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## Cabinet

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Meeting Venue

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Meeting date

**Tuesday, 22 November 2022**

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Meeting time

**10.00 am**

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### AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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To receive apologies for absence.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 November 2022 as a correct record.

(Pages 3 - 6)

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

<b>4.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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To receive such correspondence as in the opinion of the Leader is of such urgency as to warrant consideration.

<b>5.</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2023-2024</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor David Thomas, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

(Pages 7 - 18)

<b>6.</b>	<b>SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW - EXTENSION TO DEADLINE FOR FINAL AGREEMENT</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor Pete Roberts, Cabinet member for a Learning Powys and County Councillor David Thomas, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

(Pages 19 - 22)

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

(Pages 23 - 24)

<b>8.</b>	<b>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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To consider the Cabinet forward work programme.

(Pages 25 - 26)

<b>9.</b>	<b>EXEMPT ITEMS</b>
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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.

<b>10.</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING PRICE REVIEW</b>
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To consider a report by County Councillor Jackie Charlton, Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys.

(Pages 27 - 32)

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 8  
NOVEMBER 2022****PRESENT**

County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)

County Councillors J Berriman, R Church, S Cox, S C Davies, M J Dorrance,  
P Roberts, D Selby and D A Thomas

In attendance: County Councillor A Davies

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Charlton and S McNicholas.

**2. MINUTES**

The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported.

**4. COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS - LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES**

Cabinet considered a report on the level of Council Tax premium to be applied to long-term empty properties within Powys. From 1 April 2023, The Council Tax (Long-Term Empty Dwellings and Dwellings Occupied Periodically) (Wales) Regulations 2022 allow for a premium of up to 300% to be charged, for both long-term empty and periodically occupied properties, so this would result in a total charge to the property owner of up to 400%. The intention was to help bring long-term empty properties back into use to and increase the supply of affordable housing and enhancing the sustainability of local communities.

It was proposed to increase long-term empty premium to a 100% premium effective from 1 April 2023 and monitor the impact it had on the number of empty properties and length of time they remain empty for. Cabinet noted the results of a consultation that had been carried out.

County Councillor A Davies speaking as leader of the opposition said he opposed the proposal arguing that it was unfair on people facing delays in the planning process and he asked for it to be referred to Scrutiny. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation reminded Members that over 4,000 people in Powys were waiting for an affordable home.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To Increase the long-term empty premium from 50% to 100% effective from 1 April 2023, and**
2. **To recruit Empty Property Officer to work with and support owners and to explore an incentive package to assist empty homeowners to encourage properties back into use, as outlined in section 4.4 of the report.**
3. **To review the impact of increasing the premium has on numbers in 2023/24, to consider further action that may be required to shape the use of premiums for long-term empty properties in the future.**

The Leader asked for a report to be brought to Scrutiny after the premium had been in place for 12 months.

<b>5.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022)</b>
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Cabinet considered the forecast revenue budget outturn for 2022-23 financial year based on the position at quarter two. At quarter two the projected position had risen to a deficit of £7.064 million, of which £5.316 million would be funded through the drawdown of specific reserves, leaving a further £1.748 million deficit to be funded from general reserves. The impact of rising inflation and pay awards was increasing the financial pressure on the Council's budget.

In response to the increasing challenge, steps had already been taken to pull back on expenditure across the council with services taking action to reduce service expenditure by £2 million over the remainder of the financial year. In addition, corporate budget assumptions had been reviewed, reductions in borrowing as some capital schemes were delayed, the reversal of the National Insurance increase and updated Council Tax data, were now projecting improved positions to further support the revenue position.

44% of savings or £4.808 million had been delivered and a further 28% £3.040 million were assured of delivery by Services. £3.007 million, 28% were unachieved and were at risk of delivery in year. Services were required to consider mitigating action to ensure that they can deliver within the budget allocated.

The report also detailed a number of grants received and requests for budget virements.

In response to comments from the leader of the opposition, the Leader said that once the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made his statement on 17<sup>th</sup> November, he would convene a meeting of the political group leaders to work with them to set a balanced budget.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Cabinet note the current budget position and the projected full year forecast to the end of March 2023.
2. The grants received in this quarter as set out in section 5.1 are noted
3. The virements between £100,000 and £500,000 set out in section 5.2 of the report are approved.
4. That any virements in excess of £500,000 are referred to Council for approval.

<b>6. CAPITAL FORECAST 2022-23, AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022</b>
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Cabinet noted that the revised programme at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was budgeted at £96.46 million following the successful award of additional grants and the reprofiling of budgets between financial years. Actual spend amounted to £24.37 million, representing 25% of the total budget.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the contents of the report are noted.
2. That the virement proposed in section 4 is approved.

<b>7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ASSURANCE</b>
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Cabinet considered the Annual Governance Statement which provided an account of the processes, systems and records that the council has in place in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of its governance arrangements during the financial period covering 2021/22. It was structured around the seven principles of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.

**RESOLVED**

1. To confirm that the Cabinet is satisfied give that the following criteria have been met:
  - That the Annual Governance Statement fulfils the Authority's obligations under the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.
  - That the adjustments in approach adopted in drafting the 2021/22 AGS are acceptable and support understanding of the matters reported therein.
  - That the conclusions presented by the AGS are considered to be a fair and accurate evaluation of the Authority's fulfilment of its governance obligations during 2021/22.
2. To confirm that Cabinet is satisfied that the AGS provides an accurate reflection of the Authority's attainment of each of the CIPFA principles.

3. To confirm that Cabinet is satisfied that the AGS accurately reflects the Authority's overall fulfilment of its governance obligations during 2021/22.

<b>8.</b>	<b>CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING BOARD UPDATE</b>
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Cabinet considered an update from the Corporate Safeguarding Board. The September meeting of the Board was the first since the May 2022 elections, with new Councillors in attendance. Councillor Richard Church, Portfolio Holder for a Safer Powys, had taken on responsibility for Corporate Safeguarding, with Nina Davies taking over as Chair as Interim Director of Social Services & Housing.

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

<b>10.</b>	<b>CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING BOARD UPDATE</b>
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Cabinet noted the forward work programme.

**County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)**

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.****CABINET EXECUTIVE  
Date 22nd November 2022**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor David Thomas  
Portfolio Holder for Finance

**SUBJECT:** Council Tax Base for 2023-2024

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 requires each Billing Authority to calculate the basic amount of its Council Tax by applying a formula which includes calculating the Council's Council Tax Base.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 This report is to formally set the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2023-24 for tax setting purposes. Setting the Council Tax base is an annual statutory requirement and is an integral part of the setting of the Council's Council Tax level (at band D) in accordance with specified formulae, reflecting its budget requirements for the relevant financial year.
- 2.2 The Council Tax Base is the adjusted number of chargeable dwellings in the Council's area belonging to each valuation band modified to take account of several assumptions and factors including the proportion applying to dwellings in each Council Tax Band together with the number of discounts, exemptions, disablement reductions and premiums. An estimate for losses on collection is also made.
- 2.3 The Council has determined, to increase the 50% Premium on long term empty properties (unoccupied and unfurnished) to 100% and to increase the 50% premium on periodically occupied dwellings (second homes/holiday homes- that are furnished and not someone's main residence) to 75%. The increase in the premiums will be effective from 1 April 2023. The Council Tax Base calculation includes a projection of those properties, totalling 778 band D equivalent properties, expected to be subject to the Council Tax premium during 2023-24, having regard to the new premium rates.
- 2.4 This calculation is made in accordance with the "Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
- 2.5 The Council Tax Base calculation for 2023-24 is based on the list prepared by the Valuation Office Agency, as at 31<sup>st</sup> October for the financial year.

- 2.6 The gross Council Tax Base calculation is supplied to Welsh Government and is used as part of the distribution of Revenue Support Grant in the annual provisional and final local Government Revenue Settlement.
- 2.7 The Council is not only required to calculate the Council Tax Base for the County Council as a whole, but also make separate calculations for areas that have their own Town or Community Council.
- 2.8 The net Council Tax Base is used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their Council Tax precepts for 2023-24, which will be included in the annual demands sent to every Council Taxpayer in March 2023.

**3. The Calculation**

- 3.1 Appendix one sets out the calculation of the 2023-24 Council Tax Base.
- 3.2 The estimated collection rate on non-military dwellings is **98.5%**, this is same that was used within 2022-23 calculation.
- 3.3 For military dwellings the Regulations require Authorities to assume a **100%** collection rate on dwellings.
- 3.4 The breakdown of the Council Tax Base for each Community is set out in paragraph 4.2 below.

**4. Advice**

It is proposed:

- 4.1 That this report on the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole and parts of its area for the year 2023-24 be approved. The calculation is contained within **appendix one**.
- 4.2 That, pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, the amount calculated by Powys County Council as its Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2023-24 shall be **64,256.51**, and for the parts of the area listed below for the year 2023-24 shall be for the:

**Community of:**

Community	2023-24 Tax Base
Abbeycwmhir	128.94
Aberedw	139.76
Aberhafesp	227.64
Abermule with Llandyssil	762.32



Banwy	333.03
Bausley with Criggion	393.81
Beguildy	386.83
Berriew	758.48
Betws Cedewain	228.34
Brecon	3643.45
Bronllys	455.79
Builth Wells	1102.11
Cadfarch	465.91
Caersws	731.27
Carno	361.85
Carreghofa	321.39
Castle Caereinion	317.65
Churchstoke	923.73
Cilmery	241.79
Clyro	429.9
Cray	129.95
Crickhowell	1161.59
Cwmdu and District	575.23
Dissert & Trecoed	568.45
Duhonw	159.78
Dwyrhiw	290.44
Erwood	251.62
Felinfach	390.58
Forden	863.96
Gladestry	230.88
Glantwymyn	661.39
Glasbury	579.08
Glascwm	271.23
Glyn Tarrell	312.51
Guilsfield	875.79
Gwernyfed	499.08
Hay-on-Wye	908.55
Honddu Isaf	230.26
Kerry	1037.81
Knighton	1342.02
Llanafanfawr	239.17
Llanbadarn Fawr	357.5
Llanbadarn Fynydd	143.4
Llanbister	197.11
Llanbrynmair	498.06
Llanddew	128.64
Llanddewi Ystradenny	143.5
Llandinam	458.53
Llandrindod Wells	2510.56
Llandrinio & Arddleen	815.21
Llandysilio	560.77
Llanelwedd	195.68

Llanerfyl	220.26
LLanfair Caereinion	808.04
Llanfechain	283.98
Llanfihangel	279.01
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	124.8
Llanfrynach	327.27
Llanfyllin	730.47
Llangammarch	287.53
Llangattock	599.8
Llangedwyn	205.29
Llangorse	568.75
Llangunllo	203.36
Llangurig	389.05
Llangynidr	615.98
Llangyniew	306.23
Llangynog	193.76
Llanidloes	1222.47
Llanidloes Without	318.04
Llanigon	294.09
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant	615.37
Llansantffraid	747.56
Llansilin	379.85
Llanwddyn	129.55
Llanwrthwl	108.83
Llanwrtyd Wells	421.8
Llanyre	594.74
Llywel	265.27
Machynlleth	902.28
Maescar	473.15
Manafon	190.43
Meifod	714.49
Merthyr Cynog	143.21
Mochdre with Penstrowed	263.34
Montgomery	746.34
Nantmel	353.75
New Radnor	237.15
Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn	4474.53
Old Radnor	417.76
Painscastle	294.38
Pen Y Bont Fawr	260.41
Penybont & Llandegley	212.37
Presteigne & Norton	1350.7
Rhayader	917.97
St Harmon	321.09
Talgarth	764.95
Talybont-on-Usk	399.36
Tawe Uchaf	573.5
Trallong	203.48

Trefeglwys	513.95
Treflys	256.07
Tregynon	399.46
Trewern	673.84
Vale of Grwyney	504.22
Welshpool	2789.08
Whitton	220.26
Yscir	268.81
Ystradfelte	256.97
Ystradgynlais	2975.74

**Total Tax Base** **64,256.51**

4.3 The Tax Base of 64,256.51 is a growth of 1,184.32 (1.88%) on 2022-23 Tax Base, The change in Tax Base at community level can be found in **Appendix Two**.

## 5. Resource Implications

5.1 Setting the Council Tax Base is an annual statutory requirement and is an integral part of the setting of the Council's council tax level (at band D) in accordance with specified formulae, reflecting its budget requirements for the relevant financial year.

5.2 The Deputy Head of Finance confirms that the increase in the Council Tax Base will provide additional council tax revenue in 2023/24. The increase in the premium rates is accountable for 778 band D equivalent growth in the base. The tax base is accounted for as part of the council's financial strategy alongside the Revenue Support Grant distributed by the Welsh Government which uses the Council Tax Base to determine the level of financial support. The figures proposed in this report are consistent with the projections set out in our Finance Resource Model.

5.3 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the content of the report and can support the recommendations.

## 6. Legal Implications

6.1 Legal, the recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view

6.2 The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

## 7. Data Protection

7.1 There are no data protection implications within the proposal

## 8. Comment from Local Members

8.1 None required.

## 9. Integrated Impact Assessment

9.1 An impact assessment is not required, as the report is one of a technical nature.

## 10. Recommendation

10.1 That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2023-24 of **64,256.51** be approved, and

10.2 That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for each Town and Community Council contained within 4.2 above, be approved to meet the legal requirement of the Council to set a Council Tax Base for 2023-24.

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# Appendix One

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		A*	Valuation band									Total (= sum of band figures)
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
<b>Part A: Chargeable dwellings</b>												
A1	All chargeable dwellings		5,659	8,899	12,715	10,411	12,146	9,392	4,048	565	195	64,030
A2	Dwellings subject to disability reduction (included in line A1)		14	41	86	75	142	111	51	13	30	563
A3	Adjusted chargeable dwellings (taking into account disability reductions)	14	5,686	8,944	12,704	10,478	12,115	9,332	4,010	582	165	64,030
<b>Part B: Dwellings with discounts and premiums</b>												
B1	Dwellings with no discount or premium (including long term empty properties and second homes with no discount)	7	2,089	4,169	7,203	6,653	8,257	7,066	3,182	440	124	39,190
B2a	Dwellings with a 25% discount (excluding long term empty properties and second homes)	7	3,346	4,479	5,168	3,471	3,480	2,014	692	100	30	22,787
B2b	Dwellings with a 50% discount (excluding long term empty properties and second homes)	0	2	14	12	17	21	35	15	27	1	144
B3a	Dwellings with a variable discount other than 25% or 50% (Part G, line 11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B3b	Dwellings with long term empty property or second homes discount		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B3c	Dwellings with long term empty property or second homes premium		249	282	321	337	357	217	121	15	10	1,909
B4	Total adjusted chargeable dwellings (sum of B1 to B3c=A3)	14	5,686	8,944	12,704	10,478	12,115	9,332	4,010	582	165	64,030
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part C: Discounts and premium adjustments</b>												
B5	Total variable discounts (=Part G, line 12)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B6	Long term empty property and second homes discount adjustment (Part H, line 9g, 11g)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
B7	Long term empty property and second homes premium adjustment (Part H, line 10g, 12g)		224.3	244.5	272.8	282.5	294.0	179.0	99.0	12.5	8.5	1,617.0
<b>Part C: Calculation of chargeable dwellings with discounts and premiums</b>												
C2	Total dwellings including discounts and premiums (=A3-(B2ax0.25)-(B2bx0.5)-B5-B6+B7)	12	5,073	8,062	11,679	9,884	11,529	8,990	3,929	556	166	
C3	Ratio to band D	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	21/9	
C4	Band D equivalents (=C2xC3) (rounded to 2 decimal places)	6.81	3,381.83	6,270.25	10,381.11	9,884.25	14,090.39	12,985.56	6,547.50	1,112.00	386.17	65,045.87
C7	Total discounted dwellings excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	12	4,849	7,817	11,406	9,602	11,235	8,811	3,830	544	157	
C8	Band D equivalents excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	6.81	3,232.33	6,080.08	10,138.67	9,601.75	13,731.06	12,727.00	6,382.50	1,087.00	366.33	63,353.53
<b>Part D: Memorandum items</b>												
(sum of individual bands - carry to E1)												
D1	Exempt dwellings Classes A to N and P to W (not included in sections A to C above)		329	373	391	289	313	185	73	12	7	1,972
D2	Exempt dwellings Class O (not included in sections A to C above)		0	47	26	60	21	15	2	1	6	178

## Part E: Calculation of council tax base

E1	Chargeable dwellings: band D equivalents (=C4 total)	65,045.87
E2	Collection rate (please enter to 2 decimal places)	98.50 %
E3	= E1 x E2 (rounded to 2 decimal places)	64,070.18
E4	Class O exempt dwellings: band D equivalents (please enter to 2 decimal places)	186.33
E5	Council tax base for tax-setting purposes (=E3+E4)	64,256.51
E5b	Discounted chargeable dwellings excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	63,353.53
E6	100% council tax base for calculating revenue support grant (=E5b+E4)	63,539.86

APPENDIX TWO

Community	2023-24 Tax Base	2022-23 Tax Base	No: Properties change	% change
Abbeycwmhir	128.94	127.81	1.13	0.88%
Aberedw	139.76	141.00	-1.24	-0.89%
Aberhafesp	227.64	228.65	-1.01	-0.44%
Abermule with Llandyssil	762.32	742.58	19.74	2.59%
Banwy	333.03	330.48	2.55	0.77%
Bausley with Criggion	393.81	368.65	25.16	6.39%
Beguildy	386.83	377.64	9.19	2.38%
Berriew	758.48	754.78	3.70	0.49%
Betws Cedewain	228.34	232.44	-4.10	-1.80%
Brecon	3643.45	3544.43	99.02	2.72%
Bronllys	455.79	445.19	10.60	2.33%
Builth Wells	1102.11	1090.75	11.36	1.03%
Budfarch	465.91	456.08	9.83	2.11%
Caersws	731.27	715.00	16.27	2.22%
Garno	361.85	351.36	10.49	2.90%
Carreghofa	321.39	318.17	3.22	1.00%
Castle Caereinion	317.65	309.79	7.86	2.47%
Churchstoke	923.73	886.49	37.24	4.03%
Cilmery	241.79	238.23	3.56	1.47%
Clyro	429.9	431.50	-1.60	-0.37%
Cray	129.95	128.50	1.45	1.12%
Crickhowell	1161.59	1130.11	31.48	2.71%
Cwmdu and District	575.23	566.21	9.02	1.57%
Disserth & Trecoed	568.45	552.91	15.54	2.73%
Duhonw	159.78	152.80	6.98	4.37%
Dwyrhiw	290.44	284.20	6.24	2.15%
Erwood	251.62	246.13	5.49	2.18%
Felinfach	390.58	384.43	6.15	1.57%

Forden	863.96	824.33	39.63	4.59%
Gladestry	230.88	226.75	4.13	1.79%
Glantwymyn	661.39	649.15	12.24	1.85%
Glasbury	579.08	573.99	5.09	0.88%
Glascwm	271.23	270.41	0.82	0.30%
Glyn Tarrell	312.51	305.08	7.43	2.38%
Guilsfield	875.79	866.40	9.39	1.07%
Gwernyfed	499.08	484.76	14.32	2.87%
Hay-on-Wye	908.55	913.67	-5.12	-0.56%
Honddu Isaf	230.26	229.25	1.01	0.44%
Kerry	1037.81	1011.20	26.61	2.56%
Knighton	1342.02	1323.68	18.34	1.37%
Llanafanfawr	239.17	237.44	1.73	0.72%
Llanbadarn Fawr	357.5	348.76	8.74	2.44%
Llanbadarn Fynydd	143.4	142.99	0.41	0.29%
Llanbister	197.11	188.77	8.34	4.23%
Llanbryn-mair	498.06	492.56	5.50	1.10%
Llanddew	128.64	123.41	5.23	4.07%
Llanddewi Ystradenny	143.5	146.70	-3.20	-2.23%
Llandinam	458.53	450.08	8.45	1.84%
Llandrindod Wells	2510.56	2469.68	40.88	1.63%
Llandrinio & Arddleen	815.21	772.56	42.65	5.23%
Llandysilio	560.77	556.11	4.66	0.83%
Llanelwedd	195.68	191.17	4.51	2.30%
Llanerfyl	220.26	216.54	3.72	1.69%
LLanfair Caereinion	808.04	803.23	4.81	0.60%
Llanfechain	283.98	275.91	8.07	2.84%
Llanfihangel	279.01	278.91	0.10	0.04%
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	124.8	124.92	-0.12	-0.10%
Llanfrynach	327.27	326.97	0.30	0.09%
Llanfyllin	730.47	722.90	7.57	1.04%
Llangammarch	287.53	273.92	13.61	4.73%
Llangattock	599.8	580.90	18.90	3.15%



Llangedwyn	205.29	201.76	3.53	1.72%
Llangorse	568.75	567.91	0.84	0.15%
Llangunllo	203.36	202.46	0.90	0.44%
Llangurig	389.05	391.82	-2.77	-0.71%
Llangynidr	615.98	600.59	15.39	2.50%
Llangyniew	306.23	303.48	2.75	0.90%
Llangynog	193.76	193.37	0.39	0.20%
Llanidloes	1222.47	1218.94	3.53	0.29%
Llanidloes Without	318.04	315.88	2.16	0.68%
Llanigon	294.09	285.80	8.29	2.82%
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant	615.37	596.38	18.99	3.09%
Llansantffraid	747.56	738.09	9.47	1.27%
Llansilin	379.85	360.06	19.79	5.21%
Llanwddyn	129.55	128.01	1.54	1.19%
Llanwrthwl	108.83	107.02	1.81	1.66%
Llanwrtyd Wells	421.8	410.02	11.78	2.79%
Llanymorvan	594.74	584.49	10.25	1.72%
Llanysilio	265.27	261.32	3.95	1.49%
Llanysyllt	902.28	890.08	12.20	1.35%
Llanysyllt	473.15	464.41	8.74	1.85%
Manafon	190.43	184.08	6.35	3.33%
Meifod	714.49	711.81	2.68	0.38%
Merthyr Cynog	143.21	143.70	-0.49	-0.34%
Mochdre with Penstrowed	263.34	261.42	1.92	0.73%
Montgomery	746.34	725.29	21.05	2.82%
Nantmel	353.75	349.85	3.90	1.10%
New Radnor	237.15	235.14	2.01	0.85%
Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn	4474.53	4381.76	92.77	2.07%
Old Radnor	417.76	408.81	8.95	2.14%
Painscastle	294.38	294.11	0.27	0.09%
Pen Y Bont Fawr	260.41	260.21	0.20	0.08%
Penybont & Llandegley	212.37	211.25	1.12	0.53%
Presteigne & Norton	1350.7	1308.28	42.42	3.14%

Rhayader	917.97	919.66	-1.69	-0.18%
St Harmon	321.09	312.98	8.11	2.53%
Talgarth	764.95	749.38	15.57	2.04%
Talybont-on-Usk	399.36	392.52	6.84	1.71%
Tawe Uchaf	573.5	573.21	0.29	0.05%
Trallong	203.48	202.36	1.12	0.55%
Trefeglwys	513.95	492.16	21.79	4.24%
Treflys	256.07	231.24	24.83	9.70%
Tregynon	399.46	393.52	5.94	1.49%
Trewern	673.84	657.44	16.40	2.43%
Vale of Grwyney	504.22	501.18	3.04	0.60%
Welshpool	2789.08	2740.79	48.29	1.73%
Whitton	220.26	217.24	3.02	1.37%
Yscir	268.81	260.72	8.09	3.01%
Ystradfelte	256.97	252.42	4.55	1.77%
Ystradgynlais	2975.74	2938.36	37.38	1.26%

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**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL****CABINET EXECUTIVE****22 November 2022**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor Pete Roberts  
Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys

County Councillor David Thomas  
Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate  
Transformation

**REPORT TITLE:** School Funding Formula Review – Extension to  
deadline for final agreement

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To request a one-month extension to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 for the final Cabinet decision for the proposed amendments to the school funding formula for implementation during the 2023-24 financial year.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Section 1.1 of the Powys Scheme for Financing of Schools for 2022-23, which must be agreed by both the Schools Forum and Cabinet, states that “Any proposed changes to the funding formula will be consulted upon and agreed by the Cabinet of the Council before the end of the December prior to the commencement of the financial year to which they apply”.
- 2.2 This deadline puts a great deal of unnecessary time pressure on the first half of the Autumn Term each year, in order to ensure that there is adequate time for consultation on any proposed changes with all schools’ governing bodies, as required by the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010. In order to meet the meeting schedule for agreement in December, the consultation period must end prior to the October half-term. A proposed change to the Scheme for 2023-24 that will be put to schools for consultation will be to change this to “end of January”, but this will not address the issue in the 2022-23 financial year.
- 2.3 In addition to the existing time pressure, at the start of this Autumn term unforeseen circumstances beyond our control led to the postponement of the September Schools Budget Forum meeting, creating a delay in the process. This was then compounded by staff resources being diverted to address the budget pressures in 2022-23 and 2023-24. The Schools Finance Team and

School Service are requesting an extension to allow for an appropriate length of time to consult with schools and governing bodies regarding the proposed amendments to the secondary and all age funding formula.

### **3. Extension Request**

- 3.1 This report requests a one-month extension to the final decision on the proposed changes to the school funding formula, moving the decision date from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. This would allow sufficient time for a meaningful consultation with all schools to run between mid-November and mid-December and then sufficient time for officers to reflect the outcomes of the consultation in the final proposals for the secondary phase formula to be put to the Schools Forum and to Cabinet in January.
- 3.2 This request has already been considered and agreed by the Schools Forum at the rescheduled meeting in October 2022.

### **4. Resource Implications**

- 4.1 The resource implications of the final proposals for the school funding formula review will be set out in the final proposals decision report to be brought to Cabinet in January 2023, estimated values are included within the Schools Delegated Finance Resource Model (FRM). There are no cost implications of delaying the decision deadline from December 2022 to January 2023.
- 4.2 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the content of the report and comments as follows: "The resource implications of the final proposals for decision will need to be considered as part of the budget setting process. It is important that the authority fulfils its obligations for consultation with schools on proposed changes to the school funding formula."

### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Legal: The Schools Forums (Wales) regulations 2003 and the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 set out the requirements of the School Funding Formula and consultation with schools. As the Powys Scheme for Financing Schools for 2022-23 were agreed by both the Schools Forum and by Cabinet, agreement for extending the deadline must be sought from both also. The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.
- 5.2 The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

### **6. Data Protection**

- 6.1 The proposals do not involve the processing personal data.

## 7. Comment from local member(s)

7.1 Not applicable.

## 8. Impact Assessment

8.1 An impact assessment of the final proposals for the school funding formula review will be undertaken in advance of the final proposals decision report being brought to Cabinet in January 2023. Delaying the decision deadline from December 2022 to January 2023 will not change any aspects of the impact assessment.

## 9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that any proposed changes to the school funding formula to be implemented within the 2023-24 financial year will be consulted upon and agreed by Cabinet before the end of January 2023.

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7 November	Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys	Approved the disposal of land adjacent to Ysgol Golwg y Cwm Ystradgynlais.
9 November	Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys	Authorised the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order relating to new and modified waiting and loading and parking controls affecting various streets at Newtown identified at Appendix A to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the traffic movement prohibition Order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
15 November	Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys	Approved the appointment of school governors.

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Cabinet / Delegated Decision				
Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Lead	Scrutiny
22/11/22	Commercial Waste and Recycling Prices	Councillor Jackie Charlton	Matt Perry	
22/11/22	Scheme for Financing Schools	Councillor Pete Roberts	Jane Thomas	
13/12/22	Quarter 2 Strategic Risk Register	Councillor David Thomas	Jane Thomas	Week beginning 12 December
13/12/22	Quarter 2 Treasury Management Report	Councillor David Thomas	Jane Thomas	Governance & Audit 10 November
13/12/22	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Councillor James Gibson-watt	Emma Palmer	Week beginning 12 December
13/12/22	Ysgol Cribarth Language Category	Councillor Pete Roberts	Emma Palmer	
13/12/22	Winter Routes	Councillor Jackie Charlton	Matt Perry	
13/12/22	Corporate Safeguarding Policy	Councillor Sian Cox	Nina Davies	
13/12/22	Shared Prosperity Fund	Councillor David Selby	Diane Reynolds	
13/12/22	Risk Appetite Report	Councillor David Thomas	Jane Thomas	
13/12/22	Annual Information Governance Report 2021-2022	Councillor James Gibson-Watt	Helen Dolman	ERC Scrutiny Working Group
03/01/23	HRA Business Plan 2023-24	Councillor Matthew Dorrance	Nina Davies	
17/01/23	Brynlywarch Final Business Case	Councillor Pete Roberts	Emma Palmer	
17/01/23	Mount Street and Cradoc Schools	Councillor Pete Roberts	Emma Palmer	
17/01/23	Schools Funding Formula	Councillor Pete Roberts	Mari Thomas	
17/01/23	Winter Routes	Councillor Jackie Charlton	Matt Perry	
17/01/23	Rent Setting	Councillor Matthew Dorrance	Andy Thompson	
17/01/23	Becoming an Accredited Living Wage Employer	Councillor Jake Berriman	Paul Bradshaw	
14/02/23	Corporate Plan	Councillor James Gibson-Watt	Emma Palmer	

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