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Cabinet

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Meeting date
Tuesday, 15 June 2021

Meeting time
10.30 am

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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 in 18th and 25th May as correct records.

(Pages 3 - 12)

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.	BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY, SECTION 6 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016
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To consider a report by County Councillor Heulwen Hulme, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

(To Follow)

5.	COVID RECOVERY FUND PROPOSALS
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To consider a report by County Councillor Iain Macintosh, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Economic Regeneration.

(To Follow)

6.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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To consider the Cabinet forward work programme.

(Pages 13 - 14)

7.	DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING
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To note the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

(Pages 15 - 16)

8.	EXEMPT ITEMS
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The Monitoring Officer has determined that category 3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following items. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 14.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

These factors in his view outweigh the public interest in disclosing this information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

9.	HEART OF WALES PROPERTY SERVICES
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To consider the confidential report.

(To Follow)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, G Breeze, P Davies, A W Davies, H Hulme, I McIntosh and R Powell

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Executive and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

2.	MINUTES
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th May 2021 as a correct record.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest reported. It was noted that Members who are Governors have a general exemption to speak on Education Transformation matters.

4.	STRATEGY FOR TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN POWYS - STRATEGIC AIM 2 'TO IMPROVE LEARNER ENTITLEMENT AND EXPERIENCE FOR POST-16 LEARNERS'
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Cabinet considered proposals to establish a new structure for the strategic management of the Powys Post-16 provision. This would comprise a high-level Strategic Management Board (SMB) and two "Powys Post-16 Centre" cluster groups (north and south) with Operational Management Boards (OMBs). All secondary head teachers (including special school headteachers) would be represented on the OMBs. The SMB would have delegated authority for determining how the Powys post-16 grant funding was spent. No provider would be able to obtain post-16 funding to run a course without the approval of the SMB

Strategic management of provision would enable the council to meet its aim of ensuring post-16 provision had a broad and balanced curriculum offered through the mediums of Welsh and English and that Additional Learning Needs (ALN) support was properly catered for. This model built upon the growing collaborative environment fostered between schools during the Covid-19 outbreak and deliver the necessary improvements whilst retaining local ownership of provision, ensuring there was coordination of delivery across the county and ensuring that headteachers and staff play a crucial role in leading the change. The model

would also enable the council to build stronger and better co-ordinated strategic partnerships with providers.

Under the proposal learners would have a “home base” (most likely at their local Post-16 centre) but would also be able to access all Powys Post-16 centres for their studies. The provision on offer would also be county-wide and where learners were geographically unable to travel to attend a course they would be “distance learners” taking the course via e-sgol from their home base.

County Councillor Pete Roberts, the Chair of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee presented the Committee’s recommendations. It was confirmed that the Portfolio Holder for Education and Property would be a member of the SMB. Officers also confirmed that there would be a role for scrutiny in the final proposal and that a review of facilities and an improvement programme for home based facilities would be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

County Councillors James Gibson-Watt and Roger Williams also spoke on the paper. They felt that the proposals did not go far enough and stressed the need for a single body to oversee academic and vocational training across all sectors. The Leader and Strategic Lead for Education noted that the establishment of the Regional Learning and Skills Partnership jointly with Ceredigion County Council would bring together work based learning providers, schools, HE and FE sectors.

It was confirmed that a Member Development session would be arranged for all Members on Education including Post 16 arrangements.

It was recognised that there was more work to do, but the establishment of this new structure represented a vital first step making collaboration with providers easier by having a single point of contact.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the establishment of a new structure for the strategic management of Powys post-16 provision, from the end of May 2021, in accordance with the proposal document at appendix 1 of the report.

5. YSGOL BRO HYDDGEN LANGUAGE CATEGORY

Cabinet considered the results of the consultation undertaken on proposal to alter the medium of instruction at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen to Welsh-medium, introduced on a phased basis, year-by-year, starting with Reception in September 2022.

The consultation form had been completed by 440 respondents with 61.1% supporting the proposal and 37.5% opposing. In addition to the responses to the consultation, the Cabinet had received a large amount of correspondence. The Portfolio Holder thanked everyone who had taken the time to get in touch and confirmed that the Cabinet had read everything sent to them.

County Councillor Michael Williams speaking as a local member outlined the main areas of concern conveyed to him by people who opposed the proposal.

Responding to concerns over the timing of the consultation during lockdown, officers noted that the high number of responses received showed that the consultation had been successful. Councillor Williams also asked about Machynlleth Community Children's Project and was advised that this was linked to the Bro Hyddgen campus build with rooms being provided for the Cylch and MCCP and that all early years provision was subject to tendering once the current contract finished.

County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan spoke as a local member and as the Chair of Governors at Bro Hyddgen and he urged the Cabinet to support the recommendation to ensure parity of provision between English and Welsh speaking pupils. He stressed the importance of immersion provision for any pupils requiring support and the need to support pupils with Additional Learning Needs.

County Councillor Pete Roberts speaking as the Chair of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee explained that the Committee was broadly supportive of the proposal and had been assured by the phased approach being recommended and by responses given by officers that concerns raised about ALN and the need for immersion provision would be addressed. The Strategic Lead for Education confirmed that the Council would work with the school to ensure that appropriate support was provided to any pupils with ALN and said he was confident that children would not be disadvantaged by the proposal. The Scrutiny Committee had asked about the number of pupils moving between Welsh medium and English medium streams, and the school had advised that the numbers were low.

RESOLVED

- 1. To receive the Consultation Report in respect of changing the language category of Ysgol Bro Hyddgen.**
- 2. To approve the publication of a statutory notice to make a regulated alteration to alter the medium of instruction at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen to Welsh-medium, on a phased basis, year-by-year, starting with Reception in September 2022.**

6.	LLANFAIR CAEREINION C.P. SCHOOL AND CAEREINION HIGH SCHOOL - ALL-AGE SCHOOL PROPOSAL
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Cabinet considered the responses received during the statutory objection period to the proposal to close Llanfair Caereinion C.P. School and Caereinion High School from the 31st August 2022, and to establish a new dual stream all-age school in Llanfair Caereinion from the 1st September 2022. The report set out the objections received and the council's responses to them. In addition to the 31 objections received, Cabinet members had received correspondence directly and the Portfolio Holder and Leader confirmed that all the correspondence had been read by the Cabinet. Having considered the objections, it was recommended to proceed with the implementation of the proposal for the following reasons:

- To improve educational outcomes

- To improve educational provision
- To improve leadership and management
- To improve efficiency in the delivery of education
- To provide more seamless transition between key stages.

Cabinet was advised that should it approve the recommendation, dialogue to explore ways to develop and enhance the Welsh-medium provision in Llanfair Caereinion would continue at pace with the temporary governing body and leadership of the new school. A further statutory process would be required to implement this. This would be reviewed following the establishment of the all-age school in September 2022.

If it became apparent that developing designated Welsh-medium provision in Llanfair Caereinion was not desirable or possible, the Council would reconsider its previous plans to develop Welsh-medium provision within the Severn Valley, to ensure that designated Welsh-medium provision could be offered to pupils in the area. If this were to go ahead, there could potentially be an impact on the all-age school in Llanfair Caereinion.

The local member County Councillor Gareth Jones confirmed that the community remained committed to an all through school in Llanfair Caereinion.

RESOLVED

- 1. To receive the Objection Report in respect of establishing an all-age school in Llanfair Caereinion**
- 2. To approve the proposal to amalgamate Llanfair Caereinion C.P. School and Caereinion High School in order to establish a new all-age school on the current sites of the two schools, by:**
 - **Closing Llanfair Caereinion C.P. School and Caereinion High School from the 31st August 2022.**
 - **Establishing a new dual stream all-age school on the current sites of Llanfair Caereinion C.P. School and Caereinion High School on the 1st September 2022.**

7.	TRANSFORMING EDUCATION STRATEGY - CAPITAL VIREMENTS
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Cabinet's approval was sought for four virements from the 'Other 21st C Schools Schemes' in the Council's Capital Programme to fund works up to RIBA 2 completion stage for the following new projects: Llandrindod Wells Community Campus, Sennybridge CP School, Brecon Campus Development and Gwernyfed High School.

Cabinet noted the comments of the Section 151 Officer and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the risk of costs incurred falling to the Council's revenue budget should these schemes not proceed and that these risks needed

to be balanced against the risk of delayed access to future capital funding from Welsh Government.

RESOLVED to approve the following four virements from the 'Other 21st C Schools Schemes' in the Capital Programme to fund works up to RIBA 2 completion stage for the following new projects:

Scheme	Funding amount required
Llandrindod Wells Community Campus	£500,000
Sennybridge CP School	£100,000
Brecon Campus Development (school, PRU, leisure)	£350,000
Gwernyfed High School	£200,000

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 25
MAY 2021**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, G Breeze, A W Davies, P Davies, H Hulme,
R Powell and I McIntosh

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies were received from the Corporate Director (Children and Adult Services).

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

3.	QUARTER 4/END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT
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Cabinet considered the performance report for the fourth quarter of 2020/21. The first part of the report dealt with the Council's response to COVID-19 and the second on performance against the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) objectives and Public Accountability Measures.

During quarter 4, the council also continued to deliver its Transformation Programme projects, Vision 2025 priorities and some business as usual activities.

Despite the pandemic, 73% of the 90 CIP objectives were on target (and 3% complete) and 49% of the 107 CIP measures had met their target which was a significant improvement on the same period in the previous year. 28% of the 18 Public Accountability Measures had met their target which was a marked decline on the previous year.

Quarter 4 monitoring and performance had been undertaken in line with the Council's Performance Management and Quality Assurance Framework to ensure appropriate actions were taken and resources allocation to bring performance back on track.

Cabinet noted that the pandemic had meant a higher than usual demand for Adult and Children's Services and for Homelessness services. The Head of Children's Services advised that at times the surge in demand had been unprecedented. She also reported that the unreliability of WCCIS was impacting on the service. The Leader asked for a report back on the steps being taken to fix the WCCIS system. The Leader noted that despite of the challenges of the past year, this was an outstanding report and she thanked staff, the Executive Management Team and Cabinet colleagues for all of their work. The Chief Executive also thanked colleagues for their work.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the continued achievements and the tremendous response of the organisation during the unprecedented and challenging times of a global pandemic, while balancing the need to progress business as usual and Vision 2025 priorities.

4. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER REPORT QUARTER 4 2020/2021

Cabinet considered the Strategic Risk Register for the fourth quarter of 2022/21. The report set out details of the 12 strategic risks and the mitigating actions being taken to control them.

A number of changes had been made to the Strategic Risk Register:

- WCCIS unreliability had been added.
- The Housing Service had amalgamated the risk HO0018 'Compliance in Powys County Council Housing Stock' with risk HO0024 'Failing to meet all applicable statutory requirements providing for the health and safety of the occupants in the home'.
- Education had replaced ED0023 'The council fails to make the necessary improvements in response to Estyn recommendations' with COVID0058 'Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP) for Estyn' in an effort to streamline the services risks, reducing duplication and thus enabling them to have oversight of all significant risks in one place.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the current Strategic Risk and COVID-19 Risk Registers and is satisfied with progress against mitigating actions for quarter 4.

5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 4 REPORT

Cabinet considered the Treasury Management report for Quarter 4. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transportation advised that the council had accepted an offer from Welsh Government of £50 million interest free, repayable funding towards the development of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE) in the south of the county. The funding would be held by the council until it could be suitably invested in the project and could not be used for any other purpose. If the investment was not able to be made, for whatever reason, the funds would be returned to Welsh Government.

The report also noted the revised MRP policy approved by Council. The Head of Finance advised that the additional government funding received in the last year had meant that borrowing had reduced to £18m in the financial year. 3.8% of the net revenue budget was being used to support the capital programme.

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management report for Quarter 4 be accepted.

6.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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Cabinet received the forward work plan. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care advised that the service would be coming forward with major transformative reports in the coming months as well as continuing to deal with the ongoing pandemic.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

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Cabinet / Delegated				
Decision Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Lead	Decision Maker
15/06/21	Biodiversity & Resilience of Eco Systems	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Sian Barnes	Cabinet
15/06/21	Levelling up Fund and Community Renewal Fund	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Diane Reynolds	Cabinet
15/06/21	Payments to HoWPS		Nina Davies	Cabinet
18/06/21	Acquisition of Property Brecon	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
	Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon Language Category			
22/06/21	Consultation Report	Councillor Rosemarie Harris	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
22/06/21	HoWPS	Councillor Phyl Davies	Nigel Brinn	Cabinet
22/06/21	Ysgol Calon Cymru Proposal Paper	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
22/06/21	Local Housing Market Assessment	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
22/06/21	End of Year Financial Position Revenue and Capital	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
		Councillor Myfanwy Catherine Alexander		
22/06/21	Welsh Language Annual Report		Bedwyr Fychan	Cabinet
22/06/21	Demolition of Garages	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
22/06/21	Gypsy and Traveller Agreement	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
22/06/21	Local Housing Market Analysis	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
	Vision 2025: Our Corporate Improvement Plan Annual			
06/07/21	Performance Report	Councillor Rosemarie Harris	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
06/07/21	Schools Budget Outturn Reports	Councillor Phyl Davies	Mari Thomas	Cabinet
06/07/21	Moving on Up	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Cabinet
		Councillor Myfanwy Catherine Alexander		
06/07/21	Transforming Support at Home		Dylan Owen	Cabinet
06/07/21	Bannau Camlas	Councillor Rachel Powell	Jan Coles	Cabinet
06/07/21	Annual Information Governance Statement	Councillor Beverley Baynham	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
13/07/21	Castle Caereinion Consultation Report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
13/07/21	Home Grown Homes	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Cabinet
13/07/21	Llanfyllin Phase 2 Proposal paper	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
13/07/21	Historic Environment SPG	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Peter Morris	Cabinet

13/07/21	Archaeology SPG	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Peter Morris	Cabinet
13/07/21	Newtown Place Plan to adopt as SPG	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Peter Morris	Cabinet
27/07/21	Quarter 1 Performance Report	Councillor Beverley Baynham	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
27/07/21	Quarter 1 Strategic Risk Register	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
27/07/21	Revenue and Capital Update Quarter 1	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
21/09/21	Draft WESP	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
21/09/21	Mount Street & Cradoc consultation report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
21/09/21	Llanbedr Consultation Report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
21/09/21	Churchstoke Consultation Report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
21/09/21	Llanfihangel Rhydithon Consultation Report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
21/09/21	Treasury Management Quarter 1 Update	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
21/09/21	ACRF		Alison Bulman	Cabinet
12/10/21	Ysgol Bro Hydden Objection report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
12/10/21	Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon Objection Report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
02/11/21	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Councillor Beverley Baynham	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
02/11/21	Quarter 2 Strategic Risk Register	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
02/11/21	Quarter 2 Revenue and Capital Update	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
19/11/21	Homes in Powys Policy Update	Councillor Iain McIntosh	Nina Davies	Portfolio Holder
23/11/21	Castle Caereinion Objection report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
23/11/21	Llanfihangel Rhydithon Objection report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
23/11/21	Council Tax Base	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
23/11/21	Treasury Management Quarter 2 Update	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet
14/12/21	Llangedwyn / Llanfechain consultation report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
14/12/21	Llanfyllin Phase 2 consultation report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
14/12/21	Ysgol Calon Cymru Consultation report	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
18/01/22	Draft WESP	Councillor Phyl Davies	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
08/02/22	Quarter 3 Performance Report	Councillor Beverley Baynham	Emma Palmer	Cabinet
08/02/22	Quarter 3 Strategic Risk Register	Councillor Aled Davies	Jane Thomas	Cabinet

1 June	Portfolio Holder for Education and Property	Approved the appointment of school governors.
2 June	Portfolio Holder for Education and Property	Approved the appointment of school governors.

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