

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -  
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY  
2018**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, MC Alexander, P Davies, L Fitzpatrick, S M Hayes,  
R Powell, M Weale and J Wilkinson

In attendance: County Councillor J Williams

<b>1. APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor James Evans.

<b>2. MINUTES</b>
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 January 2018 as a correct record.

<b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

<b>4. GWERNYFED HIGH SCHOOL 21ST C SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>
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The Portfolio Holder for Education explained that approval was being sought to increase the capital budget for Gwernyfed High School's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools project by £500k, to a maximum of £7.2m and to take forward the remodelling of the school based on the specification laid out in Option B in the report. This would involve the refurbishment of the existing teaching block and the construction of a new teaching block. This option did not include any spend on the mansion house, which would be unlikely to attract Welsh Government match funding and which would enable the school to reduce its usage of the building and/or to consider removing it completely from school use. Cabinet asked about the future of the mansion house and the Portfolio Holder for Education advised that the schools service was looking for a partner, such as an arts body, to take it on and run it to complement the work of the school. The Leader asked officers to approach Cadw to see if there was any grant funding available for the mansion house.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>To increase the budget for Gwernyfed High School's capital project by £500k to £7.2m and take forward the remodelling of the school based on the specification laid out in Option B</b>	<b>To provide a value-for-money solution that is focused on improving teaching and learning and will deliver 21<sup>st</sup> C Schools facilities.</b>

in the report.	<b>This will also ensure that the project can go forward within the funding timescales.</b>
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## 5. **SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW**

The Portfolio Holder for Education explained that the purpose of the review was to create a formula that funds schools in a clear, transparent, objective and measurable way. It would not increase the amount of funding available but it would make the distribution of funds fairer. The Leader asked for regular updates to the Cabinet before it considered the final proposals in January 2019.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>That Cabinet note the contents of the report and the timetable that will ensure delivery of a revised funding formula in 2018 for implementation for the 2019-20 financial year.</b>	<b>To ensure a new formula is on place for 2019/20 budgets.</b>  <b>To have an agreed and funded minimum curriculum provision in each of the three sectors,</b>

## 6. **INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES**

Cabinet was asked to consider a proposal that any decision to increase the maximum weekly charge for Community Based Social Care Services, in line with the maximum charge set by the Welsh Government each financial year, will be at the discretion of the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Adult Social Care and Finance, in consultation with the Director of Social Services rather than be reported to Cabinet. This would be undertaken by provision of a Portfolio Holder's Decision Report.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>That the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Adult Social Care and Finance, in consultation with the Director of Social Services are given the discretion to set the maximum charge up to the maximum charge for Community Based Services as set by Welsh Government each financial year.</b>	<b>Income of the Council is optimised</b>

## 7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

<b>8.</b>	<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b>
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Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

<b>9.</b>	<b>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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The Monitoring Officer advised that the Scrutiny work programme was being adversely affected by items being changed in the Cabinet work programme at short notice and he asked for scrutiny officers to be advised of any changes in good time.

<b>10.</b>	<b>EXEMPT ITEMS</b>
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**RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).**

<b>11.</b>	<b>SALE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES AT OAK VIEW, SARN AND FIR HOUSE, CHURCHSTOKE</b>
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Cabinet considered proposals to market County Farm Estate land at Oak View, Sarn and Fir House, Churchstoke for housing development.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
1. The Farms Estate markets its development sites at Churchstoke and Sarn.	To ensure that the development opportunity is properly marketed to reach the maximum number of potential developers.
2. Delegated authority is given to the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property & Waste) to agree the sale of the site at Sarn on receipt of any offer in the region of the sum set out in paragraph 1.10 of the report.	To allow the sale of an asset at the enhanced market value to enable housing development.
3. Delegated authority is given to the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property & Waste) to agree the sale of the site at Churchstoke on receipt of any offer in the region of the sum set out in paragraph	To allow the sale of an asset at the enhanced market value to enable housing development

<b>1.11 of the report.</b>	
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<b>12. URGENT ITEMS</b>
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The Leader agreed to allow discussion of the following items to ensure Cabinet members were kept informed.

**Bupa Contract for Residential Homes**

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and the Solicitor to the Council provided an update.

**Strategic Overview Board**

Officers were reviewing the Strategic Overview Board to ensure it was best placed to provide the effective challenge required to move the Council forward.

**County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)**