

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 14  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, B Baynham, A W Davies, H Hulme, I McIntosh and R Powell

<b>1. APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Phyl Davies and from the Executive Director: People and Organisational Development and the Head of Finance.

<b>2. MINUTES</b>
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 as a correct record.

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

<b>4. YSGOL DYFFRYN TRANNON LANGUAGE CATEGORY</b>
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Cabinet was advised that two objections had been received during the statutory consultation period on proposals to change the language category of Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon from dual stream to Welsh-medium on a phased basis, year-by-year, starting with Reception in September 2022. Cabinet considered the objections and noted the responses to them. Cabinet was advised that there were three English medium schools within a three mile radius so English medium provision was locally available. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and the Welsh Language welcomed the proposals and she thanked organisations such as the Urdd and YFC helping to keep the language alive in the area.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. To receive the Objection Report in respect of changing the language category of Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon.**
- 2. To approve the proposal to make a regulated alteration to alter the medium of instruction at Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon, Trefeglwys from Dual Stream to Welsh-medium on a phase basis, year-by-year, starting with Reception in September 2022.**

<b>5.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE POWYS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2021 FOR SUBMISSION TO WELSH GOVERNMENT, AND TO COMMENCE THE LDP REVIEW PROCESS</b>
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Cabinet was asked to approve the Powys Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 [AMR 2021] in readiness for its publication and submission to the Welsh Government no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Cabinet was further asked to give approval to formally commence the Review process of the Powys Local Development Plan and, accordingly, to commence work on the preparation of a Review Report.

Cabinet was advised that the LDP was largely delivering and meeting the monitoring targets, pointing to successful policy implementation. Of the 62 monitoring indicators, 37 were “Green”, three were “Blue” with the recommendation that further training was required; eight were “Yellow” identifying that further investigation/research was required; three were “Amber” suggesting that a Policy Review was required; and four were “Red” indicating that a Plan Review was required as they related to the delivery of the strategy.

The Leader asked about Corporate Joint Committees and was advised that there would be a future requirement for local planning authorities to work together to produce a strategic development plan. Officers would be meeting colleagues from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Ceredigion County Council to discuss options.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. That the Annual Monitoring Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 with Annex 1 and Annex 2 together with its accompanying two informing background papers in order for the AMR to be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 in accordance with the relevant legislation. It will be published concurrently on the Council’s website.**
- 2. To approve the commencement of the LDP Review process.**

<b>6.</b>	<b>STRATEGIC PARTNERING AGREEMENT VIA A DEED OF ADHERENCE</b>
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Cabinet was asked to approve a draft Deed of Adherence to the Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) with the Welsh Education Partnership Co to allow Bridgend College, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Gwynedd Council, Newport City Council and Coleg Cambria become a party to the SPA on the same terms and conditions as the existing Participants.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. To approve the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental agreement to the WEP Strategic Partnering Agreement dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (the “Deed of Adherence”) in order that from the date**

of execution of the Deed of Adherence the Joining Participants are able to give effect to and be bound by the terms of the WEP Strategic Partnering Agreement dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a party to it, to facilitate the delivery of a range of infrastructure services and the delivery of education and community facilities;

2. To approve the terms of the Deed of Adherence at Appendix A of the report and summarised in the report so as to give effect to recommendation (a);
3. To authorise the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make any minor amendments to Deed of Adherence as may be required and to arrange for its execution.
4. To note that in agreeing to enter into the Deed of Adherence, aside from the addition of the Joining Participants as other Participants, this in no way alters the existing terms of the Strategic Partnering Agreement dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to which the Council is a party and is required to give effect to and be bound by.

<b>7.</b>	<b>CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING 6 MONTHLY UPDATE AS AT 30TH JULY 2021</b>
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Cabinet considered the Corporate Safeguarding six monthly update for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Cabinet noted that whilst there had been a gap in reporting during the Covid global pandemic, assurances in relation to critical safeguarding had been provided in different ways such as regular service bulletins, sitreps and performance reports. The Corporate Safeguarding group had now reconvened and was meeting quarterly and would provide six monthly reports to Cabinet.

Cabinet was concerned to note the ongoing problems with the WCCIS system and the impact that this was having on the service. Cabinet was advised that the issue had been raised with Welsh Government at ministerial level and that regular meetings were held with the supplier. Cabinet noted that the rise in registered Elective Home Educated children since the pandemic was repeated across the country. The issue had been discussed at the RPB and would be raised with the Children's Commissioner.

**DECISION to note the briefing from the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Group and note the delay in reporting due to Covid.**

<b>8.</b>	<b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 1 REPORT</b>
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Cabinet considered the Treasury Management report for the first quarter. The Portfolio Holder advised that with interest rates for investments remaining extremely low, the use of cash reserves as opposed to borrowing was prudent and cost-effective.

**RESOLVED to accept the report.**

<b>9.</b>	<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b>
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Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken by Portfolio Holders since the last meeting.

<b>10.</b>	<b>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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Cabinet noted the forward work programme.

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