set out in Appendix 4 to the report so as to regularise and give effect to the community and ward name changes, the warding arrangement changes and the councillor number changes detailed in the Review Final Proposals and approved by Full Council on 26th October 2006;</p> <p>2. That the Solicitor to the Council is authorised to publish the draft order as required by section 69 Local Government Act 1972 and to invite representations on the draft Variation Order.</p>	<p>So as to regularise the position and to give legal effect to the changes approved by Full Council on 26th October 2006.</p>

<p>3. In the event that no objections are received, the Solicitor to the Council is authorised to complete and execute a Variation Order and to resubmit the Variation Order to the Boundary Commission for Wales (“BGfW”) and to :</p> <p>(a) recommend to the BCfW that they make the area changes (changes to boundaries between communities) approved by Council on 26th October 2006 and further set out in the Variation Order; and</p> <p>(b) To inform the Boundary Commission for Wales of the Council’s preferred consequential arrangements for the County Electoral Divisions as outlined in the report to Council on 26th October 2006 (filed with the signed minutes).”</p> <p>4. In the event that objections to the draft Variation order are received , a further urgent report is to be brought back to Council for those objections to be considered.</p>	
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County Councillor Gwilym Vaughan left the meeting at 2.09 p.m.

8.	BRECON BARRACKS	CC104- 2016
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County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, the Council’s Armed Forces Champion and local members County Councillors Paul Ashton, Matthew Dorrance and Evan Morgan spoke of their shock at the announcement of the closure of Brecon Barracks and the loss of 85 civilian jobs and 100 army jobs and the impact that this would have on the area. It was noted that Chris Davies MP had invited the Defence Minister to visit and that there would be an opportunity to meet the Minister. Councillor Harris said that she would take up the opportunity of meeting the Minister with the local members and would be looking to involve the local AMs as well.

9.	REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE	CC105- 2016
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RESOLVED to approve a leave of absence of up to 6 months for County Councillor Joy Shearer.

County Councillor K F Tampin (Chair)

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**COFNODION CYFARFOD Y CYNGOR SIR A GYNHALIWDYD YN SIAMBR Y
CYNGOR – NEUADD Y SIR, LLANDRINDOD AR DDYDD GWENER, 18 TACHWEDD
2016**

PRESENNOL

Cynghorydd Sir K F Tampin (Cadeirydd)

Cynghorwyr Sir MC Alexander, PJ Ashton, D Bailey, G R Banks, G J Bowker, J H Brunt, L V Corfield, K W Curry, M J B Davies, S C Davies, D E Davies, E R Davies, S Davies, A W Davies, M J Dorrance, V E Evans, W J Evans, D O Evans, R I George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, J C Holmes, G Hopkins, E A Jones, D C Jones, M J Jones, E M Jones, Eldrydd M Jones, D R Jones, J R Jones, F H Jump, H Lewis, MC Mackenzie, S McNicholas, P J Medlicott, DW Meredith, R H Mills, ET Morgan, G Morgan, JG Morris, W J T Powell, WD Powell, GD Price, D R Price, P C Pritchard, G W Ratcliffe, D A Thomas, W B Thomas, A G Thomas, D G Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, G P Vaughan, D H Williams, J M Williams a G I S Williams

1.	YMDDIHEURIADAU	CC97- 2016
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Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cynghorwyr Sir R G Brown, L Fitzpatrick, D Mayor, K M Roberts-Jones, J G Shearer, K S Silk, S L Williams ac E A York

2.	COFNODION	CC98- 2016
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Awdurdodwyd y Cadeirydd i arwyddo cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd ar 19 Hydref 2016 fel cofnod cywir.

Cadarnhaodd y Swyddog Monitro y byddai'r atebion i'r cwestiynau atodol a ddarperir wedi'r cyfarfod yn cael eu hychwanegu at y cofnodion.

3.	DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB	CC99- 2016
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Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir Francesca Jump ddatgan diddordeb personol heb fod yn ariannol yn eitem CC101 – 2016 – Addysg Gynradd yn nhref Y Trallwng fel llywodraethwr a benodir gan yr AALI yn Ysgol Fabanod yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Gungrog.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir David Jones ddatgan diddordeb personol heb fod yn ariannol yn eitem CC101 – 2016 – Addysg Gynradd yn nhref Y Trallwng fel llywodraethwr a benodir gan yr AALI yn Ysgol G G Cegidfa.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir Timothy Van-Rees ddatgan diddordeb personol heb fod yn ariannol yn eitem CC104 - 2016 - Barics Aberhonddu fel Cadeirydd Gweithredol Ymddiriedolwyr Amgueddfa Gatrodol y Cymry Brenhinol.

4.	GALW PENDERFYNIAD YR AELOD PORTFFOLIO I MEWN - PENDERFYNIAD DYDDIEDIG Y 13 HYDREF 2016 AR DALIADAU PARCIO CEIR	CC100- 2016
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Esboniodd Cyfreithiwr y Cyngor fod penderfyniad yr Aelod Portffolio Priffyrdd i wneud Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig i gyflwyno taliadau parcio ceir mewn nifer o safleoedd wedi cael ei alw i mewn gan 5 o aelodau'r Pwyllgor Craffu Lle. Roedd Cyfreithiwr y Cyngor a'r Swyddog Adran 151 wedi cytuno fod anghysonderau gweithredol gyda'r broses gwneud penderfyniadau oherwydd nad oedd unrhyw asesiad effaith wedi'i lunio gan arwain felly at barhau gyda'r broses o alw'r penderfyniad i mewn. Roedd y penderfyniad wedi cael ei ystyried gan y Pwyllgor Craffu Lle a oedd wedi penderfynu y dylid cyfeirio'r mater at y Cyngor llawn.

Siaradodd nifer o Aelodau yn erbyn cyflwyno taliadau parcio ceir yn eu trefi a'u cymunedau. Roedd rhai wedi codi pryderon penodol o ran meysydd parcio yn eu cymunedau ac wedi beirniadu'r diffyg asesiadau effaith. Dadleuodd nifer o Gynghorwyr y dylid naill ai trosglwyddo meysydd parcio i Gynghorau Tref a Chymuned i'w rhedeg neu y dylent dderbyn cyfran o'r incwm. Roedd Aelodau eraill yn bryderus y dylid peidio â gwneud yn iawn am unrhyw ddiffyg mewn incwm trwy gynyddu taliadau mewn meysydd parcio lle'r oedd taliadau eisoes.

Fe wnaeth yr Aelod Portffolio Cyllid atgoffa Aelodau fod y cynigion i gynyddu incwm gan £30,000 trwy feysydd parcio yn rhan o'r gyllideb a gymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor ym mis Chwefror 2015. Petai'r taliadau ddim yn cael eu codi, byddai angen eu canfod o rywle arall ac fe atgoffodd y Cyngor fod rhaid i'r Gwasanaeth Priffyrdd, Trafnidiaeth ac Ailgylchu ganfod £5 miliwn o gynilion. Dywedodd yr Aelod Portffolio mai ei fwriad oedd y dylid cyfeirio'r mater yn ôl i'r Cabinet a dan yr amgylchiadau hynny, fe wnaeth Cyfreithiwr y Cyngor gynghori'r Cabinet i ymatal rhag pleidleisio.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Curry adael y cyfarfod am 11.40.

Ymunodd y Cynghorydd George â'r cyfarfod am 11.50.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir Gary Price gynnig

1. Y dylai'r Cyngor llawn gyfeirio'r penderfyniad yn ôl i'r Cabinet.
2. Mewn polisi o degwch a chydraddoldeb y dylai'r Cabinet roi ei gynigion ar daliadau parcio ceir a wnaed ar y 9 Medi 2015 o'r neilltu a chynnal arolwg llawn o'r holl feysydd parcio a thaliadau parcio o fewn y Sir mewn ymgynghoriad llawn â'r Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned.

Eiliwyd hyn gan y Cynghorydd Sir Garry Banks.

Gohiriwyd y Cyngor o 12.00 – 12.30 er mwyn i'r grwpiau gwleidyddol ystyried y cynnig.

Rhodddwyd y cynnig cyntaf i'r bleidlais a chafodd ei basio gan 32 pleidlais i 0 gyda 3 Chynghorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio.

PENDERFYNWYD y dylai'r Cyngor llawn gyfeirio'r penderfyniad yn ôl i'r Cabinet.

Rhoddwyd yr ail gynnig i'r bleidlais a chafodd ei golli gan 18 pleidlais i 20 gydag 1 Cynghorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio.

Gadawodd y Cynghorwyr John Brunt, Sue McNicholas, Huw Williams y cyfarfod am 12.45 p.m.

Gadawodd y Cynghorydd Bob Mills y cyfarfod am 12.51 p.m.

5.	ADDYSG GYNRADD YN NHREF Y TRALLWNG	CC101- 2016
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Rhoddodd yr Aelod Portffolio Addysg amlinelliad o'i argymhellion i'r Cabinet mewn perthynas ag addysg ysgolion cynradd yn Y Trallwng.

- Cynigir y dylid lleoli'r Ysgol cyfrwng Saesneg newydd ar dir yn Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng. Bydd yr ysgol, fodd bynnag, yn gweithredu o'r safleoedd ysgol presennol sef Ysgol Maesydre, Ysgol Gungrog ac Ysgol Oldford ar sail dros dro cyn trosglwyddo yn y pen draw i'r adeilad newydd ar y cyfle cynharaf posibl;
- Bydd yr Ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd a adeiladir yn cael ei lleoli ar safle Maesydre, ond bydd yn gweithredu o safle presennol Ysgol Ardwyn ar sail dros dro cyn trosglwyddo yn y pen draw i'r adeilad newydd;
- Yr amserlen a ragwelir yw sefydlu'r ysgolion newydd o fis Medi 2017 cyn trosglwyddo i'r ddau adeilad ysgol newydd wrth eu hagor yn 2018/19;
- Bydd y pedair ysgol bresennol yn Y Trallwng - Ysgol Feithrin a Babanod Ardwyn; Ysgol Feithrin a Babanod yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Gungrog; Ysgol Feithrin a Babanod Oldford ac Ysgol Maesydre yn cau o ddiwedd mis Awst 2017.

Mae 297 o ymatebion ysgrifenedig wedi'u derbyn yn ystod y cyfnod ymgynghori, Roedd 91% o'r staff (11) a ymatebodd yn cefnogi'r cynigion, 100% o'r llywodraethwyr (14), 84% o'r rhieni (63) a 55% (209) o'r ymatebwyr eraill. O'r rhain, daeth cyfran o'r ymatebion gan Gymdeithas Dyneiddwyr Cymru a oedd wedi annog eu cefnogwyr i wrthwynebu'r cynnig i'r ysgol gynradd cyfrwng Saesneg fod yn ysgol Eglwys yng Nghymru. Gan fod nifer o'r ymatebion yn ddienw, nid oedd hi'n glir faint ohonynt oedd yn dod o'r Trallwng neu Bowys a faint ddaeth o du allan i'r sir.

Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Sir Francesca Jump fel yr aelod lleol i ddweud ei bod yn cefnogi'r cynigion yn llwyr. Gofynnodd am ddarparu cludiant ychwanegol i ddisgyblion ac am fwy o wybodaeth ar wella llwybrau troed i'r ysgolion. Cytunodd y Pennaeth Ysgolion i drafod hyn gyda chydweithwyr i sicrhau llwybrau diogel a chludiant integredig.

Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Sir Phil Pritchard fel yr aelod lleol. Roedd yn llwyr gefnogi sefydlu ysgolion cyfrwng Cymraeg a Saesneg newydd ond roedd yn bryderus am ambell agwedd o'r cynigion, sef y safleoedd a ddewiswyd yn bennaf a gofynnodd i'r Cabinet ymweld â'r safleoedd. Byddai'n well ganddo weld ysgol anenwadol yn cael ei chreu yn hytrach nag ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru.

Nododd y Pennaeth Ysgolion y byddai unrhyw newidiadau sylweddol i'r cynigion yn gofyn am ymgynghoriad newydd a chyflwyno achos busnes newydd.

Fe wnaeth y Cyngorydd Sir Myfanwy Alexander godi'r cwestiwn hefyd am enwad yr ysgol gan nodi fod nifer o deuluoedd Catholig o Ddwyrain Ewrop yn byw yn yr ardal. Gofynnodd a fyddai'n bosibl darparu cludiant am ddim iddynt i Ysgol Gatholig ai peidio. Cyngorodd y Pennaeth Ysgolion nad oedd y polisi cludiant yn darparu ar gyfer hyn ar hyn o bryd. Byddai'r polisi'n cael ei adolygu ond ni allai roi sicrwydd y byddai'n newid. Nododd hefyd fod ysgolion yr Eglwys yng Nghymru yn darparu'r un maes llafur addysg grefyddol ag ysgolion anenwadol eraill.

Mynegodd y Cyngorydd Sir Gary Price siom nad oedd llawer o aelodau'r Cabinet yn bresennol. Cadarnhaodd y Swyddog Monitro y byddai safbwyntiau'r Cyngor yn cael eu hadrodd i'r Cabinet. Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn y Cyngorydd Price am y rheswm dros yr oedi gyda'r ymgynghoriad, fe wnaeth y Pennaeth Ysgolion atgoffa aelodau am y nifer sylweddol o ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal gan y Gwasanaeth Ysgolion yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Gofynnodd y Cyngorydd Sir David Jones am roi ystyriaeth i'r materion cludiant ac am wybodaeth ar nifer y disgyblion a fyddai'n byw ymhellach i ffwrdd o'r ysgolion newydd o ganlyniad i'r cynigion. Cadarnhaodd y Pennaeth Ysgolion y byddai cludiant yn cael ei ystyried fel rhan o'r broses gynllunio.

Gofynnodd y Cyngorydd Sir Aled Davies am faint y ddarpariaeth blynnyddoedd cynnar gan nodi mai dim ond 2 lle meithrin ychwanegol oedd ar gael. Fe wnaeth y Pennaeth Ysgolion gyngori ei fod yn hyderus y byddai hyn yn ddigonol.

Fe wnaeth y Cyngorydd Sir Gwilym Vaughan groesawu'r cynigion.

Cadarnhaodd yr Arweinydd y byddai'r Cabinet yn ymweld â safleoedd yr ysgolion.

Gan 34 pleidlais i 1 gyda 2 Gyngorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio, fe wnaeth y Cyngor

BENDERFYNU cefnogi'r cynigion a argymhellwyd gan yr Aelod Portffolio Addysg i'r Cabinet er mwyn sefydlu ysgol cyfrwng Saesneg newydd ac ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd yn Y Trallwng.

6.	AROLWG 2018 AR ETHOLAETHAU SENEDDOL	CC102- 2016
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Rhoddodd y Cyngor ystyriaeth i destun yr ymateb drafft i gynigion y Comisiwn Ffiniau ar gyfer etholaethau seneddol a gytunwyd gan arweinyddion y grwpiau gwleidyddol.

Fe wnaeth y Cyngorydd Sir Linda Corfield gyngori fod ei chymuned am gyflwyno gwrthwynebiad cryf i'r cynnig o gael eu cynnwys yn etholaeth De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn ac y byddai'n well ganddynt gael eu cynnwys yn etholaeth Brycheiniog, Maesyfed a Maldwyn. Cynigiodd y dylid diwygio'r ymateb i adlewyrchu hyn ac eiliwyd hyn gan y Cyngorydd Sir Gary Price.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir Gwilym Vaughan gynghori y byddai'n well ganddo weld etholaeth hanesyddol Sir Drefaldwyn yn cael ei chadw ond os nad oedd hyn yn opsiwn ar gyfer cymunedau Cadfarch, Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair a Machynlleth, y dylid trosglwyddo i Wynedd yn hytrach na De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn. Eiliwyd hyn gan y Cynghorydd Sir Michael Williams.

Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Sir Gillian Thomas adael y cyfarfod am 1.58 p.m.

Pleidleisiodd y Cyngor ar gynnig y Cynghorydd Corfield gyda 27 pleidlais o blaid, 1 pleidlais yn erbyn a 3 Chynghorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio.

PENDERFYNWYD y dylid dileu'r cyfeiriad at Ffordun yn ymuno â De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn yn ymateb y Cyngor.

Pleidleisiodd y Cyngor ar gynnig y Cynghorydd Vaughan gyda 14 pleidlais o blaid, 8 pleidlais yn erbyn a 10 Cynghorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio.

PENDERFYNWYD y dylai ymateb y Cyngor nodi y dylai cymunedau Cadfarch, Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair a Machynlleth drosglwyddo i Wynedd yn hytrach na De Clwyd a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn os na fydd etholaeth Sir Drefaldwyn yn cael ei chadw.

Gadawodd y Cynghorwyr Gemma Bowker a John Morris y cyfarfod am 2.05 p.m.

7.	CYMERADWYAETH I ORCHYMYN AMRYWIO DRAFFT SIR POWYS (TREFNIADAU ETHOLIADOL CYMUNEDOL) 2016	CC103- 2016
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Rhoddodd y Cyngor ystyriaeth i orchymyn amrywio i reoleiddio newidiadau i ffiniau wardiau a gymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor yn 2006 ac i gywiro diffyg a ddynodwyd yn ddiweddar gan y Comisiwn Ffiniau. Cynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Barry Thomas ac fe'i heiliwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Sandra Davies a gan 27 pleidlais i 0 gyda 1 Cynghorydd yn ymatal rhag pleidleisio

PENDERFYNWYD	Rheswm dros y Penderfyniad:
<p>1. Y dylai'r Cyngor gymeradwyo'r Gorchymyn Amrywio Trefniadau Etholiadol drafft ar gyfer y Cymunedau yn Sir Powys fel y nodir yn Atodiad 4 i'r adroddiad er mwyn rheoleiddio a rhoi effaith i'r newidiadau i enwau cymunedau a wardiau, y newidiadau i drefniadau wardiau a'r newidiadau i nifer y Cynghorwyr fel y manylir yn y Cynigion Arolygu Terfynol ac a gymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor Llawn ar 26 Hydref 2006;</p> <p>2. Y dylid awdurdodi Cyfreithiwr y Cyngor i gyhoeddi gorchymyn drafft fel sy'n ofynnol gan adran 69 Deddf Llywodraeth</p>	<p>Er mwyn rheoleiddio'r sefyllfa a rhoi effaith gyfreithiol i'r newidiadau a gymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor Llawn ar 26 Hydref 2006.</p>

<p>Leol 1972 ac i wahodd sylwadau ar y Gorchymyn Amrywio drafft.</p> <p>3. Yn y sefyllfa pan na fydd unrhyw wrthwynebiadau wedi'u derbyn, mae Cyfreithiwr y Cyngor wedi'i awdurdodi i gwblhau a gweithredu Gorchymyn Amrywio ac i gyflwyno'r Gorchymyn Amrywio i Gomisiwn Ffiniau Cymru (CFfC) ac i:</p> <p>(a) Argymell i CFfC y dylent wneud y newidiadau i ardaloedd (newidiadau i ffiniau rhwng cymunedau) a gymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor ar 26 Hydref 2006 ac a nodir yn y Gorchymyn Amrywio ymhellach; a</p> <p>(b) Rhoi gwybod i Gomisiwn Ffiniau Cymru am y trefniadau dilynol sy'n cael eu ffafrio gan y Cyngor ar gyfer Rhanbarthau Etholiadol y Sir fel yr amlinellir yn yr adroddiad i'r Cyngor ar 26 Hydref 2006 (wedi'i ffeilio gyda'r cofnodion a arwyddwyd)."</p> <p>4. Mewn sefyllfa lle mae gwrthwynebiadau i'r gorchymyn Amrywio drafft yn cael eu derbyn, mae adroddiad brys pellach i'w gyflwyno i'r Cyngor er mwyn i'r gwrthwynebiadau hyn gael eu hystyried.</p>	
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Gadawodd y Cynghorydd Sir Gwilym Vaughan y cyfarfod am 2.09 p.m.

8.	BARICS ABERHONDDU	CC104- 2016
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Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Sir Rosemarie Harris, Hyrwyddwr Lluoedd Arfog y Cyngor a'r aelodau lleol, y Cynghorwyr Sir Paul Ashton, Matthew Dorrance ac Evan Morgan am eu sioc ynglŷn â'r cyhoeddiad am gau Barics Aberhonddu a cholli 85 o swyddi dinesig a 100 o swyddi o fewn y fyddin, ynghyd ag effaith hyn ar yr ardal. Nodwyd fod Chris Davies AS wedi gwahodd y Gweinidog Amddiffyn i ymweld ac y byddai cyfle i gwrdd â'r Gweinidog. Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Harris y byddai'n manteisio ar y cynnig i gwrdd â'r Gweinidog gyda'r aelodau lleol ac y byddai'n edrych ar gynnwys yr ACau lleol hefyd.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cyfnod o absenoldeb o hyd at 6 mis ar gyfer y Cynghorydd Sir Joy Shearer.

Cynghorydd Sir K F Tampin (Cadeirydd)

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
26th January 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Tony Thomas, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning

SUBJECT: Question from Christine Hugh-Jones

I welcome the opportunity to submit a question to County Cllr Tony Thomas, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning, for the Council meeting on 26th January 2017:

My question is:

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?

Portfolio Holder's Response

Planning Policy Wales sets out the land use planning policies of the Welsh Government. It makes it clear that PPW is supplemented by Technical Advice Notes, circulars and policy clarification letters (Paragraph 1.1.1, PPW).

<http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161117planning-policy-wales-edition-9-en.pdf>

Section 12.8 of PPW covers renewable and low carbon energy and states:

Paragraph 12.8.2: *"Planning policy at all levels should facilitate delivery of both the ambition set out in Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition and UK and European targets on renewable energy."*

Paragraph 12.8.8: *"The Welsh Government is committed to using the planning system to:*

- *optimise renewable energy generation;*
- *optimise low carbon energy generation; etc."*

Paragraph 12.8.9: *Local planning authorities should facilitate the development of all forms of renewable and low carbon energy to move towards a low carbon economy (see 4.4.3) to help to tackle the causes of climate change (see 4.7.3). Specifically, they should make positive provision by:*

- *considering the contribution that their area can make towards developing and facilitating renewable and low carbon energy, and ensuring that development plan policies enable this contribution to be delivered; etc”*

Although PPW refers to Strategic Search Areas, it refers to local policy (i.e. LDP policy) but does not specifically reference ‘local search areas’. PPW is, however, supplemented by policy clarification letters and such a letter was issued by the Minister for Natural Resources, dated the 10th Dec 2015, to all local planning authorities regarding his expectations for energy policies in local development plans.

<http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/151210energy-policies-in-local-development-plans-en.pdf>

The Minister wrote (partial extract):

“I am pleased that, since the publication of our ‘Renewable Energy Toolkit for Planners’ in 2010, many local planning authorities have undertaken Renewable Energy Assessments (REAs) as part of the Local Development Plan (LDP) evidence base. However, it is disappointing to note that no LDP in Wales has taken the results of the REA and formulated local policies (including allocations or areas of search) for local-authority scale (5MW – 25MW) renewable energy schemes or other low carbon technologies.

The designation of such areas would show leadership at the local level; give certainty to the renewable energy industry in making investment decisions; and, through the LDP consultation process, would give communities a say as to where renewable energy developments should be located. By designating these areas, developments can be guided to the most appropriate locations. This approach has been taken by the Welsh Government for large scale wind energy projects through the Strategic Search Areas (SSAs) in TAN8. I expect local planning authorities to take the same, proactive approach for all forms of renewable and low carbon energy generation.”

To conclude, PPW requires Local Authorities through their development plan policies to facilitate all forms of renewable and low carbon energy and to consider the contribution that their area can make towards developing and facilitating renewable and low carbon energy, and ensure that their development plan policies enable this contribution to be delivered.

The policy clarification letter from the Minister for Natural Resources in Dec 2015 sets out the expectation for local authorities to include allocations or areas of search within local development plan policy. It therefore provides clarity that an LDP’s renewable energy policy should be shown spatially on the proposals map.

This position was reflected in the comments dated 11th March 2016 made by Welsh Government to the Council in response to the consultation on proposed Focussed Changes to the LDP. [1084 WG Letter](#)

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY COUNCIL
26TH January, 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: **Solicitor to the Council**
Strategic Director - Resources

SUBJECT: **Payments to Co-Opted Members**

REPORT FOR: **Decision**

1. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales sets the level of fees payable to all Independent and Co-Opted Members of the Council. However it is for the Council to determine if it wishes to set a maximum number of days for which an Independent or Co-Opted Member can be paid.
2. With regard to the Independent Member of the Audit Committee the Council in January 2015 set the maximum number of days for which the Independent Member can be paid at 25 days. However for the current financial year there have been a number of circumstances which have increased the requirement for the Independent Member to attend an increased number of meetings. In the previous financial year the Independent Member was a member of the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee's Internal Audit Scrutiny Group, and the Finance Scrutiny Panel. During this financial year the Independent Member was appointed by the Audit Committee as its Vice-Chair and in addition a new scrutiny group has been established to review the overspend in social care which has resulted in a number of additional meetings being called.
3. The cumulative impact of this increased workload has resulted in the Independent Member exceeding the 25 days maximum allowed by the Council (to the end of December 2016 the total claimed was 29 days, with the extra days taking place in December 2016). However it is important to retain the valuable contribution provided by the Independent Member in the ongoing work until the end of this Council term. This one-off cost of approximately £3250 for an estimated 16 extra days (December 2016 to April 2017) can be contained within the current year's budget, but such additional expenditure will require the consent of Full Council.
4. In the circumstances, Full Council is asked to consider removing the maximum number of payments to the Independent Member for the remainder of the Council term only (i.e. until the end of April, 2017) so that he can continue to contribute to the work of the Council. The maximum level of 25 days per annum as set in 2015 will continue to be applied from May 2017 onwards, unless varied by Full Council at a later date.

5. Comments on the Report.

5.1 Support Services.

Finance – This one-off cost can be contained within the existing budget

Legal – I note the Finance comment and have nothing to add as the report properly highlights the relevant information regarding the matter.

5.2 Corporate Communications.

No proactive communication action required

5.3 Statutory Officers.

Strategic Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) – The recommendation is supported to ensure continuity until the end of April 2017.

Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

5.4 The Chair of Audit has commented “As chair of the audit committee I fully support this interim measure to secure continuity at a very important and intense time for the audit committee. Mr Brautigam as vice chair is involved in a number of highly important issues and has proved to be a very able and well respected member of the committee. This proposal will also give us the continuity which is required as we move towards the budget setting and the scrutiny of it by the audit committee and finance scrutiny panel”.

Recommendation to the County Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>(i) That the maximum number of days for which the Independent Member of the Audit Committee may be paid from the Annual Meeting in 2016 until the end of April, 2017 be removed on a one-off basis.</p> <p>(ii) Save for as provided in recommendation 1 above, the maximum number of days for which the Audit Committee Independent Member may be paid from the Annual Meeting in 2017 remain at 25 days.</p>	<p>To authorise an exception to the maximum number of days for which the Independent Member of the Audit Committee may be paid for 2016-17 due to one-off circumstances.</p>

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Wyn Richards
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	January, 2017

Contact Officer Name:	Tel:	Fax:	Email:
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY COUNCIL 26 January 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: Solicitor to the Council

SUBJECT: Arrangements for the Local Government Elections
4 May 2017

REPORT FOR: Information

On 4 May 2017 elections will be held for Powys County Council and all Town and Community Councils in Powys. There are 73 County Councillors to be elected for the County Council and 1,041 community councillors to be elected for the town and Community Councils across Powys.

Nomination packs will be made available to candidates from the beginning of March, one will be placed in your pigeon holes unless you request otherwise.

All nominations must be delivered by hand and will be by appointment ONLY at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells.

There will be an opportunity to deliver nomination papers to Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool and Neuadd Brycheiniog, Brecon on designated days and ONLY by appointment. These days will be confirmed in the nomination pack.

All nomination information is strictly confidential and we ask that Councillors respect this and refrain from asking elections staff for information about nominations received until the statement of persons nominated is published on 4th April 2017.

The statement of persons nominated will be available on the website shortly after the close of nominations on 4th April 2017.

Timetable Summary:

Notice of election published 17 March 2017 and commencement of purdah.

Nominations will be accepted from 20 March until nominations close at 4 pm on 4 April 2017

Last day for withdrawal of candidature is 4pm on 4 April 2017

Last day to register to vote for this election (if not already registered) is 13 April 2017

Last day to apply or amend existing application to vote by post is 5 pm, 18 April 2017

Last day to apply or amend existing application to vote by proxy is 5 pm, 25 April 2017

Polling day – Thursday, 4 May 2017 from 7am until 10pm

Count – Friday, 5 May 2017

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That Members note the report and the requirement to hand deliver nominations by appointment	To ensure that Members are made aware of the the nominations process and to ensure that nominations received remain confidential until the close of nominations

Person(s) To Action Decision:	N/A
Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:	Principal Elections Officer

Relevant Policy (ies):	
Within Policy:	Y
Within Budget:	Y

Contact Officer Name:	Tel:	Fax:	Email:
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

26th January, 2017

Council Forward Work Programme 2017

23 February	Budget & Medium Term Financial Strategy Welsh Medium Stream at Brecon High School
7 March	Council Tax Resolution Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Pay Policy Statement Corporate Improvement Plan Appointment of Lay Member to Audit Committee
18 May Annual Meeting	Appointment of Chair of Council Vice Chair of Council Assistant Vice Chair of Council Appointment of Leader Allocation of seats on Committees Appointments to Committees Allocation of Scrutiny Committee Chairs Appointment of Democratic Services Committee Chair Appointments to outside bodies Schedule Of Members and Co-Opted Members' Salaries, Allowances and Expenses
13 July	Annual Council Reporting Framework Members' Allowances & Expenses – To receive for information details of Members' expenses for the previous financial year.
19 October	Approval of the Annual Performance Report

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
26th January 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Portfolio Holder for Property, Buildings and Housing

SUBJECT: Question 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?

In answer to your question, at this early stage of the Council's office rationalisation project no specific buildings have been identified for closure. However the Council does need to reduce its costs and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its use of its office accommodation. One way this can be achieved in the future is to identify properties that may be surplus to the Council's needs, possibly because they are require modernisation but are beyond reasonable repair or perhaps because we no longer deliver our services in such a way that these locations are required. The purchase of Ladywell House is not directly dependent upon the receipt of capital from the sale of (as yet unidentified) properties.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
26th January 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor John Powell, Portfolio Holder with responsibility for HR

SUBJECT: Question 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?

	Full Time	Part Time
2015 - 2016	2531	4062
2014 - 2015	2641	4446
2013 - 2014	2911	4842

This equates to a reduction of 1160 posts or a 13% reduction in full time posts and a 16% reduction in part time posts over the 3 year period.

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