

County Council

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

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You are welcome to speak Welsh or English in the meeting, and a simultaneous translation service will be provided.

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 18th October and 20th November 2018 as correct records.
(Pages 11 - 94)

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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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
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To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council.

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

6.	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING
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To receive a briefing from the Deputy Chief Executive.

7.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS
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7.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Planning from Mr George Harris

Can the council please confirm what is the financial benefit in £'s, that will be achieved by the council together with the timing of this, by allowing the Hendy Wind Farm project to continue?

(Pages 95 - 96)

7.2. Question to the Leader from Mr Martin Aymes

Powys County Council protests the need for Openness, Transparency and Inclusion in its aims for democracy and public participation in the processes of Local Government.

At a public meeting in Abermule on the 4th December 2018 — in front of some 275 local residents — Leader Rosemarie Harris, and Cabinet Members Aled Davies and Phyl Davies jointly offered to give Martin Aymes access to the Council Solicitor, in order to discuss some legal aspects of the proposed Abermule Recycling Bulking Facility.

The Council Solicitor has subsequently refused any such legal discussions.

Is Powys County Council prepared to instruct the Council Solicitor to engage in such discussions, and thus ensure that it lives up to its aims?

(Pages 97 - 98)

7.3. Question to the Leader from Mr Jeffrey Matthews

Given the motion proposed by Cllr Gareth Pugh and passed unanimously at the full Council Meeting on 18th October, which proposed greater connection, consultation, engagement with communities, honesty, openness and transparency in local government, does the council feel that this is now being fully achieved when we are still seeing the citizens of North Powys continuing to be highly concerned and anxious about building construction consent which has been hastily and crudely bulldozed through which includes errors and possible misrepresentation of data provided to Powys County Councillors and which suggest that now some historical consent needs re-looking at and updating before construction begins?

(Pages 99 - 100)

7.4. Question to the Leader from Mr Stephen Meadowcroft

Powys County Council seems keen to develop Private/ Public partnerships for the delivery key services as can be seen with the formation of Heart of Wales Property Services with Kier Group. At the time of writing this question, the financial accounts for this company are overdue (due date 23/12/18) so it is unclear as to the success or otherwise of this venture.

How successful has this initiative been (given the reports of Keir Groups Financial Difficulties) and do you have plans to go into partnership with other private companies such as Veolia for the delivery of waste management?

(Pages 101 - 102)

8.	BUDGET VIREMENTS
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To consider budget virements.

8.1. Abermule Business Park

(Pages 103 - 106)

8.2. Relocation to Cwrt-y-Plyffin

(Pages 107 - 110)

8.3. Strategic Salt Reserve

(Pages 111 - 114)

9.	STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council.

(Pages 115 - 116)

10.	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
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To consider a report by the Head of Democratic Services.

(Pages 117 - 184)

11.	APPOINTMENT OF A SCRUTINY CO-OPTED MEMBER
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council.

(Pages 185 - 186)

12.	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
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12.1. Appointment to the Powys Community Endowment Fund Panel

To appoint a member from Montgomeryshire to the Powys Community Endowment Fund Panel to replace County Councillor Peter Lewis who has resigned from the Panel.

12.2. Appointment to the Community Health Council

To appoint a Brecknockshire member to the Community Health Council to replace County Councillor Huw Williams.

12.3. Appointment to the Bryn Titli Wind Farm Trust

To appoint a Radnorshire member to the Bryn Titli Wind Farm Trust.

13.	NOTICES OF MOTION
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13.1. Notice of Motion: Lucy's Law National Campaign

This Council adds its support to Lucy's Law National Campaign to ban and outlaw third party puppy farming. This Council will add its name to the growing list of supporting organisations and will proactively highlight the campaign to our residents across the County. This Council requests that the leader of the Council writes to UK Government, supporting the call for urgent action on this matter.

Proposer: County Councillor Sandra Davies
Seconder: County Councillor Sarah Williams

13.2. Notice of Motion: Green Heart of Wales

This Council in seeing Powys as the Green Heart of Wales;

1. acknowledges the Climate Change Emergency and thus:
2. Asks the pension trustees to develop a strategy of divestment from fossil fuels
3. Supports the principles of Zero Carbon Britain and the work done by CAT (Centre for Alternative Technology)
4. Encourages the development of Hydrogen production and technologies in Powys utilising the clean environment, water and energy supply
5. Highlights that green technologies and the new economic opportunities as part of environmental sustainability should be a fundamental part of the Mid Wales Growth deal thus giving us a USP (Unique Selling Point)
6. That the authority should put in place a strategy for net zero carbon of its activities and develop best environmental practice in

its buildings

7. That the authority should look at best practice from other authorities such as robinhoodenergy.co.uk with Nottinghamshire Council and theleccy.co.uk/about/ with Liverpool City Council, in not only developing local energy ownership and supply chains but also assisting tackling fuel poverty.

Proposed by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

Seconded by County Councillor Bryn Davies

14.	QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION
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14.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

In recent months we have seen a major outsourcing company, Carillion, going to the wall. In recent weeks we have seen another company, Interserve, in severe difficulty.

At the same time a listed government contractor has been hit by delays and cost overruns on a major NHS project. Its average net debt is rising and the reported number does not include hundreds of millions of pounds of supply-chain finance just to pay the bills. It has been making acquisitions and booking the goodwill at a higher value than the price paid. Yet it keeps increasing its dividends for shareholders.

No, it is not Carillion, the outsourcer that collapsed. It is Kier. Kier also reported a 17 per cent rise in average net debt to £375m — which excluded £185m of supply-chain finance owed at the year end, and reported separately as “trade creditors”. Carillion’s net debt figure of £900m excluded £500m of similar financing to pay suppliers.

Kier’s most recent acquisition, the building group McNicholas, had a price of £26m but the company booked £43m of goodwill in its accounts. Carillion also bought businesses and wrote up goodwill of more than 100 per cent of the purchase price, building up its intangible assets.

In view of this consistent pattern, can we as an Authority which has a joint venture with Kier, have:

- the assurance that Kier is still a viable entity?
- what risk assessment has been done to minimize the liabilities to Powys Council?
- clarification of the steps that would be undertaken should Kier follow the path of Carillion and Interserve?

(Pages 187 - 188)

14.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

Could the Portfolio Holder outline what measures she is currently taking, other than the current review of the Fair Funding Formula for Schools, to address the rapidly worsening delegated schools budget position in Powys schools?

(Pages 189 - 190)

14.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor David Jones

Now that we have the new Fairer Funding formula for Schools what percentage of total education funding is delegated to schools under LMS?

(Pages 191 - 192)

14.4. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the delivery of Flying Start in St John Ward?

(Pages 193 - 194)

14.5. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

How effective does the Cabinet Member for Housing think the Heart of Wales Property Service is and does he think it provides residents in Powys with value for money?

(Pages 195 - 196)

14.6. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

How many meetings of the Welsh Education Forum, a partnership with schools and external organisations, and which forms an integral part for the delivery of the current WESP (Welsh Education Strategic partnership) as approved by Welsh Government Ministers; have been held since its approval by Ministers and Powys Cabinet?

(Pages 197 - 198)

14.7. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor John Morris

I have just received an email from you (8/01/19) which states the decision to remove the waste bins was made by cabinet last year and the consultation just finished was on how PCC implements the replacement green waste collections.

Many of my fellow councillors and members of the community of Powys will quite rightly be surprised and annoyed by this. Certainly in my ward we all felt that the consultation was about the whole future of green waste

collection including the status quo. Many residents and councillors have responded to the consultation requesting the retention of the large bins.

Do you consider that you have misled members and the people of Powys who during the consultation have contacted the council to request the retention of the large bins and should you have informed residents of your earlier decision to withdraw the bins as part of the consultation detail?

(Pages 199 - 200)

14.8. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Can the portfolio holder please provide a breakdown of running costs for all 18 libraries across the county for the last 3 years?

(Pages 201 - 204)

14.9. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care from County Councillor Iain McIntosh

Can the portfolio holder and cabinet member for adult services please let me know if there were any plans to close the Arosfa Day Centre in Camden Road, Brecon, before the 13th December 2018?

(Pages 205 - 206)

14.10. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language and Portfolio Holder for Finance from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

BACKGROUND

Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School has been having extensive alterations and an extension to the school. It has been ongoing since July 2018. The project has cost just over £500,000 of which £120,000 has been contributed by the Church in Wales and an Education Trust in Llangattock.

The project discussions started six years ago, the build has taken over 6 months, it was 3 months late in starting after numerous other expectations of a start date during 2017.

The works were due to finish September 2018 in time for the new school year when the promised build start date in May 2018 was agreed. This had to be extended to July because of administrative mishaps. The issues are far too numerous to go in to here and the school Governors are at present trying to work through the problems, keep the school open and ready to educate for 2019.

I was given assurances by the portfolio holder in the July 2018 County Council meeting that the work would be duly completed even though children were expected to have a late start to the term due to building works. This had to be negotiated with parents and the education department. Nursery children have been taught in the Community Hall adjacent to the school since last September as their new build extension was not completed. On the 8 January 2019 it was still not ready.

The biggest issue for Llangattock Governors is the lack of accountability, no line of responsibility and shambolic project management with no-one knowing who takes on the role of these important tasks. During the build the building workforce has had full site access through the school, there have been days when the school has had to remain closed and days when the school was closed due to health and safety risks at short notice. The Head Teacher is there to run the school but in the light of poor project management has been expected to manage some aspects of the project, particularly in terms of health and safety and safeguarding, which has taken up an inordinate amount of time and put excessive pressure and stress on all members of the school community.

This project has been a shambles from beginning to end and no one is taking responsibility. There could be long term implications for Powys County Council partnerships with builders and contractors on school premises.

QUESTION

Do you as portfolio holder know if there is a clear process for project management, accountability and responsibility for joint build projects in our schools where Kier and HOWPS work in partnership with our Education Department here in Powys?

(Pages 207 - 208)

14.11. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection and Portfolio Holder for Highways Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Pete Roberts

In a recent report by the Huffington Post (1) the claim was made that over 25000 fire doors of the same type that failed to prevent the Grenfell fire from spreading were still in use in Council and housing association property in the UK.

Can the Portfolio holder confirm how many of these doors are still in use in Powys and if there are any what steps and timeframes he has for their replacement?

(Pages 209 - 210)

14.12. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Pete Roberts

Given it is over 6 months since the end of the consultation period in respect of Blue Badge Charging proposals can the portfolio holder explain why there has not been a publication of the official response given that the proposal now appears not to be deferred to the parking review as stated at last Full Council but has been included in the set of budget efficiencies bought forward for his portfolio?

(Pages 211 - 212)

14.13. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

Brexit will have been voted on in Parliament by the meaningful vote, can the Portfolio Holder update the Council on the impact this will have on service delivery and all the EU funded projects or development that the Council is aware of? This should include any partnership projects or LEADER II funding threats which to date would be covered under the final payment to the EU or transitional arrangements.

In addition, can you outline all of the projects the Council has delivered in the past five years where some or all of the funding was obtained from EU grants?

(Pages 213 - 216)

14.14. Question to the Leader from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

With the County Council facing further cuts to non-statutory and delegated functions it is more and more looking to communities to run these services where possible. Communities such as Hay-on-Wye have been trying for over 3 years to agree a transfer of assets with the County Council and take on functions, but has been unable to do so, due to factors that include the recent unilateral decision by the current Cabinet to change the agreement made with the previous County Council Cabinet. This has resulted in Hay Town Council budgeting the precept and making commitments, which it may not now be able to implement, to keep the services within the community. This is not the only community to have had difficulty in working with the County Council on the transfers of assets. There are ongoing concerns being raised from many communities about the lack of flexibility and the County Council being restrictive in the name of "fairness to all".

Can the Leader brief the full Council on how the Cabinet is planning to work with local councils and communities over the next round of cuts, with the further expectations from UK and Welsh Governments that communities will need to run more services within the community using volunteers?

(Pages 217 - 218)

14.15. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Planning from County Councillor Heulwen Hulme

Are you satisfied that the Authority is enforcing the conditions as set out in the planning approval for Hendy windfarm?

(Pages 219 - 220)

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT

County Councillor DW Meredith (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, M Barnes, B Baynham, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, H Hulme, A Jenner, D R Jones, E Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, K Lewis, P E Lewis, MC Mackenzie, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, N Morrison, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, K S Silk, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, E Vaughan, M Weale, A Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, R Williams and S L Williams

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors G Breeze, S M Hayes, E A Jones, H Lewis, S Lewis, JG Morris, J Wilkinson, G I S Williams and J M Williams.

2.	MINUTES
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th July 2018 as a correct record.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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County Councillors M Alexander, J Evans and T Van-Rees declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 8.3 on the agenda. County Councillor R Williams declared a personal interest in this item as a Trustee of Brecon Mind.
County Councillors D Davies, P Pritchard and K Roberts-Jones declared personal interests in item 15.4 on the agenda.

4.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Chair presented members of the Powys Trading Standards and Legal teams with commendations from the Crown Court Judge who had presided over the Operation Gleam case. The following commendations were received:
Nikki Davies Wheeler as the senior investigating officer in the case
Desmond Fitzpatrick for the financial investigation work
Robert Brown for his support from Powys Legal Services.
A general commendation for the Trading Standards team was received by Christine Micah Meredith, Lisa Woods, Joanne Davies, Grace Doran and Nicola Croose.

Mr Peter Jones, Principal Consultant with Eunomia, presented Councillor Phyl Davies with an award in recognition of Powys having the most effective recycling

collection service in reducing CO₂ emissions in Wales, England and Northern Ireland. In accepting the award the Portfolio Holder for Highways Assets and Recycling thanked staff and Powys residents for their contribution.

5.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Leader referred to the many events held in the county over the summer, noting that the Green Man Festival had been awarded the BBC Best Festival of the Year award and she suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent. She also referred to ongoing improvement work in Children's Services noting that the CIW were currently inspecting the service. She advised that the fifth and final new primary school in the Gwernyfed catchment had opened completing a £25m investment in the area and that work was underway on the new English medium school in Welshpool. Work was starting on a review of education in Newtown which could bring a £50m investment. She had spoken on behalf of the Council at the memorial service for Mr John Brunt, the former Chair of Council. The Leader also updated Council on the WLGA where she had made the case for the extra costs of delivering services in a rural area to be acknowledged in the settlement from Welsh Government.

6.	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Deputy Chief Executive advised Council that a £1.7m reduction in funding had been announced in the provisional settlement from Welsh Government. The final settlement would be announced in December. The reduced funding available was driving a change to how services were delivered with a smaller more agile council. The Deputy Chief Executive also advised that over 100 nominations had been received for the staff awards and that the finalists would be announced shortly.

7.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS - MAXIMUM OF 20 MINUTES
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7.1 Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from Richard Spanswick

Given that Welshpool has an excellent, purpose-built, easily accessible, and well used library at its Brook Street site, would the Council please confirm that it will prioritise the needs of the community above the desire to relocate council office accommodation from Neuadd Maldwyn to the library building at the same time as reducing library stock and amenities, and safeguard this facility for future public use?

Response

I understand and appreciate the concerns raised with regard to any possible change to the excellent service which is provided at both Welshpool Library and Powysland Museum.

Members will appreciate that all councils across the country are currently facing very severe financial restrictions, with Powys no exception – and this situation is

going to continue for the foreseeable future. As a council, we have to seek to make the very best and cost effective use of our buildings and our staff, for the benefits of our residents.

We are committed to delivering a sustainable long-term future for library and museum services in Welshpool; we appreciate that the library lends the second highest number of books in the authority, and that the computers are also well used and invaluable to those without their own devices.

The library and museum staff will work very hard to ensure that the co-location is successful; that as many books and artefacts are available as possible, through a carefully planned layout, including digital connectivity for the public. The current services will continue to be delivered, with trained staff on hand to help visitors with choosing from the shelves, borrowing e-books or ordering books from elsewhere in the authority if needed, and to explain about the various exhibits and local culture and heritage of Welshpool.

In other parts of the county, we have found that visitor numbers have gone up, and members of the public enjoy being able to use more than one service in one location, for example in Llandrindod, Llanidloes, Builth and Knighton libraries. We hope that this co-location will also enable visitors to continue to enjoy an interesting range of stock, exhibitions and activities in a lovely canal side setting.

Mr Spanswick's supplementary question was "Given that the cost of adapting the library and museum buildings to their proposed new uses will likely be at least a short-term burden on public finances, what are the results of any cost-benefit analysis undertaken to show that the downgrading of a major public asset from community library to council offices is a worthwhile long-term step to take?" The Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture said she would ask colleagues from other services to respond on the wider point of the cost-benefit analysis.

7.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from Buddug Bates

Can the Member with responsibility for the Education portfolio please confirm when it is likely that a new North Powys category 2a high school is likely to open?

The Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan for 2017-20 includes a commitment 'to continue with work to establish one or more category 2A schools in north Powys.

Since the publication of the WESP, the Council has had its Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) for Band B of the 21st Century Schools capital programme approved by Cabinet and the Welsh Government - the SOP includes a significant investment in education in Newtown: this includes replacement buildings for Ysgol Cedewain and Brynllwarch Hall School, investment in the town's primary schools and the development of secondary Welsh medium provision.

The work in Newtown is at early feasibility stage, and once this has been completed, it will be possible to work out a more detailed timeline for the planned Welsh-medium secondary provision. However, the Council is currently working to the current indicative timescales:

2018-19:	Initial feasibility work Cabinet approval to proceed with any land purchase, statutory process
2019-20:	Statutory process Develop initial business cases
2020-21:	Develop detailed designs, appoint contractor
2022:	Building commences

Based on this, it is anticipated that it would be approximately 2023/2024 before any new Welsh medium provision were to open. However, there are examples in other authorities where temporary arrangements have been put in place to establish 'seedling' provision whilst waiting for building work to be completed. This happened recently at Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed in Newport, which was established in temporary accommodation in September 2016, before moving to permanent accommodation in 2018. Should this be possible, it could be possible to establish new provision sooner. However, any move to establish Welsh-medium secondary provision would be dependent on the statutory process as outlined in the School Organisation Code, and on Cabinet approval as required throughout the process.

It is hoped that further clarity can be provided over the coming months. There will be numerous opportunities for stakeholders to contribute to the plans as they are developed.

Mrs Bates supplementary question was "What precisely are the seedling provision you propose before the new bilingual school is established, in order to stem the flow of pupils who leave the benefits of their bilingual education when they reach 11 years old?" The Portfolio Holder replied that as well as the intention to create a 2a category school, consideration was being given to whether there was any possibility of creating some of the provision before the new building is finished. Such a big plan was complex and may be subject to delay but everyone was working to ensure 2a provision in Newtown as soon as possible.

7.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from Heidi Wilson

In light of the recent re-tendering exercise of all Home-to-School transport arrangements, can the council please reassure me and other parents whose children use the x48 local bus (route BW61 Llanddewi to Builth Wells) that a full risk assessment has been carried out and that the council are satisfied that in the event of a road traffic incident sufficient safety measures are in place to protect our children as far as is possible on this dangerous stretch of road? I ask this particularly in relation to those pupils who have to stand whilst using this service.

Response

The authority has received a small number of communications from parents regarding this bus route, which carries pupils from North of Llandrindod to Builth Wells campus of Ysgol Calon Cymru for Welsh-medium provision; these pupils are eligible to free transport in-line with our published criteria.

Following a re-tendering exercise undertaken by the authority, transport for this route is now provided a public bus (as is the case in many local authorities) and some parents have been concerned about pupils having to stand for the journey.

In order to assess the risk, a local authority officer travelled the return journey himself and noted that some pupils chose to stand as opposed to sit and the authority is confident that the service provided and route is safe .

Service buses such as the ones provided on the service between Builth and Llandrindod are structurally designed to accommodate passengers in seats, wheelchairs and for those who stand. The bus which is used on this service was first registered in 2018 and is a brand new vehicle which has had to meet very strict European safety standards. The vehicle has a seating capacity of 41, with a further standing capacity of 43 (which is reduced by 1 if there is a wheelchair on board the bus) giving a total of 84 passengers. Our records show that there are 26 learners who attend the Builth campus who are taught through the medium of Welsh. Therefore, the Council has specified a bus with sufficient capacity to accommodate those learners who qualify for statutory home to school transport.

To further mitigate any risks, the Council specifies seatbelts on the majority of service buses we provide, including this particular bus, but there is no legal requirement to have them fitted to a service bus. In addition, the bus company are in the process of fitting CCTV with a 'live feed' to this bus which will enable the bus company to identify any anti-social behaviour on the bus by any passengers (members of the public or school learners) and other road users. There is a regular driver on this particular service and the feedback from the officer who travelled on the vehicle was that all the learners who used the bus were extremely well behaved, polite, very co-operative and responded well to any instructions given by the driver.

Furthermore, Cllr Aled Davies and senior officers from Powys County Council have met with and continue to maintain ongoing communication with the headteacher and Chair of Governors to ensure any issues that are raised are responded to. Cllr Aled Davies and Cllr Myfanwy Alexander have this week sent a letter to all parents and carers of children who use this route and will continue to work in partnership with the school, with the safety and wellbeing of our young people an absolute priority for the Council.

Ms Wilson asked for a copy of the Council's measures being taken to reduce the risks to pupils travelling on home to school transport including boarding and alighting and waiting at pick-up points and asked what monitoring procedures the Council had in place for compliance of contract and compliance of procedures to safeguard pupils. The risk assessment had been received and once assessed a report would be provided to the Council for action.

The Portfolio Holder gave a categorical assurance that no changes were made to school transport tenders without pupil safety being a priority. Over 50% of learners were transported on service buses and there were no safety issues arising. She was happy to provide any further details required and welcomed any additional information that was available.

During a recent "meet the council" event in Hay-on-Wye several residents asked about issues in relation to the transfer of assets from Powys County Council to Hay Town Council as this has been under discussion for over 3 years. I would be grateful if the cabinet member could please advise on when the cabinet discussions in relation to asset transfers in Hay are likely to take place and a potential timescale for completion so that this information can be made available to Hay residents.

Response

The Cabinet will consider these matters at its meeting on 28th November 2018 with any actions required being completed as soon as possible thereafter, but within a maximum further 3 or 4 month period.

There was no supplementary question.

7.5. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from Jane Rees

Given reports confirm that over 300 fires a year occur in recycling plants throughout the UK how satisfied are Powys County Council that in the event of a major incident at the planned recycling plant in Abermule the economy of Mid Wales will not be paralysed by the closure of the A483 trunk road and Cambrian Rail Line? Such a fire in a building wedged between two main arterial routes and with a cubic capacity of over 18545m³, will be left to burn out over several days. This will have a catastrophic effect on this sensitive environment and result in a long period of disruption. The noxious gasses known to issue from burning plastic will require the urgent evacuation of residents in the nearby village. In view of the above the Council should be considering other more suitable locations?

Response

The proposed building will only store material collected at the kerbside for a short amount of time before being regularly removed for onward transfer and will not be used for processing any forms of recycling. Therefore, there will be limited amounts of materials stored within the building to combust and given the low risk nature of the materials there are limited ignition sources to enable a fire to start.

The site will be managed by Powys operatives in accordance with a Natural Resources Wales Environmental Permit which will strictly govern operations at the site to minimise any environmental risks. An automatic fire alarm system with flame detectors will be installed within the building to alert staff and emergency services if there is any sign of fire emerging. Firefighting equipment will be available on site and will be regularly inspected.

Councillor Rees' supplementary question was to ask given the concerns of residents if the Cabinet would consider deferring the construction for 4 months while funding was sought from Welsh Government for a more suitable brownfield

site away from residential areas. The Portfolio Holder said that given the cost pressures on the Council it would not be possible to postpone the development.

8.	NOTICES OF MOTION
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8.1. Notice of Motion - Engaging the Electorate

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Gareth Pugh and seconded by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan:

This council believes that local authorities too often lose the confidence of the electorate because they can appear detached and unaccountable. More needs to be done to engage and enthuse the electorate to make local government a more vibrant and relevant part of our communities.

In speaking to the motion Councillor Pugh argued that the Council did not listen the views of local people and he gave the example of the siting of the recycling facility in Abermule. He recognised that the Council would sometimes have to take difficult and unpopular decisions but people were left with the impression that the Council did what it wanted without listening to local people. He asked the Leader to listen to the people of Abermule and re-site the recycling facility in a more appropriate place. He urged the Council to open a constructive dialogue with the people of Abermule in keeping with the essence of the motion.

A number of Members speaking in favour of the motion asked for the views of Abermule residents to be taken into account. Other members supported the sentiment behind the motion acknowledging the need for good engagement with communities so they could understand why decisions were made, citing the example of school modernisation projects.

By 63 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED that this council believes that local authorities too often lose the confidence of the electorate because they can appear detached and unaccountable. More needs to be done to engage and enthuse the electorate to make local government a more vibrant and relevant part of our communities.

8.2. Notice of Motion proposing the banning of the use of wild animals in circuses in Powys

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Amanda Jenner and seconded by County Councillor Lucy Roberts:

This council proposes that the relevant steps are taken to prohibit any Circuses using non domestic and/or wild animals, from hiring any Powys County Council owned land.

This council further proposes that Powys Council's properties and services (including Schools, Libraries, Community/Youth Areas) do not advertise circuses using non-domestic and/ or wild animals.

This council urges the Welsh Government to commit to banning the use of wild animals in circuses in Wales, by bringing forward the proposed legislative ban at its earliest opportunity.

In moving the motion Councillor Jenner noted that whilst Welsh Government was consulting on legislation to ban the use of wild animals in circuses, these were immediate steps that the Council could take.

By 56 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions it was

RESOLVED that

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This council further proposes that Powys Council's properties and services (including Schools, Libraries, Community/Youth Areas) do not advertise circuses using non-domestic and/ or wild animals.

This council urges the Welsh Government to commit to banning the use of wild animals in circuses in Wales, by bringing forward the proposed legislative ban at its earliest opportunity.

8.3. Notice of Motion - Supporting our Young People

County Councillors Myfanwy Alexander, James Evans and Timothy Van-Rees declared interests in this item and left the meeting while it was being discussed.

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan and seconded by County Councillor Bryn Davies:

Our young people face considerable pressures and challenges.

We therefore call on the Council to:

- Acknowledge the challenge, dangers and pressures on our young people
- To prepare a support strategy for 16 – 25 year old's in Powys bridging from children's social services including:
- Ensure Wellbeing project in our junior and secondary schools
- Ensure that Social services and Housing co-operate to avoid silos in the authority
- Co-operate with Young Farmers to raise awareness about loneliness in rural communities, mental health issues, sexuality and drugs

- To acknowledge the work of local charities and third sector providers and work with them to ensure the sustainability of their support services for the future
- Co-operate with Shelter Cymru to promote housing rights
- Co-operate with Cais
- Develop work experience opportunities
- Develop one of the Council's small holdings to provide experience of working on the land, horticulture and the open air as part of the process of strengthening and getting stronger for individuals.

Councillor Vaughan argued there was an urgent need for an easily accessible programme of support for young people particularly those leaving care. The Portfolio Holder for Youth and Culture updated Members on work being undertaken in support of young people and advised that a 16 plus team was being established to address gaps in provision. The Portfolio Holder for Finance advised that the Council would be introducing discretionary relief from Council Tax for young people leaving care from April 2019.

An amendment was submitted by the Labour Group. Following an adjournment from 12.06 to 12.26 Council considered a revised amendment and by 49 votes to 6

RESOLVED to

- **Acknowledge the challenge, dangers and pressures on our young people**
- **To prepare a support strategy for 16 – 25 year old's in Powys bridging from children's social services including:**
- **Ensure Wellbeing project in our junior and secondary schools**
- **Ensure that all young people in Powys are provided with equal access to good quality housing and care services and exempt care leavers from paying Council Tax up to the age of 25**
- **Co-operate with Youth Service providers to raise awareness about loneliness in all communities, mental health issues, good sexual health, sexuality, gender identity, drugs and alcohol**
- **To acknowledge the work of local charities and third sector providers and work with them to ensure the sustainability of their support services for the future**
- **To Co-operate with Shelter Cymru and similar housing charities to promote housing rights**
- **To Co-operate with Cais and other mental health charities and providers**
- **Develop meaningful work experience and apprenticeship opportunities**
- **To explore the possibilities of developing one of the Council's small holdings to provide opportunities for young people in Powys to learn about horticulture and farming and broaden access to the countryside.**

8.4. Notice of Motion - Impact of Brexit

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor James Gibson-Watt and seconded by County Councillor Pete Roberts:

Council requests Powys County Council's Cabinet to implement the following:-

Using as a basis the all-Wales analyses carried out by Welsh Government and the WLGA in to the impact of various Brexit scenarios on Wales as a whole, commission a comprehensive analysis of the impact the same scenarios will have on:-

- a) The Powys economy, including the impact on individual business sectors and at shire and district levels.
- b) The consequential impact on Powys's communities at local level, including likely demographic and household income changes; and to include the impacts on local cultural and recreational opportunities.
- c) The impact on the Powys environment in the short, medium and long-term.
- d) The impact on the Welsh language in Powys.
- e) Powys County Council's ability to deliver its statutory and non-statutory services, including the potential impact of Brexit on the council's workforce and budgets.
- f) Ensure all the impacts identified in a) to e) are included on the Council's Risk Register.

and further calls for a Special Meeting of Council to debate the issues when the impact analyses are completed.

In speaking to the motion Councillor Gibson-Watt said there would be significant implications for the Council in the event of a no deal Brexit. He acknowledged that a seminar had been arranged on 7th November to brief members but he wanted the issues to be debated at a special meeting of Council. The Leader advised that the officer leading on Brexit for the WLGA had been invited to the seminar. She didn't support holding a special Council meeting at this time. The motion was lost by 26 votes to 29.

8.5 Notice of Motion - People's Vote

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Matthew Dorrance and seconded by County Councillor Susan McNicholas:

This Council resolves to:

- a) Formally add its voice to those calling for a public 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal;
- b) Liaise with the official 'People's Vote' campaign on ways in which it can help promote its petition;
- c) Write to its MPs, AMs, the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister expressing its views and asking them to support a People's Vote; and
- d) Asks the Leader to make representations and write to this effect.

In moving the motion Councillor Dorrance argued that a no deal Brexit or a bad deal would be damaging for Powys, given the EU's support for farming in Powys, and the number of jobs depending on exports to the EU. Other members spoke against the motion noting that the result of the referendum in Powys and Wales had been to support leave. The motion was lost by 23 votes to 35.

Council adjourned from 13.15 to 14.02.

PRESENT

County Councillor DW Meredith (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, M Barnes, B Baynham, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, H Hulme, A Jenner, D R Jones, E Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, P E Lewis, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, N Morrison, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, K S Silk, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, E Vaughan, M Weale, A Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, R Williams and S L Williams

9. DRAFT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017 - 18

The Leader presented the draft Annual Performance Report for 2017-18. Responding to calls to apologise for the fall in performance of 42.9% of indicators and the finding of Wales Audit Office that the Council was not meeting its statutory requirements in relation to continuous improvement, the Leader said that the report was a balanced assessment of the Council's position. The Leader acknowledged the areas that needed to be improved while also noting that the Council was ranked 6 out of 22 councils in Wales in terms of meeting performance assessment measures. The Leader noted that the report covered the period following the inspection of Children's Services which took place 5 weeks after the Cabinet was formed. The Cabinet had responded by putting performance measures in place and working closely with Welsh Government and the Improvement and Assurance Board and had invested over £6m in Children's Services. The Cabinet had also put measures in place to deliver a balanced budget and the Portfolio Holder for Finance expected to see these take effect in the next budget outturn reports to Cabinet.

The Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Committee acknowledged that the points raised by Scrutiny had been taken on board in the report. She suggested that representations should be made to Welsh Government to shorten the report to make it easier for the public to read and cheaper to produce. The Leader agreed to look at the possibility of producing an executive summary.

By 51 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the DRAFT Annual Performance Report 2017 – 2018 in	To ensure the report gives a balanced and open account of Powys

Appendix A to the report.	<p>County Council's performance during the 2017-18 financial year, against its CIP priorities / well-being objectives.</p> <p>To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p>
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10.	VIREMENT FOR HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT: WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS, OLDER PERSON ACCOMMODATION
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Council considered two virements in respect of the Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) of £6.790m to be transferred from 2018/19 to 2019/20. It was moved by County Councillor Aled Davies and seconded by County Councillor Rosemarie Harris and by 54 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>To approve the following virements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,790k Welsh Housing Quality Standards • £5m HRA Newbuilds <p>as detailed above in paras. 1.2 and 1.3</p>	<p>To ensure appropriate virements are carried out that reflect the forecasted capital spend.</p>

11.	DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, GAMBLING ACT 2005
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Council considered the recommendation of the Licensing Committee on amendments to the draft statement of principles of the Licensing Policy. It was moved by County Councillor Francesca Jump and seconded by County Councillor Kath Roberts-Jones and by 55 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>To agree the amendments to the policy as set out in the report following the consultation period and that the Statement of Principles made in accordance with The Gambling Act for implementation on 1st January 2019.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare and publish a Licensing Policy to come into effect January 2019</p>

12.	APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
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RESOLVED that County Councillor Beverley Baynham be nominated to serve on Powys Community Health Council.

13.	ARRANGEMENTS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Council considered arrangements to fill a vacancy on the Standards Committee when the term of office of the Chair ended in May 2019.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
To approve the arrangements to make an appointment to the Standards Committee.	To fill a vacancy arising in May 2019.

14.	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES
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Council noted the following appointments:

County Councillor Sarah Lewis resigned from the Health, Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee

County Councillor Iain McIntosh appointed to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority in place of County Councillor Sarah Lewis

County Councillor Gary Price resigned from the Audit Committee and Democratic Services Committee.

County Councillor Maureen Mackenzie resigned from the Health, Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee. Council was advised that County Councillor Roger Williams had been appointed by the Liberal Democrat group to fill this vacancy.

15.	QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION
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15.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Gareth Jones

To what extent does the YFC movement within Powys support the council's statutory Youth Service?

Response

The YFCs (Young Farmers Clubs) each operate under an agreed SLA (Service Level Agreement), which sets out their contribution to youth support in Powys. They are not statutory bodies but have been provided with grant aid support in recognition of their role in providing services to young people in rural Powys.

The YFC movement in Powys receive a total of £62,405k in funds. In addition, each YFC were provided with a £2k grant by the Council to support their transition in managing their own staff and affairs. In the case of Montgomeryshire, they also took the computers, monitors, printers and office chairs previously provided to them by the Council.

In return for the grant the YFC are expected to provide a quarterly report and basic contact figures. This is all set out in the agreed SLA. The figures from YFC are entered on the Welsh Government annual audit report for Youth Service but are clearly identified as being from YFC, as the Urdd figures are. The YFC

figures are used only to report the number of contacts for Powys, not to inflate the youth service figures or to access additional funding, other Youth Services across Wales also provide these figures.

There was no supplementary question.

15.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Huw Williams

We rightly celebrate the high level of household waste recycled by Powys residents, but what is the path taken, and final destination of each kerbside recycle gathered by the Authority's Waste Services? What is the current destination of our residual waste?

Response

The destination of residual waste was set out in a diagram.

In response to Councillor Williams' supplementary question on what were those without transport expected to do with their green waste, the Portfolio Holder advised that a kerbside collection would be introduced from April 2019.

15.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Huw Williams

In October 2017, the Council agreed to support the following motion:

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council believes that it must do as much as it can to help residents in fuel poverty to mitigate this situation;**
 - a) Residents of Powys would benefit greatly from reduced energy bills through a Powys County Council run collective energy switch scheme;**
 - b) The authority can join in with other authorities and organisations in Wales through the Cyd Cymru scheme;**
 - c) The Ceredigion run schemes provide a best practice model for the running of such fuel clubs;**
 - d) The authority can exert its power of collective bargaining for both dual fuel and oil purchasing schemes**
- 2. To ask the Anti-Poverty Champion and the Anti-Poverty Group to explore the feasibility of implementing its own or joining the Cyd Cymru scheme.**
- 3. To ask the Anti-Poverty Champion and the Anti-Poverty Group to explore the feasibility of implementing an oil purchasing scheme across Powys.**
- 4. To work with local housing associations, Powys Teaching Health Board, voluntary groups, care homes and households across Powys to increase awareness and encourage them to sign up to these schemes.**

Can we be provided with a current situation report and a progress update regarding these matters?

Response

Please find the following update relating to the work the Housing Service has undertaken to support households in fuel poverty across Powys during the last twelve months:

Welsh Government's Warm Homes Nest Scheme

Welsh Government Warm Homes, which includes the Nest schemes, provides funding for energy efficiency improvements to low income households and those living in deprived communities across Wales. The Nest scheme provides householders living in Wales with access to free advice and support to help them reduce their energy bills. Those meeting Nest's eligibility criteria can access a free package of energy efficiency measures.

During 2017/2018, 11% of Nest enquiries came from Powys residents, this was the joint highest in Wales (joint with Flintshire). To raise awareness of the scheme amongst Powys residents, we have carried out 'drop in' sessions across Powys, provided updated information about the scheme on the website, carried out homes visits and the Income and Awards team completed a direct mail campaign.

Welsh Governments Warm Homes ARBED Scheme

A new 'ARBED Am Byth' scheme started this year. We have met the scheme managers, and are currently developing a pipeline of projects to apply for funding for areas and estates.

Welsh Housing Quality Standard

The Housing Service continue to invest heavily in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) stock by completing improvement works. In 2017/2018 the Housing Service installed 289 energy saving measures in HRA properties, such as new heating systems, loft insulation, external wall insulation and new doors and windows. In the first 6 months of 2018/19 the Housing Service has installed 346 energy saving measures in HRA properties.

In January 2018 the Housing Service established a new contract to complete Energy Performance Certificate surveys (EPCs) on HRA properties. 195 EPCs have been completed under the new contract this year, which assists the Housing Service to:

- Improve WHQS reporting information to Welsh Government;
- Identify and target improvement works to properties which don't achieve a SAP rating of 65;
- Meet the statutory obligations in accordance with the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive; and

- Provide income from the Renewable Heat Incentive where air source heating systems are installed.

ECO Flex

ECO Flex is a UK wide grant scheme allowing energy efficiency improvements for customers in fuel poverty (defined as using 10% of disposable income on heating). The scheme is **not** means tested, nor does it require people to be on benefits. It is not a council funded scheme (or available to Council tenants), funding is provided by energy companies via the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and sourced directly by agents.

Provision of ECO Flex funding is dependent upon:

- fuel type and energy efficiency of individual properties - assessed by a qualified energy assessor
- client being in fuel poverty
- detailed property survey - undertaken by a qualified surveyor and/or heating engineer

To date, ECO Flex support has covered the following energy efficiency improvements:

- replacement of inefficient oil, LPG and gas boilers with more efficient models - higher levels of funding provided for off gas properties
- replacement of inefficient electric storage heaters with more efficient models
- provision of insulation to improve energy efficiency including measures such as cavity wall, external wall and loft insulation (where appropriate)

Since the scheme was launched in March 2018, the Council has issued thousands of declarations allowing households in Powys access to new energy efficient heating appliances and insulation measures. This has primarily centred on the replacement of inefficient oil boilers (as funding for this measure was very highly subsidised and ceased at the end of September 2018), with the introduction of ECO 3.

The scheme has resulted in;

- approval of over 3,700 grant applications for boilers and insulation (install rate of roughly 50%)
- investment of approximately £9 million into the economy in energy efficiency improvements to the homes of Powys residents, saving on purchase cost of new installations
- reduced average annual household fuel bills of successful applicants by approximately £200, enabling greater expenditure in the local economy
- achieved over £200,000 of income for the authority in fees

ECO 3

The ECOFLEX scheme ended at the end of September 2018, with the end of ECO2 funding. The utility companies have launched the successor scheme (ECO3). Powys County Council intends to issue a revised 'Statement of Intent' to

embrace and encourage installation of new 'greener' heating measures set to receive funding. A draft statement of intent is currently in the process of development and will be subject to consultation prior to adoption by the Cabinet.

In an attempt to boost work given to local contractors it is also proposed the revised 'Statement of Intent' will limit the number of agents operating within Powys. It will insist agents make use of local contractors (where possible) when providing installations, whilst ensuring the delivery rate is maintained.

ECO 3 will provide:

- funding for ground source heat pumps
- funding for air source heat pumps
- more attractive funding rates for gas properties
- more attractive funding rates for insulation measures

To compliment this funding stream, we are working in partnership with the **Robert Owen Community Banking Fund** on an offer to provide supplementary measures such as solar PV and battery systems associated with air source heat pumps, to drastically reduce client's energy bills. This will involve use of local solar installers who would otherwise not receive any subsidy under ECO 3. We are also looking to deliver greater levels of External Wall Insulation (EWI) in conjunction with interest free loans, making this potentially costly measure more affordable for Powys residents.

Switching

The energy market has changed drastically over the last few years with vastly increased numbers of energy suppliers. We understand that the following issues should be considered for switching to deliver the maximum benefits to the consumer:

- An impartial Ofgem Approved full market comparison should be undertaken;
- The Risk Profile of the consumer/ Energy Companies track record of customer service should be considered (e.g. has the Ofgem Customer complaints per 100,000 customers been considered);
- Is the consumer eligible for Warm Homes Discount (£140 off their electricity bill), and which energy companies offer it, based on the householders individual circumstances. £140 can significantly impact on which companies offer the greatest savings for the consumer;
- Are there other income maximisation opportunities or savings which can be identified? (e.g. benefit entitlement checks, warm homes discount, cheaper water tariffs etc)
- Would the householder benefit from a third party referral? (e.g. Priority Services Register, Care and Repair, Debt Advice, Money Advice, Fire Service)

Our discussions with other Authorities, third sector organisations and stakeholders in the Industry indicate that that full market comparison is generally the preferred option for switching to ensure that the householder is presented

with the best options. We understand that there are several routes for getting switching advice, such as Ofgem Approved websites, Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, local Citizens Advice offices (when funding becomes available) and Care and Repair. We also recommend that other opportunities for maximising income and saving money are considered, as the issue of fuel poverty can be partly attributed to the limited income of the household. Our feedback from the experiences of other Local Authorities Energy Officers have found that whilst switching schemes (e.g. Cyd Cymru) can save money, Ofgem Accredited websites (e.g. U-switch) can sometimes yield greater savings, which is why we recommend exploring a range of options.

Oil buying syndicates

The Housing Service have had no involvement with the Ceredigion oil purchasing scheme, but we have heard very positive feedback about both of the schemes in Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire. We consider that if Powys County Council were to invest in this scheme, it has potential to yield significant savings for some rural households in Powys. Officers are currently meeting with colleagues in Regeneration to explore whether there is an opportunity to access ARWAIN to fund a post to promote and support the establishment of syndicates.

In response to Councillor Williams' supplementary question why the post supporting the oil buying scheme had been cut and if it could be reinstated, the Portfolio Holder advised that officers were looking to access funds to reinstate the post.

15.4. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Pete Roberts

County Councillors Dai Davie, Phil Pritchard and Kath Roberts-Jones declared personal interests in this item.

The consultation earlier this year into charging for the use of disabled spaces in council car parks has caused a significant level of distress and uncertainty for many users. Whilst I appreciate the welcome extension of the consultation it has now been over a month since it closed and there remains significant concerns about the plans the council now has on the issue.

Can I therefore ask the portfolio holder:

- 1. How many responses he received to the Blue Badge Consultation from affected groups and existing badge holders and is he confident that the consultation did reach the right people, i.e. those most affected?**
- 2. What level of support each of the options received and when he will be bringing forward formal proposals to Cabinet as a result of this consultation or will he be abandoning his plans to charge blue badge holders?**

Response

- Responses to the survey were received from 476 people who either have a blue badge or support someone with a blue badge. In market research terms and given the number of valid blue badges issued to residents of Powys, a response from 370 people would have provided a statistically reliable sample as that provides a confidence level of 95%. This means we are at least 95% sure the views of those responses do reflect those of the wider population of blue badge holders.

A detailed report into the consultation findings will be published along with the decision paper. This report and an Impact Assessment will be considered as part of the decision at the time it being made.

- The table below shows the way all respondents to the consultation supported each option presented. Those responding were asked to rank the options in order of preference.

A Portfolio Holder decision paper is currently being prepared and once completed I will consider the report with the survey results and Impact assessment. A balanced decision which will be best for this Authority will then be made.

Answer	Ranked 1st	Ranked 2nd	Ranked 3rd	Ranked 4th
Blue badge holders pay the same amount as anyone else and no concession applies	46	65	53	383
Blue badge holders who park in a disabled bay park for free. Those who cannot find a bay will have to pay to park with no additional concession. (first come, first serve basis)	25	205	265	55
Blue badge holders pay towards parking but get an extra hour free on top of the time chosen	86	253	206	14
Blue badge holders continue to park for free. The £100k saving is found elsewhere.	442	30	24	91

Councillor Roberts asked if the Portfolio Holder would abandon the proposal to introduce parking charges for blue badge holders and the Portfolio Holder advised that the paper on parking policy currently being worked on would set out the policy on the blue badges.

15.5. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Roger Williams**

What work has Powys County Council undertaken to understand better the large increase in Looked After Children in its care?

Response

Process

Over the last 15 months the Children's social care services have dealt with a large number of children newly referred to the service whose risks met the criteria to be looked after to ensure they were safe. This is not a decision which the local authority makes on its own except where there is a perceived immediate risk to a child and urgent steps have to be taken. This level of protection is time-limited and any emergency action is then considered by the Court to ensure we have met the appropriate threshold. Applications were made to Court who then heard the evidence of concern and agreed applications for Care Orders.

The Regional Safeguarding Board issued a Threshold Document in October 2017 as a tool to support all staff across all agencies to assess the risks to children and when they should refer to Children's services for assessment. This is being applied more consistently.

We have seen a number of large siblings groups of children who have needed to come into our care. Following review of the Care and Support Plans whilst some children were living at home had been living in circumstances which were not acceptable. They were considered to be at risk of harm or neglect. There is now a greater awareness of the impact on growing children and young adults of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and this increased sensitivity amongst our staff and staff in partner agencies has led to a greater awareness of the needs of our vulnerable population resulting in more speedy and appropriate action.

Action by Powys County Council

The Authority has developed the Children Looked After Strategic Framework. This will develop a number of themes and workstreams to safely reduce the numbers of children looked after over the coming years, through placing more children in Powys with our foster carers and local residential providers and bringing children closer to home to help support rehabilitation where that is appropriate.

Children's Services has also developed an Access to Resources Panel which consider packages of support for children on the edge of care or to support children in care to receive the best looked after service or to assist them to return home safely.

We will continue to support families to stay together through developing early help and edge of care services further in co-ordination with our partner agencies, including schools. The benefit of these initiatives will be to ensure that everything will be considered with a family before admitting children to care, (except where emergency action needs to be taken) to ensure that we provide the best possible community and family solutions and supports and ensuring all avenues are

explored before children come into care. In this way, we will be sure that only the right children are in care and we can commission the services they require to meet their needs on the short and long term.

A new practice Framework, named Signs of Safety (SOS) will be implemented as part of the future plans for practice here in Powys. This implementation journey has already begun during 2018. This approach is based on the ethos that every family has strengths and that children should remain where ever is possible within their own communities. This will require ongoing ambition, in that children can be cared for by their family networks. It is also about creating a learning organisation that will share and carry the risk with practitioners to enable these plans to be effective in practice.

Councillor Williams' supplementary question was to ask if given the increase in the numbers of looked after children the portfolio holder would agree that there should be a quick external review of the quality and soundness of decision making. In the absence of the portfolio holder a response would be sent to Councillor Williams, copied to all members of Council.

15.6. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Planning from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

In view of the motion this Council passed last year emphasising the need to increase the percentage of goods and services purchased from Powys, can we have an update report on the latest position?

Response

The portfolio holder advised that the amount spent with businesses in Powys had gone up by approximately by £10m. Councillor Vaughan asked that the figures be made available to all members.

15.7. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

From the 1st October 2018 Powys County Council is withdrawing from the School Milk Subsidy Scheme and will no longer be making claims to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) for the school milk subsidy on the county's primary schools' behalf. From that date the primary schools will have to administer the scheme and claim the subsidy themselves if they wish to remain in the scheme.

On the assumption that she was the decision-maker, could the Portfolio Holder confirm or otherwise whether she carried out a full Impact Assessment to determine the effect this change will have on the take up of the school milk subsidy and the provision of free milk to Powys primary school pupils before taking this decision?

Response

The decision to devolve the Free School Milk Subsidy administration to the individual primary schools was made by the Professional Lead for Catering &

Cleaning, with a business case to the L & R Head of Service and the Interim Head of Learning.

There was no impact assessment completed for this as the business case details the rationale for this decision. The schools are already completing 70% of the process by submitting their weekly orders to the milk suppliers and returning their monthly claim figures to the catering service for consolidation. The additional tasks that will be devolved to the schools is to pay for the milk suppliers for any milk received and to submit claims to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) and the Nursery Milk Reimbursement Unit (NMRU) also along with any administration costs to be claimed (admin time, refrigeration, electricity).

The Welsh Government have advised that, "milk is the recommended drink under the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2013, but schools are not obliged to participate in the school milk scheme. The decision is down to the individual school." Therefore, it is not statutory to provide milk, however all schools have been advised that this is a Welsh Government subsidy and the health benefits milk has for growing children has been emphasised. This is the impact to the pupils if the schools decide not to take up the scheme.

Due to the changes in the processing of the claims by the agencies over the past 12 months, primary schools have had to register individually to the NMRU and submit their monthly claim numbers to the NMRU also. The catering service is not allowed visibility of these claim numbers, although the catering service pays the suppliers based on the orders. Invariably the claim numbers have not matched the quantity ordered and the claim figure paid back to the catering service has consistently been at a loss. Therefore, it has been raised as a risk due to financial loss and could be audited by the WAO.

The catering service has and will continue to support the schools throughout this transition and beyond, already providing guidance documentation with FAQ's and contact details. Also the deadline for schools to register has been extended to the 1st November 2018, to allow schools to understand the process.

In response to Councillor Gibson-Watt's supplementary question the portfolio holder confirmed that the numbers of schools participating in the scheme would be monitored.

15.8. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

Financial implications long term on existing projects which rely on European funding support and how the gaps will be bridged.

Can the portfolio holder give Council an indication of what projects are currently funded by direct match funding or other European funding links to localised, Powys wide projects such as Highways improvements, projects in Social Services (both Adult and Children's Services), capital projects and infrastructure projects?

What plans are in place to ensure continuity of service long term in the coming years?

Response

Powys County Council has no Capital programme funded with European grant. There are, however, two revenue projects that have European Grant Funding:

- Families First /Cynnydd - A new Integrated Youth Support Service with a funding of £834,448 of which £208,612 is from the European Union.
- Home Grown Homes Project (funded by RDF) – This is a Regional Development Fund of £1,511,144 for the Timber Supply Chain Study project.

The service areas concerned are aware of the potential risk of losing this funding and are considering their options should this happen. Discussions with funding organisations are being held to understand when the funding could potentially cease. Options, and including potential exit strategies, are being considered.

In response to Councillor Charlton's supplementary question the Portfolio Holder said he would double check whether the council was in receipt of any other European grants.

15.9 Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

Y Gaer

In view of the listing of this project as one of High Risk for the authority, can we have an update report about the project including any additional costs incurred?

Response

According to programme, it was anticipated that all Kier main contract works would be finished at y Gaer, originally by August, but now by the end of October 2018, with Fit Out to follow. It was hoped that PCC could take over the whole of the interior of the building and give Practical Completion but with an incomplete works element of the remaining part of the external cladding (around the picture frame part of the south elevation) being completed later – all contractually certified. This would have allowed fit out works to complete in time possibly for a Christmas opening. However, as the delay increased the time left for fit out and migration became too compressed and it was decided that to best manage the fit out contacts, migrations and start of service, the opening would have to be put off until the New Year. It is not the cladding delaying opening but the overall delay to the main works and the consequent effects which follow.

A briefing note was presented to the y Gaer Project Board on 20 August to report the delay and approval obtained to move the proposed completion date of Kier's works to 01 October with a consequent understating of the move of the opening date into the new year. A further briefing note was issued on 25 September 2018 to report the latest delay and estimate of completion of main works by the end of October 2018.

(Copies of these briefing notes can be provided if required).

None of this will affect the project cost, since the contract sum is fixed.

Councillor Vaughan asked for a copy of the update report.

**15.10 Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from
County Councillor Matthew Dorrance**

How is the Council ensuring young people receive healthy, nutritionally balanced meals in schools across Powys?

Response

1 Executive Summary

1.1 The Catering Service within Powys County Council provides an average of 8000 school meals per day across 96 schools within Powys, of which an average of 1200 free school meals (FSM) per day are served which is our statutory obligation to provide.

1.2 There is statutory guidance on the provision of school meals from the Welsh Government and should be adhered to by all local authority schools, governing bodies and school meal providers, this is laid out in the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009.

1.3 There is clear evidence that a poor diet and lack of moderate exercise has an impact on health and wellbeing and is a contributing factor to the overweight and obese demographic of today's society. A healthy school meal provides children and young people a balanced diet and promotes healthy eating habits and social interaction within the dining rooms. It is proven that school meals also promote higher concentration and attainment levels in the classroom in the afternoons.

1.4 Our Catering Service work with schools and Powys PTHB colleagues to promote healthy eating and support schools to achieve the Health Schools accreditation. The service promotes the whole school approach and involves the head teachers and staff to encourage and adopt healthy eating and healthy lifestyle within the schools. Attending healthy eating sessions with pupils, organising meetings with pupil school councils to discuss school menus and food choices and attending parent evenings providing school meals information and showing samples of the school dinners.

1.5 The current average cost of the food element of the meal is 85p with the highest cost of a meal within the 3 week menu being roast beef at £1.69 and the lowest food cost is 54p which is pasta. These averages are based on the hot meal including pudding and is not a true reflection of actual cost as uptake numbers vary daily.

2 Nutritional Analyses

2.1 Our Catering Service employs a monitoring and menu develop officer whose principal role is to develop our school meal menus. Within the legislation from the Welsh Government the guidance is quite strict and dictates what we can and cannot have on our school menus i.e. there is no confectionary, added salt, crisps or energy drinks on our menus. These food standards have been distributed to all schools and have been produced in a poster format which are displayed within school dining areas. [Healthy Eating in Schools Posters](#)

2.2 Part of the development of our school meals menus which are changed twice a year, generally at Easter time for spring and summer and then October for winter. Our menu development officer discusses

menu options with the catering managers and school cooks. From these discussions a 3 week menu cycle is drafted and then analysed using a piece of software called Saffron.

2.3 The Saffron software analyses a balance of 14 nutrients across the weekly menu, these weekly graphs must show (green) acceptable nutrient content within the dishes otherwise an alternative dish has to be found or created to achieve the correct nutrient levels. A good example to increase the iron content was to create a recipe for a chocolate sponge but added beetroot to the sponge mix which was high in iron.

2.4 Once the 3 week menu cycle is completed it is sent to the Food in Schools coordinator at the WLGA for compliance and certification, it can then be published and used within our schools.

3 Legislation

3.1 The Welsh Governments statutory guidance and regulations can be found at the following links: [The Healthy Eating in Schools \(Nutritional Standards and Requirements\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013](#)
[Healthy Eating in Schools \(Wales\) Measure 2009](#)
[Healthy Eating in Maintained Schools - Statutory Guidance](#)

3.2 Governance for these regulations is monitored by the WLGA's Food in Schools Coordinator and usually conducts quarterly cross boundary meetings to discuss healthy eating topics and special diet provision etc. However generally it is the local authorities catering service that monitor and maintain the food standards.

4 Food Procurement

4.1 Powys County Council has agreed to use the National Procurement Service (NPS) for framework contracts, food delivery being one of these. Currently our main food distributor is Holdsworth Ltd. based in Crickhowell, who deliver frozen, chilled and dry ambient food produce to all of our schools in Powys. There is Powys produce based in Forden near Welshpool who deliver fruit, veg and milk to our north county schools and then Total produce based in Hereford who deliver the same to our mid and south schools. Radnor Hills a Powys supplier based in Knighton deliver water and fruit drinks to our high schools.

4.2 As much as possible we try to use Welsh produce like Radnor Hills and all of our sausages comes from Langford's based in Welshpool. All meat products are red tractor certified so British produce with all fish sustainably sourced with MSC certification. We would like to use Powys local suppliers, however we would need to find a source of suitable school compliant products that would have to apply to go onto the NPS framework and have to be capable to distribute to all of our schools in the county or supply Holdsworth our distributor. This would come at a cost which will in turn increase school meal prices.

5 Monitoring

5.1 Part of our internal audit processes, regular school kitchen monitoring is conducted by our catering support staff not only to check correct procedures are being carried out in line with environmental health checks, but also correct ingredients, recipes and portions are being used as per our school menu.

Councillor Dorrance's supplementary question was what more could the service do to encourage children to make healthier choices. The Portfolio Holder said that the cashless system gave good information on the choices being made. More engagement work was needed with schools to make further improvements.

15.11 Question to the Leader from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

It's more than a year since the Council's regulators inspected Children's Services and found serious failings. The latest Children's Services performance report (August 2018) shows the Council is failing to deliver against the top five performance indicators.

Will the Leader explain to Council why, a year later, her administration is still failing children, young people and families in Powys?

Response

Since the disappointing outcome of last year's Inspection report the authority has prioritised its efforts to meet the challenge to improve the services to vulnerable children.

In this time, we have seen a steady and significant increase in compliance from a low of 12% of Children Looked After (CLA) statutory visits completed on time in March last year and 28% in April 2017 to improving our performance to over 80 per cent on time over the summer.

We have implemented the CYSUR (Regional) Threshold document issued in October last year and rolled out training and awareness raising with partners to ensure we have common thresholds for supporting and intervening where necessary to promote and protect the wellbeing of children.

The authority's children service has a Quality Assurance framework in place and this engages managers across the service undertaking regular audits to consider the impact of our interventions.

The authority had little accurate performance data for children's services in 2017 and this is no longer the case. The information we had during the previous year was shown to be unreliable but the work across children's services and Business Intelligence has very significantly improved this.

Actions taken to strengthen the service.

Appointment of a permanent Director of Social Services

Appointment of a permanent Head of Children's Services

Appointed a Quality Assurance Manager

Establishment of the pilot Assessment team both in the North and South to provide timely, focused assessments for children and their families.

External audits by (DfE assured) auditors earlier this year.

Multi agency audits are undertaken in a number of cases.

Assembly Members are reporting fewer cases of concern are coming to their attention.

We have a programme of regular auditing by our managers and senior managers.

Staff supervision is in place

We have had 3 monitoring visits by the Care Inspectorate for Wales (CIW) showing on each occasion improvements to aspects of the service accepting that we have much to do yet as we are on this journey of improvement.

Stronger working partnerships with Health, Police colleagues and schools and Education colleagues to provide more planned and co-ordinated approaches and plans for children.

We have established an access to resources Panel which carefully considers the packages of care high need children require and through our Multi Agency Partnerships (MAAP) agree placements where children have multiple and complex needs.

We have developed our multi agency early help offer under Start Well and developed a model for support to young people and are developing more sophisticated services to children on the edge of care.

A training programme for staff,

Increased recruitment of foster carers with a plan to recruit more and develop some specialist foster care provision.

Developed a Strategic Framework for CLA to provide a plan for delivering more and improved services to CLA over the coming years.

We are ambitious for our CLA and the re-establishment of the Corporate Parenting Group is building on this as we want to see them thrive.

Outcomes for Children

We continue to safeguard more children through the Children Looked After service.

Our working arrangements through the Safeguarding services with partners has been strengthened.

We have re-established the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements through the Powys Local Operating Group.

We have re-established the working relationship with the Regional Safeguarding Board (CYSUR).

We have strengthened the workforce to meet the demands of the service and needs of children.

Albeit that we did not reach the targets we have set to undertake visits to all CLA and children on the Child Protection Register in August, I can confirm that all children who required a visit in September received a visit, with a small number of exceptions where it was agreed not to visit the family due to significant issue regarding illness and bereavement for example. These visits were all re-scheduled within a short timeframe.

We know that with the co-ordinated support across the Council from Policy and Performance teams, HR, IT, Finance and Adult Services we have created the foundations and some significant improvements for children and their families and accept we are on a journey to continue to improve and make Powys a great place to grow up in and a great place for staff to work and be proud of.

Sustainable improvements will continue to be made and we continue to have high expectations for the whole council to do all we can to improve the lives of children and their families.

The current CIW inspection will in the next few months give us a new, independent assessment of our improvement journey to deliver quality services to children and we welcome this opportunity to reflect on our next steps for all members and officers to take to build on the work done to date.

In response to Councillor Dorrance's supplementary question asking if she would resign the Leader said she was proud of the way the council had responded to the inspection of Children's Services and noted that Children's Services was the responsibility of all Councillors.

15.12. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Susan McNicholas

It has been brought to our attention in Ystradgynlais that Bring Sites in other areas are still in use. We were told that in order for our Recycling site to remain open we had to agree to close our sites.

We don't want other sites to close but we want to be treated equally. Can the Portfolio Holder tell us what the position actually is?

Response

Community Recycling (Bring) Sites were originally introduced many years ago to give residents somewhere to take their recyclable material. This was before the introduction of the kerbside recycling scheme which has provided a much more convenient option for most residents. All of these bring sites have been under review as they have essentially been simply duplicating a service that is now provided in a different way. The number of sites has been reduced from over 80 to less than 40 with the remaining sites now being considered so that the Council can provide the most cost effective convenient service to residents whilst maximising the amount of material collected for recycling.

The reason that the sites have been removed in Ystradgynlais is because there is now a conveniently located Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in the area which will take all of the material previously collected at the bring sites along with many other waste streams for recycling. Maintaining the HWRC at Lower Cwmtwrch was not dependant on the removal of the bring sites, but it is essential that we maximise our limited resources to continue to provide these services.

All of the bring sites in Powys are considered individually, taking into account factors such as proximity to HWRCs, level of flytipping and contamination, as well as where the materials are now collected at the kerbside. The sites in Ystradgynlais were unfortunately prone to contamination which did result in much of this material being landfilled rather than recycled. Along with the close proximity of the HWRC, this is why these facilities were removed. In Welshpool, where there was a problem with flytipping at the bring site, residents are similarly required to use their HWRC for materials that cannot be recycled at the kerbside.

In response to Councillor McNicholas' supplementary question as to why the bring site taken away without consultation when there had been consultation in other areas, the Portfolio Holder said that Ystradgynlais had the benefit of a Household Waste Recycling Centre and that the green waste collection scheme would be introduced from April 2019.

15.13. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Earlier this year the then portfolio holder for highways lifted the moratorium

on traffic orders across the county. Whilst the community of Hay understands there are severe financial implication on Powys County Council's budget due to cuts in funding and increase cost across council service hitting budget like highways harder as it's a non-statutory service. Over the next couple of years there are major developments in the community that will involve traffic orders being raised to their works. Will the portfolio holder support Hay Town Council and the local community in engaging with them prior to any orders being raised to support the town plan retaining to speed reduction within town and traffic orders to support safe transport around the town?

Response

As a point of reference, as the Highway Authority Powys County Council do indeed have a statutory duty to maintain the highway.

Developers are encouraged, and generally do, discuss proposals including traffic issues with the council prior to submitting planning applications or applications for traffic regulatory orders and in this case the views of local members and the community would be taken into account and supported where possible.

As part of the planning permission process, highways issues are formally considered and the issues effecting town and communities are fundamental to these considerations along with; in respect of traffic matters etc, the Welsh Government criteria and guidelines. During this process maximum benefit to the highway within reason would be sought and the local member would generally be party to the considerations.

Where traffic regulation orders form part of the process, officers will consult with the local member[s] and also if appropriate the Town or Community Council. In this way we aim to ensure the proposals will be generally accepted by the community prior to the public consultation being undertaken. Any objections would also give rise to further discussions with the Local Member to assist in formulating the final recommendation for my decision.

Whilst the local Member can help shape the TRO, the decision on whether a TRO can actually be made a condition of a planning approval is a matter for the Highway Authority to determine based on what is required for the development following best practice, published guidelines and legislation. This part of the process does not allow for consultation but the planning application process would allow anyone to make comments on the development as part of the planning process.

There was no supplementary question.

15.14. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Hay-on-Wye residents welcomes the moving forward of replacement rails on Hay bridge it is something the Town council and myself have been pushing for many years to make safe and update one of the entrances in to our community over the river Wye. Can the portfolio holder confirm that the council plans to start works in this financial year?

Response

A scheme to address the condition of the parapets on Hay Bridge has been included in the Capital programme for 2017/2018. It was originally proposed to refurbish the existing parapets, however, following a more detailed investigation it has been decided that it is more beneficial to replace them with new ones. Works to replace the parapets are scheduled to be completed in this financial year with an anticipated start early in the new year.

There was no supplementary question.

15.15. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Mark Barnes

Powys has had a lot of recent successes in prosecuting rogue traders in Powys and credit must go to the officers who are helping to keep our streets safe. Can the Portfolio Holder comment how much money has been raised from Proceeds of Crime?

Response

Proceeds of crime work means taking the assets off criminals that have ripped off our consumers. Any monies recovered goes direct to a system called JARD administered by the Home office. Since we started this work in 2014 some £349,014.83 has been recorded for Powys work on JARD, some of this going as compensation for victims. In some cases we receive a percentage under a scheme run by the Home Office (38.5%). In cases where compensation is involved all the monies go to victims. We have one accredited financial investigator doing this work.

In response to Councillor Barnes' supplementary question asking for an assurance that the Cabinet would continue to show strong leadership in this area, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that this would remain a priority for the Cabinet.

15.16. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

I am seeking information on the process for applying for Road Traffic Orders now the Shire Committees no longer exist. Cllr Davies has been very helpful in trying to pursue a local issue for me in Llangattock and continues to support my regular requests for an update. Unfortunately he is unable to provide any and I understand this may be the case for other Cllrs. Could Cllr Davies confirm that Road Traffic Orders are being dealt with, how the process works and how Cllrs can generally be given an idea where in the system their individual requests are?

Response

Requests for all traffic orders can now be considered following the lifting of the moratorium, which to date only allowed for the advancement of parking restriction orders in line with the review of parking throughout the county.

The process is that Members initially discuss their request with officers of the traffic unit who can advise whether it would be suitable or not to take forward and

also what other solutions may be more effective. If it is agreed that a traffic order would be appropriate, the proposed order would then be ranked and assessed against other schemes across the County to create a prioritised list.

Currently staff resources continue to be taken up with the ongoing issues associated with the county-wide parking review and therefore the ranking of requested traffic order schemes has not yet taken place. It is planned to prioritise the list of schemes in readiness for 2019-20 financial year which will then determine a programme of those that can be progressed next year and also provide an indication of when the others could be undertaken.

I acknowledge that at present this does not provide you with specific information of when a particular scheme may come to fruition, but that every effort will be made to providing a prioritised programme in due course.

In response to Councillor Charlton's supplementary question as to how long the county wide review would go on the Portfolio Holder said that there was a very limited resource in the Council and that the parking review would take a long time given the size of the county.

15.17. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor Karl Lewis

Can the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language tell council what new methods of digital delivery she is promoting to support the Council's Vision for 2025?

Response

Powys continues to recognise the importance of digital solutions in the delivery of education.

1. We are piloting a digital learning platform with sixth form learners in Powys with two subjects being offered across all sites. It is hoped to develop this further with a commercial partner where teachers in Powys schools will develop courses for delivery using this online platform.
2. A delegation of Head teachers have visited Wrexham to look at the provision of this online learning platform.
3. In line with this we are also planning ICT support with primary schools using a partnership with a neighbouring Local Authority to secure high quality digital hardware for the future. Clearly this will allow the authority to further develop provision and options for working across schools.
4. Ceredigion and Powys are working jointly on an e-learning project called e-sgoil. This is a digital learning platform where pupils from different campuses can join interactive lessons. The e-sgoil form of digital learning has been developed in Scotland. This initiative is being launched in Ceredigion on Thursday 11th October by the Cabinet Minister for Education.

There was no supplementary question.

15.18. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Peter Lewis

Can the Portfolio Holder update the council on the delivery of the 250 new homes for the County?

Response

The Housing Service has established an Affordable Housing Team to lead on the development of the 250 homes.

The team have been working with Planning and Highways services to consider the viability of approximately 80 sites in council ownership. This work is now complete and the Housing Service will be developing a long term development strategy, based on approximately 60 sites. The team have also been holding engagement events in communities across the county, to identify and confirm housing need.

Progress on the first six sites is detailed below. These sites will deliver approximately 170 of the 250 homes.

Bowling Green, Newtown – planning application was agreed at the Planning Committee on Thursday 13th September. Tender brief to be finalised and tender process to commence in October with a target start on site date of March 2019. The scheme has past the first assessment for Welsh Government Innovative Housing Programme grant.

Sarn – Architect (Hughes Architects) appointed and designs are currently being drawn up for a development which achieves Passivhaus standard. This project will provide a total of 7 units and 3 being made available for elderly tenant farmers that have lived in the area for many years and are looking to retire.

Cradoc Close, Brecon - Architect (Pentan) appointed and designs are currently being drawn up, this scheme will be the largest project providing up to 36 new homes. Anticipated start on site summer of 2019.

Clyro – the Housing Service are currently considering the type of build for this site. Anticipated start on site autumn 2019.

Former Smithfield site, Llanidloes – the site has been transferred into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The ecology officer is currently completing her site visits and we will receive the final report shortly. The design brief is currently being drawn up and it is expected to go out to tender early 2019.

Red Dragon/Youth Centre, Newtown – The Red Dragon and the former youth centre will be demolished in October. The design brief is currently being drawn up and finalised and this will be going out to tender early 2019.

In response to Councillor Lewis' supplementary question about using local contractors, the Portfolio Holder advised of the meet the buyer events being held with businesses in the county. In addition, a scheme that would see the council buy affordable houses off developers was being looked at.

15.19. Question to the Leader from County Councillor Diane Jones-Poston

Can the Leader update the council on the progress of the Mid Wales Growth Deal?

Response

The Mid Wales Growth Deal is at an early stage but beginning to move quickly to the next stage of the process. It is important to note that this remains a 'potential' Deal until sign-off by central government. To develop the position a series of joint

informal cabinets have been held with Ceredigion County Council. The work is also supported by the existing Growing Mid Wales Partnership that, along with the Leaders and officers from both councils, also includes attendees from the business sector, Welsh Government, Higher Education, Agriculture and Tourism. Officers met with senior Civil Servants from Central Government and Welsh Government to establish the approach to be taken for potential projects. A key part of the Deal will be the involvement of the business sector and this will be via an Economic Board to support delivery.

As part of the approach to delivering the Deal a wider regional economic action plan is being researched and drafted with external support from Aecom Ltd. This work is a joint commission involving Powys, Ceredigion and Welsh Government. As part of the process a series of workshops have been held involving businesses, regional groups and the Higher Education sector. The regional economic action plan will be a framework to help inform the Deal. Wales already has 3 existing Deals and contact has been made and we have also met with Shropshire County Council to raise awareness given the close transport links.

As help raise awareness of the Deal there will be an event held at the Senedd and another in Westminster.

There will be an update for all Councillors on the Mid Wales Growth Deal at a member development session over the coming weeks.

Responding to Councillor Jones-Poston supplementary question as to how the Council would engage with businesses to deliver the growth deal, the Leader explained that over 300 businesses had attended business breakfast meetings with the Cabinet. She also intended to form an economic development committee made up of local businesses to work alongside Mid Wales Partnership. At the end of January, a business day had been arranged for Powys businesses at the Senedd at which the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport would speak.

15.20. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport from County Councillor Claire Mills

Will the Portfolio Holder for Finance please update the council on what negotiations are taking place to ensure Powys receives its fair allocation of funding in the budget formula from the Welsh Government?

Response

The Council plays an active part in groups that develop and advise on Welsh Government's Local Government Finance Policies.

The Council has a place on the Distribution Sub Group that reports to the Welsh Government on the local government distribution formula. The Acting Deputy Chief Executive is also local government's representative on the Cabinet Secretary's Local Government Finance and Reform Working Group, looking at the future of local government finance in Wales.

In partnership with other rural areas, Powys successfully made the case to recognise the additional cost of delivering services in a rural area. Evidence was gathered to demonstrate the cost of providing community-based social services for older people in sparsely populated areas. This led to the sparsity allowance being allocated to Powys, amounting to an additional £3million over two years. This provided a permanent change to our allocation and replaced the previous temporary and voluntary arrangement involving all 22 authorities.

The Council responds to all consultations affecting our finances, and also raises this issue with Assembly Members and Members of Parliament.

In response to Councillor Mills' supplementary question as to whether Assembly Members representing the county and serving in the Welsh Government should be doing more to supporting the rural economy rather than backing budget cuts for rural councils, the Portfolio Holder acknowledged that the Welsh Government had been very supportive but unfortunately this had not been reflected in the settlement.

15.21. Question to County Councillor William Powell, Member of the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel from County Councillor Michael Williams

In light of concerns expressed over the summer by leaders of the Association of Police and Crime commissioners (APCC) around the dangers of a 'No Deal' Brexit, what contingency plans is the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys, Dafydd Llywelyn, making, in collaboration with his commissioner colleagues in the North Wales, South Wales and Gwent police force areas?

Given the real concerns expressed around security of supply of food and medical supplies, in the event of 'No Deal,' what consideration has been given to the cancelling of leave across Dyfed- Powys Police in March/April 2019 to ensure community safety?

In addition, what action is being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner to spearhead preparations with the Public Service Boards in Powys, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, in the face of this unfortunate eventuality?

Response

The Commissioner's role is to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivering an efficient and effective police force for Dyfed-Powys, but not make operational decisions. As this is an operational matter that requires a multi-agency approach, PCC Dafydd Llywelyn has sought assurance that Dyfed-Powys Police are working with partners via the Local Resilience Forum(s) and other operational groups.

Dafydd has also, on the 5th September, attended a meeting with Jo Hopkins from the Home Office in Wales, alongside Assistant Chief Constable Richard Lewis to explore and understand the operational implications in light of a potential No-Deal Brexit. He has also visited the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary and Officials, where they had specific discussions regarding the policing concerns and response regarding a No-Deal Brexit.

Dafydd has been informed that at the National Police Chiefs' Council meeting on the 17th September, Chief Constables discussed the impact of a No-Deal Brexit. It is expected that in the coming weeks there will be more rapid progress in relation to contingency planning, however they concluded that there was not any intention at this time to cancel officer's leave. This position will be continually under review and will remain an option operationally for Dyfed-Powys Police.

There was no supplementary question.

15.22. Question to the Leader from County Councillor William Powell

It is a matter of public record that the town of Talgarth and its economy experienced considerable turbulence in the years leading up to and following the closure of the former Mid Wales Hospital from 1995-2000. In the last decade, the opening of the A479 Talgarth Relief Road, a renewed civic pride, enterprise and purpose and earlier this year the establishment of Ysgol y Mynydd Du have all served to signal fresh confidence in the town's future.

However, the sheer scale of Powys County Council owned sites in the town centre, currently or soon to be declared surplus, combined with the consultation on the Development Brief on the former Mid Wales Hospital site and other allocated sites once again see the town at a cross roads.

Given her understanding of the cross portfolio challenges and opportunities that Talgarth faces, what assessment has the Leader made of the merits of a Strategic Development Plan for Talgarth? With the County Council working in renewed partnership with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Talgarth Town Council and by harnessing the energy and vision of local people, such a plan would promote holistic, sustainable development of the town at a time of unprecedented growth. To this end, will the Leader please commit to convening an early meeting to establish the groundwork for such a plan?

Response

Officers from Powys County Council have supported many initiatives in the Talgarth area and are currently supporting the Black Mountains College proposal.

The Brecon Beacons National Park being the Planning Authority in the Talgarth area, are actively encouraging communities to develop a Place Plan. I understand that National Park are already progressing the development of a community led plan in Talgarth. Powys County Council will assist the process through our Regeneration Team as required.

As owners of most of the development sites, we cannot wait for a "place plan". I have already spoken with Property & Housing and we are arranging an initial meeting with Head of Housing, Lead Professional – Property, Local Member, Portfolio Holders and me.

Further discussion can then take place with others who will need to be involved.

Councillor Powell asked in his supplementary question if the Leader would commit to a multi-agency meeting with the National Park and other relevant agencies including the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority. The Leader said that the Council owned a significant amount of land in the area and in the initial stages the Council needed to look at what could be done with those sites including the potential for employment sites. She was concerned that if all of the land was used for housing it would change the character of the community.

15.23. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Iain McIntosh

As the current list of farmers and contractors who were called upon to clear the heavy snowfall last winter struggled to cope, will the portfolio holder for highways consider creating a second list of farmers and contractors with equipment suitable for clearing snow, so that they can be called upon

should we get the same level of snowfall as last winter at some point in the future?

Response

Recognising the exceptional snow storms that we experienced last year, I consider the response and service provided was very good. An annual review of the Winter Service Plan is undertaken and as part of this exercise the current support network of contractors and farmers is also being reviewed. The experience and feedback gained from last winter has identified geographical areas where additional support will be beneficial.

The arrangements and mechanism for engaging this external support is currently being progressed within a framework to ensure the suitability of any support engaged, bearing in mind the Health & Safety, training/competencies and insurance cover level requirements associated with working on the public highway.

Councillor McIntosh's supplementary question was would there be any additional support from farmers and contractors with suitable equipment for the coming winter. The Portfolio Holder advised that as with the last winter area managers would be responsible for directing resources to winter maintenance operations.

15.24. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Iain McIntosh

The roads around the Yscir ward are in a very bad state. Many areas need resurfacing and numerous pot holes remain unrepaired. Can the portfolio holder for highways offer any reassurance to the residents of rural wards such as Yscir that their roads will be repaired to a better standard soon?

Response

Members will be aware that the budget for basic road maintenance has been continuously and severely reduced for a number of years and it is inevitable that the condition of our highways network will reflect this in a visible deterioration; particularly on the thousands of kilometres of rural roads we have in Powys. New methods of work have been recently introduced (use of Roadmaster patching machines) in an endeavour to combat the budget reduction and maintain a reasonable level of service, as is our duty as the highway authority. The use of this process of repair should ensure a more permanent repair to the increasing number of minor road defects.

I am informed that a considerable number of repairs have already been carried out in the area concerned following your reports, and these will continue within the constraints of the budget resource. A risk analysis of roads is undertaken to ensure that the priority repairs are programmed in a consistent manner across the county.

Roads identified as requiring more major repairs such as structural patching and wholesale surface treatments are ranked for priority and included in a forward programme for Capital funding.

Councillor McIntosh's supplementary question was to ask why Welsh Government was spending so much on the M4 relief road project rather than

distributing resources equally throughout Wales. The Portfolio Holder noted that since 2011/12 the funding available for highways in Powys had reduced by £5m for a service looking after 5,500km of roads.

15.25. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick

What do Puffins and Y Gaer Brecon Cultural Hub have in common? They both come with extremely large mysterious bills. (that's not the question) Last weeks Brecon and Radnor express had a startling front page advising us that Y Gaer (Brecon cultural hub) will be delayed until next year due to issues with Stone and Puffins breeding.

However, a local ornithologist and the RSPB advised me that Puffins only breed in April and May every year and are not native to Powys but can be found in Scandinavia as well as the Isle of man and Yorkshire as well as Skomer island. Roast Puffin pie is of course a delicacy in Jamtland in northern Sweden and I am sure with the award of a Michelin star to Ynshir in Machynlleth will not be long that it may appear in Northern Powys.

Taking into consideration that Puffins will not be benefiting the Powys Pound soon and that it is October and Not April and they are of course not breeding I will now ask the cabinet member the question.

Will the Cabinet member agree the following; that not only is this possibly the most laughable excuse for incompetence since the classic 'the dog ate my homework ' and that it is deeply unfair that all council tax payers throughout Powys will have to continue to pay for this farce when there is a likelihood, with budget cuts in 2019 for libraries, museums and other cultural centres, that the building may not even have sufficient resources to actually open?

Response

We were informed by Kier that their subcontractor, Allesco, who are manufacturing the red sandstone panels for the new library building external cladding, had unfortunately not obtained or arranged to be quarried enough of the stone to complete the required number of panels.

The panels use a thin cut piece of stone on a composite backing on a metal frame, for fixing to the building. The stone, which had been approved by all including BBNPA, was quarried in the UK and shipped to the factory in Germany where the panels were made. We understand that the required matching stone is no longer available from the original quarry, and an alternative source was found near St Bees Head, in Cumbria. The quarry is adjacent to and RSPB sanctuary. We were advised that the stone could not be quarried until September due to the presence of the puffins (breeding or not). There is a 14 to 16 week manufacturing and delivery period from the date of obtaining the stone. As a result Kier have reported that the last elements of cladding will not be complete until early December.

In response to Councillor Fitzpatrick's supplementary question of whether given budget cuts the building would open, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that Y Gaer would open in 2019 and would be staffed.

15.26. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry

Good Governance is essential in Local Government and working to Powys County Council's Agreed and Published Vision. Regarding the private housing development south of the former Bronllys CP School and that of Bronllys Village in general, how was the Public Engagement Event for you and how did you engage with significant persons in the process leading up to the day?

Response

The event was one which was of great use to the Council in getting over the message about the Council's plans to develop affordable housing to meet the needs of local communities. At the event which had been developed in consultation with the local councillor and the community council, 79 people from the village of Bronllys attended. The Housing Service received 32 completed questionnaires, of which approximately two thirds considered that there was a need for additional affordable homes in the village. In addition, 6 households who advised that they required affordable homes were encouraged to place their names on the Common Housing Register.

It is hoped that the message the community received from the event was that we want to work with the community to meet its needs for affordable housing, and that affordable homes won't be imposed on communities.

Councillor Laurie-Parry said the community wanted genuinely affordable homes.

15.27. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry

Regarding Procurement of Housing Association/Private Developer, are you satisfied that the correct procedures and guidelines adopted by Powys County Council have been adhered to, by Councillors and Officers and can you explain the procedure that was utilised?

Response

The purchaser of the site, which was previously in private ownership, is Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA). As the site will be developed by MHA without recourse to Social Housing Grant (SHG) and will be developed to provide market homes for sale, the council has had no role thus far. Obviously MHA, just like any other developer, will be required to follow planning policy when the scheme is built out. MHA were invited to the consultation event, as Officers were aware of their purchase of the site and it was considered that it would be a useful opportunity for MHA to meet with members of the community to discuss their plans for the site and listen to the views of the local community.

There was no supplementary question.

The Chair advised that the following item had been withdrawn and that there was no need to pass the access to information resolution.

17.	NOTICE OF MOTION
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This item was deferred.

County Councillor DW Meredith (Chair)

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**COFNODION CYFARFOD Y CYNGOR SIR A GYNHALIWDYD YN SIAMBR Y
CYNGOR - NEUADD Y SIR, LLANDRINDOD DDYDD IAU 18 HYDREF 2018**

YN BRESENNOL

Y Cyngorydd Sir DW Meredith (Cadeirydd)

Y Cynghorwyr Sir MC Alexander, M Barnes, B Baynham, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, H Hulme, A Jenner, D R Jones, E Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, K Lewis, P E Lewis, MC Mackenzie, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, N Morrison, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, K S Silk, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, E Vaughan, M Weale, A Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, R Williams ac S L Williams

1.	YMDDIHEURIADAU
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Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan y Cynghorwyr Sir G Breeze, S M Hayes, E A Jones, H Lewis, S Lewis, JG Morris, J Wilkinson, G I S Williams a J M Williams.

2.	COFNODION
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Awdurdodwyd y Cadeirydd i lofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd 12 Gorffennaf 2018 fel cofnod cywir.

3.	DATGANIADAU BUDDIANNAU
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Datganodd y Cynghorwyr Sir M Alexander, J Evans a T Van-Rees fuddiannau personol a rhagfarnus yn eitem 8.3 ar yr agenda. Datganodd y Cyngorydd Sir R Williams fuddiant personol yn yr eitem hon fel un o Ymddiriedolwyr Mind Aberhonddu.

Datganodd y Cynghorwyr Sir D Davies, P Pritchard a K Roberts-Jones fuddiannau personol yn eitem 15.4 ar yr agenda.

4.	CYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD
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Cyflwynodd y Cadeirydd gymeradwyaeth gan Farnwr Lllys y Goron a fu'n llywyddu dros achos Ymgyrch Gleam i aelodau o dimau Safonau Masnach a Chyfreithiol Powys. Derbyniwyd cymeradwyaeth gan y canlynol:

Nikki Davies Wheeler fel yr uwch-swyddog ymchwilio yn yr achos

Desmond Fitzpatrick am y gwaith ymchwilio ariannol

Robert Brown am ei gefnogaeth gan Wasanaethau Cyfreithiol Powys.

Derbyniwyd cymeradwyaeth gyffredinol ar ran y tîm Safonau Masnach gan Christine Micah Meredith, Lisa Woods, Joanne Davies, Grace Doran a Nicola Croose.

Cyflwynodd Mr Peter Jones, y Prif Ymgynghorydd gydag Eunomia, wobwr i'r Cynghorydd Phyl Davies i gydnabod bod gan Bowys y gwasanaeth casglu ailgylchu mwyaf effeithiol at leihau allyriadau CO₂ yng Nghymru, Lloegr a Gogledd Iwerddon. Wrth dderbyn y wobwr, diolchodd Deiliad y Portffolio dros Asedau'r Priffyrdd ac Ailgylchu i staff a thrigolion Powys am eu cyfraniad.

5. CYHOEDDIADAU'R ARWEINYDD

Cyfeiriodd yr Arweinydd at yr holl ddigwyddiadau a gynhaliwyd yn y sir dros yr haf gan nodi bod Gŵyl y Dyn Gwyrdd wedi derbyn gwobr y BBC am Wyl Orau'r Flwyddyn ac awgrymodd y dylai llythyr llongyfarch gael ei yrru. Hefyd cyfeiriodd at welliannau sydd ar y gweill yng Ngwasanaethau Plant gan nodi bod AGC ar hyn o bryd yn arolygu'r gwasanaeth. Cyhoeddodd fod y bumed ysgol gynradd a'r olaf yn nalgylch Gwernnyfed wedi agor gan gwblhau buddsoddiad o £25 miliwn yn yr ardal a bod gwaith ar y gweill ar yr ysgol cyfrwng Saesneg newydd yn y Trallwng. Roedd gwaith yn dechrau ar adolygiad o addysg yn y Drenewydd a allai ddenu buddsoddiad o £50 miliwn. Roedd hi wedi siarad ar ran y Cyngor yn y gwasanaeth coffa i'r diweddar Mr John Brunt, cyn-Gadeirydd y Cyngor. Bu'r Arweinydd hefyd yn rhoi'r diweddaraf i'r Cyngor ynglŷn â CLILC lle'r oedd wedi pledio'r achos dros gydnabod costau ychwanegol darparu gwasanaethau mewn ardal wledig yn y setliad gan Lywodraeth Cymru.

6. CYHOEDDIADAU'R PRIF WEITHREDWR

Rhoddodd y Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr wybod i'r Cyngor fod gostyngiad o £1.7 miliwn yn y cyllid wedi'i gyhoeddi yn y setliad dros dro gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Byddai'r setliad terfynol yn cael ei gyhoeddi ym mis Rhagfyr. Roedd y cyllid gostyngedig sydd ar gael yn gyrru newid o ran sut mae gwasanaethau'n cael eu darparu gyda chyngor llai a mwy sionc. Bu'r Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr hefyd yn cyhoeddi bod dros 100 o enwebiadau wedi'u derbyn ar gyfer y gwobrau i staff a byddai'r rhai terfynol yn cael eu cyhoeddi cyn bo hir.

7. CWESTIYNAU GAN Y CYHOEDD – UCHAFSWM O 20 MUNUD

7.1 Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Bobl Ifainc a Diwylliant gan Richard Spanswick

O gofio bod gan y Trallwng lyfrgell bwrpasol ardderchog sy'n hygyrch ac yn cael ei defnyddio'n helaeth yn ei safle yn Brook Street, a wnaiff y Cyngor gadarnhau y bydd yn blaenoriaethu anghenion y gymuned uwchlaw'r awydd i adleoli swyddfeydd y cyngor sir o Neuadd Maldwyn i adeilad y llyfrgell ar yr un pryd â lleihau stoc ac adnoddau'r llyfrgell a diogelu'r cyfleuster yma at ddefnydd y cyhoedd yn y dyfodol?

Ymateb

Rwyf yn deall ac yn gwerthfawrogi'r pryderon a godwyd o ran unrhyw newid posibl i'r gwasanaeth ardderchog a ddarperir yn Llyfrgell y Trallwng ac Amgueddfa Powysland.

Bydd aelodau'n gwerthfawrogi bod pob cyngor ar draws y wlad ar hyn o bryd yn wynebu cyfyngiadau ariannol hynod lym ac nid yw Powys yn eithriad yn hyn o beth – ac mae'r sefyllfa hon yn mynd i barhau cyhyd ag y gellir ei weld i'r dyfodol. Fel cyngor, rhaid i ni geisio gwneud y defnydd gorau un a mwyaf costeffeithiol o'n hadeiladau a'n staff er budd ein preswylwyr.

Rydym yn ymrwymedig i sicrhau dyfodol hirdymor cynaliadwy i wasanaethau llyfrgell ac amgueddfa yn y Trallwng; rydym yn gwerthfawrogi bod y llyfrgell yn benthyca'r nifer uchaf namyn un o lyfrau yn yr awdurdod a bod y cyfrifiaduron hefyd yn cael eu defnyddio'n helaeth ac yn werthfawr dros ben i'r rheini heb eu dyfeisiau eu hunain.

Bydd staff y llyfrgell a'r amgueddfa'n gweithio'n galed iawn i sicrhau bod y cydleo'i'n llwyddiannus; bod cynifer o lyfrau ac arteffactau ar gael ag sy'n bosibl, drwy gynllun sydd wedi'i baratoi'n ofalus, gan gynnwys cysylltedd digidol i'r cyhoedd. Parheir i ddarparu'r gwasanaethau presennol gyda staff hyfforddedig wrth law i helpu ymwelwyr wrth ddewis o'r silffoedd, benthyca e-lyfrau neu archebu llyfrau o fannau eraill yn yr awdurdod os bydd angen ac i esbonio am y gwahanol eitemau ar ddangos a diwylliant a threftadaeth leol y Trallwng.

Mewn rhannau eraill o'r sir, rydym wedi cael bod niferoedd yr ymwelwyr wedi codi a bod aelodau o'r cyhoedd yn mwynhau gallu defnyddio mwy nag un gwasanaeth mewn un lleoliad, er enghraifft, yn llyfrgelloedd Llandrindod, Llanidloes, Llanfair-ym-Muallt a Threfyclo. Gobeithiwn y bydd y cydleo'i yma hefyd yn galluogi ymwelwyr i barhau i fwynhau amrywiaeth ddiddorol o stoc, arddangosfeydd a gweithgareddau mewn lleoliad hyfryd ar lan y gamlas.

Cwestiwn atodol Mr Spanswick oedd, "O gofio y bydd cost addasu adeiladau'r llyfrgell a'r amgueddfa ar gyfer eu defnydd newydd arfaethedig yn debygol o fod yn faich ar gyllid cyhoeddus yn y tymor byr o leiaf, beth yw canlyniadau unrhyw ddadansoddiad cost a budd a wnaethpwyd i ddangos bod israddio ased cyhoeddus o bwys o lyfrgell gymunedol i swyddfeydd sir yn gam gwerth chweil i'w gymryd yn y tymor hir?" Dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio dros Bobl Ifainc a Diwylliant y byddai'n gofyn i'w chydweithwyr o wasanaethau eraill ymateb am y pwynt ehangach ynglŷn â'r dadansoddiad cost a budd.

7.2. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Ddysgu a'r Iaith Gymraeg gan Buddug Bates

A all yr Aelod sydd â chyfrifoldeb am y portffolio Addysg gadarnhau pryd y mae ysgol uwchradd categori 2a newydd yng Ngogledd Powys yn debygol o agor?

Mae Cynllun Strategol Cymraeg mewn Addysg y Cyngor ar gyfer 2017-20 yn cynnwys ymrwymiad i barhau gyda'r gwaith o sefydlu un neu ragor o ysgolion categori 2A yng ngogledd Powys.

Ers cyhoeddi'r Cynllun Strategol Cymraeg mewn Addysg, mae Rhaglen Amlinellol Strategol (RhAS) cyntaf y Cyngor ar gyfer Band B rhaglen gyfalaf Ysgolion y 21ain ganrif wedi'i chymeradwyo gan y Cabinet a Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae'r RhAS yn cynnwys buddsoddiad sylweddol mewn addysg yn y Drenewydd: mae hyn yn cynnwys adeiladau newydd i Ysgol Cedewain ac Ysgol Neuadd Brynllwarch, buddsoddiad yn ysgolion cynradd y dref a datblygu darpariaeth uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg.

Mae'r gwaith yn y Drenwydd mewn cyfnod dichonoldeb cynnar ac unwaith bod hwn wedi'i gwblhau, bydd yn bosibl llunio amserlen fanylach ar gyfer y ddarpariaeth uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg arfaethedig. Fodd bynnag, mae'r Cyngor ar hyn o bryd yn dilyn yr amserlenni dangosol presennol sef:

2018-19:	Gwaith dichonoldeb cychwynnol Cymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i symud ymlaen ag unrhyw brynu tir, proses statudol
2019-20:	Proses statudol Datblygu achosion busnes cychwynnol
2020-21:	Datblygu cynlluniau manwl, penodi contractwr
2022:	Adeiladu'n dechrau

Yn seiliedig ar hyn, disgwylir y byddai tua 2023/2024 cyn i unrhyw ddarpariaeth cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd gael ei hagor. Fodd bynnag, ceir enghreifftiau mewn awdurdodau eraill lle mae trefniadau dros dro wedi'u rhoi yn eu lle i sefydlu 'egin-ddarpariaeth' wrth aros i waith adeiladu gael ei gwblhau. Dyma a ddigwyddodd yn ddiweddar yn achos Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed yng Nghasnewydd a sefydlwyd mewn llety dros dro ym mis Medi 2016, cyn symud i lety parhaol yn 2018. Pe bai hyn yn bosibl, gellid sefydlu darpariaeth newydd ynghynt. Fodd bynnag, byddai unrhyw symudiad i sefydlu darpariaeth uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg yn ddibynnol ar y broses statudol fel a amlinellir yn y Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion ac ar gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet fel sy'n ofynnol drwy gydol y broses.

Y gobaith yw y gellir cynnig eglurhad pellach dros y misoedd sydd ar ddod. Bydd cyfleoedd niferus i randdeiliaid gyfrannu i'r cynlluniau wrth iddynt gael eu datblygu.

Cwestiwn atodol Mrs Bates oedd, "Beth yn union yw'r egin-ddarpariaeth rydych yn ei chynnig cyn i'r ysgol ddwyieithog newydd gael ei sefydlu er mwyn atal llif y disgyblion sy'n cefnu ar fuddion eu haddysg ddwyieithog wrth gyrraedd 11 oed?" Atebodd Deiliad y Portffolio, yn ogystal â'r bwriad i greu ysgol categori 2a, fod y posibilrwydd o greu rhywfaint o'r ddarpariaeth cyn i'r adeilad newydd gael ei gwblhau'n cael ei ystyried. Digon cymhleth oedd cynllun o'r fath a gallai fod yn ddarostyngedig i oedi ond roedd pawb yn gweithio i sicrhau darpariaeth 2a yn y Drenwydd mor fuan ag y bo modd.

7.3. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Ddysgu a'r Iaith Gymraeg gan Heidi Wilson

Yng ngoleuni'r ymarferiad aildendro'n ddiweddar ar gyfer holl drefniadau cludiant rhwng y cartref a'r ysgol, a all y cyngor roi sicrwydd i mi a rhieni eraill y mae eu plant yn defnyddio bws lleol y x48 (Ilwybr BW61 Llanddewi i Lanfair-ym-Muallt) fod asesiad risg cyflawn wedi'i gynnal a bod y cyngor yn fodlon os bydd digwyddiad traffig ar y ffordd, fod mesurau digonol yn eu lle i ddiogelu ein plant cyn belled ag y bo'n bosibl ar y darn peryglus yma o'r ffordd? Gofynnaf hyn yn enwedig mewn cysylltiad â'r disgyblion hynny sy'n gorfod sefyll wrth ddefnyddio'r gwasanaeth yma.

Ymateb

Mae'r awdurdod wedi derbyn ychydig o ohebiaeth gan rieni ynghlŷn â'r llwybr bysiau hwn sy'n cludo disgyblion o'r gogledd i Landrindod i gampws Ysgol Calon

Cymru yn Llanfair-ym-Muallt ar gyfer darpariaeth cyfrwng Cymraeg; mae'r disgyblion hyn yn gymwys i dderbyn cludiant am ddim yn unol â'n meini prawf cyhoeddedig.

Yn dilyn ymarferiad aildendro a wnaethpwyd gan yr awdurdod, mae cludiant ar gyfer y llwybr hwn bellach yn cael ei ddarparu gan fws cyhoeddus (fel sy'n digwydd mewn llawer o awdurdodau lleol) a bu rhai rhieni'n poeni am ddisgyblion yn gorfod sefyll ar gyfer y siwrnai.

Er mwyn asesu'r risg, teithiodd un o swyddogion yr awdurdod lleol ar y siwrnai ddwyffordd drosto'i hun gan nodi bod rhai disgyblion yn dewis sefyll yn hytrach nag eistedd ac mae'r awdurdod yn ffyddiog bod y gwasanaeth a ddarperir a'r llwybr yn ddiogel.

Mae bysiau gwasanaeth fel y rhai a ddarperir ar y gwasanaeth rhwng Llanfair-ym-Muallt a Llandrindod wedi'u hadeiladu i gynnwys lle i deithwyr mewn seddau, cadeiriau olwyn ac i'r rheini sy'n sefyll. Cofrestrwyd y bws a ddefnyddir ar y gwasanaeth hwn yn 2018 ac mae'n gerbyd newydd sbon a fu'n gorfod cyrraedd safonau diogelwch Ewropeaidd llym iawn. Mae lle i 41 eistedd ar y bws gyda lle ar ben hynny i 43 sefyll (gydag un lle'n llai os bydd cadair olwyn ar y bws) gan roi cyfanswm o 84 o deithwyr. Dengys ein cofnodion fod 26 o ddysgwyr sy'n mynychu campws Llanfair-ym-Muallt sy'n cael eu haddysgu drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Felly mae'r Cyngor wedi gofyn yn benodol am fws sydd â digon o le i'r dysgwyr hynny sy'n gymwys ar gyfer cludiant statudol rhwng y cartref a'r ysgol.

I liniaru unrhyw risgiau ymhellach mae'r Cyngor yn gofyn bod gwregysau diogelwch ar y rhan fwyaf o fysiau gwasanaeth a ddarperir gennym, gan gynnwys y bws penodol hwn, ond does dim gofyniad cyfreithiol i'w gosod ar fws gwasanaeth. Ar ben hynny, mae'r cwmni bysiau wrthi'n gosod teledu cylch cyfyng gyda 'ffrwd fyw' o'r bws hwn a fydd yn galluogi'r cwmni i adnabod unrhyw ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol ar y bws gan unrhyw deithwyr (aelodau o'r cyhoedd neu ddysgwyr ysgol) a defnyddwyr eraill ar y ffyrdd. Mae gyrrwr rheolaidd ar y gwasanaeth penodol hwn ac mae'r adborth gan y swyddog a deithiodd ar y cerbyd oedd bod yr holl ddysgwyr a ddefnyddiai'r bws yn hynod ufudd, cwrtais a chydweithredol gan ymateb yn dda i unrhyw gyfarwyddiadau a roddwyd gan y gyrrwr.

Hefyd, mae'r Cynghorydd Aled Davies ac uwch-swyddogion o Gyngor Sir Powys wedi cwrdd ac yn dal i fod mewn cysylltiad parhaus â'r pennaeth a Chadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr i wneud yn siŵr yr ymateb i unrhyw faterion sy'n codi. Yr wythnos yma, mae'r Cynghorydd Aled Davies a'r Cynghorydd Myfanwy Alexander wedi anfon llythyr at holl rieni a gofalwyr y plant sy'n defnyddio'r gwasanaeth hwn a byddant yn parhau i weithio mewn partneriaeth â'r ysgol, gyda diogelwch a lles ein pobl ifainc yn flaenoriaeth ddiamod i'r Cyngor.

Gofynnodd Ms Wilson am gopi o'r mesurau a gymerir gan y Cyngor i leihau'r risgiau i ddisgyblion sy'n teithio ar gludiant rhwng y cartref a'r ysgol gan gynnwys mynd ar y bws ac oddi arno ac aros mewn mannau casglu gan ofyn pa weithdrefnau monitro sydd gan y Cyngor yn eu lle o ran cydymffurfio â'r contract a chydymffurfio â'r gweithdrefnau i ddiogelu disgyblion. Roedd yr asesiad risg wedi'i dderbyn ac unwaith iddo gael ei ystyried byddai adroddiad yn cael ei ddarparu i'r Cyngor i weithredu arno.

Rhoddodd Deiliad y Portffolio sicrwydd pendant na fyddai unrhyw newidiadau yn cael eu gwneud i dendrau cludiant ysgolion heb fod diogelwch disgyblion yn flaenoriaeth. Roedd dros 50% o ddysgwyr yn cael eu cludo ar fysiau gwasanaeth ac nid oedd unrhyw faterion diogelwch yn codi. Roedd hi'n fodlon darparu unrhyw fanylion angenrheidiol pellach gan groesawu unrhyw wybodaeth ychwanegol oedd ar gael.

7.4 Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan Trudy Stedman

Yn ystod digwyddiad “cwrdd â'r Cyngor” yn ddiweddar yn y Gelli Gandryll, gofynnodd sawl preswylwr am faterion ynglŷn â throsglwyddo asedau o Gyngor Sir Powys i Gyngor Tref y Gelli gan fod hyn yn cael ei drafod ers dros 3 blynedd. Byddwn yn ddiolchgar os gallai aelod y Cabinet roi gwybod am bryd y mae trafodaethau'r Cabinet ynglŷn â throsglwyddo'r asedau yn y Gelli yn debygol o gael eu cynnal gan roi amserlen gwblhau bosibl fel y gellir sicrhau bod yr wybodaeth hon ar gael i drigolion y Gelli.

Ymateb

Bydd y Cabinet yn ystyried y materion hyn yn ei gyfarfod 28 Tachwedd 2018 gydag unrhyw gamau angenrheidiol yn cael eu cwblhau cyn gynted ag y bo modd ar ôl hynny, ond o fewn 3 neu 4 mis arall fan bellaf.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

7.5 Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan Jane Rees

O ystyried bod adroddiadau'n cadarnhau bod dros 300 o dannau'n digwydd bob blwyddyn mewn gweithfeydd ailgylchu ledled y DU pa mor fodlon yw Cyngor Sir Powys, os bydd digwyddiad mawr yn y gwaith ailgylchu arfaethedig yn Aber-miwl, na fydd economi canolbarth Cymru yn cael ei pharlusu gan gau cefnffordd yr A483 a Rheilffordd y Cambrian? Bydd tân o'r fath mewn adeilad sydd wedi'i wasgu rhwng dau brif lwybr prifwythiennol ac sydd â chyfaint o dros 18545m³ yn cael ei adael i losgi dros sawl diwrnod. Bydd hwn yn cael effaith drychinebus ar yr amgylchedd sensitif yma gan arwain at gyfnod cythryblus hirfaith. Bydd y nwyon niweidiol sy'n dod o blastig sy'n llosgi'n golygu y bydd rhaid i drigolion y pentref cyfagos gael eu symud oddi yno yn ddiymdroi. O gofio'r uchod a ddylai'r Cyngor ystyried lleoliadau eraill sy'n fwy addas?

Ymateb

Dim ond storio deunydd a gesglir wrth ymyl y ffordd am gyfnod byr y bydd yr adeilad arfaethedig cyn iddo gael ei symud ymlaen yn rheolaidd ac ni fydd yr adeilad yn cael ei ddefnyddio i brosesu unrhyw ddeunydd ailgylchu. Felly meintiau cyfyngedig o ddeunyddiau a allai hylosgi fydd yn cael eu storio yn yr adeilad ac o gofio eu natur risg isel, mae'r ffynonellau a allai gynnu tân yn gyfyngedig. Rheolir y safle gan weithredwyr o Bowys yn unol â Thrwydded

Amgylcheddol Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru a fydd yn rheoli gweithrediadau ar y safle yn llym er mwyn lleihau unrhyw risgiau amgylcheddol. Gosodir system larwm tân awtomatig gyda synhwyrddion fflam yn yr adeilad i rybuddio staff a gwasanaethau brys os oes unrhyw arwydd o dân yn dod i'r fei. Bydd offer ymladd tân ar gael ar y safle ac fe'u harolygir yn rheolaidd.

Cwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Rees oedd, o gofio pryderon preswylwyr, a fyddai'r Cabinet yn ystyried gohirio'r adeiladu am 4 mis er mwyn ceisio cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer safle tir llwyd mwy addas i ffwrdd o ardaloedd diwydiannol. Dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio, o gofio'r pwysau o ran cost ar y Cyngor, na fyddai'n bosibl gohirio'r datblygiad.

8.	HYSBYSIADAU CYNIGION
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8.1. Hysbysiad Cynnig – Ymgysylltu â'r Etholwyr

Bu'r Cyngor yn trafod y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gareth Pugh a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Elwyn Vaughan.

Cred y Cyngor hwn fod awdurdodau lleol yn rhy aml yn colli hyder yr etholwyr oherwydd y gallant ymddangos ar wahân a heb fod yn atebol. Rhaid gwneud mwy i ymgysylltu â'r etholwyr a thanio eu brwdfrydedd er mwyn gwneud llywodraeth leol yn rhan fwy egnïol a pherthnasol o'n cymunedau.

Wrth siarad o blaid y cynnig, dadleuodd y Cynghorydd Pugh nad oedd y Cyngor yn gwrando ar farn pobl leol a soniodd am leoli'r cyfleuster ailgylchu yn Aber-miwl fel enghraifft. Cydnabu y byddai'n rhaid i'r Cyngor weithiau wneud penderfyniadau anodd ac amhoblogaidd ond roedd pobl yn cael eu gadael dan yr argraff fod y Cyngor yn gwneud yr hyn a fynnai heb wrando ar bobl leol. Gofynnodd i'r Arweinydd wrando ar bobl Aber-miwl ac adleoli'r cyfleuster ailgylchu mewn lle mwy addas. Pwysodd ar y Cyngor i agor deialog adeiladol â phobl Aber-miwl sy'n gydnaws â hanfod y cynnig.

Gofynnodd nifer o Aelodau a siaradai o blaid y cynnig i safbwyntiau preswylwyr Aber-miwl gael eu hystyried. Roedd aelodau eraill yn cefnogi'r teimlad y tu ôl i'r cynnig gan gydnabod yr angen am ymgysylltu'n dda â chymunedau fel y gallent ddeall pam mae penderfyniadau'n cael eu gwneud a chyfeirio at brosiectau moderneiddio ysgolion fel enghraifft.

O 63 o bleidleisiau i 0

PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cyngor hwn yn credu bod awdurdodau lleol yn rhy aml yn colli hyder yr etholwyr oherwydd y gallant ymddangos ar wahân a heb fod yn atebol. Rhaid gwneud rhagor i ymgysylltu â nhw a thanio eu brwdfrydedd i wneud llywodraeth leol yn rhan fwy egnïol a pherthnasol o'n cymunedau.

8.2. Hysbysiad Cynnig yn cynnig gwahardd defnyddio anifeiliaid gwyllt mewn syrcau ym Mhowys

Bu'r Cyngor yn trafod y cynnig canlynol a roddwyd gerbron gan y Cynghorydd Sir Amanda Jenner a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Lucy Roberts:

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn cynnig bod y camau perthnasol yn cael eu cymryd i wahardd unrhyw syrcasau sy'n defnyddio anifeiliaid annomestig a/neu wyllt rhag llogi unrhyw dir sy'n eiddo i Gyngor Sir Powys.

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn cynnig ar ben hynny nad yw eiddo a gwasanaethau Cyngor Sir Powys (gan gynnwys Ysgolion, Llyfrgelloedd, Ardaloedd Cymunedol/leuenctid) yn hysbysebu syrcasau sy'n defnyddio anifeiliaid annomestig a/neu wyllt.

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn pwyso ar Lywodraeth Cymru i ymrwymo i wahardd defnyddio anifeiliaid gwyllt mewn syrcasau yng Nghymru drwy ddwyn yn ei flaen y gwaharddiad deddfwriaethol arfaethedig ar y cyfle cyntaf posibl.

Wrth gyflwyno'r cynnig, nododd y Cynghorydd Jenner, er bod Llywodraeth Cymru'n ymgynghori ynglŷn â deddfwriaeth i wahardd defnyddio anifeiliaid gwyllt mewn syrcasau, mai camau yw'r rhain y gallai'r Cyngor eu cymryd yn ddiymdroi.

O 56 o bleidleisiau i 1 gyda 2 yn ymatal

PENDERFYNWYD bod

Y cyngor hwn yn cynnig bod y camau perthnasol yn cael eu cymryd i wahardd unrhyw syrcasau sy'n defnyddio anifeiliaid annomestig a/neu wyllt rhag llogi unrhyw dir sy'n eiddo i Gyngor Sir Powys.

Ar ben hynny, mae'r cyngor hwn yn cynnig nad yw eiddo a gwasanaethau Cyngor Powys (gan gynnwys Ysgolion, Llyfrgelloedd, Ardaloedd Cymunedol/leuenctid) yn hysbysebu syrcasau sy'n defnyddio anifeiliaid annomestig a/neu wyllt.

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn pwyso ar Lywodraeth Cymru i ymrwymo i wahardd defnyddio anifeiliaid gwyllt mewn syrcasau yng Nghymru drwy ddwyn yn ei flaen y gwaharddiad deddfwriaethol arfaethedig ar y cyfle cyntaf posibl.

8.3. Hysbysiad Cynnig – Cefnogi Ein Pobl Ifainc

Datganodd y Cyngorwyr Sir Myfanwy Alexander, James Evans a Timothy Van-Rees fuddiannau yn yr eitem hon gan adael y cyfarfod wrth iddi gael ei thrafod.

Bu'r cyngor yn trafod y cynnig canlynol a gyflwynwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Elwyn Vaughan a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Bryn Davies:

Mae ein pobl ifainc yn wynebu pwysau a heriau sylweddol. Rydym felly yn galw ar y Cyngor i:

- Gydabod yr her, peryglon a phwysau a wynebier gan ein pobl ifainc

- Paratoi strategaeth gefnogi i'r rhai 16-25 oed ym Mhowys gan bontio o wasanaethau cymdeithasol plant gan gynnwys:
- Sicrhau prosiect Llesiant yn ein hysgolion iau ac uwchradd
- Sicrhau bod Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Thai'n cydweithredu i osgoi seilos yn yr awdurdod
- Cydweithredu gyda'r Ffermwyr Ifainc i godi ymwybyddiaeth o unigrwydd mewn cymunedau gwledig, materion iechyd meddwl, rhywioldeb a chyffuriau
- Cydnabod gwaith elusennau lleol a darparwyr trydydd sector a chydweithio â nhw i sicrhau cynaliadwyedd eu gwasanaethau cymorth i'r dyfodol
- Cydweithredu â Shelter Cymru i hybu hawliau ym maes tai
- Cydweithredu â Cais
- Datblygu cyfleoedd profiad gwaith
- Datblygu un o dyddynnod y Cyngor i ddarparu profiad o weithio ar y tir, garddwriaeth a'r awyr agored fel rhan o'r broses o helpu unigolion i ymgryfhau.

Dadleuodd y Cynghorydd Vaughan fod angen brys am raglen gymorth hygyrch i bobl ifainc, yn enwedig y rheini sy'n gadael gofal. Rhoddodd Deiliaid y Portffolio dros Bobl Ifainc a Diwylliant y diweddaraf i'r Aelodau am y gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud i gefnogi pobl ifainc gan roi gwybod bod tîm 16+ yn cael ei sefydlu i fynd i'r afael â bylchau yn y ddarpariaeth. Rhoddodd Deiliad y Portffolio dros Gyllid wybod y byddai'r Cyngor yn cyflwyno rhyddhad yn ôl disgrisiwn rhag y Dreth Gyngor i bobl ifainc sy'n gadael gofal o fis Ebrill 2019.

Cyflwynwyd newid gan y Grŵp Llafur. Ar ôl toriad rhwng 12.06 a 12.26, ystyriodd y cynghorwyr newid diwygiedig ac o 49 pleidlais i 6

PENDERFYNWYD

- **Cydnabod yr her, peryglon a phwysau a wynebir gan ein pobl ifainc**
- **Paratoi strategaeth gymorth i'r rhai 16-25 oed ym Mhowys, gan bontio o wasanaethau cymdeithasol plant gan gynnwys:**
- **Sicrhau prosiect Llesiant yn ein hysgolion iau ac uwchradd**
- **Sicrhau bod pob person ifanc ym Mhowys yn cael mynediad cyfartal i wasanaethau tai a gofal o ansawdd da gan eithrio'r rhai sy'n gadael gofal rhag talu'r Dreth Gyngor hyd at 25 oed**
- **Cydweithredu â darparwyr Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid i godi ymwybyddiaeth o unigrwydd ym mhob cymuned, problemau iechyd meddwl, iechyd rhywiol da, rhywioldeb, hunaniaeth rhywedd, cyffuriau ac alcohol**
- **Cydnabod gwaith elusennau lleol a darparwyr y trydydd sector a chydweithio â nhw i sicrhau cynaliadwyedd eu gwasanaethau cymorth i'r dyfodol**
- **Cydweithredu â Shelter Cymru ac elusennau tai cyffelyb i ddarparu hawliau ym maes tai**
- **Cydweithredu â Cais ac elusennau a darparwyr iechyd meddwl eraill**

- **Datblygu profiad gwaith gwerth chweil a chyfleoedd prentisiaeth**
- **Edrych ar bosibiliadau datblygu un o dyddynnod y Cyngor i ddarparu cyfleoedd i bobl ifainc ym Mhowys i ddysgu am arddwriaeth ac amaethyddiaeth ac ehangu mynediad i gefn gwlad.**

8.4. Hysbysiad Cynnig - Effaith Brexit

Bu'r Cyngor yn trafod y cynnig canlynol a gyflwynwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir James Gibson-Watt a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Pete Roberts:

Mae'r Cyngor yn gofyn i Gabinet Cyngor Sir Powys weithredu'r canlynol:-

Gan ddefnyddio fel sail y dadansoddiadau Cymru gyfan a wnaethpwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru a CLILC o effaith gwahanol senarios Brexit ar Gymru yn ei chrynswth, comisiynu dadansoddiad cynhwysfawr o'r effaith y bydd yr un senarios yn ei chael ar:

- a) Economi Powys, gan gynnwys yr effaith ar sectorau busnesau unigol ac ar lefelau sirol a rhanbarthol.
- b) Yr effaith yn ei sgil ar gymunedau Powys ar lefel leol gan gynnwys newidiadau tebygol i'r ddemograffeg ac incwm aelwydydd ynghyd â'r effeithiau ar gyfleoedd diwylliannol a hamdden lleol.
- c) Yr effaith ar amgylchedd Powys yn y tymor byr, canolig a hir.
- d) Yr effaith ar y Gymraeg ym Mhowys.
- e) Gallu Cyngor Sir Powys i ddarparu ei wasanaethau statudol ac anstatudol, gan gynnwys effaith bosibl Brexit ar weithlu a chyllidebau'r cyngor.
- f) Sicrhau bod yr holl effeithiau a nodir yn a) i e) yn cael eu cynnwys ar Gofrestr Risg y Cyngor,

ac ar ben hynny yn galw am Gyfarfod Arbennig gan y Cyngor i drafod y materion pan fydd y dadansoddiadau effaith wedi'u cwblhau.

Wrth siarad dros y cynnig, dywedodd y Cynghorydd Gibson-Watt y byddai goblygiadau sylweddol i'r Cyngor pe bai yna Brexit heb gytundeb. Cydnabu fod seminar wedi'i threfnu 7 Tachwedd i frifio aelodau ond roedd am i'r materion gael eu trafod mewn cyfarfod arbennig gan y Cyngor. Cyhoeddodd yr Arweinydd fod y swyddog sy'n arwain ar Brexit i CLILC wedi'i wahodd i'r seminar. Doedd hi ddim yn cefnogi bod y Cyngor yn cynnal Cyfarfod Arbennig ar hyn o bryd. Collwyd y bleidlais o 26 i 29.

8.5 Hysbysiad Cynnig – Pleidlais i'r Bobl

Bu'r Cyngor yn trafod y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Matthew Dorrance a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Susan McNicholas:

Mae'r Cyngor hwn yn penderfynu:

- a) Ychwanegu ei lais yn ffurfiol at y rheini sy'n galw am Bleidlais gyhoeddus i'r Bobl ar y cytundeb Brexit terfynol;

- b) Cysylltu ag ymgyrch swyddogol 'Pleidlais y Bobl' ar ffyrdd y gall helpu i hybu ei deiseb;
- c) Ysgrifennu at ei Aelodau Seneddol, Aelodau Cynulliad, yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol a'r Prif Weinidog yn mynegi ei farn gan ofyn iddynt gefnogi 'Pleidlais i'r Bobl'; a
- d) Gofyn i'r Arweinydd gyflwyno'r achos ac ysgrifennu i'r perwyl hwn.

Wrth gyflwyno'r cynnig, cytunodd y Cynghorydd Dorrance y byddai Brexit heb gytundeb neu gyda chytundeb gwael yn niweidiol i Bowys o gofio cefnogaeth yr UE i ffermio ym Mhowys a nifer y swyddi sy'n dibynnu ar allforion i'r UE. Siaradodd aelodau eraill yn erbyn y cynnig gan nodi bod canlyniad y refferendwm ym Mhowys a Chymru wedi bod o blaid gadael. Collwyd y cynnig o 23 o bleidleisiau i 35.

Torrodd y Cyngor rhwng 13.15 a 14.02.

YN BRESENNOL
Y Cynghorydd Sir DW Meredith (Cadeirydd)

Y Cynghorwyr Sir MC Alexander, M Barnes, B Baynham, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, H Hulme, A Jenner, D R Jones, E Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, P E Lewis, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, N Morrison, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, K S Silk, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, E Vaughan, M Weale, A Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, R Williams a S L Williams

9.	ADRODDIAD PERFFORMIAD BLYNYDDOL DRAFFT 2017 - 18
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Cyflwynodd yr Arweinydd yr Adroddiad Perfformiad Blynyddol drafft ar gyfer 2017-18. Wrth ymateb i alwadau i ymddiheuro am y cwymp ym mherfformiad y Cyngor o 42.9% o ddangosyddion a chasgliad Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru nad oedd y Cyngor yn ateb ei ofynion statudol mewn perthynas â gwelliant parhaus, dywedodd yr Arweinydd mai asesiad cytbwys oedd yr adroddiad o sefyllfa'r Cyngor. Cydnabu'r Arweinydd y meysydd y mae'n rhaid eu gwella wrth nodi hefyd fod y Cyngor yn cael ei sgorio'n rhif 6 o blith y 22 o gynghorau yng Nghymru o ran cyflawni mesurau asesu perfformiad. Nododd yr Arweinydd fod yr adroddiad yn ymdrin â'r cyfnod yn dilyn yr arolwg o Wasanaethau Plant a ddigwyddodd 5 wythnos ar ôl i'r Cabinet gael ei ffurfio. Roedd y Cabinet wedi ymateb drwy roi mesurau perfformiad yn eu lle a chydweithio'n agos â Llywodraeth Cymru a'r Bwrdd Gwelliant a Sicrwydd gan fuddsoddi dros £6 miliwn yng Ngwasanaethau Plant. Roedd y Cabinet hefyd wedi rhoi mesurau yn eu lle i gyflwyno cyllideb fantoledig a disgwyliai Deiliad y Portffolio dros Gyllid weld y rhain yn cael effaith yn yr adroddiadau nesaf am yr alldro cyllidebol i'r Cabinet.

Cydnabu Is-gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu fod sylw wedi'i roi yn yr adroddiad i'r pwyntiau a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor Craffu. Awgrymodd y dylid gwneud cais i Lywodraeth Cymru i gwtogi'r adroddiad i'w wneud yn haws i'r cyhoedd ei

ddarllen ac yn rhatach i'w gynhyrchu. Cytunodd yr Arweinydd i edrych ar y posibilrwydd o gyhoeddi crynodeb gweithredol.

O 51 o bleidleisiau i 1 gyda 2 yn ymatal

PENDERFYNWYD	Rheswm am y Penderfyniad:
Cymeradwyo'r Adroddiad Perfformiad Blynyddol DRAFFT ar gyfer 2017-18 yn Atodiad A i'r adroddiad.	<p>Sicrhau bod yr adroddiad yn rhoi adroddiad cytbwys ac agored am berfformiad Cyngor Sir Powys yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol 2017-18 yn erbyn ei flaenoriaethau RhMG / amcanion llesiant.</p> <p>Sicrhau bod y Cyngor yn cyflawni ei rwymedigaethau statudol fel a amlinellir ym Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2009 a Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015.</p>

10.	TROSGLWYDDIAD AR GYFER Y CYFRIF REFENIW TAI: SAFONAU ANSAWDD TAI CYMRU, LLETY I BOBL HYN
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Bu'r Cyngor yn ystyried dau drosglwyddiad mewn cysylltiad â Safonau Ansawdd Tai Cymru (SATC) o £6.790 miliwn i'w trosglwyddo o 2018/19 i 2019/20. Fe'i cynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Aled Davies a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Rosemarie Harris ac o 54 o bleidleisiau i 0

PENDERFYNWYD	Rheswm am y Penderfyniad:
<p>Cymeradwyo'r trosglwyddiadau canlynol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,790,000 Safonau Ansawdd Tai Cymru • £5 miliwn Adeiladau Newydd y Cyfrif Refeniw Tai <p>fel y manylir arno uchod ym mharagraffau 1.2 ac 1.3</p>	<p>Sicrhau bod trosglwyddiadau priodol yn cael eu gwneud sy'n adlewyrchu'r gwariant cyfalaf disgwylidig.</p>

11.	DATGANIAD EGWYDDORION DRAFFT, DEDDF GAMBLO 2005
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Bu'r Cyngor yn ystyried argymhelliad y Pwyllgor Trwyddedu ynglŷn â newidiadau i ddatganiad egwyddorion drafft y Swyddog Trwyddedu. Fe'i cynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Francesca Jump a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Kath Roberts-Jones ac o 55 o bleidleisiau i 0

PENDERFYNWYD	Y Rheswm am y Penderfyniad:
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Cytuno ar y newidiadau i'r polisi fel a nodir yn yr adroddiad yn dilyn y cyfnod ymgynghori a bod y Datganiad Egwyddorion a wnaethpwyd yn unol â'r Ddeddf Gamblo i'w roi ar waith 1 Ionawr 2019.	Yn unol â Deddf Gamblo 2005, paratoi a chyhoeddi Polisi Trwyddedu i ddod i rym ym mis Ionawr 2019
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12. PENODIAD I'R CYNGOR IECHYD CYMUNEDOL

PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cynghorydd Sir Beverley Baynham yn cael ei henwebu i wasanaethu ar Gyngor Iechyd Cymunedol Powys.

13. TREFNIADAU I LENWI SWYDD WAG AR Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

Bu'r Cyngor yn ystyried trefniadau i lenwi swydd wag ar y Pwyllgor Safonau pan fydd tymor swydd y Cadeirydd yn dod i ben ym mis Mai 2019.

PENDERFYNWYD	Rheswm am y Penderfyniad
Cymeradwyo'r trefniadau i wneud penodiad i'r Pwyllgor Safonau.	Llenwi swydd wag sy'n codi ym mis Mai 2019.

14. PENODIADAU I BWYLLGORAU A CHYRFF ALLANOL

Nododd y Cyngor y penodiadau canlynol:

Ymddiswyddodd y Cynghorydd Sir Sarah Lewis o'r Pwyllgor Craffu ar Iechyd, Gofal a Thai

Penodwyd y Cynghorydd Sir Iain McIntosh i Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog yn lle'r Cynghorydd Sir Sarah Lewis

Ymddiswyddodd y Cynghorydd Sir Gary Price o'r Pwyllgor Archwilio a'r Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd.

Ymddiswyddodd y Cynghorydd Sir Maureen Mackenzie o'r Pwyllgor Craffu ar Iechyd, Gofal a Thai. Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Cyngor fod y Cynghorydd Sir Roger Williams wedi'i benodi gan grŵp y Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol i'r swydd wag hon.

15. CWESTIYNAU YN UNOL Â'R CYFANSODDIAD

15.1. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Bobl Ifainc a Diwylliant gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gareth Jones

I ba raddau y mae'r Mudiad Clybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc ym Mhowys yn cefnogi Gwasanaeth Ieuencid statudol y Cyngor?

Ymateb

Mae pob un o Glybiau'r Ffermwyr Ifanc yn gweithredu o dan Gytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth sy'n nodi ei gyfraniad i gymorth i bobl ifanc ym Mhowys. Nid cyrff statudol mohonynt ond mae cymorth grant wedi'i ddarparu iddynt i gydnabod eu rôl wrth ddarparu gwasanaethau i bobl ifanc yng nghefn gwlad Powys.

Mae Mudiad Clybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc ym Mhowys yn derbyn cyfanswm o £62,405 yn gyllid. Ar ben hynny darperir grant o £2,000 gan y Cyngor i bob CFfl i gefnogi'r trawsnewid i gynnal ei staff a'i faterion ei hun. Yn achos Sir Drefaldwyn aethant hefyd â'r cyfrifiaduron, monitorau, argraffyddion a chadeiriau swyddfa a ddarparwyd iddynt ynghynt gan y Cyngor.

Am eu grant, disgwylir i Glybiau'r Ffermwyr Ifanc ddarparu adroddiad chwarterol a ffigyrau cyswllt sylfaenol. Nodir hyn oll yn y Cytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth. Cofnodir y ffigyrau gan Glybiau'r Ffermwyr Ifanc yn adroddiad archwilio blynyddol Llywodraeth Cymru i'r Gwasanaeth Ieuenctid ond fe'u nodir yn glir fel rhai gan CFfl, fel y mae ffigyrau'r Urdd. Defnyddir ffigyrau CFfl i riportio nifer y cysylltiadau i Bowys yn unig, ac nid i chwyddo ffigyrau'r gwasanaeth ieuenctid nac i gael mynd at gyllid ychwanegol. Mae Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid eraill ar draws Cymru hefyd yn darparu'r ffigyrau hyn.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

15.2. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Huw Williams

Rydym yn dathlu, yn ddigon priodol, lefel uchel gwastraff aelwydydd sy'n cael ei ailgylchu gan breswylwyr Powys, ond beth yw llwybr a chyrchfan derfynol pob eitem o ddeunydd ailgylchu a gesglir wrth ymyl y ffordd gan Wasanaethau Gwastraff yr Awdurdod? Beth yw cyrchfan bresennol y gwastraff sy'n weddill?

Ymateb

Nodwyd cyrchfan y gwastraff sy'n weddill mewn diagram.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Williams ynglŷn â beth roedd y rheini heb gludiant i fod i wneud â'u gwastraff gwyrdd, dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio y byddai casglu wrth ymyl y ffordd yn cael ei gyflwyno o fis Ebrill 2019.

15.3. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Lywodraethu Corfforaethol, Tai ac Amddiffyn y Cyhoedd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Huw Williams

Ym mis Hydref 2017, cytunodd y Cyngor i gefnogi'r cynnig canlynol:

PENDERFYNWYD

- 1. Bod y Cyngor yn credu bod rhaid iddo wneud cymaint ag sy'n bosibl i helpu preswylwyr sy'n profi tlodi tanwydd i liniaru'r sefyllfa yma;**
 - a) Byddai preswylwyr Powys yn elwa'n fawr ar filiau ynni llai drwy gynllun i newid i ynni ar y cyd a reolir gan Gyngor Sir Powys;**
 - b) Gall yr awdurdod ymuno ag awdurdodau a sefydliadau eraill yng Nghymru drwy gynllun Cyd Cymru;**
 - c) Mae'r cynlluniau a reolir gan Geredigion yn darparu model arferion gorau ar gyfer rheoli clybiau tanwydd o'r fath;**
 - d) Gall yr awdurdod arfer ei bŵer cydfargeinio i'r cynlluniau prynu**

tanwydd deuol ac olew

- 2. Gofyn i'r Hyrwyddwr Gwrthdlodi a'r Grŵp Gwrthdlodi ymchwilio i ddichonoldeb gweithredu ei gynllun ei hun neu ymuno â chynllun Cyd Cymru.**
- 3. Gofyn i'r Hyrwyddwr Gwrthdlodi a'r Grŵp Gwrthdlodi ymchwilio i ddichonoldeb gweithredu cynllun prynu olew ar draws Powys.**
- 4. Cydweithio â chymdeithasau tai lleol, Bwrdd Iechyd Addysgu Powys, grwpiau gwirfoddol, cartrefi gofal ac aelwydydd ar draws Powys i gynyddu ymwybyddiaeth a'u hannog i ymgofrestru â'r cynlluniau hyn.**

A allwn gael adroddiad am y sefyllfa bresennol a'r diweddaraf am y materion hyn?

Ymateb

Gweler y diweddariad canlynol sy'n ymwneud â'r gwaith y mae'r Gwasanaeth Tai wedi'i wneud dros y deuddeg mis diwethaf i gefnogi aelwydydd ar draws Powys sy'n profi tlodi tanwydd.

Cynllun Nyth Cartrefi Cynnes Llywodraeth Cymru

Mae Cartrefi Cynnes Llywodraeth Cymru, sy'n cynnwys cynlluniau Nyth, yn darparu cyllid i welliannau effeithlonrwydd ynni i aelwydydd incwm isel a'r rheini sy'n byw mewn cymunedau difreintiedig ar draws Cymru. Mae cynllun Nyth yn darparu mynediad i gyngor a chefnogaeth am ddim i ddeiliaid tai sy'n byw yng Nghymru i'w helpu i leihau eu biliau ynni. Gall y rheini sy'n bodloni meini prawf Nyth dderbyn pecyn di-dâl o fesurau effeithlonrwydd ynni.

Yn ystod 2017/2018, daeth 11% o ymholiadau i Nest gan breswylwyr ym Mhowys – dyma'r ganran uchaf yng Nghymru (ar y cyd â Sir y Fflint). I godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r cynllun ymhlith preswylwyr Powys, rydym wedi cynnal sesiynau 'galw heibio' ar draws y sir, wedi darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynllun ar y wefan, wedi ymweld â chartrefi a chwblhaodd y Tîm Incwm a Dyfarniadau ymgyrch uniongyrchol drwy'r post.

Cynllun ARBED Cartrefi Cynnes Llywodraeth Cymru

Dechreuodd cynllun 'ARBED Am Byth' newydd eleni. Rydym wedi cwrdd â rheolwyr y cynllun ac ar hyn o bryd yn datblygu cyfres o brosiectau i wneud cais am gyllid ar gyfer ardaloedd ac ystadau.

Safon Ansawdd Tai Cymru

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Tai'n parhau i fuddsoddi'n drwm yn stoc y Cyfrif Refeniw Tai (CRT) drwy gwblhau gwelliannau. Yn 2017/18, gosododd y Gwasanaeth Tai 289 o fesurau arbed ynni yn eiddo'r CTR, fel systemau gwresogi newydd, inswleiddio lloffttydd, inswleiddio waliau allanol a drysau a ffenestri newydd. Yn ystod 6 mis

cyntaf 2018/19 mae'r Gwasanaeth Tai wedi gosod 346 o fesurau arbed ynni yn eiddo'r CRT.

Ym mis Ionawr 2018, sefydlodd y Gwasanaeth Tai gontract newydd i gwblhau arolygon Tystysgrifau Perfformiad Ynni yn eiddo'r CRT. Mae 195 o'r Tystysgrifau hyn wedi'u cwblhau o dan y contract newydd eleni, sy'n helpu'r Gwasanaeth Tai i:

- Wella gwybodaeth SATC a adroddir wrth Lywodraeth Cymru;
- Nodi a thargedu gwelliannau mewn eiddo nad yw'n cyrraedd sgôr Cynllun Gweithredu Strategol o 65;
- Cyflawni'r rhwymedigaethau statudol yn unol â'r Gyfarwydddeb Perfformiad Ynni mewn Adeiladau: a
- Darparu incwm o'r Cymhelliad Gwres Adnewyddadwy lle mae systemau gwresogi ffynhonnell aer yn cael eu gosod.

ECO Flex

Cynllun grant ar draws y DU yw ECO Flex sy'n caniatáu gwelliannau effeithlonrwydd ynni i gwsmeriaid sy'n profi tlodi tanwydd (a ddiffinnir fel defnyddio 10% o incwm gwario ar wresogi). **Nid** yw'r cynllun yn dibynnu ar brawf modd na chwaith yn gofyn bod pobl yn derbyn budd-daliadau. Nid yw'n gynnllun a ariennir gan y Cyngor (neu sydd ar gael i denantiaid Tai Cyngor); darperir y cyllid gan gwmnïau ynni drwy Rwymedigaeth Cwmnïau Ynni a cheir hyd iddo'n uniongyrchol gan asiantau.

Mae darparu cyllid ECO Flex yn dibynnu ar:

- ynni-effeithlonrwydd a'r math o danwydd sydd mewn eiddo unigol – yn cael ei asesu gan aseswr ynni cymwysedig
- a yw'r cleient mewn tlodi tanwydd
- arolwg manwl o'r eiddo – a wneir gan syrfëwr a/neu beiriannydd gwresogi cymwysedig

Hyd yma, mae cymorth ECO Flex wedi ymdrin â'r gwelliannau effeithlonrwydd ynni canlynol:

- adnewyddu boeleri olew, LPG a nwy aneffeithlon gan osod modelau sy'n fwy effeithlon – darperir lefelau cyllid uwch i eiddo lle nad oes cysylltiad â'r prif gyflenwad nwy
- adnewyddu gwresogyddion storio trydan aneffeithlon gan osod modelau mwy effeithlon
- darparu inswleiddio i wella effeithlonrwydd ynni gan gynnwys mesurau megis inswleiddio waliau ceudod, waliau allanol a lloffttydd (lle bo'n briodol)

Ers lansio'r cynllun ym mis Mawrth 2018, mae'r Cyngor wedi cyhoeddi miloedd o ddatganiadau sy'n caniatáu i aelwydydd ym Mhowys gael offer gwresogi ynni effeithlon a mesurau inswleiddio. Mae hyn wedi canolbwyntio'n bennaf ar adnewyddu boeleri olew aneffeithlon (gan fod y cyllid ar gyfer y mesur yma'n

derbyn cymorthdaliadau sylweddol ac wedi dod i ben ar ddiwedd mis Medi 2018) wrth gyflwyno ECO 3.

Mae'r cynllun wedi arwain at:

- gymeradwyo dros 3,700 o geisiadau grant am foeleri ac inswleiddio (cyfradd osod o tua 50%)
- buddsoddi tua £9 miliwn yn yr economi drwy welliannau effeithlonrwydd ynni i gartrefi preswylwyr Powys, gan arbed ar gostau prynu gosodiadau newydd
- biliau tanwydd blyneddol cyfartalog sydd tua £200 yn llai i aelwydydd ymgeiswyr llwyddiannus, gan alluogi mwy o wariant yn yr economi leol
- sicrhau dros £200,000 o incwm i'r awdurdod mewn ffioedd

ECO 3

Daeth y cynllun ECOFLEX i ben ar ddiwedd mis Medi 2018 gyda diwedd cyllid ECO2. Mae'r cwmnïau cyfleustodau wedi lansio'r cynllun i'w olynu (ECO3). Mae Cyngor Sir Powys yn bwriadu cyhoeddi 'Datganiad Bwriad' diwygiedig i goleddu a hyrwyddo gosod mesurau gwresogi 'gwyrddach' newydd sy'n mynd i dderbyn cyllid. Ar hyn y bryd, mae datganiad bwriad drafft wrthi'n cael ei ddatblygu a bydd yn ddarostyngedig i ymgynghoriad cyn cael ei fabwysiadu gan y Cabinet.

Mewn ymgais i hybu'r gwaith a roddir i gontractwyr lleol, bwriedir hefyd y bydd y 'Datganiad Bwriad' diwygiedig yn cyfyngu ar nifer yr asiantau sy'n gweithredu ym Mhowys. Bydd yn mynnu bod asiantau'n defnyddio contractwyr lleol (lle bo'n bosibl) wrth wneud y gwaith gosod gan sicrhau bod y gyfradd ddarparu'n cael ei chynnal.

Bydd ECO 3 yn darparu:

- cyllid ar gyfer pypiau gwres o'r ddaear
- cyllid ar gyfer pypiau gwres ffynhonnell aer
- cyfraddau cyllido mwy deniadol i eiddo sy'n derbyn nwy
- cyfraddau cyllido mwy deniadol ar gyfer mesurau inswleiddio

I ategu'r ffrwd gyllido yma, rydym yn gweithio mewn partneriaeth â **Chronfa Bancio Cymunedol Robert Owen** ar gynnig i ddarparu mesurau ychwanegol megis systemau solar PV a batri sy'n gysylltiedig â phypiau gwres ffynhonnell aer i leihau biliau ynni cleientiaid yn sylweddol iawn. Golyga hyn ddefnyddio gosodwyr solar lleol na fyddai fel arall yn derbyn unrhyw gymhorthdal o dan ECO 3. Rydym hefyd yn edrych i ddarparu lefelau uwch o inswleiddio mewn waliau allanol ar y cyd â benthyciadau di-log, gan sicrhau bod y mesur hwn a all fod yn ddrud yn fwy fforddiadwy i breswylwyr Powys.

Newid cyflenwr

Mae'r farchnad ynni wedi newid yn aruthrol dros yr ychydig flynyddoedd diwethaf gyda niferoedd uwch o lawer o gyflenwyr ynni. Rydym ar ddeall y dylai'r materion canlynol gael eu hystyried wrth newid er mwyn sicrhau'r buddion gorau i'r defnyddiwr:

- Dylid ymgymryd â chymhariaeth ddiduedd a gymeradwyir gan Ofgem o'r farchnad gyfan;

- Dylid ystyried proffil risg y defnyddiwr/hanes gwasanaeth i gwsmeriaid y cwmni ynni (e.e. a yw nifer y cwynion gan gwsmeriaid a dderbynnir gan Ofgem i bob 100,000 o gwsmeriaid wedi cael ei ystyried);
- A yw'r defnyddiwr yn gymwys i dderbyn Gostyngiad Cartrefi Cynnes (£140 oddi ar ei fil trydan) a pha gwmnïau ynni sy'n ei gynnig, yn seiliedig ar amgylchiadau unigol deiliaid cartrefi. Gall £140 gael effaith sylweddol ar ba gwmnïau sy'n cynnig yr arbedion mwyaf i'r defnyddiwr;
- A oes cyfleoedd eraill i sicrhau'r incwm gorau neu arbedion y gellir eu hadnabod? (e.e. edrych i weld a oes hawl i fudd-daliadau, gostyngiad cartrefi cynnes, prisiau dŵr rhatach ac yn y blaen).
- A fyddai deiliad y cartref yn elwa ar atgyfeiriad trydydd parti? (e.e. Cofrestr Gwasanaethau â Blaenoriaeth, Gofal a Thrwsio, Cyngor ar Ddyled, Cyngor ar Arian, y Gwasanaeth Tân)

Dengys ein trafodaethau ag awdurdodau eraill, sefydliadau trydydd sector a rhanddeiliaid yn y diwydiant mai cymhariaeth gyflawn o'r farchnad at ei gilydd yw'r dewis a ffefrir ar gyfer newid cyflenwr er mwyn sicrhau bod y dewisiadau gorau'n cael eu cyflwyno i'r deiliad tŷ. Rydym yn deall bod sawl ffordd o gael cyngor ar newid cyflenwr, fel gwefannau cymeradwy Ofgem, Llinell Gymorth i Ddefnyddwyr Cyngor ar Bopeth, swyddfeydd lleol Cyngor ar Bopeth (pan ddaw cyllid ar gael) a Gofal a Thrwsio. Rydym hefyd yn argymhell yr ystyrir cyfleoedd eraill i sicrhau'r incwm uchaf ac arbed arian oherwydd gall problem tloedi tanwydd gael ei phriodoli'n rhannol i incwm cyfyngedig yr aelwyd. Gwelwyd yn yr adborth gan Swyddogion Ynni awdurdodau lleol eraill, er y gall cynlluniau newid (e.e. Cyd Cymru) arbed arian, gall gwefannau achrededig Ofgem (e.e. U-switch) weithiau arwain at arbedion uwch a dyna pam rydym yn argymhell edrych ar ystod o ddewisiadau.

Syndicetiau prynu olew

Nid yw'r Gwasanaeth Tai wedi ymwneud o gwbl â chynllun prynu olew Ceredigion, ond rydym wedi clywed adborth cadarnhaol iawn am y ddau gynllun yng Ngheredigion a Sir Gaerfyrddin. Rydym o'r farn, pe bai Cyngor Sir Powys yn buddsoddi yn y cynllun hwn, fod iddo'r potensial i arwain at arbedion sylweddol i rai aelwydydd gwledig ym Mhowys. Mae swyddogion ar hyn o bryd yn cwrdd â chydweithwyr yn Adfywio i edrych a oes cyfle i fynd at ARWAIN i ariannu swydd i hybu a chefnogi sefydlu syndicetiau.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Williams pam cafodd y swydd i gefnogi'r cynllun prynu olew ei thocio ac a allai gael ei hailsefydlu, rhoddwyd gwybod gan Ddeiliad y Portffolio fod swyddogion yn chwilio am gyllid i ailsefydlu'r swydd.

15.4. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Pete Roberts

Datganodd y Cyngorwyr Sir Dai Davies, Phil Pritchard a Kath Roberts-Jones fuddiannau personol yn yr eitem hon.

Mae'r ymgynghoriad ynghynt eleni i godi tâl am ddefnyddio'r lleoedd i'r anabl ym meysydd parcio'r Cyngor wedi achosi cryn dipyn o ofid ac ansicrwydd i lawer o ddefnyddwyr. Er fy mod yn croesawu'r estyniad i'r ymgynghoriad mae bellach dros fis ers iddo ddod i ben ac o hyd erys pryderon sylweddol am y cynlluniau sydd gan y cyngor erbyn hyn ynglŷn â'r mater yma.

Felly gaf i ofyn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio:

1. Faint o ymatebion a dderbyniodd i'r Ymgynghoriad Bathodyn Glas gan grwpiau yr effeithir arnynt a'r deiliaid bathodynau presennol ac a yw'n ffyddiog bod yr ymgynghoriad wedi cyrraedd y bobl iawn, h.y. y rheini yr effeithir arnynt fwyaf?

2. Beth oedd lefel y gefnogaeth i bob un o'r dewisiadau a dderbyniwyd a phryd y bydd yn cyflwyno cynigion ffurfiol i'r Cabinet o ganlyniad i'r ymgynghoriad hwn neu a fydd yn rhoi'r gorau i'w gynlluniau i godi tâl ar ddeiliaid bathodynau glas?

Ymateb

- Derbyniwyd ymatebion i'r arolwg gan 476 o bobl sydd naill ai â bathodyn glas neu sy'n cynorthwyo rhywun sydd â bathodyn glas. O safbwynt ymchwil i'r farchnad ac o gofio nifer y bathodynau glas dilys a ddyroddir i breswylwyr ym Mhowys, byddai ymateb gan 370 o bobl wedi darparu sampl oedd yn ystadegol ddibynadwy gan fod hwnnw'n darparu lefel hyder o 95%. Mae hyn yn golygu ein bod o leiaf 95% yn sicr bod barn yr ymatebion hynny'n adlewyrchu barn poblogaeth ehangach deiliaid bathodynau glas.

Cyhoeddir adroddiad manwl am ganfyddiadau'r ymgynghoriad ynghyd â'r papur penderfynu. Ystyrir yr adroddiad hwn ac Asesiad Effaith fel rhan o'r penderfyniad ar yr adeg y mae'n cael ei wneud.

- Mae'r tabl isod yn dangos y ffordd y bu'r holl ymatebwyr i'r ymgynghoriad yn cefnogi pob dewis a gyflwynwyd. Gofynnwyd i'r rhai a ymatebodd sgorio'r opsiynau yn nhrefn eu dewis.

Mae papur penderfynu Deiliad Portffolio'n cael ei baratoi ar hyn o bryd ac unwaith iddo gael ei gwblhau, byddaf yn ystyried yr adroddiad gyda chanlyniadau'r arolwg ac asesiad effaith. Yna, gwneir penderfyniad cytbwys a'r un gorau i'r Awdurdod hwn.

Ateb	Wedi'i sgorio'n 1^{af}	Wedi'i sgorio'n 2^{il}	Wedi'i sgorio'n 3^{ydd}	Wedi'i sgorio'n 4^{ydd}
Deiliaid bathodynau glas yn talu'r un swm â phawb arall heb unrhyw gonsesiwn	46	65	53	383
Deiliaid bathodynau glas sy'n parcio mewn lle i'r anabl yn cael gwneud	25	205	265	55

hynny am ddim. Bydd yn rhaid i'r rheini sy'n methu cael hyd i le o'r fath dalu i barcio heb unrhyw gonsesiwn ychwanegol (ar sail y cyntaf i'r felin)				
Deiliaid bathodynau glas yn talu tuag at barcio ond yn cael awr ychwanegol am ddim ar ben yr amser a ddewisir	86	253	206	14
Deiliaid bathodynau glas yn parhau i barcio am ddim. Chwilir yn rhywle arall am y £100,000 o arbedion.	442	30	24	91

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd Roberts a fyddai Deiliad y Portffolio'n cefnu ar y cynnig i gyflwyno taliadau parcio i ddeiliaid bathodynau glas a rhoddodd Deiliad y Portffolio wybod y byddai'r papur ar bolisi parcio oedd ar y gweill ar hyn o bryd yn nodi'r polisi ar y bathodynau glas.

15.5. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Bobl Ifainc a Diwylliant gan y Cynghorydd Sir Roger Williams

Pa waith y mae Cyngor Sir Powys wedi'i wneud i ddeall yn well y cynnydd mawr mewn Plant sy'n Derbyng Gofal yn yr Awdurdod?

Ymateb

Proses

Dros y 15 mis diwethaf, mae gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol plant wedi ymdrin â nifer mawr o blant sydd newydd eu hatgyfeirio at y gwasanaeth yr oedd y risgiau yn eu cylch yn bodloni'r meini prawf i dderbyn gofal er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn ddiogel. Nid penderfyniad a wneir gan yr awdurdod lleol ar ei ben ei hun yw hwn ac eithrio lle ystyrir bod risg yn y man a'r lle i'r plentyn a rhaid cymryd camau brys. Mae'r lefel amddiffyn yma'n gyfyngedig o ran amser a bydd unrhyw weithredu brys wedyn yn cael ei ystyried gan y Llys er mwyn sicrhau ein bod wedi cyrraedd y trothwy perthnasol. Gwnaethpwyd ceisiadau i'r Llys a wrandawodd ar y dystiolaeth o bryder gan gytuno ar geisiadau am Orchmynion Gofal.

Cyhoeddodd y Bwrdd Diogelu Rhanbarthol Ddogfen Drothwy ym mis Hydref 2017 fel offeryn i gynorthwyo'r holl staff ar draws pob asiantaeth er mwyn asesu'r risgiau i blant a phryd y dylent eu hatgyfeirio at wasanaethau plant i'w hasesu. Mae hyn yn digwydd yn fwy cyson.

Rydym wedi gweld nifer o grwpiau mawr o frodyr a chwiorydd ymhlith plant y bu angen iddynt ddod o dan ein gofal yn dilyn adolygiad o'r Cynlluniau Gofal a

Chymorth, tra oedd rhai plant yn byw gartref o dan amgylchiadau nad oeddent yn dderbyniol. Ystyriwyd eu bod mewn perygl o niwed neu esgeulustod. Erbyn hyn, ceir mwy o ymwybyddiaeth o effaith Profiadau Niweidiol yn Ystod Plentynodod ar blant ar eu prifant ac oedolion ifainc ac mae'r sensitifrwydd helaethach yma ymhlith ein staff a staff mewn asiantaethau partner wedi arwain at well ymwybyddiaeth o anghenion ein poblogaeth sy'n agored i niwed a chatau gweithredu cynt a mwy priodol yn ei sgil.

Gweithredu gan Gyngor Sir Powys

Mae'r Awdurdod wedi datblygu Fframwaith Strategol ar gyfer Plant sy'n Derbyn Gofal. Bydd hwn yn datblygu nifer o themâu a ffrydiau gwaith i leihau mewn ffordd ddiogel niferoedd y plant sy'n derbyn gofal dros y blynyddoedd i ddod, drwy leoli mwy o blant ym Mhowys gyda'n gofalcwyr maeth a darparwyr preswyl lleol gan ddod â phlant yn nes adref i helpu i gefnogi ailsefydlu lle bo'n briodol.

Mae Gwasanaethau Plant hefyd wedi datblygu Panel Mynediad i Adnoddau sy'n ystyried pecynnau cymorth i blant sydd ar ffiniau gofal neu i gefnogi plant mewn gofal i dderbyn y gwasanaeth derbyn gofal gorau neu i'w helpu i ddychwelyd adref yn ddiogel.

Byddwn yn parhau i gefnogi teuluoedd i aros gyda'i gilydd drwy ddatblygu ymhellach gymorth cynnar a gwasanaethau ar ffiniau gofal ar y cyd â'n hasiantaethau partner gan gynnwys ysgolion. Mantais y mentrau hyn fydd sicrhau y bydd popeth yn cael ei ystyried gyda'r teulu cyn derbyn plant i ofal (ac eithrio lle mae angen cymryd camau gweithredu brys), er mwyn sicrhau ein bod yn darparu'r atebion a chymorth cymunedol a theuluol gorau a bod pob llwybr yn cael ei ystyried cyn i blant ddod o dan ein gofal. Fel hyn, byddwn yn siŵr mai dim ond y plant iawn sydd mewn gofal a gallwn gomisiynu'r gwasanaethau sydd eu hangen arnynt i ddiwallu eu hanghenion yn y tymor byr a hir.

Bydd Fframwaith arferion newydd o'r enw Arwyddion Diogelwch yn cael ei roi ar waith fel rhan o gynlluniau ar gyfer arferion i'r dyfodol yma ym Mhowys. Mae'r broses weithredu yma eisoes wedi dechrau yn ystod 2018. Mae'r dull yma'n seiliedig ar yr ethos bod i bob teulu ei gryfderau a dylai plant aros lle bynnag bo'n bosibl yn eu cymunedau eu hunain. Bydd hyn yn gofyn uchelgais parhaus fel y gall plant gael eu gofalu amdanynt gan eu rhwydweithiau teuluol. Mae hefyd a wnelo â chreu sefydliad dysgu a fydd yn rhannu ac yn cario'r risg gydag ymarferwyr er mwyn i'r cynlluniau hyn fod yn ymarferol effeithiol.

Cwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Williams oedd gofyn, o gofio'r cynnydd yn niferoedd y plant sy'n derbyn gofal, a fyddai Deiliad y Portffolio'n cytuno y dylid cael adolygiad allanol sydyn o safon a chadernid y broses benderfynu. Yn absenoldeb Deiliad y Portffolio byddai ymateb yn cael ei anfon at y Cynghorydd Williams, gyda chopi at holl aelodau'r Cyngor.

15.6. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Economi a Chynllunio gan y Cynghorydd Sir Elwyn Vaughan

O gofio'r cynnig a basiwyd gan y Cyngor hwn y llynedd yn pwysleisio'r angen i gynyddu canran y nwyddau a gwasanaethau a brynir o Bowys, a allwn ni gael adroddiad am y sefyllfa ddiweddaraf?

Ymateb

Rhoddodd Deiliad y Portffolio wybod bod y swm a wariwyd gyda busnesau ym Mhowys wedi codi tua £10 miliwn. Gofynnodd y Cyngorydd Vaughan i'r ffigyrau fod ar gael i'r holl aelodau.

15.7. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Ddysgu a'r Gymraeg gan y Cyngorydd Sir James Gibson-Watt

O 1 Hydref 2018 mae Cyngor Sir Powys yn tynnu'n ôl o'r Cynllun Cymhorthdal Llaeth Ysgol ac ni fydd bellach yn gwneud ceisiadau i'r Asiantaeth Taliadau Gwledig am y cymhorthdal llaeth ysgol ar ran ysgolion cynradd y sir. O'r dyddiad hwnnw, bydd ysgolion cynradd yn gorfod gweinyddu'r cynllun a hawlio'r cymhorthdal eu hunain os ydynt am aros yn y cynllun.

Gan ragdybio mai hi a wnaeth y penderfyniad, a allai Deiliad y Portffolio gadarnhau neu fel arall a wnaeth hi Asesiad Effaith cyflawn i ganfod yr effaith y bydd y newid hwn yn ei chael ar nifer yr ysgolion sy'n ymgymryd â'r cymhorthdal llaeth a darpariaeth llaeth am ddim i ddisgyblion ysgolion cynradd Powys cyn gwneud y penderfyniad hwn?

Ymateb

Gwnaethpwyd y penderfyniad i ddatganoli gweinyddiaeth y Cymhorthdal Llaeth Ysgol am ddim i'r ysgolion cynradd unigol gan yr Arweinydd Proffesiynol ar Arlwyio a Glanhau, gydag achos busnes i Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Hamdden a'r Pennaeth Dysgu Dros Dro.

Ni chafodd unrhyw asesiad effaith ei gwblhau i hyn oherwydd bod yr achos busnes yn manylu ar y rhesymeg y tu ôl i'r penderfyniad hwn. Mae'r ysgolion eisoes yn cwblhau 70% o'r broses drwy gyflwyno eu harchebion wythnosol i'r cyflenwyr llaeth a dychwelyd ffigyrau eu ceisiadau misol i'r gwasanaeth arlwyio i'w crynhoi. Y tasgau ychwanegol a fydd yn cael eu datganoli i'r ysgolion fydd talu'r cyflenwyr llaeth am unrhyw laeth a dderbynnir a chyflwyno ceisiadau i'r Asiantaeth Taliadau Gwledig a'r Uned Ad-daliadau Llaeth Meithrin yn ogystal ag unrhyw gostau gweinyddol eraill i'w hawlio (amser gweinyddol, oeri, trydan).

Yn ôl Llywodraeth Cymru, llaeth yw'r ddiod a gymeradwyir o dan Reoliadau Bwyta'n lach mewn Ysgolion 2013, ond nid oes raid i ysgolion gymryd rhan yn y cynllun llaeth ysgol. Yr ysgol unigol biau'r penderfyniad. Felly, nid yw darparu llaeth yn rhwymedigaeth statudol; fodd bynnag, rhoddwyd gwybod i bob ysgol mai cymhorthdal gan Lywodraeth Cymru yw hwn ac mae buddion llaeth i ieuchyd plant ar eu prifant wedi cael eu pwysleisio. Dyma'r effaith ar y disgyblion os bydd yr ysgolion yn penderfynu peidio â chyfranogi o'r cynllun.

Oherwydd y newidiadau wrth brosesu'r ceisiadau gan yr asiantaethau dros y 12 mis diwethaf, bu'n rhaid i ysgolion cynradd gofrestru'n unigol gyda'r Uned Ad-daliadau Llaeth Meithrin a chyflwyno ffigyrau eu ceisiadau misol i'r Uned hefyd. Ni chaniateir i'r gwasanaeth arlwyio weld y ffigyrau hyn, er mai'r gwasanaeth arlwyio sy'n talu'r cyflenwyr ar sail yr archebion. Yn ddieithriad, nid yw'r niferoedd a hawlir wedi cyfateb i'r maint sydd wedi'i archebu ac mae'r ffigur a hawlir sy'n cael ei ad-dalu i'r gwasanaeth arlwyio wedi bod yn brin o hyd. Felly, mae'r mater wedi'i godi fel risg oherwydd colled ariannol a gallai gael ei archwilio gan Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru.

Mae'r gwasanaeth arlwyio wedi cefnogi'r ysgolion drwy gydol y newid yma a thu hwnt a bydd yn parhau i wneud hynny ac mae eisoes yn darparu canllawiau gyda chwestiynau cyffredin a manylion cyswllt. Hefyd, mae'r dyddiad cau i

ysgolion gofrestru wedi'i estyn i 1 Tachwedd 2018 i adael i ysgolion ddeall y broses.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Gibson-Watt, cadarnhaodd Deiliad y Portffolio y byddai niferoedd yr ysgolion sy'n cymryd rhan yn y cynllun yn cael eu monitro.

15.8. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Gyllid, Cefn Gwlad a Thrafnidiaeth gan y Cynghorydd Sir Jackie Charlton

Goblygiadau ariannol hirdymor prosiectau sydd eisoes yn bodoli ac sy'n dibynnu ar gymorth ariannol Ewropeaidd a sut y bydd y bylchau'n cael eu pontio.

A all Deiliad y Portffolio roi awgrym i'r Cyngor ynglŷn â pha brosiectau a ariennir ar hyn o bryd gan gyllid cyfatebol uniongyrchol neu gysylltiadau ariannu Ewropeaidd eraill â phrosiectau lleol ar draws Powys, fel gwelliannau i'r priffyrdd, prosiectau yng Ngwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Gwasanaethau i Oedolion a Phlant), prosiectau cyfalaf a phrosiectau seilwaith?

Pa gynlluniau sydd yn eu lle i sicrhau dilyniant gwasanaeth yn y tymor hir dros y blynyddoedd nesaf?

Ymateb

Nid oes gan Gyngor Sir Powys unrhyw raglen gyfalaf a ariennir drwy grant Ewropeaidd. Fodd bynnag, ceir dau brosiect refeniw sy'n derbyn Cyllid Grant Ewropeaidd.

- Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf/Cynnydd - Gwasanaeth Cymorth Ieuenctid Integredig newydd sydd â chyllid o £834,448, gyda £208,612 yn dod o'r Undeb Ewropeaidd.
- Y Prosiect Cartrefi o Bren Cynhenid sy'n derbyn £1,511,144 gan y Gronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol ar gyfer y prosiect Astudiaeth o'r Gadwyn Cyflenwi Coed.

Mae'r meysydd gwasanaeth dan sylw'n ymwybodol o'r risg bosibl o golli'r cyllid yma ac yn ystyried eu dewisiadau pe bai hyn yn digwydd. Mae trafodaethau'n cael eu cynnal gyda sefydliadau ariannu i ddeall pryd y gallai'r cyllid ddod i ben. Mae dewisiadau, gan gynnwys strategaethau gadael posibl, yn cael eu hystyried.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Charlton, dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio y byddai'n edrych eto i weld a oedd y cyngor yn derbyn unrhyw grantiau Ewropeaidd eraill.

15.9 Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Elwyn Vaughan

Y Gaer

Yn wyneb rhestru'r prosiect yma fel un Risg Uchel i'r awdurdod, a allwn ni gael diweddariad am y prosiect gan gynnwys unrhyw gostau ychwanegol sydd wedi'u codi?

Ymateb

Yn ôl y rhaglen, disgwyliid y byddai'r holl brif waith contract gan Kier wedi'i orffen yn y Gaer, yn wreiddiol erbyn mis Awst, ond bellach erbyn diwedd mis Hydref 2018, gyda gosod dodrefn i ddilyn. Y gobaith oedd y gallai CSP gymryd drosodd y tu mewn i'r adeilad yn ei gynswth gan gwblhau'n ymarferol ond gydag elfen o waith heb ei gorffen yn y darn sy'n weddill o'r gorchudd allanol (o gwmpas rhan y ffrâm bictiwr o'r wedd ddeheuol) yn cael ei gorffen yn nes ymlaen – i gyd wedi'i ardystio dan gontract. Buasai hyn wedi caniatáu cwblhau'r gwaith gosod dodrefn mewn pryd o bosib i'w hagor adeg y Nadolig. Fodd bynnag, wrth i'r oedi gynyddu, aeth yr amser oedd yn weddill i osod dodrefn a mudo'n rhy dynn a phenderfynwyd, er mwyn rheoli'r contractau gosod dodrefn, mudo a dechrau'r gwasanaeth yn y ffordd orau, byddai'n rhaid gohirio'r agor tan y Flwyddyn Newydd. Nid y gorchudd sy'n gyfrifol am yr oedi wrth agor ond yr oedi cyffredinol o ran y prif waith a sgilleffeithiau hynny.

Cyflwynwyd nodyn briffio i Fwrdd Prosiect y Gaer 20 Awst i roi gwybod am yr oedi a chael sêl bendith i symud dyddiad cwblhau arfaethedig gwaith Kier i 1 Hydref ac felly'r dyddiad agor i'r flwyddyn newydd. Cyhoeddwyd nodyn briffio arall 25 Medi 2018 i adrodd am yr oedi diweddaraf gan amcanu y byddai'r prif waith yn cael ei orffen erbyn diwedd Hydref 2018. (Gellir darparu copïau o'r nodion briffio hyn ar gais).

Ni fydd dim o hyn yn effeithio ar gostau'r prosiect, gan fod swm y contract wedi'i bennu.

Gofynnodd y Cyngorydd Vaughan am gopi o'r diweddariad.

15.10 Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cyngorydd Sir Matthew Dorrance

Sut mae'r Cyngor yn sicrhau bod pobl ifainc yn derbyn prydau bwyd iach a maethlon gytbwys mewn ysgolion ar draws Powys?

Ymateb

1 Crynodeb Gweithredol

1.1 Mae'r Gwasanaeth Arlwyio yng Nghyngor Sir Powys yn darparu ar gyfartaledd 8000 o brydau ysgol bob dydd ar draws 96 o ysgolion ym Mhowys sy'n cynnwys ar gyfartaledd 1200 o brydau ysgol am ddim bob dydd y mae rhwymedigaeth statudol arnom i'w darparu.

1.2 Ceir canllawiau statudol ar ddarparu prydau ysgol gan Lywodraeth Cymru a dylai ysgolion, cyrff llywodraethu a darparwyr prydau ysgol pob awdurdod lleol lynu wrthynt. Nodir hyn ym Mesur Bwyta'n Iach mewn Ysgolion (Cymru) 2009.

1.3 Ceir tystiolaeth glir bod deiet gwael a diffyg ymarfer cymedrol yn cael effaith ar iechyd a lles ac yn ffactor sy'n cyfrannu at y niferoedd dros eu pwysau a gordew yn ein cymdeithas heddiw. Mae pryd ysgol iach yn darparu deiet cytbwys i blant a phobl ifainc gan hybu arferion bwyta iach a rhyngweithio cymdeithasol yn y ffreuturau. Mae wedi'i brofi bod prydau

ysgol hefyd yn hybu lefelau canolbwyntio a chyrhaeddiad uwch yn y dosbarth yn y prynhawn.

1.4 Bydd ein gwasanaeth arlwygo yn cydweithio ag ysgolion a chydweithwyr BIAP i hybu bwyta'n iach a chefnogi ysgolion i gyrraedd yr achrediad Ysgolion Iach. Mae'r gwasanaeth yn hybu'r dull ysgol gyfan gan sicrhau cyfraniad penaethiaid a staff i hyrwyddo a mabwysiadu bwyta'n iach a ffyrdd iach o fyw mewn ysgolion. Mae'n mynychu sesiynau bwyta'n iach gyda disgyblion, yn trefnu cyfarfodydd â chynghorau ysgol disgyblion i drafod bwydlenni ysgol a dewisiadau bwyd ac yn mynychu nosweithiau rhieni gan ddarparu gwybodaeth am brydau ysgol a dangos samplau o giniawau'r ysgol.

1.5 Ar hyn o bryd, cost gyfartalog yr elfen o fwyd yn y pryd yw 85c; cost uchaf pryd o fewn y fwydlen 3 wythnos yw £1.69 am gig eidion rhost a'r gost isaf yw 54c, sef pasta. Mae'r costau cyfartalog hyn yn seiliedig ar y pryd poeth gan gynnwys pwdin ac nid ydynt yn adlewyrchu'r gost go iawn gan fod y nifer sy'n derbyn y prydau'n amrywio o ddydd i ddydd.

2 Dadansoddiadau Maeth

2.1 Mae ein Gwasanaeth Arlwygo'n cyflogi swyddog monitro a datblygu bwydlenni y mae ei brif rôl yw datblygu ein bwydlenni prydau ysgol. Yn y ddeddfwriaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru, mae'r canllawiau'n eithaf llym gan bennu beth gallwn ei gael a pheidio â'i gael ar fwydlenni ein hysgolion h.y. does dim melynion, halen ychwanegol, creision na diodydd egni ar ein bwydlenni. Mae'r safonau bwyd hyn wedi cael eu dosbarthu i bob ysgol a'u cynhyrchu ar ffurf poster sydd ar ddangos yn ffreuturau ysgolion. [Posteri Bwyta'n Iach mewn Ysgolion](#)

2.2 Fel rhan o ddatblygiad ein bwydlenni prydau ysgol sy'n cael eu newid ddwywaith y flwyddyn, adeg y Pasg fel arfer ar gyfer y gwanwyn a'r haf ac wedyn ym mis Hydref ar gyfer y gaeaf, bydd ein swyddog datblygu bwydlenni'n trafod dewisiadau bwydlenni gyda'r rheolwyr arlwygo a chogyddion ysgol. O'r trafodaethau hyn mae cylchred bwydlen 3 wythnos yn cael ei drafftio ac wedyn ei dadansoddi gan ddefnyddio darn o feddalwedd o'r enw Saffron.

2.3 Bydd meddalwedd Saffron yn dadansoddi 14 o faethynnau ar draws y fwydlen wythnosol; rhaid i'r graffiau wythnosol hyn ddangos cynnwys maeth derbyniol (gwyrd) yn y seigiau neu fel arall rhaid cael hyd i saig arall neu'i chreu i gyrraedd y lefelau maeth cywir. Enghraifft dda i gynyddu'r cynnwys haearn oedd creu rysâit am sbwnj siocled ond ychwanegu betys sy'n llawn haearn at gymysgedd y sbwnj.

2.4 Unwaith i gylchred 3 wythnos y fwydlen gael ei chwblhau fe'i hanfonir at y cydlynedd Bwyd mewn Ysgolion yn y CLILC er cydymffurfiaeth ac ardystio. Yna gellir ei chyhoeddi a'i defnyddio yn ein hysgolion.

3 Deddfwriaeth

3.1 Gellir gweld canllawiau a rheoliadau statudol Llywodraeth Cymru ar y dolenni canlynol: [Rheoliadau Bwyta'n Iach mewn Ysgolion \(Safonau a Gofynion Maeth\) \(Cymru\) 2013](#)

[Mesur Bwyta'n Iach mewn Ysgolion \(Cymru\) 2009](#)

[Bwyta'n Iach mewn Ysgolion a Gynhelir – Canllawiau Statudol](#)

3.2 Mae llywodraethu ar gyfer y rheoliadau hyn yn cael ei fonitro gan Gydlynnydd Bwyd mewn Ysgolion CLILC sydd fel arfer yn cynnal cyfarfodydd trawsffiniol trimisol i drafod pynciau sy'n ymwneud â bwyta'n iach a darpariaeth ar gyfer deietau arbennig ac yn y blaen. Fodd bynnag, at ei gilydd, gwasanaeth arlwygo'r awdurdod lleol sy'n monitro ac yn cynnal safonau'r bwyd.

4 Caffael Bwyd

4.1 Mae Cyngor Sir Powys wedi cytuno i ddefnyddio'r Gwasanaeth Caffael Cenedlaethol ar gyfer contractau fframwaith, gyda darparu bwyd yn un o'r rhain. Ar hyn o bryd, ein prif ddosbarthwr bwyd yw Holdsworth Cyf. a leolir yng Nghrucywel ac sy'n darparu cynnyrch bwyd rhew, oer ac amgylchynol sych i'n holl ysgolion ym Mhowys. Ceir cynnyrch Powys sydd wedi'i leoli yn Ffordun ger y Trallwng ac sy'n dosbarthu ffrwythau, llysiau a llaeth i'n hysgolion yng ngogledd y sir ac wedyn cynnyrch Total a leolir yn Henffordd ac sy'n dosbarthu'r un pethau i'n hysgolion yng nghanolbarth a de'r sir. Mae Radnor Hills, cyflenwr o Bowys a leolir yn Nhrefcyclo'n dosbarthu dŵr a diodydd ffrwythau i'n hysgolion uwchradd.

4.2 Rydym yn ceisio cymaint ag sy'n bosibl ddefnyddio cynnyrch o Gymru fel Radnor Hills a daw ein holl selsig o Langford's a leolir yn y Trallwng. Mae ein holl gynnyrch cig wedi'i ardystio gan Red Tractor, felly cynnyrch o Brydain ydyw, gyda'r holl bysgod yn dod o ffynonellau cynaliadwy sydd ag ardystiad yr MSC. Hoffem ddefnyddio cyflenwyr lleol o Bowys ond byddai'n rhaid i ni gael hyd i ffynhonnell cynhyrchion addas sy'n cydymffurfio â gofynion ysgolion ac a fyddai'n gorfod gwneud cais i fynd ar fframwaith y Gwasanaeth Caffael Cenedlaethol a gallu dosbarthu i bob un o'n hysgolion yn y sir neu gyflenwi ein dosbarthwr Holdsworth. Byddai hyn yn costio a fyddai yn ei dro'n cynyddu prisiau prydau ysgol.

5 Monitro

5.1 Yn rhan o'n prosesau archwilio mewnol, staff cymorth ein gwasanaeth arlwygo sy'n monitro ceginau ysgol yn rheolaidd, nid yn unig i sicrhau bod y gweithdrefnau cywir yn cael eu dilyn yn unol â gwiriadau iechedd yr amgylchedd, ond hefyd bod y cynhwysion, ryseitiau a dognau cywir yn cael eu defnyddio yn unol â bwydlen ein hysgolion.

Cwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Dorrance oedd beth gallai'r gwasanaeth ei wneud yn ychwanegol i annog plant i wneud dewisiadau iachach. Dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio fod y system heb arian parod yn rhoi gwybodaeth dda am y dewisiadau sy'n cael eu gwneud. Roedd yn rhaid ymgysylltu'n fwy ag ysgolion i wneud gwelliannau pellach.

15.11 Cwestiwn i'r Arweinydd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Matthew Dorrance

Mae dros flwyddyn ers i reoleiddwyr y Cyngor arolygu Gwasanaethau Plant a chanfod diffygion difrifol. Mae adroddiad perfformiad diweddaraf y Gwasanaeth Plant (Awst 2018) yn dangos nad yw'r Cyngor yn cyflawni yn erbyn y pum dangosydd perfformiad uchaf.

A wnaiff yr Arweinydd esbonio i'r Cyngor pam, flwyddyn yn ddiweddarach, nad yw ei gweinyddiaeth o hyd yn darparu gwasanaethau digonol i blant, pobl ifainc a theuluoedd ym Mhowys?

Ymateb

Ers canlyniad siomedig yr adroddiad arolygu y llynedd, mae'r awdurdod wedi blaenoriaethu ei ymdrechion i ateb yr her i wella'r gwasanaethau i blant sy'n agored i niwed.

Yn ystod yr amser yma, rydym wedi gweld cynnydd cyson a sylweddol o ran cydymffurfiaeth o isafbwynt o 12% o ymweliadau statudol â Phlant sy'n Derbyn Gofal yn cael eu cwblhau ar amser ym mis Mawrth y llynedd a 28% ym mis Ebrill 2017 nes gwella ein perfformiad i dros 80 y cant ar amser dros yr haf.

Rydym wedi rhoi dogfen drothwy (rhanbarthol) CYSUR ar waith a gyhoeddwyd ym mis Hydref y llynedd gan gyflwyno hyfforddiant a chodi ymwybyddiaeth gyda'n partneriaid i sicrhau bod trothwyau cyffredin gennym ar gyfer cefnogi ac ymyrryd lle bo angen i hyrwyddo a diogelu lles plant.

Mae gan wasanaeth plant yr awdurdod fframwaith Sicrwydd Ansawdd yn ei le sy'n ymgysylltu â rheolwyr ar draws y gwasanaeth gan ymgymryd ag archwiliadau rheolaidd i ystyried effaith ein hymyriadau.

Nid oedd gan yr awdurdod fawr o ddata perfformiad cywir i wasanaethau plant yn 2017 ond nid felly y mae bellach. Dangoswyd nad oedd yr wybodaeth yr oedd gennym yn ystod y flwyddyn gynt yn ddibynadwy ond mae'r gwaith ar draws gwasanaethau plant a gwybodaeth fusnes wedi gwella pethau'n sylweddol.

Y camau a gymerwyd i gryfhau'r gwasanaeth.

Penodi Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol parhaol

Penodi Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Plant parhaol

Penodi Rheolwr Sicrwydd Ansawdd

Sefydlu'r tîm asesu peilot yn y gogledd a'r de i ddarparu asesiadau amserol a chanolbwyntiedig i blant a'u teuluoedd.

Archwiliadau allanol gan archwilwyr (gwarantiedig gan yr Adran dros Addysg) ynghynt eleni.

Cynhelir archwiliadau amlasiantaeth mewn nifer o achosion.

Mae Aelodau Cynulliad yn sôn bod llai o achosion pryder yn dod i'w sylw.

Mae gennym raglen archwilio rheolaidd gan ein rheolwyr ac uwch-reolwyr.

Mae goruchwyliaeth staff yn ei lle.

Rydym wedi cael 3 ymweliad monitro gan Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru (AGC) oedd yn dangos ar bob achlysur welliannau i agweddau ar y gwasanaeth, gan dderbyn bod gennym lawer iawn yn rhagor i'w wneud eto ar y siwrnai yma at welliant.

Partneriaethau gweithio cryfach â chydweithwyr lechyd a'r Heddlu, ysgolion a chydweithwyr y gwasanaeth Addysg i ddarparu dulliau sy'n fwy cynlluniedig a chydlynol.

Rydym wedi sefydlu panel mynediad i adnoddau sy'n ystyried yn ofalus y pecynnau gofal sy'n ofynnol i blant ag angen uchel a thrwy ein Partneriaethau Amlasiantaeth yn cytuno ar leoliadau lle mae gan blant anghenion lluosog a chymhleth.

Rydym wedi datblygu ein cynnig cymorth cynnar amlasiantaeth o dan Dechrau Da ac wedi datblygu model i gefnogi pobl ifainc gan ddatblygu gwasanaethau mwy soffistigedig i blant sydd ar ffiniau gofal.

Rhaglen hyfforddi i staff.

Rydym wedi recriwtio rhagor o ofalwyr maeth gyda'r bwriad o recriwtio mwy a datblygu rhywfaint o ddarpariaeth gofal maeth arbenigol.

Fframwaith Strategol wedi ei ddatblygu i blant sy'n derbyn gofal i ddarparu cynllun i gyflwyno mwy o wasanaethau a gwell gwasanaethau i blant o'r fath dros y blynyddoedd i ddod.

Rydym yn uchelgeisiol dros ein plant sy'n derbyn gofal ac mae ailsefydlu'r Grŵp Rhianta Corfforaethol yn adeiladu ar hyn oherwydd ein bod am eu gweld yn ffynnu.

Canlyniadau i Blant

Rydym yn parhau i ddiogelu mwy o blant drwy'r gwasanaeth Plant sy'n Derbyn Gofal.

Mae ein trefniadau gweithio drwy'r gwasanaethau Diogelu gyda phartneriaid wedi cael eu cryfhau.

Rydym wedi ailsefydlu'r trefniadau diogelu amlasiantaeth drwy Grŵp Gweithredu Lleol Powys.

Rydym wedi ailsefydlu'r berthynas weithio â'r Bwrdd Diogelu Rhanbarthol (CYSUR).

Rydym wedi cryfhau'r gweithlu i ateb galwadau'r gwasanaeth ac anghenion plant.

Er na chyrhaeddodd ni'r targedau rydym wedi'u gosod o ran ymgymryd ag ymweliadau â'r holl blant sy'n derbyn gofal a phlant ar y Gofrestr Amddiffyn Plant ym mis Awst, gallaf gadarnhau bod yr holl blant oedd angen ymweliad ym mis Medi wedi derbyn un, gydag ychydig o eithriadau lle y cytunwyd i beidio ag ymweld â'r teulu oherwydd problemau mawr yn ymwneud â salwch a phrofedigaeth, er enghraifft. Ad-drefnwyd yr holl ymweliadau hyn o fewn cyfnod byr.

Gwyddom ein bod gyda'r gefnogaeth gydgysylltiedig ar draws y Cyngor gan y timau Polisi a Pherfformiad, AD, TG, Cyllid a Gwasanaethau Oedolion, wedi creu'r sylfeini a rhai gwelliannau sylweddol i blant a'u teuluoedd a derbyniwn ein bod ar daith i barhau i wella a sicrhau bod Powys yn lle gwych i dyfu i fyny ynddo ac yn lle gwych i staff weithio ac ymfalchïo ynddo.

Parheir i wneud gwelliannau cynaliadwy ac rydym yn dal i fod â disgwyliadau mawr y bydd y cyngor cyfan yn gwneud popeth a allwn ni i wella bywydau plant a'u teuluoedd.

Bydd arolwg cyfredol AGC yn ystod yr ychydig fisoedd nesaf yn rhoi asesiad annibynnol newydd i ni o'n taith welliannau i ddarparu gwasanaethau o safon i blant a chroesawn y cyfle yma i ystyried ein camau nesaf i bob aelod a swyddog eu cymryd i adeiladu ar y gwaith a wnaethpwyd hyd yn hyn.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Dorrance yn gofyn a fyddai hi'n ymddiswyddo, dywedodd yr Arweinydd ei bod yn falch o'r ffordd yr oedd y Cyngor wedi ymateb i'r arolwg o Wasanaethau Plant gan nodi mai cyfrifoldeb pob Cynghorydd yw Gwasanaethau Plant.

15.12. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Susan McNicholas

Mae wedi dod i'n sylw yn Ystradgynlais fod Safleoedd Dod â Gwastraff mewn ardaloedd eraill yn dal i gael eu defnyddio. Dywedwyd wrthym, er mwyn i'n safle ailgylchu aros yn agored, fod yn rhaid i ni gytuno i gau ein safleoedd.

Dydyn ni ddim am i safleoedd eraill gau ond rydym am gael ein trin yn

gyfartal. A all Deiliad y Portffolio ddweud wrthym beth yn union yw'r sefyllfa?

Ymateb

Yn wreiddiol cyflwynwyd Safleoedd Ailgylchu (Dod â Gwastraff) Cymunedol flynyddoedd lawer yn ôl i roi rhywle i breswylwyr i fynd â'u deunydd ailgylchadwy. Roedd hyn cyn cyflwyno'r cynllun ailgylchu wrth ymyl y ffordd sydd wedi darparu dewis mwy cyfleus o lawer i'r rhan fwyaf o breswylwyr. Mae'r holl safleoedd dod â gwastraff yma wedi bod yn destun adolygiad oherwydd yn y bôn maent wedi dyblygu gwasanaeth sydd bellach yn cael ei ddarparu mewn ffordd wahanol. Mae nifer y safleoedd wedi cael ei leihau o dros 80 i lai na 40, gyda'r safleoedd sy'n weddill yn cael eu hystyried ar hyn o bryd fel y gall y Cyngor ddarparu'r gwasanaeth cyfleus mwyaf costeffeithiol i breswylwyr wrth sicrhau y cesglir cymaint o ddeunydd ag sy'n bosibl i'w ailgylchu.

Y rheswm pam mae'r safleoedd wedi cael eu tynnu yn Ystradgynlais yw oherwydd erbyn hyn mae Canolfan Ailgylchu Gwastraff Cartref (CAGC) gyfleus yn yr ardal a fydd yn derbyn yr holl ddeunydd a arferai gael ei gasglu yn y safleoedd dod â gwastraff ac o lawer o ffrydiau gwastraff eraill i'w ailgylchu. Nid oedd cynnal y CAGC yng Nghwm-twrch Isaf yn ddibynnol ar gael gwared â'r safleoedd dod â gwastraff, ond mae'n hanfodol ein bod yn gwneud y gorau o'n hadnoddau cyfyngedig er mwyn parhau i ddarparu'r gwasanaethau hyn.

Mae pob un o'r safleoedd dod â gwastraff ym Mhowys yn cael ei ystyried yn unigol, gan edrych ar ffactorau megis bod yn agos i CAGCau, lefel y tipio anghyfreithlon a halogi, yn ogystal â lle mae'r deunyddiau bellach yn cael eu casglu wrth ymyl y ffordd. Yn anffodus, roedd y safleoedd yn Ystradgynlais yn tueddu i gael eu halogi, gyda llawer o'r deunydd hwn yn cael ei dirlenwi yn hytrach na'i ailgylchu. A'r CAGC gerllaw, cafodd y cyfleusterau hyn eu gwaredu. Yn yr un modd, yn y Trallwng, lle'r oedd problem gyda thipio anghyfreithlon ar y safle dod â gwastraff, gofynnir bod preswylwyr yn defnyddio eu CAGC ar gyfer deunyddiau na ellir eu hailgylchu wrth ymyl y ffordd.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd McNicholas ynglŷn â pham cafodd y safle dod â gwastraff ei waredu heb ymgynghori lle bu ymgynghori mewn ardaloedd eraill, dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio fod Ystradgynlais yn elwa ar Ganolfan Ailgylchu Gwastraff Cartref a byddai cynllun casglu gwastraff gwyrdd yn cael ei gyflwyno o fis Ebrill 2019.

15.13. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cyngorydd Sir Gareth Ratcliffe

Yn gynt eleni cododd Deiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd ar y pryd y moratoriwm ar orchmynion traffig ar draws y sir. Er bod cymuned y Gelli'n deall bod goblygiadau ariannol difrifol ar gyfer cyllideb Cyngor Sir Powys oherwydd toriadau mewn cyllid a chostau uwch ar draws gwasanaethau'r Cyngor, mae'n bwrw cyllidebau fel cyllideb priffyrdd yn galetach oherwydd nad gwasanaeth statudol ydyw. Dros y flwyddyn neu ddwy nesaf bydd datblygiadau mawr yn y gymuned a fydd yn cynnwys codi gorchmynion traffig ar eu cyfer. A fydd Deiliad y Portffolio'n cefnogi Cyngor Tref y Gelli a'r gymuned leol drwy ymgysylltu â nhw cyn i unrhyw orchmynion gael eu codi i gefnogi cynllun y dref o ran lleihau cyflymdra traffig ynghyd â gorchmynion traffig i gefnogi trafnidiaeth ddiogel o gwmpas y dref?

Ymateb

Er gwybodaeth, mae gan Gyngor Sir Powys fel yr Awdurdod Prifffyrdd ddyletswydd statudol i gynnal y briffordd.

Anogir datblygwyr i drafod cynigion gan gynnwys materion traffig â'r Cyngor, ac fel arfer maent yn gwneud hynny, cyn cyflwyno ceisiadau cynllunio neu geisiadau am orchmynion rheoleiddio traffig ac yn yr achos hwn, byddai barn aelodau lleol a'r gymuned yn cael ei hystyried a'i chefnogi lle bo'n bosibl.

Fel rhan o'r broses caniatâd cynllunio, ystyrir materion yn ymwneud â phrifffyrdd yn ffurfiol ac mae'r materion sy'n effeithio ar drefi a chymunedau'n hanfodol i'r ystyriaethau hyn ynghyd â, o ran materion traffig ac yn y blaen, meini prawf a chanllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru. Yn ystod y broses hon, ceisid am y budd mwyaf o fewn rheswm i'r briffordd ac at ei gilydd cymerai'r aelod lleol ran yn y trafodaethau.

Lle mae gorchmynion rheoleiddio traffig (GRhT) yn ffurfio rhan o'r broses, bydd swyddogion yn ymgynghori â'r aelod(au) lleol a hefyd, os yn briodol, y Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned. Fel hyn, ein nod yw sicrhau y bydd y cynigion yn gyffredinol yn cael eu derbyn gan y gymuned cyn i'r ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus gael ei gynnal. Byddai unrhyw wrthwynebiadau hefyd yn arwain at drafodaethau pellach â'r Aelod Lleol i gynorthwyo wrth lunio'r argymhelliad terfynol ar gyfer fy mhenderfyniad.

Er gall yr Aelod Lleol helpu i lunio'r GRhT, mae'r penderfyniad a all GRhT mewn gwirionedd fod yn amod unrhyw gymeradwyaeth gynllunio'n fater i'r Awdurdod Prifffyrdd ei wneud ar sail beth sydd ei angen i'r datblygiad yn dilyn yr arferion gorau, canllawiau cyhoeddedig a deddfwriaeth. Nid yw'r rhan hon o'r broses yn caniatáu ymgynghori ond byddai'r broses gwneud cais cynllunio'n caniatáu i unrhyw un wneud sylwadau ar y datblygiad fel rhan o'r broses cynllunio.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

15.14. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Brifffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gareth Ratcliffe.

Mae trigolion y Gelli Gandryll yn croesawu'r symud ymlaen o ran adnewyddu'r canllawiau ar bont y Gelli. Dyma rywbeth y mae cyngor y dref a finnau wedi bod yn gwthio amdano ers blynnyddoedd lawer i ddiweddar un o'r pyrrh i'n cymuned dros afon Gwy a'i wneud yn ddiogel. A all Deiliad y Portffolio gadarnhau bod y cyngor yn bwriadu dechrau gwaith arnynt yn y flwyddyn ariannol hon?

Ymateb

Mae cynllun i ymdrin â chyflwr canllawiau Pont y Gelli wedi'i gynnwys yn y rhaglen gyfalaf ar gyfer 2017/2018. Yn wreiddiol, cynigiwyd ailwampio'r canllawiau presennol; fodd bynnag, yn dilyn ymchwiliad manylach, penderfynwyd ei bod yn fwy buddiol eu hadnewyddu. Mae'r gwaith i adnewyddu'r canllawiau wedi'i drefnu i'w gwblhau yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol hon a rhagwelir dechrau yn gynnar arno yn y flwyddyn newydd.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

15.15. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Lywodraethu Corfforaethol, Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd gan y Cyngorydd Sir Mark Barnes

Mae Powys wedi cael tipyn o lwyddiannau'n ddiweddar wrth erlyn masnachwyr twyllodrus ym Mhowys a rhaid rhoi clod i'r swyddogion sy'n helpu i gadw ein strydoedd yn ddiogel. A all Deiliad y Portffolio ddweud faint o arian sydd wedi'i godi o enillion troseddu?

Ymateb

Golyga gwaith enillion troseddu ddwyn asedau oddi ar droseddwyd sydd wedi twyllo ein defnyddwyr. Mae unrhyw arian sy'n cael ei adennill yn mynd yn syth i system o'r enw JARD a weinyddir gan y Swyddfa Gartref. Ers i ni ddechrau ar y gwaith hwn yn 2014, mae rhyw £349,014.83 wedi cael ei gofnodi dan enw Powys ar JARD, gyda rhywfaint o hyn yn mynd fel iawndal i ddiodefwyr. Mewn rhai achosion, rydym yn derbyn canran o dan gynllun a reolir gan y Swyddfa Gartref (38.5%). Mewn achosion lle mae iawndal dan sylw, mae'r holl arian yn mynd i'r diodefwyr. Mae gennym un ymchwilydd ariannol achrededig yn gwneud y gwaith yma.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cyngorydd Barnes yn gofyn am sicrwydd y byddai'r Cabinet yn parhau i ddangos arweinyddiaeth gref yn y maes yma, cadarnhaodd Deiliad y Portffolio y byddai hyn yn aros yn flaenoriaeth i'r Cabinet.

15.16. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cyngorydd Sir Jackie Charlton

Rwyf yn ceisio gwybodaeth am y broses ar gyfer gwneud cais am Orchmynion Traffig Ffyrdd gan nad yw'r Pwyllgorau Sirol bellach yn bodoli. Mae'r Cyngorydd Davies wedi bod o help mawr wrth geisio mynd ar ôl mater lleol i mi yn Llangatwg ac mae'n parhau i gefnogi fy ngheisiadau rheolaidd am ddiweddariad. Yn anffodus, nid yw'n gallu darparu un a deallaf y gall hyn fod yn wir i Gynghorwyr eraill. A allai'r Cyngorydd Davies gadarnhau yr ymdrinnir â Gorchmynion Traffig Ffyrdd, sut mae'r broses yn gweithio a sut yn gyffredinol y gellir rhoi syniad i gynghorwyr lle yn y system y mae eu hymholiadau unigol?

Ymateb

Erbyn hyn, gellir ystyried ceisiadau am bob gorchymyn traffig yn dilyn codi'r moratoriwm nad oedd hyd yma ond yn caniatáu mynd â gorchmynion cyfyngu ar barcio rhagddynt yn unol â'r adolygiad o barcio ledled y sir.

Y broses yw bod Aelodau yn y lle cyntaf yn trafod eu cais â swyddogion o'r uned draffig sy'n gallu rhoi gwybod a fyddai'n addas mynd rhagddo ai peidio a hefyd pa atebion eraill allai fod yn fwy effeithiol. Os cytunir y byddai gorchymyn traffig yn briodol, yna byddai'r gorchymyn arfaethedig yn cael ei sgorio a'i asesu yn erbyn cynlluniau eraill ar draws y Sir i greu rhestr yn nhrefn eu blaenoriaeth.

Ar hyn o bryd parheir i ddefnyddio adnoddau staff at y materion parhaus sy'n gysylltiedig â'r adolygiad o barcio ar draws y sir ac felly nid yw sgorio cynlluniau gorchmynion traffig sydd wedi'u ceisio amdanynt eto wedi digwydd. Bwriedir blaenoriaethu'r rhestr o gynlluniau'n barod erbyn y flwyddyn ariannol 2019-20 a fydd wedyn yn penderfynu rhaglen o'r rheini y gellir mynd â nhw rhagddynt y flwyddyn nesaf ynghyd ag awgrymu pryd y gellid ymgymryd â'r lleill.

Rwyf yn cydnabod nad yw'r ddogfen hon ar hyn o bryd yn rhoi gwybodaeth benodol i chi ynglŷn â phryd y gall cynllun penodol ddwyn ffrwyth, ond fe wneir pob ymdrech i ddarparu rhaglen o flaenoriaethau yn y man.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Charlton ynglŷn â pha mor hir y byddai'r adolygiad ar draws y sir yn para, dywedodd Deiliad y Portffolio mai cyfyngedig iawn oedd yr adnoddau yn y Sir a byddai'r adolygiad o barcio'n cymryd amser hir o gofio ei maint.

15.17. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Ddysgu a'r Gymraeg gan y Cynghorydd Sir Karl Lewis

A all Deiliad y Portffolio dros Ddysgu a'r Gymraeg ddweud wrth y Cyngor pa ddulliau newydd o gyflwyno digidol y mae'n eu hyrwyddo i gefnogi Gweledigaeth y Cyngor ar gyfer 2025?

Ymateb

Mae Powys yn parhau i gydnabod pwysigrwydd atebion digidol wrth gyflwyno addysg.

1. Rydym yn peilotio llwyfan dysgu digidol gyda dysgwyr chweched dosbarth ym Mhowys gyda dau bwnc yn cael eu cynnig ar draws pob safle. Y gobaith yw datblygu hyn ymhellach gyda phartner masnachol lle bydd athrawon mewn ysgolion ym Mhowys yn datblygu cyrsiau i'w cyflwyno gan ddefnyddio'r llwyfan ar-lein yma.
2. Mae dirprwyaeth o benaethiaid wedi ymweld â Wrecsam i edrych ar ddarpariaeth y llwyfan dysgu ar-lein yma.
3. Yn unol â hyn rydym hefyd yn cynllunio cymorth TGCh gydag ysgolion cynradd gan ddefnyddio partneriaeth ag awdurdod lleol cyfagos i sicrhau caledwedd ddigidol o safon uchel i'r dyfodol. Yn amlwg bydd hyn yn gadael i'r awdurdod ddatblygu ymhellach ddarpariaeth a dewisiadau i weithio ar draws ysgolion.
4. Mae Ceredigion a Phowys yn cydweithio ar brosiect e-ddysgu o'r enw e-sgoil. Dyma llwyfan dysgu digidol lle gall disgyblion o wahanol gampysau ymuno â gwersi rhyngweithiol. Mae'r ffurf e-sgoil ar ddysgu digidol wedi cael ei datblygu yn yr Alban. Mae'r fenter hon yn cael ei lansio yng Ngheredigion ddydd Iau 11 Hydref gan Weinidog y Cabinet dros Addysg.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

15.18. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Lywodraethu Corfforaethol, Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Peter Lewis

A all Deiliad y Portffolio roi'r diweddaraf i'r Cyngor am gyflwyno'r 250 o gartrefi newydd i'r Sir?

Ymateb

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Tai wedi sefydlu Tîm Tai Fforddiadwy i arwain ar ddatblygu'r 250 o gartrefi.

Bu'r tîm yn cydweithio â Gwasanaethau Cynllunio a Phrifydd i ystyried hyfywedd tua 80 o safleoedd sy'n eiddo i'r Cyngor. Mae'r gwaith yma bellach wedi'i gwblhau a bydd y Gwasanaeth Tai'n datblygu strategaeth ddatblygu hirdymor sy'n seiliedig ar tua 60 o safleoedd. Bu'r tîm hefyd yn cynnal digwyddiadau ymgysylltu mewn cymunedau ar draws y sir i adnabod a chadarnhau'r angen am dai.

Ceir manylion y cynnydd mewn perthynas â'r chwe safle cyntaf isod. Bydd y safleoedd hyn yn darparu tua 170 o'r 250 o gartrefi.

Y Lawnt Fowlio, Y Drenewydd – cytunwyd ar y cais cynllunio yn y Pwyllgor Cynllunio ddydd lau 13 Medi. Briff y tendr i'w derfynu a'r broses dendro i ddechrau ym mis Hydref gyda dyddiad targed i gychwyn ar y safle ym mis Mawrth 2019. Mae'r cynllun wedi pasio'r asesiad cyntaf ar gyfer grant Rhaglen Tai Arloesol Llywodraeth Cymru.

Sarn – Penodwyd y pensaer (Penseiri Hughes) ac mae'r cynlluniau'n cael eu paratoi ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer datblygiad sy'n sicrhau safonau Passivhaus. Bydd y prosiect yma'n darparu cyfanswm o 7 uned gyda 3 ar gael i ffermwyr-denantiad hyn sy'n byw yn yr ardal ers blyneddau lawer ac sydd am ymddeol.

Clos Cradog, Aberhonddu – Penodwyd pensaer (Pentan) ac mae cynlluniau'n cael eu paratoi ar hyn o bryd – y cynllun yma fydd y prosiect mwyaf gan ddarparu hyd at 36 o gartrefi newydd. Disgwylir dechrau ar y safle yn ystod haf 2019.

Cleirwy – mae'r Gwasanaeth Tai ar hyn o bryd yn ystyried y math o adeiladau ar gyfer y safle hwn. Disgwylir dechrau ar y safle yn ystod hydref 2019.

Hen safle Smithfield, Llanidloes – mae'r safle wedi cael ei drosglwyddo i'r Cyfrif Refeniw Tai. Ar hyn o bryd mae'r swyddog ecoleg yn gorffen ei hymweliadau â'r safle a byddwn yn derbyn yr adroddiad terfynol cyn bo hir. Mae briff y cynllun yn cael ei baratoi ar hyn o bryd a disgwylir iddo fynd i dendr ar ddechrau 2019.

Y Ddraig Goch/Canolfan Ieuencid, Y Drenewydd – Bydd y Ddraig Goch a'r hen ganolfan ieuencid yn cael eu dymchwel ym mis Hydref. Mae briff y cynllun yn cael ei baratoi ar hyn o bryd a'i derfynu a bydd hwn yn mynd i dendr ar ddechrau 2019.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cyngorydd Lewis am ddefnyddio contractwyr lleol, rhoddodd Deiliad y Portffolio wybod am y digwyddiadau i gwrdd â'r prynwr a gynhelir gyda busnesau yn y sir. Ar ben hynny, roedd cynllun a fyddai'n gweld y Cyngor yn prynu tai fforddiadwy gan ddatblygwyr hefyd yn cael ei ystyried.

15.19. Cwestiwn i'r Arweinydd gan y Cyngorydd Sir Diane Jones-Poston

A all yr Arweinydd roi'r diweddaraf i'r Cyngor ynglŷn â chynnydd Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru?

Ymateb

Dyddiau cynnar yw'r rhain i Fargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru, ond mae'n dechrau symud yn gyflym at gam nesaf y broses. Mae'n bwysig nodi mai Bargaen 'bosibl' yw hon o hyd nes iddi gael ei chymeradwyo gan y llywodraeth ganolog. I ddatblygu'r sefyllfa mae cyfres o gabinetau anffurfiol wedi'u cynnal ar y cyd â Chyngor Sir Ceredigion. Mae'r gwaith hefyd yn cael ei gefnogi gan y Bartneriaeth Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru bresennol sydd, ochr yn ochr â'r Arweinwyr a

swyddogion o'r ddau gyngor, hefyd yn cynnwys mynychwyr o'r sector busnes, Llywodraeth Cymru, Addysg Uwch, Amaethyddiaeth a Thwristiaeth. Cyfarfu swyddogion ag uwch-weision sifil o'r Llywodraeth Ganolog a Llywodraeth Cymru i bennu'r dull i'w gymryd ar gyfer prosiectau posibl. Rhan allweddol o'r Fargen fydd cyfranogiad y sector busnes a bydd hyn yn digwydd drwy Fwrdd Economaidd i gefnogi'r ddarpariaeth.

Fel rhan o'r dull o gyflwyno'r Fargen ymchwilir i gynllun gweithredu economaidd rhanbarthol ehangach a'i ddrafftio gyda chefnogaeth allanol gan Aecom Cyf. Cydgomisiwn yw'r gwaith hwn sy'n cynnwys Powys, Ceredigion a Llywodraeth Cymru. Fel rhan o'r broses mae cyfres o weithdai wedi'u cynnal sy'n cynnwys busnesau, grwpiau rhanbarthol a'r sector Addysg Uwch. Fframwaith fydd y cynllun gweithredu economaidd rhanbarthol a fydd yn cynnig sail gwybodaeth i'r Fargen. Mae gan Gymru dair Bargaen yn barod ac mae cysylltiad wedi'i wneud ac rydym hefyd wedi cwrdd â Chyngor Sir Amwythig i godi ymwybyddiaeth o gofio'r cysylltiadau trafnidiaeth agos.

I helpu i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r Fargen cynhelir digwyddiad yn y Senedd ac un arall yn San Steffan.

Bydd diweddariad i'r holl Gynghorwyr am Fargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru mewn sesiwn datblygu aelodau dros yr wythnosau i ddod.

Gan ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cyngorydd Jones-Poston ynglŷn â sut byddai'r Cyngor yn ymgysylltu â busnesau i gyflwyno'r fargen dwf, eglurodd yr Arweinydd fod dros 300 o fusnesau wedi mynychu cyfarfodydd brecwast busnes gyda'r Cabinet. Bwriadai hefyd ffurfio pwyllgor datblygu economaidd yn cynnwys busnesau lleol i weithio ochr yn ochr â Phartneriaeth Canolbarth Cymru. Ar ddiwedd mis Ionawr, roedd diwrnod busnes wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer busnesau Powys yn y Senedd lle byddai Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth yn siarad.

15.20. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Gyllid, Cefn Gwlad a Thrafnidiaeth gan y Cyngorydd Sir Claire Mills

A wnaiff Deiliad y Portffolio dros Gyllid roi'r diweddaraaf i'r Cyngor ynglŷn â pha drafodaethau sy'n cael eu cynnal i sicrhau bod Powys yn derbyn ei ddyraniad teg o gyllid yn fformiwla'r gyllideb gan Lywodraeth Cymru?

Ymateb

Mae'r Cyngor yn chwarae rhan weithredol yn y grwpiau sy'n datblygu ac yn cynghori ar Bolisiau Ariannol Llywodraeth Leol Llywodraeth Cymru.

Mae gan y Cyngor le yn yr Is-grŵp Dosbarthu sy'n adrodd wrth Lywodraeth Cymru am y fformiwla dosbarthu i lywodraeth leol. Mae'r Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr Dros Dro hefyd yn gynrychiolydd llywodraeth leol yng Ngweithgor Cyllid a Diwygio Llywodraeth Leol Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet sy'n edrych ar ddyfodol cyllid llywodraeth leol yng Nghymru.

Mewn partneriaeth ag ardaloedd gwledig eraill, llwyddodd Powys i bledio'r achos i gydnabod y gost ychwanegol o ddarparu gwasanaethau mewn ardal wledig. Casglwyd tystiolaeth i ddangos y gost o ddarparu gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yn y gymuned i bobl hŷn mewn ardaloedd tenau eu poblogaeth. Arweiniodd hyn at y lwfans teneurwydd yn cael ei ddyrannu i Bowys, sef cyfanswm o £3 miliwn yn ychwanegol dros ddwy flynedd. Newid parhaol i'n dyraniad oedd hwn gan ddisodli'r trefniad gwirfoddol dros dro blaenorol oedd yn cynnwys pob un o'r 22 o awdurdodau.

Mae'r Cyngor yn ymateb i'r holl ymgynghoriadau sy'n effeithio ar ein cyllid a hefyd yn codi'r mater hwn gydag Aelodau Cynulliad ac Aelodau Seneddol.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Mills a ddylai Aelodau Cynulliad sy'n cynrychioli'r sir ac yn gwasanaethu yn Llywodraeth Cymru wneud mwy i gefnogi'r economi wledig yn hytrach na chefnogi toriadau yn y gyllideb i gynghorau gwledig, cydnabu Deiliad y Portffolio fod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi bod yn gefnogol iawn ond yn anffodus nid oedd hyn wedi cael ei adlewyrchu yn y setliad.

15.21. Cwestiwn i'r Cynghorydd Sir William Powell, Aelod o Banel Heddlu a Throsedd Dyfed Powys gan y Cyngorydd Sir Michael Williams

Yn wyneb y pryderon a fynegwyd dros yr haf gan arweinwyr Cymdeithas y Comisiynwyr Heddlu a Throsedd o gwmpas peryglon Brexit 'Heb Gytundeb', pa gynlluniau wrth gefn y mae Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Dyfed Powys, Dafydd Llywelyn, yn eu gwneud mewn cydweithrediad â'i gyd-gomisiynwyr yn ardaloedd heddlu gogledd Cymru, De Cymru a Gwent?

O gofio'r pryderon go iawn a fynegwyd ynglŷn â diogelwch y cyflenwad bwyd a chyflenwadau meddygol, os na fydd cytundeb, pa ystyriaeth sydd wedi'i rhoi i ganslo gwyliau ar draws Heddlu Dyfed Powys ym mis Mawrth/Ebrill 2019 i sicrhau diogelwch y gymuned?

Ar ben hynny, pa gamau sy'n cael eu cymryd gan y Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd i arwain paratodau gyda Byrddau'r Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ym Mhowys, Ceredigion, Sir Gaerfyrddin a Sir Benfro, yn wyneb y posibilrwydd anffodus yma?

Ymateb

Rôl y Comisiynydd yw dal y Prif Gwnstabl i gyfrif am ddarparu heddlu effeithlon ac effeithiol ar gyfer Dyfed Powys, ond nid gwneud penderfyniadau gweithredol. Gan mai mater gweithredol yw hwn sy'n gofyn dull amlasiantaeth, mae'r CHTh Dafydd Llywelyn wedi ceisio sicrwydd bod Heddlu Dyfed Powys yn gweithio gyda phartneriaid drwy'r Fforwm(Fforymau) Cydnerthedd Lleol a grwpiau gweithredu eraill.

Mae Dafydd hefyd wedi mynychu cyfarfod 5 Medi gyda Jo Hopkins o'r Swyddfa Gartref yng Nghymru ynghyd â'r Prif Gwnstabl Cynorthwyol Richard Lewis i ystyried a deall y goblygiadau gweithredol yn wyneb y posibilrwydd o Brexit Heb Gytundeb. Mae hefyd wedi ymweld ag Ysgrifennydd Cabinet a Swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru, lle cawsant drafodaethau penodol ynglŷn â'r pryderon o ran plismona a'r ymateb ynghylch Brexit Heb Gytundeb.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i Dafydd y bu Prif Gwnstablaid yng nghyfarfod Cyngor Cenedlaethol y Penaethiaid Heddlu 17 Medi yn trafod effaith Brexit Heb Gytundeb. Disgwylir yn yr wythnosau nesaf y bydd cynnydd cyflymach o ran cynllunio wrth gefn; fodd bynnag, daethant i'r casgliad nad oedd unrhyw fwriad ar hyn o bryd i ganslo gwyliau swyddogion. Bydd y sefyllfa hon yn cael ei hadolygu'n barhaus a bydd canslo gwyliau'n aros yn ddewis gweithredol i Heddlu Dyfed Powys.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

15.22. Cwestiwn i'r Arweinydd gan y Cyngorydd Sir William Powell

Mae ar gof a chadw cyhoeddus bod tref Talgarth a'i heconomi wedi profi cryn gynnwrf yn y blynyddoedd yn arwain at gau Ysbyty Canolbarth Cymru ac ar ôl hynny rhwng 1995 a 2000. Yn ystod y degawd diwethaf, mae agor ffordd liniaru'r A479 (Talgarth), adferiad mewn balchder dinesig, menter a phwrpas ac, ynghynt eleni, sefydlu Ysgol y Mynydd Du i gyd wedi bod yn arwydd o hyder newydd yn nyfodol y dref.

Fodd bynnag, mae bod â chynifer o safleoedd sy'n eiddo i Gyngor Sir Powys ar ganol y dref ac sydd wedi neu sydd ar fin cael eu dynodi'n rhai dros ben, wedi'u cyfuno â'r ymgynghoriad ynglŷn â'r Briff Datblygu ar gyfer hen safle Ysbyty Canolbarth Cymru a safleoedd dyranedig eraill, unwaith eto yn gweld y dref wrth groesffordd.

O gofio ei dealltwriaeth o'r cyfleoedd a heriau traws-bortffolio sy'n wynebu Talgarth, beth yw asesiad yr Arweinydd o rinweddau Cynllun Datblygu Strategol i Dalgarth? Gyda'r Cyngor Sir yn gweithio mewn partneriaeth o'r newydd ag Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog, Cyngor Tref Talgarth a thrwy harneisio egni a gweledigaeth pobl leol, byddai cynllun o'r fath yn hybu datblygu'r dref mewn ffordd holistig a chynaliadwy ar adeg twf heb ei ail. I'r diben hwn, a wnaiff yr Arweinydd ymrwymo i gynnull cyfarfod yn fuan i sefydlu'r gwaith sylfaenol ar gyfer cynllun o'r fath?

Ymateb

Mae Swyddogion o Gyngor Sir Powys wedi cefnogi llawer o fentrau yn ardal Talgarth ac ar hyn o bryd yn cefnogi cynnig Coleg y Mynydd Du.

Fel yr Awdurdod Cynllunio yn ardal Talgarth, mae Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog wrthi'n annog cymunedau i ddatblygu Cynllun Lle. Deallaf fod y Parc Cenedlaethol eisoes wrthi'n datblygu cynllun dan arweiniad y gymuned yn Nhalgarth. Fe wnaiff Cyngor Sir Powys gynorthwyo'r broses drwy ein Tîm Adfywio yn ôl y gofyn.

Fel perchnogion y rhan fwyaf o'r safleoedd datblygu, ni allwn aros am 'gynllun lle'. Rwyf eisoes wedi siarad ag Eiddo a Thai ac rydym yn trefnu cyfarfod cychwynnol gyda'r Pennaeth Tai, Arweinydd Proffesiynol – Eiddo, yr Aelod Lleol, Deiliad y Portffolio a fi.

Wedyn gellir cael trafodaeth bellach ag eraill y bydd angen iddynt gyfrannu.

Yn ei gwestiwn atodol gofynnodd y Cyngorydd Powell a fyddai'r Arweinydd yn ymrwymo i gyfarfod amlasiantaeth â'r Parc Cenedlaethol ac asiantaethau perthnasol eraill gan gynnwys Awdurdod Tân ac Achub Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru. Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod y Cyngor yn berchen ar gryn dipyn o dir yn yr ardal ac yn ystod y cyfnodau cychwynnol fod angen i'r Cyngor edrych ar beth y gellid ei wneud gyda'r safleoedd hynny gan gynnwys y potensial o ran safleoedd gwaith. Roedd yn pryderu pe bai'r holl dir yn cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer tai y byddai'n newid cymeriad y gymuned.

15.23. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cyngorydd Sir Iain McIntosh

Gan fod y rhestr bresennol o ffermwyr a chontractwyr y galwyd arnynt i glirio'r eira trwm yn ystod y gaeaf diwethaf wedi brwydro i ymdopi, a wnaiff Deiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd ystyried creu ail restr o ffermwyr a

chontractwyr sydd ag offer addas ar gyfer clirio eira fel y gellir galw arnynt os cawn ni'r un lefel o eira â'r gaeaf diwethaf ar ryw adeg yn y dyfodol?

Ymateb

Gan gydnabod y stormydd eira eithriadol a brofwyd gennym y llynedd, rwyf o'r farn fod yr ymateb a'r gwasanaeth a ddarparwyd yn dda iawn. Ymgwymerir ag adolygiad blynyddol o Gynllun Gwasanaeth y Gaeaf ac fel rhan o'r ymarferiad hwn, mae'r rhwydwaith cymorth presennol o gontractwyr a ffermwyr hefyd yn cael ei adolygu. Mae'r profiad a'r adborth a gafwyd yn sgil y gaeaf diwethaf wedi nodi ardaloedd daearyddol lle y bydd cymorth ychwanegol yn fuddiol.

Mae'r trefniadau a mecanwaith i ddefnyddio'r cymorth allanol yma'n cael ei symud rhagddynt ar hyn o bryd o fewn fframwaith i sicrhau addasrwydd unrhyw gymorth a ddefnyddir, o gofio'r gofynion o ran lechyd a Diogelwch, hyfforddiant/cymwyseddau a lefel yswiriant sy'n gysylltiedig â gweithio ar y briffordd gyhoeddus.

Cwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd McIntosh oedd a fyddai unrhyw gymorth ychwanegol gan ffermwyr a chontractwyr sydd ag offer addas erbyn y gaeaf sy'n dod. Rhoddwyd gwybod gan Ddeiliad y Portffolio, fel y digwyddodd yn ystod y gaeaf y llynedd, mai rheolwyr ardal fyddai'n gyfrifol am gyfeirio adnoddau ar gyfer gweithrediadau cynnal a chadw'r gaeaf.

15.24. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Iain McIntosh

Mae'r ffyrdd o gwmpas ward Ysgir mewn cyflwr gwael iawn. Mae angen wyneb newydd mewn aml i ardal a cheir llwyth o dyllau'n aros heb eu trwsio. A all Deiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd gynnig unrhyw sicrwydd i breswylwyr wardiau gwledig fel Ysgir y bydd eu ffyrdd yn cael eu trwsio at safon well cyn bo hir?

Ymateb

Bydd yr Aelodau'n ymwybodol bod y gyllideb ar gyfer cynnal a chadw sylfaenol ar y ffyrdd wedi'i lleihau'n barhaus ac yn ddifrifol am sawl blwyddyn ac mae'n anochel yr adlewyrchir hyn gan y dirywiad amlwg yng nghyflwr ein rhwydwaith priffyrdd, yn enwedig ar y miloedd o gilometrau o ffyrdd gwledig sydd gynnon ni ym Mhowys. Mae dulliau newydd o weithio wedi'u cyflwyno'n ddiweddar (defnyddio peiriannau clytio *Roadmaster*) mewn ymgais i fynd i'r afael â'r lleihad yn y gyllideb a chynnal lefel gwasanaeth resymol, yn unol â'n dyletswydd fel yr awdurdod priffyrdd. Dylai defnyddio'r broses drwsio yma sicrhau atgyweiriad mwy parhaol ar gyfer nifer cynyddol y diffygion ar isffyrdd.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i mi fod nifer sylweddol o atgyweiriadau eisoes wedi cael eu gwneud yn yr ardal dan sylw yn sgil eich adroddiadau a bydd y rhain yn parhau o fewn cyfyngiadau adnodd y gyllideb. Ymgwymerir â dadansoddiad risg o'r ffyrdd i sicrhau bod yr atgyweiriadau â blaenoriaeth yn cael eu hamserlennu mewn ffordd gyson ar draws y sir.

Mae ffyrdd a nodir fel rhai sy'n gofyn atgyweiriadau mwy sylweddol fel clytio strwythurol a thriniaethau i'r wyneb cyfan yn cael eu sgorio o ran blaenoriaeth a'u cynnwys mewn blaenraglen ar gyfer cyllid cyfalaf.

Cwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd McIntosh oedd pam mae Llywodraeth Cymru'n gwario cymaint ar brosiect ffordd liniaru'r M4 yn hytrach na dosbarthu adnoddau'n gyfartal ledled Cymru. Nododd Deiliad y Portffolio, er 2011/12, i'r cyllid oedd ar gael ar gyfer priffyrdd ym Mhowys ostwng £5 miliwn ar gyfer gwasanaeth oedd yn gofalu am 5,500 cilometr o ffyrdd.

15.25. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Briffyrdd, Ailgylchu ac Asedau gan y Cynghorydd Sir Liam Fitzpatrick

Beth sydd gan Balod a Chanolfan Ddiwylliannol Aberhonddu, Y Gaer, yn gyffredin? Mae'r ddau'n dod â *bills* dirgel enfawr (nid dyna'r cwestiwn). Roedd tudalen flaen y *Brecon and Radnor Express* yr wythnos diwethaf yn syfrdanol wrth ein hysbysu y byddai oedi i'r Gaer (canolfan ddiwylliannol Aberhonddu) tan y flwyddyn nesaf oherwydd materion yn ymwneud â cherrig a phalod yn nythu.

Fodd bynnag, dywedodd adaregwr lleol a'r RSPB wrtha i mai dim ond ym mis Ebrill a Mai y bydd palod yn nythu bob blwyddyn ac nad ydynt yn frodorol ym Mhowys ond gellir cael hyd iddynt yn Llychlyn yn ogystal ag Ynys Manaw a Swydd Efrog ynghyd ag Ynys Sgomer. Mae pastai pâ rhost wrth gwrs yn ddantaith yn Jamtland yng ngogledd Sweden a dw i'n siŵr ar ôl i Ynys-hir ger Machynlleth dderbyn seren Michelin na fydd yn hir cyn iddo ymddangos yng ngogledd Powys.

O ystyried na fydd palod o fudd i Bunt Powys yn fuan ac mai mis Hydref yw hi ac nid mis Ebrill ac nad ydynt, wrth gwrs, yn nythu, mi wna i ofyn y cwestiwn 'nawr i'r aelod o'r Cabinet.

A wnaiff yr aelod Cabinet gytuno â'r canlynol: sef, nid yn unig mai dyma efallai'r esgus mwyaf chwerthinllyd am anghymwysra ers y clasur 'fe wnaeth y ci fwyta fy ngwaith cartref' ond ei bod yn hynod annheg y bydd yn rhaid i bawb sy'n talu'r dreth gyngor drwy Bowys barhau i dalu am y ffars yma pryd y mae'n bur debyg, gyda thoriadau cyllidebol yn 2019 ar gyfer llyfrgelloedd, amgueddfeydd a chanolfannau diwylliannol eraill, na fydd gan yr adeilad ddigon o adnoddau hyd yn oed i agor yn y pen draw?

Ymateb

Rhodddwyd gwybod i ni gan Kier fod eu his-contractwr, Allesco, sy'n cynhyrchu'r paneli tywodfaen coch ar gyfer gorchudd allanol adeilad newydd y llyfrgell, yn anffodus heb gael na threfnu i ddigon o'r cerrig gael eu cloddio i gwblhau'r nifer angenrheidiol o baneli.

Mae'r paneli'n defnyddio darn o garreg wedi'i dorri'n denau ar gefn cyfansawdd ar ffrâm fetel i'w gosod ar yr adeilad. Cloddiwyd y garreg, a gymeradwywyd gan bawb gan gynnwys APCBB, o chwareli yn y DU a'i chludo i'r ffatri yn yr Almaen lle gwnaethpwyd y paneli. Cawsom ar ddeall nad yw'r garreg gyfatebol angenrheidiol bellach ar gael o'r chwarel wreiddiol a chafwyd hyd i ffynhonnell arall ger St Bees Head yn Cumbria. Mae'r chwarel yn agos i warchodfa RSPB. Fe'n hysbyswyd na ellid tynnu'r garreg o'r chwarel tan fis Medi oherwydd presenoldeb y palod (yn nythu ai peidio). Ceir cyfnod o 14 i 16 wythnos ar gyfer gweithgynhyrchu a dosbarthu o ddyddiad cael y garreg. O ganlyniad, mae Kier wedi adrodd na fydd yr elfennau olaf o'r gorchudd yn cael eu cwblhau tan ddechrau mis Rhagfyr.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn atodol y Cynghorydd Firzpatrick, o gofio toriadau cyllidebol, a fyddai'r adeilad yn agor, cadarnhaodd Deiliad y Portffolio y byddai'r Gaer yn agor yn 2019 a byddai'n cael ei staffio.

15.26. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Lywodraethu Corfforaethol, Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Karen Laurie-Parry

Mae llywodraethu da'n hanfodol mewn Llywodraeth Leol ac wrth weithio yn unol â Gweledigaeth Gytunedig a Chyhoeddedig Cyngor Sir Powys. Mewn cysylltiad â'r datblygiad tai preifat i'r de o hen Ysgol Gynradd Bronllys a phentre Bronllys yn gyffredinol, sut roedd y Digwyddiad Ymgysylltu â'r Cyhoedd i chi a sut gwnaethoch chi ymgysylltu â phobl o bwys yn y broses yn arwain at y diwrnod?

Ymateb

Bu'r digwyddiad yn ddefnyddiol iawn i'r Cyngor wrth gyfleu'r neges am gynlluniau'r Cyngor i ddatblygu tai fforddiadwy i ddiwallu anghenion cymunedau lleol. Yn y digwyddiad oedd wedi'i ddatblygu mewn ymgynghoriad â'r cynghorydd lleol a'r cyngor cymuned, bu 79 o bobl o bentref Bronllys yn bresennol. Derbyniodd y Gwasanaeth Tai 32 o holiaduron wedi'u cwblhau, gyda thua dwy ran o dair ohonynt o'r farn fod angen rhagor o gartrefi fforddiadwy yn y pentref. Ar ben hynny, anogwyd 6 aelwyd a roddodd wybod bod angen cartrefi fforddiadwy arnynt i roi eu henwau ar y Gofrestr Tai Cyffredin.

Y gobaith yw bod y neges a dderbyniodd y gymuned drwy'r digwyddiad oedd ein bod am weithio gyda'r gymuned i ddiwallu ei hanghenion am dai fforddiadwy ac na fydd tai fforddiadwy yn cael eu gorfodi ar gymunedau.

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Laurie-Parry fod y gymuned eisiau cartrefi oedd yn fforddiadwy go iawn.

15.27. Cwestiwn i Ddeiliad y Portffolio dros Lywodraethu Corfforaethol, Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Karen Laurie-Parry

Mewn perthynas â Chaffael Cymdeithas Adeiladu/Datblygwr Preifat, a ydych yn fodlon bod Cynghorwyr a Swyddogion wedi glynu at y gweithdrefnau a chanllawiau cywir a fabwysiadwyd gan Gyngor Sir Powys ac a allwch egluro'r weithdrefn a ddefnyddiwyd?

Ymateb

Prynwr y safle, a fu gynt mewn perchenogaeth breifat, yw Cymdeithas Dai Sir Fynwy (CDSF). Gan y bydd y safle'n cael ei ddatblygu gan y Gymdeithas heb ddefnyddio'r Grant Tai Cymdeithasol ac yn cael ei ddatblygu i ddarparu cartrefi i'r farchnad i'w gwerthu, ni fu gan y Cyngor unrhyw rôl hyd yma. Wrth reswm, bydd gofyn i CDSF, yn yr un modd ag unrhyw ddatblygwr arall, ddilyn polisi cynllunio pan fydd y cynllun yn cael ei adeiladu. Gwahoddwyd CDSF i'r digwyddiad ymgynghori oherwydd bod Swyddogion yn ymwybodol ei bod wedi prynu'r safle ac ystyriwyd y byddai'n gyfle defnyddiol i CDSF gwrdd ag aelodau o'r gymuned i drafod eu cynlluniau ar gyfer y safle a gwrando ar farn y gymuned leol.

Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiwn atodol.

16.	EITEMAU WEDI’U HEITHRIO
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Rhoddwyd gwybod gan y Cadeirydd fod yr eitem ganlynol wedi cael ei thynnu’n ôl ac nad oedd angen pasio’r penderfyniad o ran mynediad i wybodaeth.

17.	HYSBYSIAD CYNNIG
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Gohiriwyd yr eitem hon.

Y Cyngorydd Sir DW Meredith (Cadeirydd)

DRAFT

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

PRESENT

County Councillor DW Meredith (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, B Baynham, G Breeze, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, H Hulme, A Jenner, E A Jones, D R Jones, E Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, H Lewis, K Lewis, P E Lewis, S Lewis, MC Mackenzie, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, JG Morris, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, E Vaughan, M Weale, J Wilkinson, G I S Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, J M Williams, R Williams and S L Williams

Members and officers stood as a mark of respect for two former members of the Council, Mrs Gillian Thomas and Mr Krishn Pathak, who had recently passed away.

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors M Barnes, J Charlton, L Corfield, L Fitzpatrick, L George, N Morrison, K Silk and A Williams

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

3.	EXEMPT ITEMS
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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 1 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

4.	APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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Council interviewed two candidates for the post of Chief Executive.

RESOLVED to appoint Caroline Turner as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

County Councillor DW Meredith (Chair)

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**COFNODION CYFARFOD Y CYNGOR SIR A GYNHALIWYD YN SIAMBR Y
CYNGOR - NEUADD Y SIR, LLANDRINDOD AR DDYDD MAWRTH, 20 TACHWEDD
2018**

PRESENNOL

Cynghorydd Sir DW Meredith (Cadeirydd)

Cynghorwyr Sir MC Alexander, B Baynham, G Breeze, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, H Hulme, A Jenner, E A Jones, D R Jones, E Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, E M Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, H Lewis, K Lewis, P E Lewis, S Lewis, MC Mackenzie, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, C Mills, G Morgan, JG Morris, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, J Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, E Vaughan, M Weale, J Wilkinson, G I S Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, J M Williams, R Williams a S L Williams

Safodd yr aelodau a'r swyddogion fel arwydd o barch i ddau gyn aelod o'r Cyngor, sef Mrs Gillian Thomas a Mr Krishn Pathak, a fu farw'n ddiweddar.

1.	YMDDIHEURIADAU
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Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cynghorwyr Sir M Barnes, J Charlton, L Corfield, L Fitzpatrick, L George, N Morrison, K Silk ac A Williams

2.	DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB
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Ni chafodd unrhyw ddatganiadau o ddiddordeb eu cyflwyno.

3.	EITEMAU SYDD WEDI'U HEITHRIO
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PENDERFYNWYD eithrio'r cyhoedd ar gyfer yr eitem busnes canlynol ar y sail y bydd gwybodaeth sydd wedi'i heithrio dan gategori 1 Gorchymyn Awdurdodau Lleol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) (Amrywiad) (Cymru) 2007 yn cael ei datgelu iddynt.

4.	PENODI PRIF WEITHREDWR
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Cafodd dau ymgeisydd eu cyfweld gan y Cyngor ar gyfer swydd y Prif Weithredwr.

PENDERFYNWYD penodi Caroline Turner fel Prif Weithredwr a Phennaeth Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig.

Cynghorydd Sir DW Meredith (Cadeirydd)

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7.1

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
24th January 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Martin Weale, Portfolio Holder for
Economy and Planning**

SUBJECT: Question from Mr George Harris

Can the council please confirm what is the financial benefit in £'s, that will be achieved by the council together with the timing of this, by allowing the Hendy Wind Farm project to continue?

Response

Powys County Council does not stand to gain financially from the Hendy Wind Farm development. A Section 106 agreement is in place to secure £17,500 for mitigation for the potential impact of the development on the Rights of Way network.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from Mr Martin Aymes

Powys County Council protests the need for Openness, Transparency and Inclusion in its aims for democracy and public participation in the processes of Local Government.

At a public meeting in Abermule on the 4th December 2018 — in front of some 275 local residents — Leader Rosemarie Harris, and Cabinet Members Aled Davies and Phyl Davies jointly offered to give Martin Aymes access to the Council Solicitor, in order to discuss some legal aspects of the proposed Abermule Recycling Bulking Facility.

The Council Solicitor has subsequently refused any such legal discussions. Is Powys County Council prepared to instruct the Council Solicitor to engage in such discussions, and thus ensure that it lives up to its aims?

Response

Thank you for your question. Neither Councillors Aled Davies, Phyl Davies or myself can recall offering you access to the Solicitor to the Council. The Solicitor to the Council had advised me that he has received no request for a meeting and neither has the Council's Planning Lawyer.

If you were to write to the Solicitor to the Council in County Hall, he will arrange for an appropriate response to be provided.

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7.3

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from Mr Jeffrey Matthews

Given the motion proposed by Cllr Gareth Pugh and passed unanimously at the full Council Meeting on 18th October, which proposed greater connection, consultation, engagement with communities, honesty, openness and transparency in local government, does the council feel that this is now being fully achieved when we are still seeing the citizens of North Powys continuing to be highly concerned and anxious about building construction consent which has been hastily and crudely bulldozed through which includes errors and possible misrepresentation of data provided to Powys County Councillors and which suggest that now some historical consent needs re-looking at and updating before construction begins?

Response

The motion proposed and carried at the Council meeting on 18th October was in relation to how communities are better engaged with in general. The Council does endeavour to communicate as effectively as possible with communities and will endeavour to continue to improve effective communication.

The motion in itself did not refer to any particular issue, although the development at Abermule was referenced. The consultation on this proposal was over and above what is required of such a development and following the council meeting there been further engagement with a public meeting held with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder all present. We have committed to hold further meetings of sufficient regularity with the community representatives going forward.

Proper process continues to be followed for this development, and the Council is not aware of any errors or misrepresentation of data which would require any further investigation.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from Mr Stephen Meadowcroft

Powys County Council seems keen to develop Private/ Public partnerships for the delivery key services as can be seen with the formation of Heart of Wales Property Services with Kier Group. At the time of writing this question, the financial accounts for this company are overdue (due date 23/12/18) so it is unclear as to the success or otherwise of this venture.

How successful has this initiative been (given the reports of Keir Groups Financial Difficulties) and do you have plans to go into partnership with other private companies such as Veolia for the delivery of waste management?

Response

As noted in the response to a question from Councillor Matthew Dorrance that appears later on the agenda, the partnership with Kier to form Heart of Wales Property Services has only been running approximately 18 months but has successfully delivered savings for the Council.

There are no current plans to enter any partnerships with private operators for the delivery of waste and recycling services. We do have contracts with external companies in place for some aspects of the service, such as residual waste disposal and the operation of Household Waste Recycling Centres.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Powys County Council
22nd January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies
Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Virement for Abermule Business Park

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to request a capital virement for the Abermule Business Park to be transferred from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
- 1.2 Following the completion of ecological surveys it was identified that ecological mitigation works were required prior to undertaking works to discharge planning conditions. The main contract works will now not commence until the new year to allow the mitigation and planning discharge works to be completed and it will therefore be necessary to roll £2,723,482.33 of the budget to 2019/20.

2. Options Considered / Available

- 2.1 No alternative options are considered appropriate as a result of this report.

3. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 3.1 None to consider.

4. Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No
- 4.2 If yes is it attached? Yes/No

5. Corporate Improvement Plan

- 5.1 To achieve the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) objectives the Council undertakes forward planning with its medium term financial strategy (MTFS) - this sets out the financial requirements to deliver the short and longer term council vision. These capital and revenue monitoring reports, are used to ensure the funding identified to deliver

the council priorities is spent appropriately and remains within a cash limited budget.

7. Local Member(s)

- 7.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

8. Other Front Line Services

- 8.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

9. Communications

This report has no specific communication considerations. Detailed finance reports are presented to Heads of Service, Cabinet and the Audit Committee. These reports are public and are part of a range of statutory and non-statutory financial information documents including the Statement of Accounts.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

- 10.1 This report has no specific impact on support services other than reporting on those service areas with capital programmes. Financial Services work closely with all service areas in monitoring financial performance on capital programmes against budgets.

The Capital and Financial Planning Accountant confirms this project is included in the Capital Programme.

11. Scrutiny

- 11.1 This report presents financial information which will help inform the future capital strategy and therefore has implications for any related organisation.

12. Statutory Officers

- 12.1 The Strategic Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the overall capital position.

The Monitoring Officer has no specific concerns with this report.

13. Members' Interests

- 13.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest, they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the following virement set out in paragraph 1.2	To ensure appropriate virements are carried out that reflect the forecasted capital spend.

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Powys County Council
22nd January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies
Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Virement for Relocation to Cwrt-y-Plyffin

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to request a capital virement for the relocation to Cwrt-y-Plyffin to be transferred from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
- 1.2 Further design work on the redevelopment proposals has been undertaken to bring the estimated costs within the allocated budget and this has delayed the submission of the planning application. Works will now not commence on site until the new year, and it will therefore be necessary to roll £897,000 of the budget over to 2019/20.

2. Options Considered / Available

- 2.1 No alternative options are considered appropriate as a result of this report.

3. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 3.1 None to consider.

4. Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No
- 4.2 If yes is it attached? ~~Yes/No~~

5. Corporate Improvement Plan

- 5.1 To achieve the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) objectives the Council undertakes forward planning with its medium term financial strategy (MTFS) - this sets out the financial requirements to deliver the short and longer term council vision. These capital and revenue monitoring reports, are used to ensure the funding identified to deliver the council priorities is spent appropriately and remains within a cash limited budget.

7. Local Member(s)

- 7.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

8. Other Front Line Services

- 8.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

9. Communications

This report has no specific communication considerations. Detailed finance reports are presented to Heads of Service, Cabinet and the Audit Committee. These reports are public and are part of a range of statutory and non-statutory financial information documents including the Statement of Accounts.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

- 10.1 This report has no specific impact on support services other than reporting on those service areas with capital programmes. Financial Services work closely with all service areas in monitoring financial performance on capital programmes against budgets.

The Capital and Financial Planning Accountant confirms this project is included in the Capital Programme.

11. Scrutiny

- 11.1 This report presents financial information which will help inform the future capital strategy and therefore has implications for any related organisation.

12. Statutory Officers

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The Monitoring Officer has no specific concerns with this report.

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Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the following virement set out in paragraph 1.2	To ensure appropriate virements are carried out that reflect the forecasted capital spend.

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Powys County Council
22nd January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies
Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Virement for Strategic Salt Reserve

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to request a capital virement for the Strategic Salt Reserve to be transferred from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
- 1.2 In order to enable the new salt dome at Llangammarch Depot to be constructed out of the winter maintenance season, therefore minimising disruption to gritting, it will be necessary to commence works in Spring 2019 and is it is therefore necessary to roll forward £824,512 of the budget to 2019/20.

2. Options Considered / Available

- 2.1 No alternative options are considered appropriate as a result of this report.

3. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 3.1 None to consider.

4. Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No
- 4.2 If yes is it attached? ~~Yes/No~~

5. Corporate Improvement Plan

- 5.1 To achieve the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) objectives the Council undertakes forward planning with its medium term financial strategy (MTFS) - this sets out the financial requirements to deliver the short and longer term council vision. These capital and revenue monitoring reports, are used to ensure the funding identified to deliver the council priorities is spent appropriately and remains within a cash limited budget.

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

8. Other Front Line Services

8.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

9. Communications

This report has no specific communication considerations. Detailed finance reports are presented to Heads of Service, Cabinet and the Audit Committee. These reports are public and are part of a range of statutory and non-statutory financial information documents including the Statement of Accounts.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

10.1 This report has no specific impact on support services other than reporting on those service areas with capital programmes. Financial Services work closely with all service areas in monitoring financial performance on capital programmes against budgets.

The Capital and Financial Planning Accountant confirms this project is included in the Capital Programme.

11. Scrutiny

11.1 This report presents financial information which will help inform the future capital strategy and therefore has implications for any related organisation.

12. Statutory Officers

12.1 The Strategic Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the overall capital position.

The Monitoring Officer has no specific concerns with this report.

13. Members' Interests

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Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
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To approve the following virement set out in paragraph 1.2	To ensure appropriate virements are carried out that reflect the forecasted capital spend.
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Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Jane Thomas
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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council
24th January, 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Solicitor to the Council
SUBJECT: Statutory Responsibilities of the Chief Executive
REPORT FOR: Decision

1. The role of Chief Executive undertakes a number of statutory functions to which the new Chief Executive, Dr Caroline Turner will need to be appointed by Full Council with effect from 25th February, 2019.
2. The statutory roles are as follows:
 - Head of Paid Service;
 - Functions relating to the Proper Officer of the Council not already allocated to other officers;
 - Electoral Registration Officer;
 - Returning Officer (Acting Returning Officer and Local Returning Officer);

3. RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to the County Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
That Dr Caroline Turner be appointed to the Statutory Roles set out in paragraph 2 above as Chief Executive from 25 th February, 2019.	To make the appointment to Statutory Roles which fall within the role of the Chief Executive.

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	N/A
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Clive Pinney
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	February, 2019

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council - 24 January, 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services

SUBJECT: Scrutiny Committee Structure

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary.

- 1.1 The revision to the scrutiny committee structure was considered at the meeting of the Scrutiny Development Board which met on 12th November, 2018. This report presents the recommendations of the Democratic Services Committee which met on 14th November following consideration of the proposals by the Scrutiny Development Board. The Council is asked to consider the proposals for approval.

2. Audit Committee and Finance Scrutiny Panel.

- 2.1 The Council is the only Council in Wales that utilises the provisions [Section 81(2)] of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 whereby the Audit Committee can also undertake other functions such as scrutiny.
- 2.2 There has been comment recently from the Wales Audit Office (WAO) regarding a lack of clarity on Audit Committee agendas as to whether the committee is undertaking its regulatory role or is acting as a scrutiny committee.
- 2.3 The Finance Scrutiny Panel has been in existence since 2015. It has been cited by the WAO as an example of good practice. However recently it has been felt by Members that it has not been functioning effectively for a variety of reasons and needs to be reinvigorated. The Membership of the Panel currently includes the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committee, Opposition Group Leaders as well as representatives of the Audit Committee. Its main functions relate to scrutiny of the Council budget – See **Appendix 1 (current terms of reference)**.

Recommendations from the Democratic Services Committee:**Audit Committee.**

- (i) that the Audit Committee should undertake the statutory regulatory functions only, and that the scrutiny functions be transferred one of the new scrutiny committees. **(See Appendix 2 – Column 4 for the amended Terms of Reference)**
- (ii) that the Committee be comprised of 14 Members on a politically balance basis (plus the Lay / Independent Member(s))
- (iii) that the Committee determines its own schedule of meetings (approximately 6 per year)
- (iv) that in principle meetings of the Audit Committee should be webcast, subject to a review of the financial implications of webcasting additional meetings.

Finance Scrutiny Panel.

- (i) that the Finance Scrutiny Panel be retained but that it be renamed Finance Panel (“FP”).
- (ii) that the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that the Panel scrutinise strategic financial issues only i.e. MTFs, development of the overall Council budget, budget out-turn, rather than service specific financial issues which would be within the remit of individual scrutiny committees. **(See Appendix 3 for the amended Terms of Reference)**
- (iii) that the composition of the FP should not be politically balanced and consist of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees, Opposition Group Leaders as well as representatives of the Audit Committee plus the Portfolio Holder for Finance (who cannot be the Chair of the FP). **(See Appendix 3 – amended Terms of Reference)**
- (iv) that the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that the Panel will appoint its Chair from its Membership (except the Portfolio Holder for Finance). **(See Appendix 3 – amended Terms of Reference)**
- (v) that meetings of the FP be held in public wherever possible except where confidential matters are to be discussed.
- (vi) that the Chair of the FP would not be a remunerated role.

3. Scrutiny Committees

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee structure proposed by the Democratic Services Committee in May 2018 were based on Vision 2025 and the suggestion was that the following committees be established:

- Economy, Residents and Community Committee
- Health and Care Committee
- Learning and Skills Committee
- Audit Committee – which scrutinised “Making It Happen” and other Corporate functions.

Recommendations from the Democratic Services Committee:

- (i) That the Council establish the 3 scrutiny committees (excluding Audit) based on Vision 2025 as set out below, but amended to move the “governance” functions currently undertaken by Audit and taking into account the Council’s revised service structure **(See Appendix 2)**
 - Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Committee
 - Health and Care Committee
 - Learning, and Skills Committee
- (ii) that the committees comprise a maximum of 14 Members (inclusive of statutory Co-Opted Members) with Councillor membership being based on a politically balanced basis.
- (iii) that meetings of the committee be held on a 6 weekly basis.
- (iv) that meetings of committees be held in public (unless required to move into confidential session) and that the Council moves to webcast those committee meetings, subject to a review of the financial implications of webcasting additional meetings.
- (v) that the Terms of Reference of each committee include Vision 2025 responsibilities, relevant service areas, as well as partnerships to be scrutinised e.g. Brecon Beacons National Park, ERW, RPB.

4. Working Groups

- 4.1 The Council in May decided to no longer use Working Groups for scrutiny which has been a detrimental move in hindsight and current research indicates that the best scrutiny takes place in smaller working groups. Working Groups will generally be task and finish groups dealing with specific items only as and when determined by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee (see paragraph 5 below).
- 4.2 There is also a need to find a mechanism to involve members who are not on a scrutiny committee, but have the relevant knowledge, expertise or interest in being involved in scrutiny working groups. This will need a good forward work programme to be in place so that other Members can be contacted in advance to gauge interest.

Recommendations from the Democratic Services Committee:

- (i) that Cabinet Members should not be members of Scrutiny Working Groups.
- (ii) that Member Champions could assist scrutiny working groups (if not already a formal member) but not be formal members of those groups.
- (iii) that Working Groups (including cross-cutting groups) should be set as and when required by the Co-ordinating Committee (see 5 below) only and any requests from Committees to establish Working Groups would need to be considered by the Co-ordinating Committee together with a justification for establishing that group.
- (iv) That the reports of Working Groups be referred to the Co-ordinating Committee for approval prior to submission to the Cabinet (if appropriate). The Working Group reports will be subsequently submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee for information following consideration by the Co-ordinating Committee.
- (v) that Working Groups should comprise a maximum of 4 or 5 members on a non-political basis.
- (vi) that up to 2 Members who are not on a Scrutiny Committee but who have a particular skill or expressed an interest in any Working Group subject can participate in Working groups
- (vii) that there should not be more than 2 working groups held per committee in a 6 weekly committee cycle.
- (viii) that the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees are required to attend all Working Groups for their respective Committees, but do not have to Chair the working groups with another Member leading the group to allow for development of individual members. Where a cross cutting Working Group is established, the Chairs from all the Committees involved will participate in the Working Group.

5. Co-ordinating Committee.

- 5.1 The Council currently has a group comprising Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees which sets the work programme for scrutiny. Following the external review it is suggested that this group needs to be widened. The Scrutiny Development Board at its meeting in October agreed to recommend to the Democratic Services Committee that the new Co-ordinating Committee consist of the Scrutiny Development Board together with the Chairs and/or Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny who are not members of Scrutiny Development Board.

5.2 The proposed membership of the Co-ordinating Committee is as follows:

- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Scrutiny Committee, Learning, and Skills Scrutiny Committee, Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, Audit Committee;
- 3 Cabinet Members appointed by the Leader.
- Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council.

5.3 The Board also decided that this committee considers the need for greater detail on Cabinet and Scrutiny Forward Work programmes regarding what each item is about.

5.2 The current group also undertakes scrutiny work i.e. the Corporate Improvement Plan, the Strategic Equalities Plan, the Annual Governance Statement.

Recommendations from the Democratic Services Committee:

- (i) that the Co-ordinating Committee determine the Forward Work Programme for scrutiny as well as reports from Working Groups prior to submission to the Cabinet.
- (ii) that the Committee does not undertake any “corporate” scrutiny functions and that these functions be transferred to the Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Committee.
- (iii) that the committee determines whether items should be considered by a committee or working group as well as the focus of the review to be undertaken.

6 Chairs of Committees

6.1 Attached for information is the allocation of scrutiny chairs to political groups, based on current group numbers in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. **Appendix 4**

6.2 The Council is asked to approve that the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to receive the nominations for the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees from the relevant political groups, so that the new scrutiny committee structure can be implemented immediately following this meeting.

6.3 In addition the Solicitor to the Council to be authorised to facilitate and authorised to receive the allocation of the scrutiny committee chairs nominated by the political groups.

6.4 That the Solicitor to the Council report to the next meeting of the Council on the names of the members who have been appointed by their political groups as Chairs of the scrutiny committees under 6.3 above.

7. Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee.

7.1 A Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee has been established and there are no proposals to amend this Committee. **See Appendix 5 for Terms of Reference**

8. Council Constitution.

- 8.1 As a result of the change to the Scrutiny Committee Structure it is necessary to amend Parts 2 (Purpose, Definition, Interpretation and Amendment) and 7 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the Council's Constitution. A copy of the revised documents are attached as **Appendix 6**.

9. Recommendation.

- 9.1 To progress this matter the Council is asked to.

Recommendation to Full Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>(i) that the proposals as set out above be approved</p> <p>(ii) that if the information is available for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the nominations of the political groups for the membership of the 3 committees be approved.• the nominations of the relevant political groups for Chairs of the scrutiny committees be noted <p>(iii) that if the information is not available for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to receive the nominations for the membership of the 3 committees and the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees from the relevant political groups, so that the new scrutiny committee structure can be implemented immediately following this meeting.• that the Solicitor to the Council to be authorised to facilitate and authorised to receive the allocation of the scrutiny committee chairs nominated by the political groups• that the Solicitor to the Council report to the next meeting of the Council on the names of the members who have been appointed by their political groups as Members of the 3	<p>To review the scrutiny committee structure.</p>

committees and Chairs of the scrutiny committees as above	
(iv) that a review of the new structure be undertaken in 6 or 12 months following implementation.	
(v) that the revisions to Parts 2 (Purpose, Definition, Interpretation and Amendment) and 7 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the Council Constitution be approved.	

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Clive Pinney / Wyn Richards
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	January 2019

Contact Officer:	Wyn Richards, Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services.
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Finance Scrutiny Panel.

Role, Scope and Membership.

7.40

- 7.40.1 Membership: The Panel should be no larger than 10 Members to include the following:
- Chairs of the scrutiny committees (excluding the PSB Scrutiny Committee).
- Leaders of the Opposition groups i.e. those political groups which are not represented on the Cabinet.
- Representatives from the Audit Committee one of which should be the Independent “Lay” Member.
- 7.40.2 Chair : The Chair of the Audit Committee will chair the Panel.
- 7.40.3 Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee will be the Vice-Chair of the Panel.
- 7.40.4 Meetings: Meetings of the Panel will be held monthly. Additional meetings of the Panel can be called with the consent of the Chair.
- 7.40.5 Reports by the Panel: The Panel will make reports on its findings to the Cabinet and where necessary Full Council.

Terms of Reference:

7.41 The Panel will:

- 7.41.1 assist with the delivery of the plans to support change and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to inform policy changes, and providing robust challenge and accountability;
- 7.41.2 assist the managed transition between the current spread of service provision and the services most likely to be provided by the Council in the medium to long term;
- 7.41.3 analyse the relationship between performance and spend with emphasis on the outcomes intended to be achieved by a particular service in the context of what may be considered affordable;
- 7.41.4 consider the robustness of the evidence base upon which programmes of change are predicated;
- 7.41.5 provide a constructive environment for reasoned, detailed discussions about changes in an independent and impartial setting;
- 7.41.6 review and scrutinise:
 - Assumptions underlying the budget strategy;
 - The Medium Terms Financial Strategy / Finance Resource Model;
 - Budget Assumptions;
 - Annual Local Government Settlement and any legislative changes affecting local government;

- Draft Budget and Impact Assessments;
 - Risk Register;
 - Financial Monitoring;
- 7.41.7 review and scrutinise where appropriate change plans by individual services particularly where those plans relate to high cost / risk areas of service;
- 7.41.8 provide evidence based recommendations to the Cabinet on its findings;
- 7.41.9 develop a forward work programme based on the budget timetable and the Council's medium term financial strategy;

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Committee	Health and Care Committee	Learning, Skills and Culture Committee	Audit

<p>Vision 2025 objectives:</p> <p>Economy: Providing support for businesses to grow • Promoting Powys as a place to live, visit and do business • Improving the availability of affordable and sustainable housing • Improving our infrastructure to support regeneration and attract investment • Improving skills and supporting people to get good quality jobs</p> <p>Residents and Community: Strengthening community development and resilience • Support communities to be able to do more for themselves and reduce the demand on our public services • Strengthening our relationship with residents and communities • Improve our understanding of our residents needs and improve our service delivery</p>	<p>Vision 2025 objectives:</p> <p>Health and Care: Focussing on well-being • Early help and support • Providing joined up care • Developing a workforce for the future • Creating innovative environments • Developing digital solutions • Transforming in partnership</p>	<p>Vision 2025 objectives:</p> <p>Learning and Skills: Improving the educational attainment of all pupils • Supporting children and families to have the best start in life • Improving our schools infrastructure • Improving the skills and employability of young people and adults</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve authority's statement of accounts, income and expenditure and balance sheet or record of receipts and payments (as the case may be). • Ensure the risk management strategy guides the programme of internal and external work, to address the controls and risk related issues identified • Oversee the production of the annual governance statement, recommend its adoption to County Council and ensure appropriate action is taken to address the issues raised • To consider and approve the annual audit opinion on internal control and the level of assurance given to the corporate governance arrangements • Approve the annual audit plan, ensuring there is sufficient and appropriate coverage, with a strong emphasis on risk management and resources
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Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Committee	Health and Care Committee	Learning, Skills and Culture Committee	Audit

<p>SERVICE AREAS:</p> <p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Legal and Democratic Services</p> <p>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Property, Planning and Public Protection</p> <p>Highways, Transport and Recycling</p> <p>Housing and Community Development</p> <p>TRANSFORMATION</p> <p>Strategy, Performance and Transformation Programmes</p> <p>Customers and Communications</p> <p>Workforce and OD</p>	<p>SERVICE AREAS:</p> <p>Children's Services</p> <p>Adult Services</p> <p>Commissioning (Children and Adults)</p> <p>TRANSFORMATION</p>	<p>SERVICE AREAS:</p> <p>Education</p> <p>TRANSFORMATION</p>	<p>are available to implement the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and review internal audit reports and ensure officers respond promptly to the findings. Where necessary recommendations to other committees and portfolio holders will be made, to ensure action plans are implemented Consider and approve the annual letter, regulatory plan and specific reports as agreed. Where necessary ensure action is taken by officers to address those issues raised, and if necessary recommendations to other committees and portfolio holders will be made to address findings and deliver clear conclusions Comment on the scope and depth of the external audit work, to ensure it gives value for money Assess and approve the annual statement of accounts, external audit opinion and management representation
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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Committee	Health and Care Committee	Learning, Skills and Culture Committee	Audit

<p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Mid Wales • Powys Regeneration Partnership • TRACC • BBNP • MWWFRA • WLGA • Central Wales Infrastructure Collaboration • Central Wales Waste Partnership • North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency Partnership Board • Tourism Partnership Mid Wales • Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area Board • Powys Community Endowment Fund 	<p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Partnership Board • Powys Executive Safeguarding Group • Regional Safeguarding Group • Youth Justice Board • Health, Social Care and well-Being Partnership • Powys Community Health Council 	<p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in relation to annual audit findings • Promote effective relationships between external and internal audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies to ensure the value of audit and inspection is enhanced and actively promoted • regularly monitor treasury management reports
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Finance ~~Scrutiny~~ Panel.

Role, Scope and Membership.

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- 7.40.1 Membership: The Panel should be no larger than 10 Members to include the following:
- Chairs of the scrutiny committees (excluding the PSB Scrutiny Committee).
- Portfolio Holder for Finance
- Leaders of the Opposition groups i.e. those political groups which are not represented on the Cabinet.
- Other Representatives from the Audit Committee one of which should be the Independent “Lay” Member appointed by the Audit Committee.
- 7.40.2 Chair : The Chair of the ~~Audit Committee will chair the~~ Panel will be elected from the Panel’s membership.
- 7.40.3 Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair of the ~~Audit Committee~~ Panel will be elected from the Panel’s membership ~~will be the Vice-Chair of the Panel.~~, (excluding the Portfolio Holder for Finance)
- 7.40.4 Meetings: Meetings of the Panel will be held ~~monthly on a schedule to be determined by the Panel. Additional meetings of the Panel can be called with the consent of the Chair.~~ monthly on a schedule to be determined by the Panel.
- 7.40.5 Reports by the Panel: The Panel will make reports on its findings to the Cabinet and where necessary Full Council.

Terms of Reference:

- 7.41 The Panel will concentrate on strategic financial matters including the following:
- 7.41.1 assist with the delivery of ~~the financial~~ plans to support change and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to inform policy changes, and providing robust challenge and accountability;
- ~~7.41.2 assist the managed transition between the current spread of service provision and the services most likely to be provided by the Council in the medium to long term;~~
- ~~7.41.3 analyse the relationship between performance and spend with emphasis on the outcomes intended to be achieved by a particular service in the context of what may be considered affordable;~~
- 7.41.4 consider the robustness of the evidence base upon which ~~programmes of change~~ the MTFS and Council budget are predicated;

~~7.41.5 provide a constructive environment for reasoned, detailed discussions about changes in an independent and impartial setting;~~

7.41.63 review and scrutinise:

- Assumptions underlying the budget strategy;
- The Medium Terms Financial Strategy / Finance Resource Model;
- Budget Assumptions;
- Annual Local Government Settlement and any legislative changes affecting local government;
- Draft Budget and Impact Assessments;
- Financial aspects of the Risk Register;
- Financial Monitoring;

~~7.41.7 review and scrutinise where appropriate change plans by individual services particularly where those plans relate to high cost / risk areas of service;~~

7.41.84 provide evidence based recommendations to the Cabinet on its findings;

7.41.59 develop a forward work programme based on the budget timetable and the Council's medium term financial strategy;

Allocation of Scrutiny Committee Chairs – Measure Provisions.

Step 1.

Percentage size of “Executive” Group(s) as a proportion of the Whole Council (73 Members):

Group Name	No in Group	Percentage of Whole Council
The Independent Group	29	39.73%
Welsh Conservatives	19	26.03%
Total	48	65.76%

Step 2.

Entitlement of “Executive” Group(s) to proportion of chairs.

65.76% of 3 chairs = 1.97 chairs

If less than whole number then Rounding Down is required in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Entitlement - 3 scrutiny chairs = 1 chair

Step 3.

As there is an entitlement of chairs for the “Executive” Group(s) the remaining chairs therefore are to be allocated to “Opposition” Groups based on the proportion size of individual groups to the size of the opposition groups taken as a whole (23 Members):

Group Name	No in Group	Percentage of Opposition Groups
Welsh Liberal Democrats / Green	14	60.87%
Welsh Labour	7	30.43%
Plaid Cymru	2	8.70%

Step 4.

Entitlement of “Opposition” Groups to proportion of remaining chairs (number of chairs multiplied by percentage in step 3):

Group Name	Entitlement (2 chairs multiplied by percentage in step 3)	Rounding Up.	Ranking
Welsh Liberal Democrats / Green	1.22	1	
Welsh Labour	0.60	1	
Plaid Cymru	0.17	0	

The result of this exercise is as follows:

Entitlement – 3 scrutiny chairs:

Executive Group(s) – 1 chair

Welsh Liberal Democrats / Green – 1 chair

Welsh Labour – 1 chair

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Arrangements for the Scrutiny of the Public Service Board in Powys.

1. Background.

1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is aimed at improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act became a requirement for public bodies from 1st April, 2016. It puts long term sustainability at the forefront of how public services are designed and delivered, and places emphasis on public bodies to work in partnership with each other and the public to prevent and tackle problems.

1.2 The Act sets seven national well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

1.3 The Act establishes Public Services Boards (PSBs) for each local authority in Wales, consisting of representatives from local authorities, health boards, the Natural Resources Body for Wales and the Welsh Fire and Rescue Authority. It also places a requirement on councils to designate an overview and scrutiny committee to scrutinise the work of the PSB.

1.4 The functions of Powys PSB are:

- Assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in their area,
- Set local objectives designed to maximise the board's contribution to the achievement of the well-being goals,
- Publish local well-being plans setting out their local objectives and how members of the board (in exercising their collective function) intend to take all reasonable steps to meet local objectives.

1.5 The functions of the PSB Scrutiny Committee are:

- a) review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by the public services board;
- b) review or scrutinise the board's governance arrangements;
- c) make reports or recommendations to the board regarding its

- functions or governance arrangements;
- d) consider matters relating to the board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly; and
 - e) carry out other functions in relation to the board that are imposed on it by the Act.

The PSB must consult the PSB Scrutiny Committee regarding the preparation of both the assessment of local well-being and its local well-being plan.

1.6 Structure of the Powys PSB.

STATUTORY MEMBERS	
DESIGNATION	ORGANISATION
Leader	Powys CC
Chief Executive Officer	Powys CC
Chair	Powys Teaching Health Board
Chief Executive Officer	Powys Teaching Health Board
Head of Operations Mid	Natural Resource Wales
Assistant Chief Officer	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
INVITED MEMBERS	
Chair	Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations
Chief Executive Officer	Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations
Police & Crime Commissioner	Dyfed Powys OPCC
Superintendent	Dyfed Powys Police
Head of Dyfed Powys Local Delivery Unit	Wales Community Rehabilitation Company
Head of Energy, Water & Flood	Welsh Government
Chief Executive Officer	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

2. The PSB Scrutiny Committee in Powys.

- 2.1 It makes practical sense that any committee established should include representatives from each of the partner agencies, whilst recognising that those representatives could not be drawn from the “executives” of any of the organisations to ensure the split of responsibilities between those who are the “executive” of the organisation and those who undertake a “scrutiny” function. Having representation from the organisations who form the PSB should also provide “buy-in” to the scrutiny process.

3. Format of the Committee.

3.1 It is suggested that the Committee be composed as follows:

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee (from 1st April, 2016)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Elected Members of Powys County Council; • 2 independent Members of, of Powys teaching Local Health Board; • 1 non executive and non-County Councillor representative from the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority; • 1 non-executive representative from the Natural Resources Wales Board. • 1 non-executive representative from PAVO and is not a representative on the LSB; • 1 representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner / Dyfed Powys Police; • 1 non-County Councillor representative from Wales Community Rehabilitation Company; • 1 non Powys County Council Member of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. <p><u>Substitutes:</u> Nominated substitutes will be allowed for the representatives listed above provided that the substitutes are not involved in and have not attended meetings of the PSB.</p>

3.2 The Committee will be supported by a Scrutiny Officer from the County Council.

3.3 The Committee can invite and / or co-opt any other persons with a particular interest / expertise to support the Committee work on an ad-hoc basis.

3.4 The Committee should develop a forward work programme for a 12 month basis. As a minimum this should include:

- To scrutinise the evidence base that underpins the Well-being assessment for Powys;
- To scrutinise the arrangements for the preparation of the Powys Well-being Plan;
- To pre-scrutinise the draft Powys Well-being Plan;
- To pre-scrutinise the Annual Report of the PSB;
- To scrutinise the arrangements for the review and amendment of the Powys Well-being Plan

4 Terms of Reference of the Committee.

4.1 The Terms of Reference describe the purpose and structure of the Committee. The Terms of Reference should assist in developing a common understanding of the scope among stakeholders.

4.2 The Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Committee are:

- To provide a 'critical friend' challenge to the Public Service Board;
- To scrutinise, evaluate and actively promote improvement in work carried out in line with Public Service Board priorities and its terms of reference and not that of those individual constituent organisations represented on the Public Service Board;
- To develop and deliver a forward work programme which seeks to contribute to the performance management and governance arrangements of the Public Service Board, and its projects;
- To commission Research & Evaluation Group investigations into areas identified on its forward work programme.
- To submit reports to the Public Service Board (as appropriate) and make recommendations for consideration and adoption;

5 Meetings of the Committee.

5.1 Election of Chair – The Committee will elect a Chair from the statutory membership of the Committee. Substitute Members will not be eligible for election as the Chair. The Chair will be appointed for an initial period of 12 month period but can be re-elected.

5.2 It is suggested that meetings of the Committee will be held on a quarterly cycle to mirror the cycle of the PSB. However a degree of flexibility should be incorporated in line with the wishes of the Committee e.g. members may wish to consider issues on an ad-hoc basis.

5.3 The nature of Scrutiny work is such that ad-hoc meetings are also held to consider issues as and when appropriate. For example, the investigative work of the Committee may require the holding of interview sessions, site visits or seminars to discuss individual issues.

5.4 Notes of meetings will usually be brief, containing a summary of discussions, action points and recommendations.

5.5 Persons invited to participate by the Committee pursuant to para 3.3 above, will be sent the notes of the meeting to ensure their accuracy.

5.6 The Committee may request any member of the PSB to attend a Committee meeting to assist with issues under consideration.

5.7 Initially meetings of the Committee will not be held in public but this will be kept under review as the work of the Committee develops. If meetings are held in public in future there may be occasions when the nature of the matters being discussed mean that the Committee will need to move into a private session at which point the press and the public will be excluded from the meeting.

5.8 The quorum of the Committee will be:

- 1 representative from Powys County Council;
- 1 representative from Powys Teaching Health Board;
- 2 representatives from any of the following organisations:
 - Natural Resources Wales
 - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
 - Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations;

- Dyfed Powys Police / Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner;
 - Wales Community Rehabilitation Company;
 - Brecon Beacons National Park Authority;
- is present at a meeting.

6. Reports by the Committee.

- 6.1 The Committee itself will prepare recommendations based on work undertaken by the Committee as a whole, or by Research and Evaluation Groups who will submit their finalised recommendations to the full Committee for consideration.
- 6.2 Recommendations once approved by the Committee will be submitted to the PSB for action either by means of a letter from the Chair of Scrutiny or in a formal report. Where a formal report is submitted a copy will be sent to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the Auditor General for Wales and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.
- 6.3 Draft recommendations will be circulated to relevant individuals for accuracy before being finalised.
- 6.4 The PSB will be required to consider the recommendations of the Committee and to provide a written response within 2 weeks of the next meeting of the PSB indicating whether the PSB:
- (a) accepts the recommendations and supplies an action plan; or
 - (b) does not accept the recommendations with detailed justification for this decision;
- 6.5 The Scrutiny Committee (or a Research and Evaluation Group as appropriate) will / may:
- (a) Where an action plan has been prepared, monitor progress in implementation of the action plan and request periodic updates from the PSB, until such time as the action plan has been completed;
 - (b) Where recommendations have not been accepted, call representatives of the PSB to discuss the reasons why the recommendations were not accepted with the Scrutiny Committee or a Research and Evaluation Group.

7. Research and Evaluation Groups.

- 7.1 The Scrutiny Committee can undertake a review of any matters within its functions as set out in paragraph 1.5. To do so it may establish Research and Evaluation Groups.
- 7.2 The Scrutiny Committee will establish and agree terms of reference for any reviews it undertakes or commissions as well as identifying the objectives of the review.
- 7.3 Arising from a review, the Group will produce a report that will be presented to the Scrutiny Committee for approval.
- 7.4 The Research and Evaluation Group will usually consist of between 3 and 5 members of the Committee with the membership being agreed by the Committee. The Chair of the Group will be agreed by the Committee.
- 7.5 The Chair of a Research and Evaluation Group can invite other persons with the relevant knowledge / expertise either as a co-opted member of the Group

for the duration of the investigation or on an ad-hoc basis. Otherwise such persons can be invited to give evidence to the Group. If the Group decides to co-opt additional members for a review, the numbers of those co-opted should not exceed one third of the membership of the Group established by the Scrutiny Committee (e.g. one third of 3 or 5 members)

- 7.6 Research and Evaluation Group meetings are confidential to allow for flexibility, openness and transparency.
- 7.7 A Research and Evaluation Group should where possible be comprised of representatives from individual organisations rather than multiple representatives from a single organisation.

SECTION 2 – PURPOSE, DEFINITION, INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Purpose of the Constitution

2.1 The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- 2.1.1 enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the Community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
- 2.1.2 support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision making;
- 2.1.3 help Councillors represent their constituents more effectively;
- 2.1.4 enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- 2.1.5 create a powerful and effective means of holding decision makers to public account;
- 2.1.6 ensure that no one will scrutinise a decision in which they are directly involved (including any involvement in a joint review process);
- 2.1.7 ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
- 2.1.8 provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.

Definitions in the Constitution

2.2.1 The Constitution of the Council is this document.

2.2.2 Within the Constitution the following words and phrases have the meaning set out below:

“Annual Meeting”	In a year when there is an ordinary election of councillors, the annual meeting will take place within 21 days of the retirement of the outgoing councillors. In any other year, the annual meeting will take place in March, April or May. ¹
“Budget”	the overall revenue and capital budget approved by Full Council (Section 4);
“Chief Officer”	Unless stated otherwise Chief Officer means the following officers: Chief Executive Strategic Directors
“Clear Days”	The number of days that the notice and summons of a meeting have to be published in advance of a meeting. The clear days do not include (a) the day the document is published and / or received; and (b) the day of the meeting; and (c) weekends and bank holidays. ²
“Co-Opted Member”	A person chosen by the Council to serve on one of its Member Bodies consisting of the following: 5 Independent (Lay) Members of the Standards Committee; 3 Town and Community Council representatives of the Standards Community Sub-Committee;

¹ Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12

² Schedule 12, Part 1, Regulation 4(2) – Local Government Act 1972.

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	3 Parent Governor Representatives on the People Scrutiny Committee; 1 Church in Wales representative on the People Scrutiny Committee; 1 Roman Catholic Church representative on the People Scrutiny Committee; 1 'Lay' Member of the Audit Committee; 1 co-opted Member in respect of crime and disorder matters on the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee.
"Councillor"	a person elected to the Council to represent an area (called an electoral division) within the county of Powys;
"Deputy Chief Officer"	Unless otherwise stated Deputy Chief Officers means the following officers: Directors Heads of Service
"Executive"	the Cabinet or a Member or Members of the Cabinet when exercising Executive Functions;
"Executive Decision" or "Cabinet Decision"	any decision taken by the Cabinet to exercise or refrain from exercising an Executive Function. It also includes decisions made by persons or Member Bodies to whom the Leader or Cabinet has delegated Executive Functions to exercise or refrain exercising those functions;
"Executive Function" or "Cabinet Function"	(a) Executive Functions are defined by the Local Government Act 2000, subsidiary legislation ³ and associated guidance. Any function that is not exercisable only by Full Council or delegated to another Member body is an Executive Function. It should be noted that regulatory functions such as planning, licensing, rights of way and building control, are not Executive Functions; (b) Contractual matters (within an approved budget), the acquisition and disposal of land and financial support to organisations and individuals are also Executive Functions.
"Exempt Information"	Information which a Council is able to withhold from being disclosed to the public as it falls within one of 10 categories of information described in regulations. ⁴

³ The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)

⁴ Paragraphs 12 to 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2007 and Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) and the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

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“Forward Work Programme”	the Forward Work Programme is a document which lists all of the decisions that the Cabinet intend to take and when those matters will be discussed. This does not prevent urgent or unforeseen matters being considered;
“Full Council”	the body where all Councillors act to exercise functions of the Council;
“Head of Service”	such officers appointed from time to time by Strategic Directors and / or Directors to run the individual services within their directorates.
“Head of Paid Service”	an Officer who must be appointed by law to carry out certain functions. See Section 11 for more details. The Officer will usually have other duties and a different job title. See Section 11 for which Officer is the Head of Paid Service;
“Independent (Lay) Member”	a member of the Standards Committee who is not: (a) a Councillor; (b) an officer; or (c) the spouse of a Member or an officer of the Council, or any other Relevant Authority, or a Community Council.
“Lay Member”	the Co-Opted Member of the Audit Committee appointed by the Full Council who cannot be a Councillor.
“Local Choice Functions”	there are some functions which the Council may treat as being the responsibility of the Cabinet (in whole or in part) or as being non-executive, at its discretion; ⁵
“Local Representative”	has the meaning set out in Rules 19.82 to 19.89 (Planning Protocol).
“Management Team”	the senior management body for officers (Section 11). It includes those officers designated from time to time by the Head of Paid Service as members of the Management Team;
“the Measure”	means the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.
“Member”	either a Councillor or a Co-Opted Member chosen by the Council to serve on one of its Member Bodies;
“Member Body”	any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area (Shire) Committee – Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire and Brecknockshire; • Audit Committee; • Cabinet; • Democratic Services Committee; • Employment and Appeals Committee;

⁵ The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place <u>Learning and Skills</u> Scrutiny Committee; • <u>Health and Care Scrutiny Committee;</u> • <u>Economy, Residents, Communities and Governance Scrutiny Committee;</u> • Full Council; • Licensing Act 2003 Committee; • Pensions and Investments Committee; • People Scrutiny Committee; • Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee; • Standards Committee (or its Community Sub-Committee) <p>Note - references to Committee also includes Sub-Committee;</p>
“Monitoring Officer”	an Officer who must be appointed by law to carry out certain functions. See Section 11 for a description of those functions. The Officer will usually have other duties and a different job title. See Section 11 for which Officer is the Monitoring Officer;
“Non-Executive Functions”	any function which may only be exercised by Full Council (whether by local choice or as a matter of law) or which is delegated to a Member Body other than the Cabinet; ⁶
“Planning Application”	any of the applications set out in the Planning Protocol set out in Section 19.
“Policy Framework”	The framework set out in Rule 4.2;
“Public Interest”	Means the test set out in Section 14.
“Relevant Authority”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a county council; or (b) a county borough council; or (c) a national park authority established under section 63 of the Environment Act 1995 (as amended); or (d) a fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004(2) or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies
“Returning Officer”	Means the officer appointed by Full Council pursuant to section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be the officer responsible for the administration of elections of councillors of the county, and elections of councillors of communities within the County.
“Scrutiny Committees”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee;</u> • <u>Health and Care Scrutiny Committee;</u> • <u>Economy, Residents, Communities and Governance Scrutiny Committee;</u>

⁶ The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place Scrutiny Committee;• People Scrutiny Committee;• Audit Committee:• Local Service Board / Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee.
“Section 151 Officer”	an Officer who must be appointed by law to carry out certain functions in relation to financial administration. See Section 11 for a description of those functions. The Officer may have other duties and a different job title. See Section 11 for which Officer is the Section 151 Officer;
“Service”	any of the services provided by the Council;
“Single Integrated Plan (SIP)”	Means the single plan for Powys that reflects the needs of the local population and is known as the “One Powys Plan”. The SIP builds on and brings together in one document the joint work previously developed through the Community Plan, as well as the Community Safety, Children and Young Peoples, and the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership Plan.

Interpretation of the Constitution

- 2.3.1 We have tried to make the Constitution as clear and as easy to understand as possible. Inevitably, people will have different views about what certain passages mean.
- 2.3.2 During meetings, the person chairing or presiding at the meeting may interpret the relevant procedure rules and for the purposes of the meeting the Chair’s ruling is final.
- 2.3.3 In all other situations, the Monitoring Officer will determine the interpretation and application of the Constitution.
- 2.3.4 Unless the context requires otherwise, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and words expressed in any gender shall include any other gender.

The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the Constitution.

Duty to Monitor and Review the Constitution

- 2.4.1 The Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect.
- 2.4.2 The Monitoring Officer will make arrangements for any proposed changes to the Constitution to be considered by the Democratic Services Committee which will in turn make recommendations to the Full Council as to any amendments that may be necessary.
- 2.4.3 The Section 151 Officer shall be responsible for keeping under review the Financial Regulations set out in Section 16 of the Constitution and

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shall make any necessary amendments and revisions as are required from time to time. S/he shall make arrangements for any proposed changes to be considered by the Audit Committee and Democratic Services Committee which will in turn make recommendations to the Full Council as to any amendments that may be necessary.

Protocol for Monitoring and Review of Constitution by Monitoring Officer

2.5 A key role for the Monitoring Officer is to make recommendations for ways in which the Constitution could be amended in order to better achieve the purposes set out in this Section. In undertaking this task, the Monitoring Officer may:

- 2.5.1 observe meetings of different parts of the Member and Officer structure;
- 2.5.2 undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
- 2.5.3 record and analyse issues raised with him/her by Members, Officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and,
- 2.5.4 compare practices in this Council with those in comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice.

Changes to the Constitution

Approval

2.6 Subject to Rules 2.7 and 2.8 below, changes to the Constitution will only be approved by the Full Council in accordance with the procedures set out in Rule 2.4.2 above.

Minor Changes

2.7 If, in the reasonable opinion of the Monitoring Officer, a change is:

- 2.7.1 a minor variation; or
 - 2.7.2 required to be made to remove any inconsistency, ambiguity or typographical correction;
- the Monitoring Officer may make such a change. Any such change made by the Monitoring Officer shall come into force with immediate effect. Such changes shall be reported to the Democratic Services Committee and the next Full Council meeting for information.

Legislative Change

2.8 Any part of the Constitution may be amended by the Monitoring Officer where such amendment is required to be made so as to comply with any legislative provision. Such amendments shall take effect when the Monitoring Officer so decides or the legislation (where relevant) so provides. Such changes shall be reported to the Democratic Services Committee and the next Full Council meeting for information.

Suspension of the Constitution

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Limit to Suspension

2.9 Any of the procedure rules contained in the Constitution may be suspended to the extent permitted within these rules and the law except for the following rules:

- 2.9.1 Motions affecting persons employed by the Council (Rule 4.39.7)
- 2.9.2 Point of Order (Rule 4.55)
- 2.9.3 Right to Require Individual Vote to be Recorded (Rule 4.67)
- 2.9.4 No Requirement to sign minutes of previous meeting at extraordinary meeting (Rule 4.76)

Procedure to Suspend

2.10 A motion to suspend any rule will not be moved without notice unless at least one half of the whole number of councillors is present. The extent and duration of suspension will be proportionate to the result to be achieved, taking account of the purposes of the Constitution set out in this Section. Any suspension will apply solely to the matter or matters being discussed at that meeting.

Publication

- 2.11.1 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies of this Constitution are available on the Council's website, and copies can be made available on request in audio format, in Welsh, and in Braille. Copies of Sections of the Constitution can be printed at the Council's Customer Service Points on request.
- 2.11.2 The Monitoring Officer will provide a link to a copy of this Constitution or by disk to each Member of the Council upon delivery to him/her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the Member first being elected to the Council and thereafter ensure that an up to date version is available for inspection and published on the Council's website.
- 2.11.3 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the Constitution is updated as necessary in accordance with Rule 2.6.

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Introduction

- 7.1 The Council is required by Law to discharge certain overview and scrutiny functions. These functions are an essential component of local democracy. The Scrutiny Committees should be powerful committees that can contribute to the development of Council policies and also hold the Cabinet to account for its decisions. Another key part of the overview and scrutiny role is to review existing policies, consider proposals for new policies and suggest new policies.
- 7.2 Overview and scrutiny should be carried out in a constructive way and should aim to contribute to the delivery of efficient and effective services that meet the needs and aspirations of local inhabitants. Scrutiny Committees should not shy away from the need to challenge and question decisions and make constructive criticism.

Scrutiny Committees

- 7.3 In order to achieve this, the Council will appoint three Scrutiny Committees (and in addition the Council will participate in a PSB Scrutiny Committee) which between them will:
- 7.3.1 review or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions whether by the Cabinet or another part of the Council;
 - 7.3.2 make reports or recommendations to the Cabinet or the Council in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - 7.3.3 consider any matter which affects the Council's area or its inhabitants; and
 - 7.3.4 exercise the right to call in for reconsideration decisions made, but not yet implemented, by the Cabinet and Officers.

Role, Scope and Membership

- 7.4 The role, scope and Membership of the Scrutiny Committees are described in the table below:

Committee and Membership	Terms of Reference / Areas of Responsibility
<u>Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Scrutiny Committee</u> A maximum of 14 Members including: 13 Councillors – Politically Balanced and 1 Non-Voting Co-optee for crime and disorder	<u>Vision 2025 objectives:</u> <u>Economy:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Providing support for businesses to grow</u> • <u>Promoting Powys as a place to live, visit and do business</u> • <u>Improving the availability of affordable and sustainable housing</u> • <u>Improving our infrastructure to support regeneration and attract investment</u> • <u>Improving skills and supporting people to get good quality jobs</u> <u>Residents and Community:</u>

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<p><u>functions</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Strengthening community development and resilience</u> • <u>Support communities to be able to do more for themselves and reduce the demand on our public services</u> • <u>Strengthening our relationship with residents and communities</u> • <u>Improve our understanding of our residents needs and improve our service delivery</u> <p><u>SERVICE AREAS:</u></p> <p><u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Finance</u> • <u>Legal and Democratic Services</u> <p><u>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Property, Planning and Public Protection</u> • <u>Highways, Transport and Recycling</u> • <u>Housing and Community Development</u> <p><u>TRANSFORMATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Strategy, Performance and Transformation Programmes</u> • <u>Customers and Communications</u> • <u>Workforce and OD</u> <p><u>PARTNERSHIPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Growing Mid Wales</u> • <u>Powys Regeneration Partnership</u> • <u>TRACC</u> • <u>BBNP</u> • <u>MWWFRA</u> • <u>WLGA</u> • <u>Central Wales Infrastructure Collaboration</u> • <u>Central Wales Waste Partnership</u> • <u>North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency Partnership Board</u> • <u>Tourism Partnership Mid Wales</u> • <u>Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area Board</u> • <u>Powys Community Endowment Fund</u> 	<p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p>
<p>Health and Care Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p><u>Vision 2025 objectives:</u></p> <p><u>Health and Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Focussing on well-being</u> 	<p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p>

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<p>A maximum of 14 Members including: 14 Councillors – Politically Balanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early help and support • Providing joined up care • Developing a workforce for the future • Creating innovative environments • Developing digital solutions • Transforming in partnership <p>SERVICE AREAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services • Adult Services • Commissioning (Children and Adults) <p>TRANSFORMATION</p> <p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Partnership Board • Powys Executive Safeguarding Group • Regional Safeguarding Group • Youth Justice Board • Health, Social Care and well-Being Partnership • Powys Community Health Council 	<p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, Not Bold</p>
<p>Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee Membership: A maximum of 14 Members including: 9 Councillors – Politically Balanced; 3 parent governor representatives; 1 Church in Wales Diocese representative; 1 Roman Catholic Church Diocese representative,</p>	<p>Vision 2025 objectives:</p> <p>Learning and Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the educational attainment of all pupils • Supporting children and families to have the best start in life • Improving our schools infrastructure • Improving the skills and employability of young people and adults <p>SERVICE AREAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education <p>TRANSFORMATION</p> <p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERW 	<p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p> <p>Formatted: Indent: Left: 0", Hanging: 0.22", Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 0.25" + Indent at: 0.5"</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Arial, Not Bold</p>
<p>Co-Ordinating Committee Membership: Chairs and Vice</p>	<p>Functions specified under Rules 7.38 – 7.39</p>	

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Chairs of the 3 Scrutiny Committees; Chair and Vice- Chair of the Audit Committee; 3 Representatives of the Cabinet; 2 Representatives of the Executive Management Team	
Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee	As set out in Rules 7.43 to 7.45
Audit Committee Membership: 14 Members plus 1 Independent / Lay Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>To approve authority's statement of accounts, income and expenditure and balance sheet or record of receipts and payments (as the case may be).</u> • <u>Ensure the risk management strategy guides the programme of internal and external work, to address the controls and risk related issues identified</u> • <u>Oversee the production of the annual governance statement, recommend its adoption to County Council and ensure appropriate action is taken to address the issues raised</u> • <u>To consider and approve the annual audit opinion on internal control and the level of assurance given to the corporate governance arrangements</u> • <u>Approve the annual audit plan, ensuring there is sufficient and appropriate coverage, with a strong emphasis on risk management and resources are available to implement the plan.</u> • <u>Receive and review internal audit reports and ensure officers respond promptly to the findings. Where necessary recommendations to other committees and portfolio holders will be made, to ensure action plans are implemented</u> • <u>Consider and approve the annual letter, regulatory plan and specific reports as agreed.</u> • <u>Where necessary ensure action is taken by officers to address those issues raised, and if necessary recommendations to other committees and portfolio holders will be made to address findings and deliver clear conclusions</u> • <u>Comment on the scope and depth of the external audit work, to ensure it gives value for money</u> • <u>Assess and approve the annual statement of accounts, external audit opinion and management representation in relation to annual audit findings</u> • <u>Promote effective relationships between external and</u>

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	<u>internal audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies to ensure the value of audit and inspection is enhanced and actively promoted</u> • <u>regularly monitor treasury management reports</u>
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Membership of the Audit Committee.

7.5.1 The Audit Committee will comprise ~~24~~14 Councillors, appointed to achieve as far as reasonably practicable a political balance on the committee plus 1 voting Lay Member plus such other co-optees as may be appointed by the Council (subject to the total number of co-optees being less than one third of the total membership).¹

7.5.2 In accordance with Section 82 of The Measure:

7.5.2.1 At least one member of the Audit Committee must be a voting Lay Member;

7.5.2.2 An act of the Audit Committee will be invalid if the membership of the committee breaches any of the membership requirements set out in Rules 7.5.1 and 7.5.2.1.

7.5.2.3 The Chair of the Audit Committee is appointed by the Committee at the first meeting following the Council's Annual Meeting and the Chair:

- cannot be a member of the Cabinet;
- can be a Lay Member or a Co-Opted Member;
- can only be a member of an executive group if there are no opposition groups. (See Rule 7.5.4 below);

7.5.2.4 The Measure does not require a Cabinet Member to be a member of the Audit Committee but a maximum of one member of Cabinet (but not the Leader) may be a member of the Audit Committee;

7.5.2.5 The Chair of the Audit Committee may be removed from office by a motion to remove which is put on the agenda of the Audit Committee pursuant to Rule 4.38.1

7.5.3~~A~~The Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee will be appointed annually by the Committee at the first meeting following the Council's Annual Meeting who may appoint a Councillor, the Lay Member or a Co-Opted Member. (see Rule 7.5.4 below)

7.5.~~3B~~4 The Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee may be removed from office by a motion to remove which is put on the agenda of the Audit Committee pursuant to Rule 4.38.1

7.5.~~4~~5 A person presiding at an Audit Committee can only be a member of an executive group if there are no opposition groups.

General Functions

¹ See Section 82 of The Measure.

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7.6 Within their terms of reference, Scrutiny Committees will:

- 7.6.1 review and / or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any function of the authority;
- 7.6.2 make reports and / or recommendations to the Full Council and / or the Cabinet, and / or any joint committee ~~or Area (Shire) Committee~~ in connection with the discharge of any function of the authority;
- 7.6.3 consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
- 7.6.4 exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented, by the Cabinet, a committee of the Cabinet, a member of the Cabinet, an officer exercising functions delegated by the Cabinet, ~~and / or any Area (Shire) Committee exercising functions delegated by the Cabinet.~~ (See Call-In Procedure – Rule 7.37);

Specific Functions

Policy Development and Review

7.7 The Scrutiny Committees may:

- 7.7.1 assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its Budget and Policy Framework by in depth analysis of policy issues, including pre-scrutiny of draft or amended policies;
- 7.7.2 conduct research, site visits, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- 7.7.3 question members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers from the Council about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area;
- 7.7.4 liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interest of local people are enhanced by collaborative working;
- 7.7.5 consider the impact of policies to assess if they have made a difference;
- 7.7.6 consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the scrutiny of the development of policy options; and
- 7.7.7 investigate or review a particular matter in depth, reporting their conclusions and making any recommendations to the Council or Cabinet as appropriate.

Scrutiny

7.8 Scrutiny Committees may:

- 7.8.1 review and scrutinise the decisions by and performance of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Council Officers in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- 7.8.2 review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- 7.8.3 question members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers from the Council about their decisions and performance,

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- whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or project;
- 7.8.4 make recommendations to the Cabinet and/or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
 - 7.8.5 review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance;
 - 7.8.6 question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent);
 - 7.8.7 review and scrutinise the budget setting process;
 - 7.8.8 conduct research, site visits, community (and other) consultation for the purposes of analysing issues and developing where appropriate; possible options, through liaison with the area/community partnerships; and
 - 7.8.9 consider and report on mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of service delivery options.

Finance

- 7.9 Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.

Annual Report

- 7.10 The Scrutiny Committees may report annually to the Full Council on their workings.

Head of Democratic Services

- 7.11 One of the roles of the Head of Democratic Services under section 8 of The Measure is to promote the role of the Council's Scrutiny Committees and to promote support and guidance to members and Officers generally about the functions of the Scrutiny Committees .

Who May Sit on Scrutiny Committees ?

- 7.12.1 Subject to Rule 7.12.2. below all Councillors (except members of the Cabinet) may be members of the Scrutiny Committees. However, no Member may be involved in scrutinising on decisions in which s/he has been directly involved.
- 7.12.2 In accordance with Section 82 of The Measure no more than one member of the Cabinet may be a member of the Audit Committee (but there is no requirement for Full Council to appoint a member of the Cabinet to the Audit Committee). The Leader cannot be a member of the Audit Committee.

Co-Optees

- 7.13.1 The Learning and Skills ~~and Economy~~ Scrutiny Committee shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:
 - 7.13.1.1 One Church in Wales diocese representative;
 - 7.13.1.2 One Roman Catholic diocese representative; and
 - 7.13.1.3 Three parent governor representatives (covering so far as practicable the primary, secondary and special needs sectors)

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- 7.13.2 When matters which are not education matters, which are the responsibility of the Cabinet, fall to be considered by the Learning and Skills ~~and Economy~~ Scrutiny Committee, the co-opted representatives specified in rule 7.13.1 shall not vote, although they may stay in the meeting and speak.
- 7.13.3 The Health ~~and~~ Care ~~and Housing~~ Scrutiny Committee shall include in its membership in a non-voting capacity 1 representative from the Police and Crime Panel (or from such other body which replaces the Panel), subject to that representative not being a Powys County Council representative on the Police and Crime Panel.
- 7.13.4 In addition to co-optees appointed under rules 7.13.1.1 to 7.13.1.3 above, Scrutiny Committees may recommend to Full Council the co-option of other persons as voting or non-voting representatives. In exercising or deciding whether to exercise a co-option, the Authority must, under section 76 of The Measure, have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers and comply with directions given by them
- 7.13.5 The total number of co-optees on each Scrutiny Committee may not exceed more than one third the membership of the committee.²

Who Chairs Scrutiny Committees (other than the Chair of the Audit Committee)?

- 7.14 The arrangements included in sections 66-75 of The Measure will be followed for appointing persons to chair Scrutiny Committees as set out in Rule 4.6.6 (other than the Chair of the Audit Committee who will be appointed in accordance with Rule 7.5.2.3)³.

Role of the Chair of Scrutiny Committees

- 7.15.1 The chairs of the Scrutiny Committees will liaise with the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service and will supervise the work programme for their Scrutiny Committee and identify cross cutting themes arising from the various Scrutiny Committees .
- 7.15.2 In summary, therefore, the Chair will:
- 7.15.2.1 be accountable for delivering effective scrutiny;
 - 7.15.2.2 will regularly monitor the work programmes for their Scrutiny Committee; and
 - 7.15.2.3 will liaise with the Cabinet on issues affecting the scrutiny work programme.

Work Programme

- 7.16 The ~~Joint Chairs Steering Group~~ Co-ordinating Committee will be responsible for setting the work programme for each scrutiny committee and in doing so they should take into account the Cabinet Forward Work Programme and focus on strategic and important issues. Any requests from scrutiny members for matters to be scrutinised should be sent to the ~~Joint Chairs Steering Group~~ Co-ordinating Committee for consideration.

² Paragraph 8.19 Statutory Guidance from the Local Government Measure 2011 (issued by Welsh Government June 2012)

³ For provisions relating to the Chair of the Audit Committee See Rule 7.3.2(b)(ii) above.

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Joint Scrutiny Committees

7.17 Under section 58 of The Measure, regulations may be made to permit two or more local authorities to appoint a joint Scrutiny Committee. This is set out in the Local Authority (Joint Overview and Scrutiny) (Wales) Regulations 2012.

Rules of Procedure and Debate (“Scrutiny Procedure Rules”)

7.18 Rules 7.18 to 7.37 (inclusive) shall be known as the Scrutiny Procedure Rules and will apply to meetings of the Scrutiny Committees.

What will be the Number and Arrangements for Scrutiny Committees ?

- 7.19.1 Subject to Rules 7.43 to 7.45 the Council will have three Scrutiny Committees set out in the table in Rule 7.3 and will appoint to them as it considers appropriate from time to time. The Co-ordinating Committee ~~Chair of a Scrutiny Committee~~ may appoint smaller groups (Member and Officer Working Groups) to carry out detailed examination of particular topics for report back to the committee. Such groups may be appointed for a fixed period on the expiry of which they shall cease to exist or may be appointed on a task and finish basis. Such Member and Officer Working Groups should work on a non-political basis and wherever possible should comprise as many political groups as practicable. In addition, in the case of urgency, the Chair of the relevant scrutiny committee and the Co-ordinating Committee can establish a Member and Officer Working Group
- 7.19.2 The terms of reference / areas of responsibility of the various Scrutiny Committees will be as set out in Rule 7.4 above.
- 7.19.3 Each Scrutiny Committee (with the exception of ~~the Audit Committee and~~ the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee) will be Chaired by a chair appointed by the Full Council from the membership of that Scrutiny Committee and there will be cross party membership of all Scrutiny Committees.

Meetings of the Scrutiny Committees

- 7.20.1 The three Scrutiny Committees will meet ~~at least monthly~~ on a 6 weekly cycle (except for August and December).
- 7.20.2 The Audit Committee must also meet if:
- (a) the Full Council resolves that the Committee should meet; or
 - (b) at least one third of the members of the Audit Committee requisition a meeting by one or more notices in writing to the chair.
- 7.20.3 In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time by:
- 7.20.3.1 the Full Council by resolution; or
 - 7.20.3.2 the relevant Scrutiny Committee by resolution; or
 - 7.20.3.3 the chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee; or
 - 7.20.3.4 any 5 members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee; or
 - 7.20.3.5 the Head of Paid Service; or
 - 7.20.3.6 the Monitoring Officer; or
 - 7.20.3.7 the Section 151 Officer;

as s/he / they considers necessary or appropriate.

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Quorum

- 7.21 The quorum of a meeting will be 25% of the number of members of that Scrutiny Committee. During any meeting, if the chair declares that there is not a quorum present, then the meeting will adjourn immediately. Remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the chair. If s/he does not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee..

Business at First Meeting Following the Annual Meeting of the County Council

- 7.22 The first meeting of a scrutiny committee following the Annual Meeting of the County Council will (as may be appropriate):
- 7.22.1 elect a chair of the Audit Committee and the PSB Scrutiny Committee;
 - 7.22.2 elect a person to preside if the chair of the Committee is not present;
 - 7.22.3 elect the vice-chair of the Committee
 - ~~7.22.4 (unless the committee decides unanimously to dis-apply the political balance requirements) allocate seats to political groups on sub-committees authorised by the Full Council.~~
 - 7.22.4⁵ make appointments to sub-committees authorised by Full Council (see Rules 4.6.1; 4.6.7; 4.15.7; and 4.18.6); such appointments to be in accordance with the wishes of the groups unless the committee decides unanimously to dis-apply the political balance requirements;
 - 7.22.5⁶ make recommendations to the Co-ordinating Committee for the establishment or re-establishment of Member and Officer Task and Finish Working Groups and make appointments thereto as appropriate;
 - ~~7.22.7 to approve the committee's work programme for the forthcoming year;~~
 - 7.22.8⁶ deal with those items of business listed in Rule 7.24 below as may be appropriate.

The order of business, with the exception of items 7.22.1 and 7.22.2 may be altered by the chair.

Business at Other Meetings

- 7.23 At all other meetings of committee, the committee will (as may be appropriate)
- 7.23.1 elect a person to preside if the chair and vice-chair of the Committee are not present;
 - 7.23.2 elect the chair of the Audit Committee or the PSB Scrutiny Committee in the event of there being a vacancy
 - 7.23.3 elect a vice-chair of the Committee in the event of there being a vacancy;
 - 7.23.4 receive declarations of interest (including whipping declarations);
 - 7.23.5 make appointments to sub-committees and Member and Officer Task and Finish Groups in the event of there being a vacancy;
 - 7.23.6 receive apologies for absence;

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- 7.23.7 approve the minutes of the last meeting;
- 7.23.8 receive any announcements from the chair;
- 7.23.9 receive reports from the Cabinet and / or from any other committees, and / or from officers;
- 7.23.10 make recommendations to the Cabinet or Full Council;
- 7.23.11 deal with any business outstanding from the last meeting;
- 7.23.12 (where the Leader or a Cabinet member attends a meeting of the committee) to receive a presentation from the Leader or a Cabinet member and / or to put questions to, and to receive responses from the Leader or a Cabinet member;
- 7.23.13 put questions to the chair or relevant officers of the Council where appropriate on items of business before the committee and to receive responses.
- 7.23.14 receive reports from sub-committees and Member and Officer Task and Finish Groups;
- 7.23.15 to consider requests from members of the committee for items of business to be recommended to the Co-ordinating Committee for consideration at a future meeting or at the meeting when the request is made if the chair is satisfied that the matter is urgent (the reason for the urgency being recorded in the minutes), and that the committee is able to have the necessary professional advice of officers;
- 7.23.16 consider motions without notice as set out in the Full Council Procedure Rules in Section 4 of this Constitution;
- 7.23.17 review the Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming year and make such recommendations to the ~~Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group~~Co-ordinating Committee as are necessary;
- 7.23.18 consider such other business specified in the summons to the meeting;
- 7.23.19 consider other business, not specified in the summons as the chair considers urgent, subject to the nature of the urgency being specified in the minutes;
- 7.23.20 to exclude the public for the consideration of any item in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules;
- ~~7.23.21 receive notes of meetings of the Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group.~~

The order of business, with the exception of items 7.23.1 to 7.23.4 may be altered by the chair.

Agenda Items

- 7.24.1 Any member of a Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the chair of the Scrutiny Committee that s/he wishes an item relevant to the functions of that Scrutiny Committee to be recommended to the Co-ordinating Committee for inclusion on the agenda for the next available meeting. ~~The chair will decide in his / her absolute discretion whether or not the matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.~~
- 7.24.2 Scrutiny Committees shall also respond, as soon as their work programme permits, to requests from the Full Council and/or the Cabinet to review

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particular areas of Council activity. Where they do so, the particular Scrutiny Committee shall report their findings and any recommendations back to the Cabinet and/or Council as appropriate. The Council and/or the Cabinet shall consider the report of the Scrutiny Committee and respond (if appropriate) ~~within 6 weeks of its consideration~~ as soon as possible or at the latest within 2 months of the date of the meeting.

Policy Review and Development

- 7.25.1 The role of Scrutiny Committees in relation to the development of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework is set out in detail in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Section 15.
- 7.25.2 In relation to the development of the Council's approach to other matters not forming part of its Budget and Policy Framework, Scrutiny Committees may make proposals to the Cabinet for developments in so far as they relate to matters within their terms of reference.
- 7.25.3 Scrutiny Committees may hold enquiries and investigate the available options for future direction in policy development and may appoint advisers and assessors to assist them in this process. They may go on site visits, conduct public surveys, hold public meetings, commission research and do all other things that they reasonably consider necessary to inform their deliberations. They may ask witnesses to attend to address them on any matter under consideration and may pay any advisers, assessors and witnesses a reasonable fee and expenses for doing so.

Reports from Scrutiny Committees

- 7.26.1 All formal reports from Scrutiny Committees will be submitted ~~to the Monitoring Officer~~ for consideration by the Cabinet (if the proposals are consistent with the existing Budget and Policy Framework), or to the Council as appropriate (e.g. if the recommendation would require a departure from or a change to the agreed Budget and Policy Framework).
- 7.26.2 If a Scrutiny Committee cannot agree on one single final report to the Council or Cabinet as appropriate, one minority report may be prepared and submitted for consideration by Full Council or Cabinet with the majority report.
- 7.26.3 A Scrutiny Committee may publish any non-confidential report.

Making sure that Scrutiny Reports are considered by Full Council or Cabinet

- 7.27.1 The reports of Scrutiny Committees shall be referred to the Cabinet (as determined by the Scrutiny Committee) within one month or to the next meeting of Full Council (where applicable). Where an item is not considered by Full Council or Cabinet within the period specified above, the Chair of Council or the Leader or Portfolio Holder will give an explanation of the reasons to the chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee as soon as practicable.
- 7.27.2 Where a scrutiny report is referred to the Cabinet the relevant Portfolio Holder(s) and senior officers will attend the meeting of the Cabinet wherever possible. The Cabinet will prepare 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 meeting. The Portfolio Holder(s)

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and senior officers if requested to do so will attend a future meeting of that Scrutiny Committee to present the Cabinet's response.

Rights of Members of Scrutiny Committees to Documents

- 7.28.1 Members of Scrutiny Committees have the additional right to documents, and to notice of meetings as set out in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Section 14 of this Constitution.
- 7.28.2 Nothing in this paragraph prevents more detailed liaison between the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committees as appropriate depending on the particular matter under consideration.

Members and Senior Officers Giving Account

- 7.29.1 Scrutiny Committees / Working Groups may scrutinise and review decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any Council functions within its remit. As well as reviewing documentation, in fulfilling the Scrutiny role, it may require any member of the Cabinet, the Chief Executive and/or any senior Officer to attend before it to explain the following matters within their remit:
- 7.29.1.1 any particular decision or series of decisions; and / or
- 7.29.1.2 the extent to which the actions taken implement Council policy; and/or
- 7.29.1.3 the implementation of decision(s) and or Council policy

and it is the duty of those persons to attend if so required.

- 7.29.2 Where there are concerns about the appropriateness of the Officer who should attend, the relevant chief Officer shall discuss this with the appropriate Scrutiny Chair or Vice Chair with a view to achieving consensus.

- 7.29.3 Where any ~~Member Cabinet Member or Officer~~ is required to attend Scrutiny Committees / Working Group under this provision, the Chair of that Committee / Working Group will inform the ~~Monitoring Officer~~ relevant Cabinet Member. ~~The Monitoring Officer (or officers nominated by him / her) shall inform the Member or Officer, if necessary in writing, giving at least 5 working days' notice of before the meeting at which s/he is required to attend (unless agreed otherwise). Any-The written notice notice~~ will state the nature of the item on which he or she is required to attend to give account and whether any papers are required to be produced for the Committee.

- ?? Where any Officer is required to attend Scrutiny Committees / Working Group under this provision, the Chair of that Committee / Working Group will inform the relevant Head of Service. The relevant Head of Service shall inform the Officer, if necessary in writing, giving at least 5 working days' notice of the meeting at which s/he is required to attend (unless agreed otherwise). The notice will state the nature of the item on which he or she is required to attend to give account and whether any papers are required to be produced for the Committee.

- 7.29.4 For the purposes of attendances of members or Officers at the Audit Committee only, in accordance with Section 83(6) of The Measure, a person

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is not obliged to answer any question which the person would be entitled to refuse to answer in, or for the purposes of, proceedings in a court in England and Wales.

7.29.5 Where the account to be given to a Scrutiny Committee / [Working Group](#) will require the production of a report, then the Member or Officer concerned will be given sufficient notice to allow for its preparation.

7.29.6 Where, in exceptional circumstances, the Member or Officer is unable to attend on the required date, then the Scrutiny Committee / [Working Group](#) shall in consultation with the Member or Officer arrange an alternative date for attendance.

Attendance by Others

Attendance of Leader or Cabinet Member

7.30 Subject to the Members' Code of Conduct, the Leader or a Cabinet member in the role of the Leader's representative may attend and speak but not vote at meetings of Scrutiny Committees where the Leader has a specific issue to raise with the committee. The attendance of a Cabinet member in all other cases will be at the invitation of the chair or the Scrutiny Committee.

Attendance of Members at Committee Meetings

7.31.1 In addition to their right to attend all meetings of committees of which they are members, Members (with the exception of Cabinet members) shall have the right to attend any meeting of a Scrutiny Committee and to remain present notwithstanding the passing of a resolution to exclude the public.

7.31.2 Such attendance shall be as observer only, with no right to vote, the attendance not being included in the relevant quorum, and no right to speak, provided that the chair in his / her discretion may permit the member to speak on a particular issue.

7.31.3 Such right of attendance is subject to the Councillor not having a Prejudicial Interest in the matter under discussion under the Members' Code of Conduct and subject to any legal provisions and any limitations or restrictions within this Constitution.

Others

7.32 Scrutiny Committees / [Working Group](#) may invite people other than those people referred to in Rules 7.29 and 7.30 above to address it, discuss issues of local concern and/or answer questions. It may for example wish to hear from residents, stakeholders, members and officers in other parts of the public sector and shall invite such people to attend.

The Party Whip in Scrutiny

7.33 If a member of a Scrutiny Committee is subject to a party whip in respect of an issue to be considered by it, that member must declare the existence of the whip and the nature of it before the commencement of deliberations on the matter. The declaration, and the detail of the whipping arrangements, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The member declaring the

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existence of a whip may speak at the meeting but is not entitled to vote on the question.⁴

Procedure at Scrutiny Committee Meetings

- 7.34.1 The Rules of Procedure at Scrutiny Committees will be the same as the Full Council Procedure Rules set out in Section 4 of this Constitution except that the chair of the meeting may allow the rules of debate to be relaxed to enable a full contribution by those attending the meeting whether members of a Scrutiny Committee or in any other capacity which allows them to contribute to the worth of the meeting.
- 7.34.2 Scrutiny Committees may ask people to attend to give evidence or answer questions about any items on their agenda. Meetings should be conducted in accordance with the following principles:
- 7.34.2.1 that the business be conducted fairly and all members of the Scrutiny Committee be given the opportunity to ask questions of attendees, and to contribute and speak;
 - 7.34.2.2 that those assisting by giving evidence be treated with respect and courtesy;
 - 7.34.2.3 that the business be conducted as efficiently as possible.
- 7.34.3 Following any investigation or review, a Scrutiny Committee shall prepare a report, for submission to the Cabinet and/or Full Council as appropriate and shall make its report and findings public.

Matters within the Remit of more than one Scrutiny Committee

- 7.35 Where a matter for consideration by Scrutiny Committees falls within the remit of more than one Scrutiny Committee the decision as to which Scrutiny Committee is to consider the matter will be resolved by the respective Chairs or, the ~~Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs Steering Group~~ Co-ordinating Committee, or if they fail to agree, the decision will be made by Monitoring Officer.

Call-In Procedure Rules

- 7.36 The Call-In Procedure Rules set out in this Rule 7.36 do not apply to the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee. For the sake of clarity the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee does not have the ability to call-in decisions / recommendations made by the Public Service Board.
- 7.36.1 Where a decision is made by the Cabinet or an individual member of the Cabinet or a Committee of the Cabinet or under joint arrangements with other public bodies, the decision shall be published by the Monitoring Officer, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available at the main offices of the Council normally within 2 working days of it being made. All Councillors will be sent copies of the records of all such decisions within the same time scale.
- 7.36.2 The communication to Councillors sending them the decision will (a) bear the date on which the decision is published and (b) will specify the date when the

⁴ Section 78(1) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

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decision will come into force (subject to Rule 7.37.3) and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five clear days (the “Call-in Period”) after the date of publication of the decision, unless the appropriate Scrutiny Committee objects to it and calls it in for review within the Call-in Period.

- 7.36.3 During the Call-in Period the Monitoring Officer shall call-in a decision for scrutiny by the relevant Scrutiny Committee if so requested in the specified format (“the Call-In Request”⁵) by the chair or 5 members of a Scrutiny Committee PROVIDED THAT the Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer are satisfied that the following conditions are met:

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- 7.36.3.1 the decision or action was contrary to the policy framework or budget, or fell outside the functions of the Cabinet; or
- 7.36.3.2 the Cabinet or decision maker had not followed agreed procedures or failed to consult (where required) before reaching its decision; or
- 7.36.3.3 the Cabinet had not followed, or had failed to take account of, any legal obligations, including regulations or statutory guidance governing the Council’s actions, or other guidance adopted by the Council.

- 7.36.4 Where the Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer are satisfied that one or more of the conditions set out in rule 7.36.3 above have been met, they shall produce a written report setting out the reasons for coming to this conclusion and the Monitoring Officer will then arrange for a “Call-In Notice”⁶ to be issued in accordance with Rule 7.36.5 below.

- 7.36.5 A Call-In Notice must contain the following:

- 7.36.5.1 details of the condition set out in rule 7.36.3 above being relied upon;
- 7.36.5.2 the reasons why it is believed one or more of the conditions are satisfied;

- 7.36.6 The Monitoring Officer shall call a meeting of that Scrutiny Committee on such a date as s/he may determine, where possible after consultation with the chair or vice chair of that the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, and usually within 10 clear days of the receipt of the Call-In Request (the “Scrutiny Period”) (only in exceptional circumstances will the chair of the Scrutiny Committee consider extending this time limit and the period of extension cannot in any circumstances exceed a further 5 clear days).

- 7.36.7 If, having considered the decision, the Scrutiny Committee remains concerned about the decision, then the Committee may refer it back to the decision making body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns or refer the matter to Full Council for review. If the decision is referred back to the decision maker, the decision maker shall then reconsider the decision within 10 clear days of the date of the reference.

⁵ See Appendix 1 to this Section.

⁶ See Appendix 2 to this Section.

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That decision making body or person shall choose whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision and implementing it. The final decision cannot be the subject of a further call-in.

- 7.36.8 If a Scrutiny Committee does not meet within the Scrutiny Period the decision shall take effect and be implemented on the next day following the expiry of the Scrutiny Period (as extended pursuant to Rule 7.36.6 as the case may be).
- 7.36.9 If following an objection to the decision, a Scrutiny Committee does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body or to Full Council, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Scrutiny Committee meeting.
- 7.36.10 If a Scrutiny Committee refers the matter to Full Council, the Monitoring Officer shall call a meeting of the Full Council on such a date as s/he may determine, where possible after consultation with the chair or vice chair of the Full Council, and usually within 10 clear days of the receipt of the referral (the “Council Scrutiny Period”) (only in exceptional circumstances will the chair of the Full Council consider extending this time limit and the period of extension cannot in any circumstances exceed a further 5 clear days).
- 7.36.11 If, having considered the decision, the Full Council remains concerned about the decision, then the Full Council may refer it back to the decision making body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If the decision is referred back to the decision maker, the decision maker shall then reconsider the decision within 10 clear days of the date of the reference. That decision making body or person shall choose whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision and implementing it. The final decision cannot be the subject of a further call-in.
- 7.36.12 If the Full Council does not meet within 10 clear days of the date of the reference (“the Council Scrutiny Period”), the decision shall take effect on the day after the expiry of the Council Scrutiny Period.
- 7.36.13 If the Full Council does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Full Council meeting.
- 7.36.14 In order to ensure that call-in is not abused, nor causes unreasonable delay, certain limitations are to be placed on its use. These are:
- 7.36.14.1 each Scrutiny Committee may only call-in a total of five decisions per year;
 - 7.36.14.2 where a Call-in Request has been made by five members of a Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Rule 7.36.3 those five members must come from at least two political groups, or one political group and / or one or more non-aligned Councillor(s);
 - 7.36.14.3 once a Member (the chair of the Scrutiny Committee excepted) has signed a Call-in Request s/he may not do so again until the period of six months has expired.
 - 7.36.14.4 no Education Co-opted members may request a decision be called in.
 - 7.36.14.5 only decisions involving expenditure or reduction in service over the threshold value for tenders set out in Section 17 of this Constitution may be called-in.
 - 7.36.14.6 the decision being called-in, or broadly the same decision, has

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- been called in during the last 6 months.
- 7.36.14.7 the provisions of Rule 7.37.1 apply (Urgency)
- 7.36.15 The Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer may veto any request for call-in if it falls outside the remit of this scheme.
- 7.36.16 Save in exceptional circumstances all members of a Scrutiny Committee requesting a matter be called in must attend the meeting at which the matter is being considered.
- 7.36.17 For the avoidance of doubt a Call-In remains valid even if one or more of the members who have signed the Call-in Request do not attend the Scrutiny Meeting at which the Call-in is debated.

Call-In and Urgency

- 7.37.1 The call-in procedure set out in Rule 7.36 above shall not apply where the decision being taken is urgent. A decision will be urgent if:
- 7.37.1.1 any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or other public interests; and
- 7.37.1.2 the Head of Paid Service and / or the Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer certifies in writing that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process could seriously prejudice the Council, or the public interest; and
- 7.37.1.3 the chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agrees in writing to the decision being treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Scrutiny chair then either the Scrutiny vice chair or the chair of Council may agree to the decision being treated as a matter of urgency; and
- 7.37.1.4 the record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public, shall state that the decision is an urgent one, and that the urgency of the matter has been approved by the Head of Paid Service and / or the Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer and by the chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny vice-chair or the chair of Council.
- 7.37.2 Decisions taken as a matter of urgency can be implemented forthwith but must be reported at the next available meeting of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, together with the reasons for urgency.

~~Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group – Scrutiny Committees (“the Steering Group”)~~Co-ordinating Committee.

Role, Scope and Membership.

7.38

- 7.38.1 Membership: Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following committees:

Health, and Care ~~and Housing~~ Scrutiny Committee;
Learning and Skills ~~and Economy~~ Scrutiny Committee;
Economy, Residents, Community and Governance

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Scrutiny Committee;
Audit Committee;

For the sake of clarity the Chair of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee will not be a member of the ~~Joint Chairs Steering Group~~ Co-ordinating Committee.

3 Representatives of the Cabinet to be appointed by the Leader

2 Representatives of the Executive Management Team

- 7.38.2 Chair : Elected annually in rotation by the ~~Steering Group~~ Committee from the Chairs of the Committees detailed in “Membership” above.
- 7.38.3 Vice-Chair: Elected annually in rotation by the ~~Steering Group~~ Committee from the Chairs of the Committees detailed in “Membership” above.
- 7.38.4 Meetings: Meetings of the ~~Steering Group~~ Committee will be held bi-monthly. Additional meetings of the ~~Steering Group~~ Committee can be called with the consent of the Chair.
- 7.38.5 Notes of Meetings: ~~Agendas and Notes of the meetings of the Steering Group will be considered by the Scrutiny Committees~~ made available to Members.

Terms of Reference:

7.39 The ~~Steering Group~~ Co-ordinating Committee will:

- 7.39.1 co-ordinate the work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees;
- 7.39.2 assess potential items for their suitability for a scrutiny review, and allocate those items if suitable to the appropriate scrutiny committee / Working Group for review;
- 7.39.3 consider items referred from the Scrutiny Committees for inclusion in the scrutiny work programme;
- 7.39.4 ensure the co-ordination of the Scrutiny Committees' Work Programmes with the Cabinet Work Programme;
- 7.39.5 receive ~~a summary the final~~ report on the progress being made a review undertaken by scrutiny working groups ~~in relation to their reviews~~ prior to its submission to the Cabinet;
- 7.39.6 ~~discuss with the Chief Executive and Strategic Directors / Directors any items for inclusion on Scrutiny Committees' Work programmes~~ consider any requests for the establishment of a Member and Officer Working Group;
- ~~7.39.7 undertake an annual review of the Draft One Powys Plan and make recommendations to the Cabinet;~~
- ~~7.39.8 undertake an annual review of the draft budget proposals and make recommendations to the Cabinet;~~
- ~~7.39.9 review the Cabinet's Statement of Intent and make recommendations to the Cabinet;~~

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- ~~7.39.10 review the draft Annual Governance Statement and make recommendations;~~
~~7.39.11 review as appropriate the performance evaluation grids which form the basis of the draft Annual Improvement Report;~~
~~7.39.12 review the draft Annual Improvement Report and make recommendations to the Cabinet;~~
7.39.13 ~~7~~ consider the Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report and consider any matters for inclusion in the Scrutiny Committees' Work Programmes;
7.39.14 ~~8~~ to ensure in conjunction with the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee that there is no duplication of work between the County Council scrutiny committees, the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee and any other joint scrutiny arrangements with other authorities;
7.39.15 ~~9~~ such other matters which relate to or affect the operation of the Scrutiny Committees.
7.39.10 Review the Scrutiny Committee structure on a regular basis.

Finance Scrutiny Panel.

Role, Scope and Membership.

7.40

- 7.40.1 Membership: The Panel should be no larger than 10 Members to include the following:
- Chairs of the scrutiny committees (excluding the PSB Scrutiny Committee).
- Portfolio Holder for Finance
- Leaders of the Opposition groups i.e. those political groups which are not represented on the Cabinet.
- Other representatives from the Audit Committee one of which should be the Independent "Lay" Member appointed by the Audit Committee.
- 7.40.2 Chair : The Chair of the Panel will be elected from the Panel's membership. (excluding the Portfolio Holder for Finance).
- 7.40.3 Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair of the Panel will be elected from the Panel's membership.
- 7.40.4 Meetings: Meetings of the Panel will be held on a schedule to be determined by the Panel.
- 7.40.5 Reports by the Panel: The Panel will make reports on its findings to the Cabinet and where necessary Full Council.

Terms of Reference:

- 7.41 The Panel will concentrate on strategic financial matters including the

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following:

- 7.41.1 assist with the delivery of financial plans to support change and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to inform policy changes, and providing robust challenge and accountability;
- 7.41.2 consider the robustness of the evidence base upon which the MTFS and Council budget are predicated;
- 7.41.3 review and scrutinise:
 - Assumptions underlying the budget strategy;
 - The Medium Terms Financial Strategy / Finance Resource Model;
 - Budget Assumptions;
 - Annual Local Government Settlement and any legislative changes affecting local government;
 - Draft Budget and Impact Assessments;
 - Financial aspects of the Risk Register;
 - Financial Monitoring;
- 7.41.4 provide evidence based recommendations to the Cabinet on its findings;
- 7.41.5 develop a forward work programme based on the budget timetable and the Council's medium term financial strategy;

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee.

- 7.42 Members on the~~The Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs Steering Group~~Co-ordinating Committee shall appoint two Members to act as representatives of the Council on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.43 In addition Members on the~~the Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs Steering Group~~Co-ordinating committee shall appoint a substitute for each of the two Members of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee appointed under Rule 7.43 above, such substitute shall not be a member of the Public Service Board.
- 7.44 The Terms of Reference and Membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee are set out in the "Arrangements for the Scrutiny of the Public Service Board in Powys" document approved by Full Council from time to time.

Councillor Call for Action

- 7.45.1 The Councillor Call for Action is a mechanism for enabling Councillors to bring matters of local concern to the attention of the Council via the Scrutiny process. It should be an option of "last resort".
- 7.45.2 Any Councillor may request that an item is placed on the agenda of the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- 7.45.3 The procedure for dealing with a Call for Action is set out in the Councillor Call for Action - Guidance for Councillors attached to this section of the

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Rules at 7.46 to 7.51

Councillor Call for Action - Guidance for Councillors

Introduction

- 7.46.1. The Local Government Wales Measure 2011 introduced a number of new provisions aimed at strengthening local democracy. Section 63 of the Measure introduced a provision for “Councillor Calls for Action” (CCfA) which enables Councillors to refer issues of local importance to Scrutiny Committees .
- 7.46.2 CCfAs are intended to enable local Councillors and their electors to obtain a response from their Council Leadership on issues of local importance. CCfAs should be regarded as one of a series of tools which Councillors have at their disposal to resolve local issues and make a positive difference in their community. Previously in Wales, only local Crime and Disorder issues could be referred by the local Councillor to the designated Health, ~~and Care~~ ~~and Housing~~ Scrutiny Committee for action and it should be noted that these local crime and disorder referrals will remain in place under separate legislation.
- 7.46.3 As part of their community leadership role, Councillors have always attempted to resolve issues on behalf of their local residents and CCfAs provide an additional avenue for Councillors to follow if the normal ways of resolving an issue have not been successful and the issue meets the criteria for a referral. It should be noted that a referral under this process should be seen as a last resort after all other avenues have been exhausted.
- 7.46.4 CCfAs have been introduced alongside other powers for scrutiny, including powers to scrutinise a wide range of bodies not previously subject to local authority scrutiny. CCfAs are intended to enable any Councillor to refer to a Scrutiny Committee, “a local government matter” which falls within the Scrutiny Committee’s remit.

How Should I Normally Attempt to Resolve a Local Issue in My Area?

- 7.46.5 Local issues can be resolved in a number of ways by Councillors on behalf of their residents as listed in the Welsh Government’s Statutory Guidance from the Local Government Measure 2011:
- 7.46.5.1 informal discussions with Officers or other Councillors;
 - 7.46.5.2 informal discussions with partner representatives;
 - 7.46.5.3 referral to other “scrutiny” bodies such as Community Health Councils or internal audit committee;
 - 7.46.5.4 formal discussions with Officers and Councillors;
 - 7.46.5.5 formal letters to the Cabinet members;
 - 7.46.5.6 asking questions at Full Council;
 - 7.46.5.7 submitting a motion to Full Council;
 - 7.46.5.8 organising public meetings;
 - 7.46.5.9 use of petitions;
 - 7.46.5.10 making a complaint;
 - 7.46.5.11 freedom of information requests;

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- 7.46.5.12 communication with local AMs or MPs;
- 7.46.5.13 use of social media or email based campaigns.

7.46.6 This is not an exhaustive list and Councillors may choose different routes for specific issues. If an issue has not been resolved after exhausting all possible alternative routes, then a local Councillor can refer it to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee as a CCfA.

What is a Councillor Call For Action?

7.46.7.1 In order for a Scrutiny Committee to accept a CCfA as an agenda item for discussion at one of their meetings, the issue must affect either all or part of a Councillor's electoral area or it must affect someone who lives or works in that area and come within that Scrutiny Committee's remit.

7.46.7.2 A Councillor does not however need a referral from a constituent in order to start the process. It is important to recognise that a CCfA is not guaranteed to solve a given problem, though it can provide a method for discussing such problems and, through discussion, attempt to overcome them.

How and When Should I Make a CCfA?

7.46.8.1 A flowchart showing the process is provided at Rule 7.45. A Councillor may initiate the process by completing the form at Rule 7.46. Further copies are available from the Scrutiny Manager. It is important that the local Councillor specifies what outcome is expected from the referral. After completion the form should be returned to the Scrutiny Manager who will log and acknowledge the referral within five working days, to track its progress and forward a copy of the form to the Monitoring Officer.

7.46.8.2 The Monitoring Officer will confirm whether or not the referral satisfies the requirements outlined in Rule 7.42.9 below to enable it to be placed on the agenda for discussion at a meeting of the relevant Scrutiny Committee. The Monitoring Officer reserves the right to exclude from the agenda any matter which is vexatious, discriminatory or otherwise potentially unlawful; and the Councillor will be informed of this outcome as soon as practicable.

Criteria To Be Followed By A Scrutiny Committee Dealing With CCfAs

7.46.9 It is up to the chair of a Scrutiny Committee in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to decide whether, and in what form, to take the matter further. The chair will use the following criteria to decide whether or not the referral is appropriate to be considered by its Scrutiny Committee :

- 7.46.9.1 does the matter fall within the remit of that Scrutiny Committee?
NB: Crime and Disorder referrals should be directed to the Health, and Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.46.9.2 is that Scrutiny Committee satisfied that all reasonable attempts have been made to resolve the issue by the local Councillor? Do the responses received by the referring Councillor demonstrate that the matter is not being progressed?
- 7.46.9.3 has that Scrutiny Committee considered a similar issue recently? If so, have the circumstances or evidence changed?
- 7.46.9.4 is there a similar or related issue which is the subject of a review

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on the current work programme? It may be more appropriate to link the new issue to an existing review, rather than hold a separate CCfA hearing. Relevant time pressures on resolving the CCfA should be taken into account.

- 7.46.9.5 have all relevant service areas or partner organisations been informed and been given enough time to resolve the issue? What response has the Councillor received?
 - 7.46.9.6 is this a case that is being or should be pursued via the Council's corporate complaints procedure?
 - 7.46.9.7 is it relating to a "quasi-judicial" matter or decision such as planning or licensing?
 - 7.46.9.8 is the matter an issue of genuine local concern which impacts on the local community rather than a personal matter?
 - 7.46.9.9 is this an issue currently being looked at by another form of external scrutiny?
 - 7.46.9.10 and, as with all scrutiny, does the matter have the potential for scrutiny to produce recommendations which could realistically be implemented and lead to improvements for anyone living or working in the Councillor's electoral division?
- 7.46.10 If a Scrutiny Committee decides not to accept the CCfA it must inform the Councillor of the decision and the reasons for it.
- 7.46.11 If a Scrutiny Committee decides to accept the CCfA the Councillor will be informed and advised of the agreed Protocol, e.g. the Councillor will be given adequate notice (a minimum of 10 clear days) of the date of the Scrutiny Committee's meeting. The Councillor will be requested to attend the Scrutiny Committee and informed that s/he will have five minutes in which to address the Scrutiny Committee. The Scrutiny Committee may then wish to question the Councillor further before deciding how it intends to take the matter forward. This could include:
- 7.46.11.1 asking the relevant responsible authorities to respond to the CCfA;
 - 7.46.11.2 setting up a research or task and finish group to undertake a more in-depth review;
 - 7.46.11.3 asking for further evidence and/or witnesses to be brought to a future meeting. The Scrutiny Committee has the power to request "designated persons"⁷ such as representatives from other public bodies/agencies to attend, where relevant, and to request information.

Potential Outcomes From a CCfA

7.47.1 A Scrutiny Committee could:

- 7.47.1.1 determine that it is a complex issue that requires further investigation and commission a scrutiny review of the issue;
- 7.47.1.2 write a response and make recommendations on the CCfA to a relevant responsible authority;

⁷ The Welsh Government have yet to publish a list of "designated persons".

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7.47.1.3 decide that further action is not appropriate giving its reasons.

7.47.2 Once a Scrutiny Committee has completed its work, the Councillor who made the referral will receive a copy of any response or recommendations made.

Timescales for Dealing With a CCfA

7.48.1 Within 10 working days of receipt of a CCfA the chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will consult with the Monitoring Officer to determine if the criteria set out in Rule 7.46.9 above have been met so as to ensure that it is appropriate for the CCfA to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

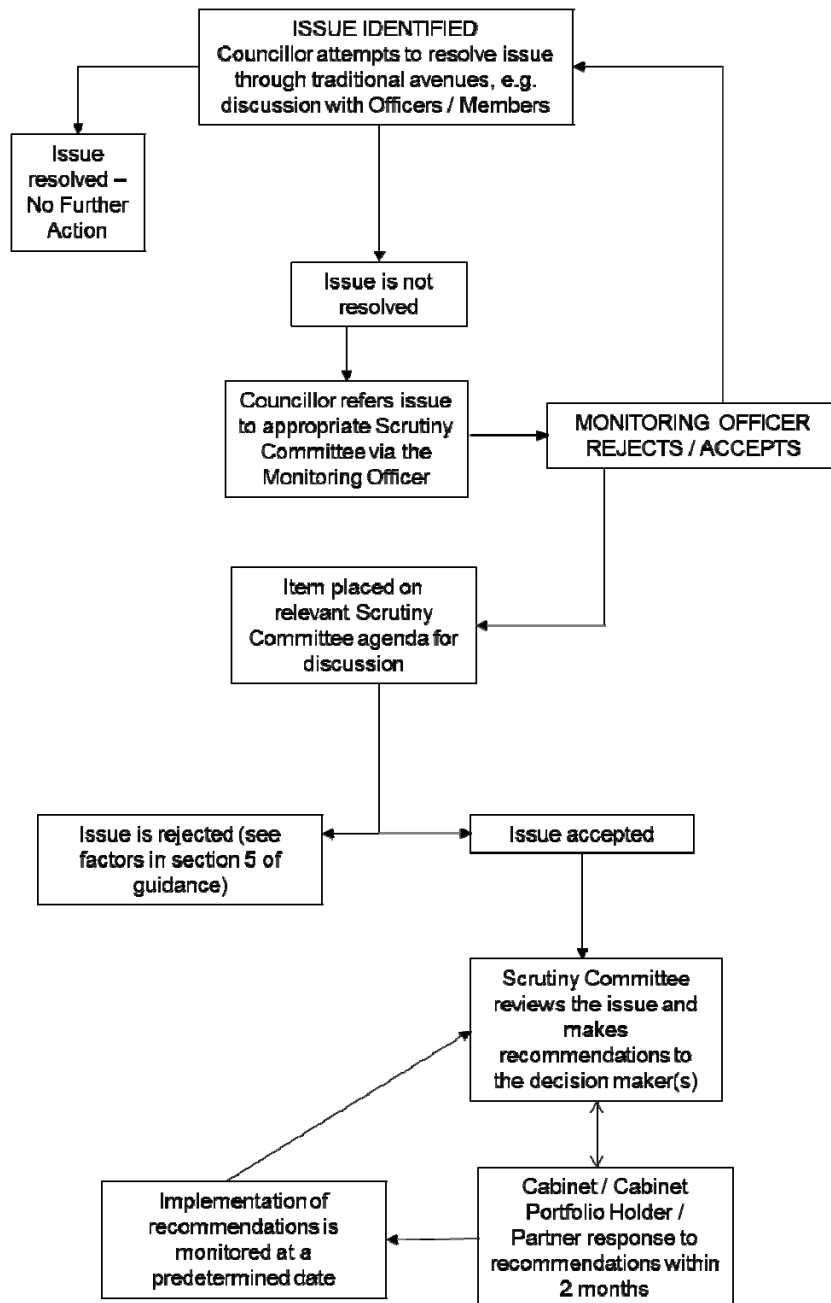
7.48.2 In exceptional circumstances, for example where there are unavoidable time constraints, the chair may convene a special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

7.48.3 Should a CCfA result in recommendations to the Cabinet or other responsible authorities, they will be requested to make a response to the recommendations within 28 days and two months respectively.

7.48.4 The Scrutiny Committee will monitor implementation of any recommendations as part of its Forward Work Programme.

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Councillor Call for Action Referral Form 7.50

Name of Scrutiny Committee	
Date given to the Monitoring Officer	
Name of Councillor making CCfA	Councillor
Councillor's Electoral Division	
Councillor's Address	
Councillor's Telephone	
Councillor's E-mail	
SUBJECT of CCfA	
Details Please briefly explain what the issue is and how it affects either all or part of your electoral area, or how it affects someone who lives or works in your electoral division.	
Action taken to date Please explain what steps you or others have taken, and with whom, to try to resolve the issue (please tick the actions you or others have taken to date) or add additional actions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Informal discussions with Officers or other councillors <input type="checkbox"/> Informal discussions with partner representatives <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to other "scrutiny" bodies such as Community Health Councils or internal audit committee <input type="checkbox"/> Formal discussions with Officers and councillors <input type="checkbox"/> Formal letters to the Cabinet members <input type="checkbox"/> Asking questions at Full Council <input type="checkbox"/> Submitting a motion to Full Council <input type="checkbox"/> Organising public meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Use of petitions <input type="checkbox"/> Making a complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Freedom of Information requests <input type="checkbox"/> Communication with local AMs or MPs <input type="checkbox"/> Use of social media or email based campaigns

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	Other Actions (Please Specify).
Expected Outcome Please describe the outcome you hope to gain via this referral.	
Papers attached Please list documents attached which should evidence the impact of the issue, the steps taken and any responses received.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

Administration only.

Date received by Monitoring Officer	
Date CCfA accepted by Monitoring Officer	
Date of Next Scrutiny Committee Meeting	

Notes for Councillors:

7.51.1 The following criteria will be taken into consideration when a Scrutiny Committee decide whether to progress with your CCfA:

- 7.51.1.1 have all reasonable attempts been made to resolve the issue? Do the responses received by you demonstrate that the matter is not being progressed?
- 7.51.1.2 has the committee considered a similar issue recently – if yes have the circumstances or evidence changed?
- 7.51.1.3 is there a similar or related issue which is the subject of a review on the current work programme? It may be more appropriate to link the new issue to an existing review, rather than hold a separate CCfA hearing. Relevant time pressures on resolving the CCfA should be taken into account.

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- 7.51.1.4 have all relevant service areas or partner organisations been informed and been given enough time to resolve the issue? What response have you received?
 - 7.51.1.5 is this a case that is being or should be pursued via the Council's corporate complaints procedure?
 - 7.51.1.6 is it relating to a "quasi-judicial" matter or decision such as planning or licensing?
 - 7.51.1.7 is the matter an issue of genuine local concern, which impacts on the local community rather than a personal matter?
 - 7.51.1.8 is this an issue currently being looked at by another form of external scrutiny?
 - 7.51.1.9 and, as with all scrutiny, does the matter referred have the potential for scrutiny to produce recommendations, which could realistically be implemented and lead to improvements for anyone living or working in your electoral division.
- 7.51.2.1 Consider whether your referral might be considered premature by the Scrutiny Committee .
 - 7.51.2.2 Consider whether other potential remedies have been exhausted, before a referral is made.
 - 7.51.3 Members should be aware that if a premature referral is made, the Committee is likely to refuse to deal with the issue, based on the criteria outlined above. If the Monitoring Officer believes that the referral is premature, s/he will advise you accordingly.

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Appendix 1 – "Call-In Request"

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CALL-IN OF LEADER / CABINET / CABINET COMMITTEE / PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION - REQUEST FORM.

CALL-IN REQUEST FOR A MATTER TO BE CALLED-IN BY A SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

TO: The Monitoring Officer.

I County Councillor _____ Chair of the

Health, and Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee	YES / NO
Learning, and Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee	YES / NO
Audit Committee Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Scrutiny Committee	YES / NO

We 5 County Councillors being Members of the

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Health, and Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee	YES / NO
Learning, and Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee	YES / NO
Economy, Residents, Community and Governance Scrutiny Committee Audit Committee	YES / NO

Request the call in of the decision referred to in Schedule 1 (Attached) to be reviewed by the Committee of which [I am Chair] [We are Members].

I / We confirm that the matter is one which falls within the remit of the Committee of which [I am Chair] / [We are Members].

I / We make this request on the ground(s) following written advice from the Monitoring Officer and / or Chief Finance Officer (Attached at Schedule 2):

- (i) that the decision or action is contrary to the policy framework or budget, or falls outside the functions of the Cabinet; and / or
- (ii) that the Cabinet or decision maker had not followed agreed procedures on consultation before reaching its decision; and / or
- (iii) that the Cabinet had not followed, or had failed to take account of, any legal obligations, including regulations or statutory guidance governing the Council's actions, or other guidance adopted by the Council.

Date: _____

Name:	Signature:

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IMPORTANT NOTE TO CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF A SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

If you consider that a Cabinet decision falls within one or more of the categories set out above it is your responsibility to obtain from the Monitoring Officer and / or the Chief Finance Officer their written confirmation that he / she / they agree with your view and that their written advice is appended to this request for a Call-In.

This form must be wholly completed – including Schedules 1 and 2 and must be received by the Monitoring Officer **by no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th Working Day following publication of the Cabinet decision.**

Thus by way of example where (as is usually the case) a Cabinet decision is published on a Thursday this completed form must be received by the Monitoring Officer by no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday of the following week. Where a bank holiday Monday intervenes then this deadline will be extended to 5 p.m. on the Friday of the following week.

Chairs / Members are particularly asked to note that incomplete forms **WILL NOT** be accepted nor will those received after 5 p.m. on the 5th day. No exception whatsoever will be made to this rule.

This process applies to all decisions relating to “Cabinet Functions” and so applies equally to decisions of the Leader, the Cabinet a Cabinet Committee or any decision by an individual Portfolio Holder.

PLEASE NOTE the following exceptions which apply to a Call-In Request:

In order to ensure that call-in is not abused or causes undue delay, certain limitations are to be placed on its use. These are:

- (i) that a scrutiny committee may only call-in 5 decisions per year.
- (ii) only decisions involving expenditure or reduction in service over a value of £25,000 may be called-in.
- (iii) five members of a scrutiny committee are needed for a decision to be called-in.
- (iv) once a member has signed a request for a call-in s/he may not do so again until a period of 6 months has expired.
- (v) the decision has not been determined to be urgent and not subject to a Call-In.

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SCHEDULE 1.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHAIR OR 4 MEMBERS REQUESTING THE CALL-IN.

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1.	Leader / Cabinet / Cabinet Committee / Individual Portfolio Holder Decision To Be Called-In <i>(Please include Date of Meeting and Agenda Reference Number):</i>

2. Reason for Call-In:

2.1 What is the reason for the Call-In Request. Please tick which of the conditions which you believe apply:

(i)	that the decision or action is contrary to the policy framework or budget, or falls outside the functions of the Cabinet; and / or	
(ii)	that the Cabinet or decision maker had not followed agreed procedures on consultation before reaching its decision; and / or	
(iii)	that the Cabinet had not followed, or had failed to take account of, any legal obligations, including regulations or statutory guidance governing the Council's actions, or other guidance adopted by the Council.	

2.2 Please provide an explanation in the box below as to why you believe that the conditions in 2.1 above apply.

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SCHEDULE 2.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MONITORING OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

1. Chief Finance Officer's Advice.

Chief Finance Officer's Advice on the Call-In Request.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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2. Monitoring Officer's Advice.

Monitoring Officer's Advice on the Call-In Request.
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(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY:

(a)	Date of Request to Call-In Decision (as above):	
(b)	Date of Cabinet Decision:	
(c)	Is Date of Request within 5 Working Days of Cabinet Decision:	YES / NO
(d)	Does the matter fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee?	YES / NO
(e)	Does the Chief Finance Officer's advice support a Call-In Request:	YES / NO
(f)	Does the Monitoring Officer's advice support a Call-In Request:	YES / NO
(g)	Signature(s) of Chair or 5 Members of Relevant Committee included:	YES / NO
(h)	Call-In Notice to be Issued:	YES / NO

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(i)	Date of Committee Meeting to consider Call-In (within 10 working days of issue of notice):	
(j)	Name(s) of Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders to be Invited to Attend Meeting:	
(k)	Details of Strategic Directors / Heads of Service to be Invited to Attend Committee:	
(l)	Cabinet Portfolio Holders / and Strategic Directors / Heads of Service Advised of Committee Meeting (insert date):	YES / NO
(m)	Questions and Checklist prepared for the Committee:	YES / NO

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Appendix 2 – “Call-In Notice”

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MONITORING OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

1. Chief Finance Officer.

1.1 Please tick which of the conditions which you believe apply for a “Call-In Notice” to be issued:

(i)	that the decision or action is contrary to the policy framework or budget, or falls outside the functions of the Cabinet; and / or	
(ii)	that the Cabinet or decision maker had not followed agreed procedures on consultation before reaching its decision; and / or	
(iii)	that the Cabinet had not followed, or had failed to take account of, any legal obligations, including regulations or statutory guidance governing the Council's actions, or other guidance adopted by the Council.	

Please set out the reasons why it is believed that one or more of the conditions are satisfied:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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2. Monitoring Officer.

2.1 Please tick which of the conditions which you believe apply for a “Call-In Notice” to be issued:

(i)	that the decision or action is contrary to the policy framework or budget, or falls outside the functions of the Cabinet; and / or	
(ii)	that the Cabinet or decision maker had not followed agreed procedures on consultation before reaching its decision; and / or	
(iii)	that the Cabinet had not followed, or had failed to take account of, any legal obligations, including regulations or statutory guidance governing the Council's actions, or other guidance adopted by the Council.	

Please set out the reasons why it is believed that one or more of the conditions are satisfied:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council
24th January, 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Solicitor to the Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of a Scrutiny Co-Opted Member

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Parent Governor Representatives and Church Representatives (Wales) Regulations 2001, the Council's Constitution provides that the scrutiny committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:
 - 1 Church in Wales diocese representative;
 - 1 Roman Catholic Church diocese representative;
 - 3 parent governor representatives (covering as far as practicable the primary, secondary and special needs sectors)
2. A vacancy had arisen for a Parent Governor Representative (primary sector) following the resignation of the current representative. Following a nomination process and ballot in accordance with the regulations the following person has been elected:

Parent Governor Representative (primary sector)	Mr Graeme Robson
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- 5.12 Council is requested to appoint the Co-Opted Representative(s) set out above to serve on the scrutiny committee dealing with education matters until the next ordinary Council elections in 2022. This will require a proposer and seconder.**

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To make appointments of Co-Opted Representative(s) as set out in paragraph 2 above to Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters.	To comply with the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committees.

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	N/A
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Wyn Richards
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	January 2019

Contact Officer:	Wyn Richards, Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services.
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Tel:	01597-826375
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

In recent months we have seen a major outsourcing company, Carillion, going to the wall. In recent weeks we have seen another company, Interserve, in severe difficulty.

At the same time a listed government contractor has been hit by delays and cost overruns on a major NHS project. Its average net debt is rising and the reported number does not include hundreds of millions of pounds of supply-chain finance just to pay the bills. It has been making acquisitions and booking the goodwill at a higher value than the price paid. Yet it keeps increasing its dividends for shareholders.

No, it is not Carillion, the outsourcer that collapsed. It is Kier. Kier also reported a 17 per cent rise in average net debt to £375m — which excluded £185m of supply-chain finance owed at the year end, and reported separately as “trade creditors”. Carillion’s net debt figure of £900m excluded £500m of similar financing to pay suppliers.

Kier’s most recent acquisition, the building group McNicholas, had a price of £26m but the company booked £43m of goodwill in its accounts. Carillion also bought businesses and wrote up goodwill of more than 100 per cent of the purchase price, building up its intangible assets.

In view of this consistent pattern, can we as an Authority which has a joint venture with Kier, have:

- the assurance that Kier is still a viable entity?
- what risk assessment has been done to minimize the liabilities to Powys Council?
- clarification of the steps that would be undertaken should Kier follow the path of Carillion and Interserve?

Response

Further to the Right’s issue announced by Kier, Cabinet members and Senior officers have received a briefing on Kier’s position from their Chief Operating Officer. We have also received assurance from their Executive Director that the group remains confident that it will meet its trading expectations. Kier’s Future Proofing

programme, launched in June, is also making good progress and they are on track to deliver on the targets set out for this financial year.

The rights issue will allow Kier to accelerate its debt reduction programme and increase the strength of its balance sheet.

Kier state that the position has been viewed positively by other stakeholders including the Cabinet Office for whom Kier are part of the Strategic Supply Programme.

The HOWPS contract details termination events and exit management and the associated procedure that must be followed if a termination event did occur. In addition, Powys and HOWPS have produced a joint Exit Plan, which set out in detail the requirements to ensure that the transition of responsibility for the provision of the current services from HOWPS to Powys County Council or a replacement supplier can be achieved with the minimum of disruption.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

Could the Portfolio Holder outline what measures she is currently taking, other than the current review of the Fair Funding Formula for Schools, to address the rapidly worsening delegated schools budget position in Powys schools?

Response

Education continues to be a very high priority in Powys in what are very demanding financial times. Under this Cabinet, education gross expenditure per pupil has risen last year by 4.9% to the highest in Wales. Net expenditure (that not supported by specific grant) rose by 2.2%, which is also above the Welsh average of 1.6%. School funding per pupil (not including central expenditure on additional learning needs and school transport) stands at 10th out of the 22 Welsh Authorities in 2018-19.

Implementing the new formula means that the Authority will be allocating funds effectively to individual schools in future, based on a clear rationale/ operating model. Implementing the new formula means that there is transparency wherever Governing Bodies spend above our notional operational model on leadership or any other heading.

The evidence is largely that available funding is not managed effectively by some governing bodies, but also that the Authority has previously been allocating available funds ineffectively. Interestingly, the recent activity-led funding formula model does not advocate any significant transfer in funding to the secondary sector.

The schools finance team work closely with schools and assist them with responding appropriately with financial pressures. HR professionals provide essential support to Head Teachers and Governing Bodies in remodelling schools and delivering efficiencies in their school. Curriculum advice is available from challenge advisors. The different professional groups now act as a single team supporting a school through transformation.

As an Authority we now appropriately use warning letters and notices. These normally secure compliance where governing bodies have not acted appropriately through their own actions or following initial advice. We are also using statutory powers of intervention where governors do not fulfil their statutory responsibilities following warning letters or notices.

Support for ALN pupils also remains a priority and the review of our current provision and developing schools' ability to deliver on the ALN bill in Wales remain a priority. All of these in conjunction with the Fairer Funding Formula will allow our schools to continue to flourish and face future challenges.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

Now that we have the new Fairer Funding formula for Schools what percentage of total education funding is delegated to schools under LMS?

Response

The Individual Schools Budget (Delegated Funds) as a % of the total Schools budget is 74.53%. As in all Authorities, the revised percentage for 2019-20 will be available following budget setting and publication of the revised S52 statement.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the delivery of Flying Start in St John Ward?

Response

Members will be aware that Flying Start is a Welsh Government programme which is geographically targeted using income benefit data in order to provide enhanced support to families living in the most deprived areas of Powys. Within the county, Flying Start is currently provided in Welshpool, Newtown, Llandrindod, Brecon and Ystradgynlais.

In Brecon, the Flying Start area is within St John ward. A contract was awarded to Priory Preschool Committee to deliver Flying Start childcare from September 2016. Due to increased admissions into the school, Powys Flying Start was informed in November 2017 by the head teacher that the Governors would no longer act as 'landlord' to the Flying Start setting beyond March 2018. However, through negotiation, it was agreed that Flying Start childcare would continue to be provided at the school until December 2018 whilst alternative provision was secured.

Following the notification from Priory School, Powys' Flying Start team worked to identify alternative sites which could provide Flying Start childcare in Brecon. The service investigated whether existing premises in Brecon could be modified to deliver Flying Start childcare, but no site which satisfied all requirements was found by September 2018. The Flying Start Team also approached local childcare providers in Brecon to identify vacant spaces which could potentially be utilised. The English medium provider in Brecon confirmed that they did not want to proceed with becoming a Flying Start setting. In November 2018, the Welsh medium provider confirmed that they would be willing to provide Flying Start childcare from January 2019. This would result in a change in language from an English medium setting at Priory School to a Welsh medium provider based at Ysgol y Bannau. This was discussed with the Flying Start team in Welsh Government who did not object.

The Flying Start childcare provided by Priory Preschool was managed by a committee with the head teacher as Responsible Individual and, as such, the staff were recruited and managed by the committee. Similarly, the Welsh medium provider at Ysgol y Bannau is also a committee run setting. The local authority therefore advised Priory

Preschool Committee as the employer of the staff to investigate whether Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (TUPE) implications would apply in this instance. The local authority also sought advice from its Legal Department and it was confirmed that TUPE implications would not apply and this information was provided to Priory Preschool Committee.

Whilst it is recognised that the timescales for the transfer from one childcare provider to the new setting have not been ideal, it is positive that Flying Start families have had no gap in childcare provision as a result of the transfer. In order to support families with the change in childcare, the Flying Start Team wrote to all eligible families to keep them informed. The letter was also followed up by a telephone conversation with each family. All families were invited to attend an informal 'coffee and cake' catch up at the new childcare venue before end of the Autumn Term. The aim of this event was to give parents an opportunity to discuss concerns or barriers to them accessing the childcare in future. The concerns and questions raised by parents have been collated and are being discussed with colleagues in Welsh Government in order to find possible solutions.

Powys' Flying Start Team is continuing to work with Priory School via a capital bid to Welsh Government to build an extension at the school to provide increased capacity to deliver Flying Start in Brecon.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor James Evans, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

How effective does the Cabinet Member for Housing think the Heart of Wales Property Service is and does he think it provides residents in Powys with value for money?

Response

As Councillor Dorrance will be aware the decision to enter into a Joint Venture with Kier to form the Heart of Wales Property Services Ltd, was one made by the previous administration. As I am the Portfolio Holder for Housing, I will respond to the question in relation to the Housing Service only and the role that HOWPS plays in delivering responsive maintenance services to council homes.

The contractual arrangements established at the outset of the contract required the successful tenderer (HOWPS) to achieve savings in respect of the delivery of responsive repairs to council homes, based on the cost of providing the service using the in-house workforce in 2014-15. In 2014-15, the total cost of providing the service was £5.1 million, and HOWPS are required to achieve £200,000 savings in Year 1, a further £83,000 in Year 2 and a further £128,000 in Year 3. Whilst the contract does allow for indexation at the start of the financial year, this means that in Year 3 of the contract (July 2019 – July 2020) the service will cost approximately £400,000 less to deliver than it did in 2014-15.

So whilst there have been some issues in respect of the bedding in of the responsive maintenance service provided by HOWPS, these have now largely been addressed and in purely financial terms the arrangement with HOWPS has secured savings for the Housing Service and therefore does represent value for money for Powys council tenants.

With regards to excluded works which fall outside the contract agreement HOWPS have now reached a stage where they are providing these services for the authority. Consequently, negotiations have commenced with the authority regarding additional functions such as improvements works and adaptations. The focus of these negotiations is value for money.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

How many meetings of the Welsh Education Forum, a partnership with schools and external organisations, and which forms an integral part for the delivery of the current WESP (Welsh Education Strategic partnership) as approved by Welsh Government Ministers; have been held since its approval by Ministers and Powys Cabinet?

Response

The Council's current Welsh in Education Strategic Plan for 2017-20 was approved by Welsh Government in March 2018. Due to lack of capacity to facilitate meetings, no meetings of the old Forum have been held since the plan's approval. We are now planning to establish a new Forum to enable all partner organisations to coordinate their efforts in support of delivery of the approved Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor John Morris

I have just received an email from you (8/01/19) which states the decision to remove the waste bins was made by cabinet last year and the consultation just finished was on how PCC implements the replacement green waste collections.

Many of my fellow councillors and members of the community of Powys will quite rightly be surprised and annoyed by this. Certainly in my ward we all felt that the consultation was about the whole future of green waste collection including the status quo. Many residents and councillors have responded to the consultation requesting the retention of the large bins.

Do you consider that you have misled members and the people of Powys who during the consultation have contacted the council to request the retention of the large bins and should you have informed residents of your earlier decision to withdraw the bins as part of the consultation detail?

Response

It has always been quite clear regarding the decision on the removal of the garden waste banks and the introduction of the charged collection service. The recommendations agreed at the Cabinet meeting of 9th October 2018 are as follows:

- 1) Introduce a chargeable green waste collection service, remove all green waste banks at Community Recycling Sites.
- 2) A consultation exercise is carried out during November so that residents can have a say in how the service should be implemented.

This was then communicated through all the usual media channels with significant coverage received. The consultation itself also clearly stated in the introduction that it was to gauge interest in the new service and also gather views on how the new service would look.

On this basis I would suggest that neither Members nor the public have been misled in any way.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
24th January 2019**

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Can the portfolio holder please provide a breakdown of running costs for all 18 libraries across the county for the last 3 years?

Response

Please see the attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of the running costs.

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Cost Centre Name	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Expenditure excluding capital charges for asset			Capital charges for asset rentals			Total		
<u>Net controllable expenditure</u>									
BRECON LIBRARY	182,651.25	174,057.74	164,832.42	111,087.84	86,147.89	86,147.89	293,739.09	260,205.63	250,980.31
YSTRADGYNLAIS BRANCH NEW	68,389.49	77,530.08	71,190.82	35,593.71	13,750.48	13,750.46	103,983.20	91,280.56	84,941.28
HAY-ON-WYE LIBRARY	31,774.51	39,092.19	27,023.16	6,758.29	6,722.33	6,722.33	38,532.80	45,814.52	33,745.49
CRICKHOWELL LIBRARY	27,832.07	20,416.73	10.20	14,174.47	3,968.49	-	42,006.54	24,385.22	10.20
TALGARTH LIBRARY	16,922.07	15,674.16	16,259.46	5,542.61	5,442.22	5,442.22	22,464.68	21,116.38	21,701.68
LLANWRTYD WELLS LIBRARY	16,567.21	6,513.04	8,540.43	2,145.88	2,145.88	2,145.88	18,713.09	8,658.92	10,686.31
BUILT H WELLS LIBRARY	49,259.48	45,467.92	17,066.53	7,767.12	7,767.12	510.71	57,026.60	53,235.04	17,577.24
MOBILE-BRECON	31,494.71	44,350.25	50,685.35	-	-	-	31,494.71	44,350.25	50,685.35
NEWTOWN AREA LIBRARY	182,662.32	178,798.08	191,298.54	43,115.79	42,846.81	55,393.13	225,778.11	221,644.89	246,691.67
WELSHPOOL LIBRARY	90,029.80	83,721.78	83,854.13	25,039.85	22,493.45	22,493.45	115,069.65	106,215.23	106,347.58
LLANFAIR CAEREINION LIBRARY	16,299.26	10,098.84	11,014.91	-	-	-	16,299.26	10,098.84	11,014.91
LLANFYLLIN LIBRARY	36,241.21	39,857.68	44,961.83	9,858.00	32,133.71	32,133.71	46,099.21	71,991.39	77,095.54
LLANTOES LIBRARY	30,047.68	43,553.34	18,333.15	-	-	-	30,047.68	43,553.34	18,333.15
MACHYNLLETH LIBRARY	51,276.23	49,233.35	51,619.51	8,114.69	6,988.12	6,988.11	59,390.92	56,221.47	58,607.62
MONTGOMERY LIBRARY	651.98	473.88	1,061.57	-	-	-	651.98	473.88	1,061.57
MOBILE-NEWTOWN	36,218.20	56,053.32	54,507.86	-	-	-	36,218.20	56,053.32	54,507.86
LLANORINDOD WELLS LIBRARY	86,058.18	83,058.28	94,106.68	17,910.24	14,133.66	14,133.66	103,968.42	97,191.94	108,240.34
KNIGHTON LIBRARY	36,164.60	36,483.63	46,173.14	10,945.09	10,945.09	10,945.09	47,109.69	47,428.72	57,118.23
PRESTEIGNE LIBRARY	32,956.81	40,953.96	19,296.09	5,586.75	5,586.75	5,678.94	38,543.56	46,540.71	24,975.03
RHAYADER LIBRARY	23,239.21	28,334.09	24,701.29	9,881.32	9,881.32	9,881.32	33,120.53	38,215.41	34,582.61

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Stephen Hayes, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Iain McIntosh

Can the portfolio holder and cabinet member for adult services please let me know if there were any plans to close the Arosfa Day Centre in Camden Road, Brecon, before the 13th December 2018?

Response

Thank you for your question as to whether there had been any plans to close Arosfa Day Centre in Brecon prior to the 13th December 2018. I can confirm that while much work has been ongoing with the day services for older people following the Cabinet decision on the service in December 2016, there were no plans to close the Arosfa Day Centre before the 13th December 2018.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
24th January 2019**

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

BACKGROUND

Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School has been having extensive alterations and an extension to the school. It has been ongoing since July 2018. The project has cost just over £500,000 of which £120,000 has been contributed by the Church in Wales and an Education Trust in Llangattock.

The project discussions started six years ago, the build has taken over 6 months, it was 3 months late in starting after numerous other expectations of a start date during 2017.

The works were due to finish September 2018 in time for the new school year when the promised build start date in May 2018 was agreed. This had to be extended to July because of administrative mishaps. The issues are far too numerous to go in to here and the school Governors are at present trying to work through the problems, keep the school open and ready to educate for 2019.

I was given assurances by the portfolio holder in the July 2018 County Council meeting that the work would be duly completed even though children were expected to have a late start to the term due to building works. This had to be negotiated with parents and the education department. Nursery children have been taught in the Community Hall adjacent to the school since last September as their new build extension was not completed. On the 8 January 2019 it was still not ready.

The biggest issue for Llangattock Governors is the lack of accountability, no line of responsibility and shambolic project management with no-one knowing who takes on the role of these important tasks. During the build the building workforce has had full site access through the school, there have been days when the school has had to remain closed and days when the school was closed due to health and safety risks at short notice. The Head Teacher is there to run the school but in the light of poor project management has been expected to manage some aspects of the project, particularly in terms of health and safety and safeguarding, which has taken up an inordinate amount of time and put excessive pressure and stress on all members of the school community.

This project has been a shambles from beginning to end and no one is taking responsibility. There could be long term implications for Powys County Council partnerships with builders and contractors on school premises.

QUESTION

Do you as portfolio holder if there is a clear process for project management, accountability and responsibility for joint build projects in our schools where Kier and HOWPS work in partnership with our Education Department here in Powys?

Response

I am aware that for a number of reasons, the protracted construction works have caused inconvenience and difficulties with access, disruption and noise on the school site.

The work on site has now been substantially completed and the contractor, Kier, are in the process of carrying out final minor completion works, which we anticipate being completed over the next couple of weeks.

Following a meeting held at the school on the 11th January 2019, it has been agreed for any remaining external works to be completed through Powys County Council. This is to ensure that works can be carried out with minimal further disruption to the school.

The Authority, HOWPS and Kier have robust project management systems with clear governance and accountability. However, it is wholly apparent that these systems have not been successful in managing this particular project. We will be reviewing this project to ensure that lessons are learnt, and improvements are made where required and I can only apologise for our collective performance at Llangattock, but can I also thank Mrs Kathryn Marshall, the Headteacher, for the valuable contribution that she has, unfortunately, had to make to ensure that the works are completed and the school is operational.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor James Evans, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection
County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Pete Roberts

In a recent report by the Huffington Post (1) the claim was made that over 25000 fire doors of the same type that failed to prevent the Grenfell fire from spreading were still in use in Council and housing association property in the UK.

Can the Portfolio holder confirm how many of these doors are still in use in Powys and if there are any what steps and timeframes he has for their replacement?

Ref (1) https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/grenfell-fire-doors-failed_uk_5bdf84d9e4b09d43e32010ae?utm_hp_ref=uk-news

Response

Housing

I am pleased to confirm that we have no doors fitted of the 5 identified types. Our doors were manufactured by JBW and JCK Joinery, both were checked and certified as door sets for Fire Resistance, we have no evidence to suggest either are supplied by either of the 5 Manufacturers named in the Huffington Post.

We have previously enquired with JBW and JCK if their doors remain complaint, and they have confirmed so, providing the approved list of parts that are required for repairs. We have sent that information to our joint venture maintenance partner HOWPS, and received assurances they will use those parts to maintain compliance.

Property

Corporate property does not have specific detail on each fire door located within its property portfolio. It does however undertake statutory inspections of its installed fire doors on an annual basis to ensure fire doors are of an appropriate standard and provide the necessary fire compartmentation.

Inspections are undertaken by competent persons and any remedial works or door failures are reported formally to the premises manager responsible for the building.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
24th January 2019**

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for
Highways, Recycling and Assets

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Pete Roberts

Given it is over 6 months since the end of the consultation period in respect of Blue Badge Charging proposals can the portfolio holder explain why there has not been a publication of the official response given that the proposal now appears not to be deferred to the parking review as stated at last Full Council but has been included in the set of budget efficiencies brought forward for his portfolio?

Response

A decision on the matter has not yet been taken. The consultation has brought many valid issues to the fore and a paper will be published once the decision is made as previously stated.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

Brexit will have been voted on in Parliament by the meaningful vote, can the Portfolio Holder update the Council on the impact this will have on service delivery and all the EU funded projects or development that the Council is aware of? This should include any partnership projects or LEADER II funding threats which to date would be covered under the final payment to the EU or transitional arrangements.

In addition, can you outline all of the projects the Council has delivered in the past five years where some or all of the funding was obtained from EU grants?

Response

The impact that Brexit will have on service delivery is being closely monitored in a number of ways. A Brexit Impact Log is being circulated to all service areas within the authority for completion. The increased risk of loss of funding for existing EU funded projects is identified as a high risk. Other service areas such as Adult Social Care have previously completed their own Brexit Risk Assessment.

The Council's Cabinet have a Corporate Risk Register which includes Brexit as an identified risk.

A Brexit Working Group has been set up, Cllr Rosemarie Harris is the Chair. Attendees are from a range of external organisations and sector representatives.

Emergency planning staff attend the Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum (LRF), the fortnightly meetings are about to become weekly.

External funded projects in development – grant element only:

Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being in Wales (ENRaW) Grant – Countryside Services are the project lead with external partners and application support from Regeneration. Approx. value £100K. Countryside Services are also a partner in a pan Wales project application with the Ramblers Association.

Sport Wales: Healthy & Active Fund – Countryside Services are the project lead with external partners and application support from Regeneration. Approx. value £250K.

Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being in Wales (ENRaW) Grant – Compliance & Waste Services are the lead with external partners and application support from Regeneration. Approx. value £40K. Waste Services are also a partner in a pan Wales project with Keep Wales Tidy, approx. value £30K to PCC.

Visit Wales: Tourism Amenity Investment Support (TAIS) scheme – Regeneration are the project lead with external partners. Approx. value £128K of grant funding.

Visit Wales: Regional Tourism Engagement Fund (RTEF) – Regeneration are the project lead with other Local Authorities and external partners. Approx. value £128K of grant funding.

European Social Fund (ESF): Priority 5 – approx. value £4 million for the Region over 4 years. Early stages of project ideas being developed.

Current operational EU funded projects – grant element only:

Regeneration service: The Lake Park project, Llandrindod Wells - £126K

Regeneration service: Workways + Powys project - £350K

Youth Service: Cynydd project - £1 million (approx.)

Information provided by Louise Nicholson, RDP Programme Officer:

From an RDP & LEADER perspective, please see details of our funding for this programme & the previous one below:

Arwain are currently delivering the LEADER funding which forms part of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020. The details of the project budgets are as follows:

Project start date: 1st May 2015

Project end date: 31st December 2021

Total project costs: £6,061,616

Total RDP funding (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development): £5,103,998*

Total match funding required from public, private & voluntary sectors: £957,618

*The RDP funding was initially to be split 50/50 between Welsh Government and the EU. Following the EU referendum in 2016, a letter was issued by Mark Drakeford AM (Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government) confirming that “That there will be a lifetime guarantee of funding for all approved operations at the point of the UK’s exit from the EU – thereby providing assurance to all beneficiaries that they can continue to contribute to delivery of the 2014-20 Programmes as planned.”

Therefore, our funding of £5,103,998 is secure and Welsh Government will fund any shortfall in EU funding. We have also been given the opportunity to extend the funding programme up to 30/6/23, however, no additional funding is available for this

extension at this point, so current budgets need to be used. We do not have sufficient budget to extend beyond 31/12/21 at this point and therefore, have been unable to extend the funding programme in Powys. Welsh Government has suggested that further funding may be available in the future from underspend within other areas of the RDP but we have not received any definite information on this yet.

Previous to this funding programme, we delivered the previous RDP funding programme (Business Plan 2). The details of the project budgets are as follows:

Project start date: 1st July 2008

Project end date: 30th April 2015

Total project costs: £7,006,111

Total RDP funding (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development): £5,475,806 (including £2,737,903 EU funding)

Total match funding required from public, private & voluntary sectors: £1,530,305

Please note, the above listed projects are what the Regeneration service are either supporting or directly leading on. There may well be projects in other service areas that are also in receipt of EU or external funding, that the Regeneration service are not aware of at this current time.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
24th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

With the County Council facing further cuts to non-statutory and delegated functions it is more and more looking to communities to run these services where possible. Communities such as Hay-on-Wye have been trying for over 3 years to agree a transfer of assets with the County Council and take on functions, but has been unable to do so, due to factors that include the recent unilateral decision by the current Cabinet to change the agreement made with the previous County Council Cabinet. This has resulted in Hay Town Council budgeting the precept and making commitments, which it may not now be able to implement, to keep the services within the community. This is not the only community to have had difficulty in working with the County Council on the transfers of assets. There are ongoing concerns being raised from many communities about the lack of flexibility and the County Council being restrictive in the name of “fairness to all”.

Can the Leader brief the full Council on how the Cabinet is planning to work with local councils and communities over the next round of cuts, with the further expectations from UK and Welsh Governments that communities will need to run more services within the community using volunteers?

Response

Powys has always sought to work with key partners such as Town and Community Councils and we can point to some success when it comes to transferring assets and services. Members will be aware from recent Budget Seminars that the Council faces continuing financial pressure as service pressures exceed our funding. This means it is likely that some services valued by communities may instead be run by local groups or Town and Community Councils. The Council remains open to discussing such changes with any group that comes forward with a proposal. This can be done in a number of ways and for example the Community Interest Company in Llanfyllin was the first such arrangement in Wales demonstrating we will be open to any model proposed.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
24th January 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Martin Weale, Portfolio Holder for
Economy and Planning**

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Heulwen Hulme

**Are you satisfied that the Authority is enforcing the conditions as set out in the
planning approval for Hendy windfarm?**

Response

Although we are dissatisfied that the development has commenced without the Pre commencement conditions being discharged, I am satisfied that Planning Officers, in association with partner organisations, are monitoring the site with a view to taking enforcement action if it becomes expedient to do so. This process has been reviewed and accepted by Counsel as appropriate. We are very aware of the frustrations of some of the local community by Powys Planning Officer's perceived lack of enforcement in relation to the site, but the authority must ensure appropriate legal processes are followed in regard to its actions.

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