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Meeting Venue

Hybrid meeting - Zoom - County Hall

Meeting date

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Meeting time

10.30 am

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Mae croeso i chi siarad yn Gymraeg neu yn Saesneg yn y cyfarfod, a bydd gwasanaeth cyfieithu ar y pryd ar gael.

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 20 July 2023 as correct records.

(Pages 11 - 46)

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.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS
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6.1. Question for the Cabinet Member for the Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys from Laura Hares

What is being done to promote wellbeing and limit adverse childhood experiences amongst our ALN children in mainstream schools? Why does it take 1-2 years and often tribunal proceedings typically in Powys before our ALN Childrens needs are met? Who is held to account for the neglect of our children's needs and why is early intervention never put in place? My child is now on a very part time timetable and his paediatrician has explicitly expressed how PCC not meeting his needs is creating physical and mental health issues and yet over a year on from the school asking for support via a 1:1 TA for him, nothing is still in place. When will our education body catch up with the support offered over the border in Shropshire? And with the legal requirements?

(Pages 47 - 48)

6.2. Question for the Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys from Philip Ellison

Can you tell me the number of missed collections on recycled bin collections in Llandrindod's four wards and how this compares to the number of missed collections on recycled bin collections in Llansantffraid & Llanrhaeadr Wards and the reason for any discrepancy?

I am making these inquiries as I think it poses a health risk to elderly people who put their bins out every Tuesday in my area and then have to bring them back in again as they not coming for that week

I would also like to take this opportunity as well as point out that Shropshire (and many others) put it on their home page of any changes, and I am sure that this can be done as soon as there is a problem being either the evening before or at 7 am in the morning on Powys Council website.

(Pages 49 - 50)

6.3. Question for the Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys from Penny Higgs

In what circumstances would enforcement action not be taken for serious planning breaches?

(Pages 51 - 52)

7.	APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER
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To consider a report by the Interim Chief Executive.
(Pages 53 - 54)

8.	SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE
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To consider a report by the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer.

(To Follow)

9.	POWYS PSB SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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To consider the recommendations of the Democratic Services Committee. The Committee approved the recommendations in the attached report.
(Pages 55 - 68)

10.	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
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To consider making appointments to

1. Brecon County Scholarship Fund
This group meets once a year to make grants to undergraduate students from Brecknockshire attending or about to attend the University of Wales, Cardiff.
2. Wye Navigation Advisory Committee
The Environment Agency consults the committee on matters substantially affecting the navigation and use of the rivers Wye and Lugg. It meets at least twice a year. The next meeting is on 8 November.

11.	NOTICE OF MOTION - PROPOSAL TO REINSTATE THE UP TO 1 HOUR CAR PARKING CHARGE IN DESIGNATED LONG STAY CAR PARKS.
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Background

The County Council as part of its budget strategy for the 2023-24 agreed to meet the £50,000 additional Income target for car parking charges in council run car parks within its 2023-24 budget strategy through increasing Car Parking charges by up to 40% in accordance with the table below.

Length of ticket	Cost per Ticket – 2022-23 £	Cost per Ticket – 2023-24 £		Percentage Increase
Up to 1 Hours	1.00	1.40		40%
1 – 2 Hours	2.00	2.50		25%
2 – 4 Hours	3.00	3.25		8%
Over 4 Hours	4.00	4.00		0%

Applying these charges to the 2021-22 usage figures below would result in an estimated increased income to the authority of approximately £317,000, six times that of the identified target, less the one-off cost of making changes to the parking machines and signs etc.

Alongside increasing the charges for the three lower time bands the proposal was made and accepted to remove the “up to one hour” ticket option in the many long stay car parks across the county, resulting in the increase in the charge for some one just popping to the shops for a few things or a quick coffee with friends from £1.00 to £2.50 an increase of 150%.

The table below shows that 40% of the Car Parking tickets purchased between August 2021 and July 2022, a year when the Country was still emerging from the COVID 19 pandemic, was for stays of up to an hour, with around 80% of these tickets being purchased in long stay carparks would result in 272,000 tickets being subject to the 150% increase in cost and delivering a further increased income of £299,000 which when added to the £317,000 identified above gives an total additional income of £616,00 against the £50,000 target, before adjusting for any decrease in the number of tickets purchased. It is likely that the full year, non-pandemic, ticket sales would be somewhat higher than in a year when we were still emerging from the Pandemic.

Length of Ticket	Number of Tickets purchased (August 21 – July 22)	Percentage of purchases
Up to 1 Hour	340,562	40%
1 – 2 Hours	299,203	35%
2 – 4 Hours	124,803	15%
Over 4 Hours	86,166	10%
Total	850,734	100%

With such a significant increase in charges, the authority has expected and accounted for a reduction in the number of tickets purchased, especially of those in

the lower two time bands. Members who represent the larger towns in the authority and as reported in the local press are fully aware of an increase in the number of vehicles being parked on the streets and within local estates and many shopkeepers in the towns have reported that they have seen a reduction in trade that coincided with the introduction of the new car parking charges.

In the Council's meeting in July, the cabinet member for a Greener Powys stated in a response to a question raised by a member of the public that a review of the car parking charges would be undertaken in the Autumn.

Based on this statement I and Cllr Breeze agreed that we would withdraw the motion that was on the agenda to be discussed in respect to car parks at the same July meeting.

It is now our understanding that the proposed working group will not be established and have its first meeting until later in October or even early November and probably not make its recommendations to the Council / Cabinet until the new financial year. This will result in the continuation of the current issues being experienced in many of our towns which we do not find acceptable and therefore we would propose that the up to 1 hour parking charge is reintroduced into the designated long stay car parks while the wider review is being undertaken.

Motion

- 1. To reintroduce the up to one hour parking period into all the current designated long stay car parks run by the authority, which are currently subject to a parking charge with effect from 1st November 2023.**
- 2. That the charge for up to one hour parking in the designated long stay car parks should be set at £1.40 in line with the charge for the same time period in the designated short stay car parks.**

Proposed by County Councillor Gareth E Jones

Seconded by County Councillor Jeremy Pugh

Whilst recognising that there will be some additional costs incurred in changing the parking machines and signage, it is clear based on the figures given above that the additional income achieved from the increase in car parking charges for the 2023-24 will still be above the £50,000 included in the medium term financial plan for the current financial year.

The detailed costings that we have undertaken are detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

Financial Assessment

The analysis provided by the Councillor has previously been reviewed and the methodology behind his modelling is sound. The Service have confirmed that the Car Parking Review Report will be signed off at EMT on the 19th September with consideration being given to the cross party approach, and governance.

In long stay car parks, they now only have the option to pay for a minimum of a 2 hour stay (£2.50), the motion proposes we reintroduce a 1 hour stay option (£1.40).

Based on 1 hour ticket sales at long stay car parks during the period 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022 where 225,601 tickets were sold, we know that on average car park ticket sales have reduced by 7.4%, so assuming that there will be roughly 208,906 tickets per annum that could be reintroduced at the 1 hour price rate, then this would result in an annual reduction in income of approx. £230k (£96k estimate for 1st November 2023 to 31st March 2024 period).

HTRs current forecast for 2023-24 is to over-recover car park income by £392k, after accounting for the savings target, review costs and staffing, overheads/software development needed in the service. Using this to manage their budget position this year.

If the 1 hour parking period is reintroduced into all long term stay car parks, this will reduce the income by approx. £96k in 2023/24. Expenditure of approximately £7k would be incurred on changing signs/software changes, reducing the forecast over-recovery of income down to £289k. This would push the service into a projected overspend position.

The service would propose to offer this over-achievement of income as a contribution to support budget pressures for the 2024/25 budget.

(Pages 69 - 72)

11.1. Amendment to Notice of Motion - Long Stay Car Parks

Delete 2 and replace with:-

That the charge for up to one hour parking in both short stay and long stay car parks should be reintroduced at £1.00 with effect from 1st November 2023.

Whilst recognising that there will be some additional costs incurred in changing the parking machines and signage, it is clear based on the figures given by the Head of Finance (S151 Officer) in the financial assessment below that the income from resetting the one hour car parking charge to £1.00 for 2023-24, notwithstanding that we would be 7 months into the financial year where £2.50 has been charged, will still be far in excess of the £50,000 included in the medium term financial plan for the current financial year.

The detailed costings show that a reset to £1 would still produce additional income of £239,000 compared with the £50,000 target.

There is financial scope to do this as the latest HTR forecast for 2023-24 states that there is forecast to be a £392,000 overachievement in car park charges income this financial year.

Proposed by County Councillor Pete Lewington
Seconded by County Councillor Iain McIntosh

Financial assessment:

The motion proposes:

- The charge for up to one hour parking in both short and long stay car parks should be reintroduced at £1.00 with effect from 1st November 2023. In long stay car parks this is a reduction from £2.50 to £1.00 (£1.50 reduction per ticket) and in short stay car parks a reduction from £1.40 to £1.00 (£0.40 reduction per ticket).

Impact of the motion:

- Based on 1 hour ticket sales at long stay car parks during the period 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022 where 216,358 tickets were sold, we know that on average car park ticket sales have reduced by 7.4%, so assuming that there will be roughly 200,348 tickets per annum that could be reintroduced at the 1 hour price rate at £1.00 per ticket, then this would result in an annual reduction in income of approx. £301k (£125k estimate for 1st November 2023 to 31st March 2024 period).
- Based on 1 hour ticket sales at short stay car parks during the period 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022 where 124,204 tickets were sold, we know that on average car park ticket sales have reduced by 7.4%, so assuming that there will be roughly 115,012 tickets per annum that could be reintroduced at the 1 hour price rate at £1.00 per ticket, then this would result in an annual reduction in income of approx. £46k (£19k estimate for 1st November 2023 to 31st March 2024 period).
- Reducing the charge for 1 hour parking to £1.00 could increase patronage at the car parks which may mitigate some of the income reductions noted above, however this cannot be quantified at this stage. A 1% increase in patronage for 1 hour stays in long and short stay car parks could result in approximately 3,154 additional ticket sales per annum, charged at £1.00 which would equate to additional income of £3,154 per annum (£1,314 estimate for 1st November 2023 to 31st March 2024 period).
- HTRs current forecast for 2023-24 is to over-recover car park income by £392k, after accounting for the savings target, review costs, staffing and overheads/software development needed in the service. Using this to manage their budget position this year.
- If the 1 hour parking period is reintroduced into all long stay car parks, and the price for the 1 hour parking is reduced to £1.00 in both long and short stay car parks, this will reduce the income by approx. £144k (£143k should patronage for 1 hour tickets increase by 1%) in 2023/24. Expenditure of approximately £10k would be incurred on changing signs/software changes, reducing the forecast over-recovery of income down to £238k (£239k should patronage for 1 hour tickets increase by 1%). This would push the HTR service into a projected overspend position.

- Car Parks are budgeted to generate income of £1.703m (inclusive of the £50k savings target and £50k increase in staffing/overhead costs). For 2024/25 assuming no further changes in prices/ticket sale volumes and on the assumption this motion is approved, the income generation for next year is likely to be £1.802m exceeding the budget target by £99k, which the service propose to offer this over-achievement of income as a contribution to support budget pressures for the 2024/25 budget.

12. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

12.1. Question to the Cabinet Member for Future Generations from Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

This Council has on several occasions expressed support for the Welsh language and the cross-party political will is clear with regard to that wish. However, whilst recently highlighting English only street signs on a new housing development in Ceri to the Planning Department the response was that they weren't responsible, even though it is a new estate supervised by the Planning Department! It was stated that it was the Highways Department that was at fault.

On questioning the Highways Department the response was it was the developer's fault and the development will be completed within the year. This was even though the development has already been completed and every house has a resident! The only conclusion one can come to is that everyone is trying to blame someone else instead of taking responsibility in the hope that the issue will be forgotten. Well, I can assure you it will not be forgotten.

In light of this, your responsibility for the Welsh language within the Council, the expectations of the Language Standards from the Commissioner, the desire of this Council and common sense. Do you agree with me that this situation is unsatisfactory and that you will try to get to the bottom of the matter to rectify the situation?

(Pages 73 - 74)

12.2. Question to the Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys from Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

During the discussions on the Marches Partnership in the Cabinet meeting on 19/09 it was noted that the education portfolio holder stated - Powys is intending to offer Welsh medium education to children from England as part of a new partnership with the counties over the border. Powys will be co-operating with Monmouthshire, Herefordshire and Shropshire on matters including transport, housing, the environment and energy. The council's education portfolio holder, Pete Roberts said "there are many

families in Oswestry coming from Welsh-speaking backgrounds". "So I hope one of these opportunities will be working with colleagues in Oswestry and along the border to extend the ability for families to take part in Welsh medium education."

In noting this, what consideration has been given to the European minority or Regional languages Charter and those powers in this context?

Given that a review is being held of the schools in the Llanfyllin area, including the future of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, how is it anticipated that the task of providing access to Welsh medium education to those from Oswestry would be undertaken better, and what is the timetable?

(To Follow)

12.3. Question to the Leader from Councillor Aled Davies

How much does WLGA membership cost the Council?

(Pages 75 - 76)

12.4. Question to the Leader from Councillor Gwynfor Thomas

What communications have Powys County Council had with Bute Energy/Green Gen Cymru?

(To Follow)

13.	URGENT QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALED DAVIES
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Could you please clarify the facts which the Cabinet took into consideration when making the decision on the Confidential item 14 at the Cabinet meeting, 19th September 2023, 'Sale of Property'? Is there additional information that wasn't available to you at the time of the Cabinet decision that has now come to light? What is this additional information, and will you now revisit the decision, or do you think the original decision was sound? Are you satisfied with how this issue has been dealt with, if not will you write a letter of apology to all those impacted.

The following presentation will take place at 2 p.m.

14.	PRESENTATION BY BRECKNOCK, MONTGOMERYSHIRE AND RADNOR YFCS
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL
AND ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2023**

PRESENT

County Councillor J Wilkinson (Chair)

County Councillors G W Ratcliffe, D Bebb, M Beecham, S J Beecham, B Breeze, G Breeze, J Berriman, L Brighthouse, J Charlton, R Church, T Colbert, S Cox, A W Davies, A Davies, B Davies, B Davies, M J Dorrance, D Edwards, J Ewing, J Gibson-Watt, I Harrison, K Healy, H Hulme, P James, A Jenner, A Jones, E A Jones, E Jones, G D Jones, G E Jones, J R Jones, A Kennerley, C Kenyon-Wade, P Lewington, K Lewis, W Lloyd, S McNicholas, DW Meredith, C Johnson-Wood, G Morgan, G Morgan, WD Powell, G Preston, G Pugh, J Pugh, L Rijnenberg, P Roberts, C Robinson, D Selby, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, J Brignell-Thorp, E Vaughan, C Walsh, A Williams, D H Williams, J M Williams and S L Williams

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Baynham (Chair), A Cartwright, S C Davies, L George, P E Lewis, I McIntosh, G Mitchell, L Roberts and E Roderick

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.	CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING ISSUE
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Councillors paid tribute to the Chief Executive, Dr Caroline Turner, who was leaving the Council on 31st July 2023.

Council considered the confidential report of the Leader and received independent advice from Chris Llewellyn, Chief Executive of the WLGA.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.

Council considered a report on the recruitment process.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.

**County Councillor J Wilkinson
Chair**

**COFNODION CYFARFOD O'R CYNGOR SIR A GYNHALIWD YN NEUADD Y SIR
AC AR ZOOM DDYDD IAU, 20 GORFFENNAF 2023**

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Cynghorydd Sir J Wilkinson (Cadeirydd)

Cynghorwyr Sir G W Ratcliffe, D Bebb, M Beecham, S J Beecham, B Breeze, G Breeze, J Berriman, L Brighthouse, J Charlton, R Church, T Colbert, S Cox, A W Davies, A Davies, B Davies, B Davies, M J Dorrance, D Edwards, J Ewing, J Gibson-Watt, I Harrison, K Healy, H Hulme, P James, A Jenner, A Jones, E A Jones, E Jones, G D Jones, G E Jones, J R Jones, A Kennerley, C Kenyon-Wade, P Lewington, K Lewis, W Lloyd, S McNicholas, DW Meredith, C Johnson-Wood, G Morgan, G Morgan, WD Powell, G Preston, G Pugh, J Pugh, L Rijnenberg, P Roberts, C Robinson, D Selby, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, J Brignell-Thorp, E Vaughan, C Walsh, A Williams, D H Williams, J M Williams a S L Williams

1. YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Gynghorwyr Sir B Baynham (Chair), A Cartwright, S C Davies, L George, P E Lewis, I McIntosh, G Mitchell, L Roberts ac E Roderick

2. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT

Ni chafwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiant.

3. EITEMAU WEDI'U HEITHRIO

PENDERFYNWYD gwahardd y cyhoedd ar gyfer yr eitem fusnes ganlynol ar y sail y byddai gwybodaeth sydd wedi'i heithrio iddynt o dan gategori 1 Gorchymyn Awdurdodau Lleol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) (Amrywiad) (Cymru) 2007).

4. MATER STAFFIO CYFRINACHOL

Talodd y cynghorwyr deyrnged i'r Prif Weithredwr, Dr Caroline Turner, a oedd yn gadael y Cyngor ar 31 Gorffennaf 2023.

Ystyriodd y Cyngor adroddiad cyfrinachol yr Arweinydd a derbyniodd gyngor annibynnol gan Chris Llewellyn, Prif Weithredwr Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r argymhellion yn yr adroddiad.

Ystyriodd y Cyngor adroddiad ar y broses recriwtio.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r argymhellion yn yr adroddiad.

**Cynghorydd Sir J Wilkinson
Cadeirydd**

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1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Baynham, A Cartwright, L George, J Gibson-Watt, P E Lewis, G Mitchell and E Roderick.

2.	MINUTES
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 23rd February, 2nd March and 18th May 2023 as correct records.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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All Members had a personal but non prejudicial interest in item 11, Members Allowances and Expenses.

4.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Vice-Chair advised that he was deputising for the Chair who was attending an event with H.M. The King in Brecon.

On behalf of the Council he expressed condolences to County Councillor Lucy Roberts on the death of her mother.

He also congratulated County Councillor Jackie Charlton on her birthday.

5.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Deputy Leader explained that the Leader was also attending the event with The King in Brecon.

He advised that together with the Leader he attended the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandovery and had launched a leaflet encouraging people moving to the county

from outside of Wales to learn Welsh. They looked forward to welcoming the Eisteddfod to Meifod in 2024.

The Council would be hosting a series of events at the Royal Welsh Show the following week, including an announcement on the Growth Deal and a presentation on becoming a Council of Sanctuary.

He congratulated Mount Street Infants School on becoming the first school in Wales to achieve the Armed Forces Friendly Schools gold award for their welcoming and inclusive environment for the children of service personnel. The Council had been represented in the Pride Cymru parade in Cardiff as part of the Proud Council network. He thanked Councillors Jackie Charlton and Liz Rijnenberg and officers for their work in starting the process of the Council becoming an accredited Council of Sanctuary and he acknowledged the work of the Sanctuary for Refugees group for the support they provided to refugees.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING

The Interim Chief Executive referred to the staff awards had been held recognising the good work of staff. He was pleased to note the awards to the Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School building project from Construction Excellence Wales and Education Building Wales. He also noted that Building Control had been re-accredited and he thanked the staff involved in that process.

He advised that the recent Estyn visit would be formally reported back to Cabinet and Scrutiny but that the visit had recognised a lot of good work was going on and other areas where improvements could be made. He also reported that a formal resolution procedure had been agreed with the Health Board.

Finally, he advised that Care Inspectorate Wales had threatened a number of local authorities with criminal investigation over the placement of children with complex needs in unregistered but safe places. Powys County Council was not one of those authorities, but was involved with the WLGA in trying to resolve this in a more appropriate manner. The Interim Chief Executive advised that he and relevant senior officers were involved when decisions to place children in unregistered places had to be taken.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

7.1. Question to the Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys from David Williams

What can residents do to stop P.C.C. giving Planning Permission for new and extensions to Intensive Poultry Units [IPUs], in the light of the damage they cause to watercourses and the potential for the spread of Avian Flu?

Response

The Council is aware of the concerns many residents have, and recognises the environmental impacts associated with Intensive poultry Units (IPU) proposals. These impacts are taken into consideration when determining planning applications when the Council assiduously follows prevailing legislation,

regulations, planning policy and guidance that is in place when a decision is taken. Comments made by statutory consultees, including Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are also considered, given their expertise and legal standing in terms of environmental permitting.

Whilst residents may comment on any planning application, their observations and concerns will be weighed, along with other considerations, for “materiality” against the prevailing legal and policy context.

A number of residents have called for such developments to be stopped and for a legislative moratorium to be put in place. This, however, is a matter for Welsh Government’s consideration and is not something that Powys County Council could do unilaterally. I understand that the Welsh Government is requiring all local planning authorities to include a planning policy on intensive livestock units in their replacement Local Development Plans, and this is something that we will look at in relation to any changes to the legal, regulatory, or national policy frameworks.

In the meantime, we have recently received notification from Welsh Government that we should not approve a number of such applications we are holding, until they have made clear their view whether they wish to call them in to determine them themselves. This amounts to some 13 applications being held in abeyance currently, with no planning approvals having been issued by Powys Council for an IPU for approximately 12 months.

Supplementary Question

Dr Williams asked that if the Welsh Government decided not to call in the 13 applications, would the Council consider cumulative environmental impact or would they deal with each application in isolation with the Planning Committee, which he said was biased towards farming, debating and voting on applications individually and the votes recorded?

In response the Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys explained that a local planning authority could not advise residents about how to engineer an outcome as each application has to be considered on its own merits. Those advising the committee had to be independent and objective.

He explained that the Council was already looking at the cumulative impact on the effects of spreading chicken manure on land in the river catchments. The issue of spreading manure was a matter for Natural Resources Wales who provided advice to the Planning Committee and the Committee would be at risk of legal challenge if it ignored that advice.

The Chair of the Planning Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee explained that the Committee was made up from people from different walks of life. The Committee always considered applications with an open mind and were not biased towards farming.

7.2. Question to the Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys from Alison Jones

This has no doubt been raised before. However, it never ceases to amaze me how little Powys do to support our local towns and businesses in the lead up to Christmas.

I regularly read/hear other councils that offer a free parking scheme for example on Saturdays in December. Could Powys not show some good will and do the same this year please?

Response

Thank you, Mrs Jones, for your question which is very timely.

Providing free parking on the run up to Christmas has been beneficial in the past and over the years funding was made available to provide this scheme. It was reduced in the last administration and ultimately ceased.

I am seeking to review the parking service in the autumn and am considering ways of assessing the possibility of funding this initiative again. If there are spare funds available, I will consider reinstating this initiative. It was particularly popular in our Market Towns such as Builth Wells.

Supplementary Question

The supplementary question asked about the lack of short stay parking in Builth Wells which the questioner said was deterring locals and visitors to use local businesses.

The Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys said that the Council would be discussing car parking later in the meeting. She said that there would be a review of car parking, including free parking at Christmas which she would like to see reinstated if finances allowed.

7.3. Question to the Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys from Colin Olivant

Here in Powys we have great Schools that educate children with Special Needs, however, that is as far as it seems to go. Once children leave these schools options are limited in respect of residential colleges, we have to jump through a lot of hoops and complete endless paperwork just to get a suitable place which is out of County. Have Powys thought about having a residential College like Coleg Elidyr in Llandovery based in Powys where children with Special Educational Needs can attend? This would reduce the stress and strains parents have to be put through when applying and being told sorry it's out of County, this in my opinion limits the further education for SEN children. I understand Powys want their money to stay in Powys but NPTC just do not offer what is needed all the time plus as the title says "Neath Port Talbot" the money is still going out of County.

Response

The decision making for granting a placement at a residential special school/college was made by Welsh Government. The statement of special educational need of a young person would have to cease, a Section 1.40 assessment would be carried out and a learning and skills plan would be created by Careers Wales, and this would need to be submitted to Welsh Government for a decision and approval. The funding was held at a Welsh Government level. Welsh Government would expect that all local colleges had been contacted to

enquire about their capacity to meet a young persons need, and additional discussions would be held with a local authorities social care service to deem whether the residential aspect of the provision was necessary. The final decision was not made by the local authority.

As we transition to the new ALN Act* and Code**, the decision making process and funding allocation has been given to the local authority. The funding is distributed on a formula devised by Welsh Government.

Further Education colleges are independently owned, and not part of the Education portfolio in local authorities across Wales, nor in Powys. At this time there are no plans to develop a specialist residential college in Powys. The number of young people that meet the criteria and threshold for a place at a residential specialist college is very small; therefore at this time it would not be cost effective to provide this service internally.

Learners within Powys that have a statement of special educational need or an Individual Development Plan within the new Act and meet the threshold for attending one of our special schools can attend post-16 education in these schools until they are 19 years of age. The Inclusion and Youth Services Team are working with schools to improve the offer at Post-16 for learners with ALN, and this forms a major workstream on the service plan.

Our ALN team are available to give further help and assistance should it be needed.

*Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018

**Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales (2021)

Supplementary Question

The supplementary question asked about the numbers who had applied for places and whether it would not be more informative to find out the number of young persons who would want to attend a Powys setting.

The Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys explained that admissions to residential special schools and colleges was not based on the same process as admissions to schools but on the complexity of need. Until recently these decisions had been made by Welsh Government, but from September 2023 decisions would be made by the local authority. The numbers applying in recent years had ranged from 14 – 22. He said that the Schools Teams would be happy to discuss any issues with the questioner to try and find a resolution.

7.4. Question to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Fairer Powys from Phoebe Jenkins

Local residents are being priced out of the housing market, whether that's first time buyers or families who need to expand. There are no new affordable home developments, nor any existing properties available.

Properties that are on the market exceed the financial capabilities of those working in the area. 3 bedroom properties in the town of Hay-On-Wye start at £300k, with most being nearer or over £400k. If you take the average

salary of a two adult family, and a large deposit, it is still impossible to reach.

Properties that are within budget, typically ex council homes, are also incredibly difficult to mortgage, with most lenders rejecting applications. Reasons cited include infrastructure, location and proximity to industrial units. If the only houses that are affordable are unmortgagable, they aren't accessible!

On top of this, as most of these families have financial savings, they are unable to receive social housing (for many reasons). Also, private rental for larger family homes is way above affordability. Therefore, they are often left with little or no choice but to move out of the area, which will have huge social and economic effects on communities.

How will Powys County Council help local families stay in their home towns?

Response:

Powys County Council is committed building a stronger, fairer, greener future for our communities.

The Council is working to address the challenges of affordability of housing in Powys. The cost of housing has risen in part because of a long-term disparity between the need for homes, both to rent with secure tenancies at affordable rents and to buy, and the number of additional and new homes being built. The growth of buy-to-let has further exacerbated the problem people face, by driving up the price of homes that are often those most suited to first time buyers and home buyers with low and middle incomes.

In 1992, the UK government imposed a moratorium on the ability of local councils to build new homes. This came to an end in 2012-2013 and since then Powys County Council has once again started to build new homes for local people to rent at genuinely affordable rents and all let on secure contracts. Since the Council started building homes again after that thirty-year hiatus of not being allowed to build homes, 129 Council homes have been completed in Powys.

The target in 'Stronger, Fairer, Greener' is to have by 2031 added another 350 new homes to the Council's total stock. Between 2026 and 2031, the Council's development programme – taking into account secured and unsecured land – already stands at 217 new homes. This includes secured land banks able to support the building of 112 homes once the management of phosphates in affected communities is resolved. Additional sites and opportunities are expected to become available between now and 2031.

Progressing all new developments is dependent upon events often outside the control of the Housing Service. These include securing viable development sites, gathering all necessary planning and other regulatory consents, having a range of competent and stable construction contractors able and willing to build new homes, supply chains being able to provide cost effective and timely supplies of materials and components, and managing increases in construction cost inflation. Of critical importance will be addressing the challenges to new

development posed by the need to improve phosphate management in the River Wye and River Usk catchment areas in the south of Powys. Under current proposals for improving the capability and capacity of water treatment works, this should be resolved by 2025-2026 for the River Wye and 2027-2028 for the River Usk.

Support from the Welsh Government is also an essential part of our growing programme to increase the number of homes affordable for people in Powys, through the Social Housing Grant programme.

Powys regularly secures the full support of the Welsh Government to help make sure that new homes, developed by the Council and housing associations, can be let at rents that are affordable to local people.

Powys County Council has in place a Package Deal policy to encourage developers to bring to the Council completed and ready-to-move-into developments of social housing. The developer designs and builds the homes, to a standard acceptable to the Council, with the Council having the option to buy upon completion at a mutually agreed price. This approach frees up our own capacity to focus on those schemes where we buy the land and directly develop ourselves. In 2022-2023, we have added seven social rented homes using our Package Deal model.

Further additions to the social housing available to people living in Powys will be secured through continuing the programme of property acquisitions. The numbers to be bought will depend upon the opportunities presented by the housing market and how the properties match local housing needs and represent long-term value for money. In 2018-2019, 21 homes were bought, followed by four in 2019-2020, three in 2020-2021 and six between April 2021 and December 2022.

Housing associations working in Powys develop a range of home ownership schemes to help support people into home ownership, alongside their developments of homes for rent at affordable prices. The Council will explore how to offer more options for increasing the range of low-cost home ownership options that can be offered to the people of Powys.

In 2023-2024, we will be ramping up our work to bring empty properties back into use as homes. This includes making available to people in Powys the Welsh Government's Empty Homes Grant which provides financial help for people to buy and bring into use a long-term empty property as a home for themselves and their family.

We are creating our new Local Development Plan, which will support the aims of this Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan to make Powys stronger, fairer and greener. The plan will shape the future of Powys as it will outline opportunities for future development and land use in the county. It considers a variety of topics, including making sure that decisions consider the impact to the planet, that housing is built in the areas where people need or want to live, and that services are provided in the places where they are needed.

Supplementary Question

Phoebe Jenkins asked how the council would address the issue of affordability of homes in Powys and whether this could include extending the purchase of properties beyond social rent to create shared home ownership opportunities or if Powys could implement a scheme to advertise available properties suitable for the empty homes grant to prospective buyers. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Fairer Powys explained that the Council's acquisition programme was aimed at increasing the supply of homes and reducing inflationary pressures. The Council was also looking at what it could do for those who wished to buy their own home including shared ownership and shared equity options. The Council had just launched an empty property grant scheme which offered help to those wishing to buy an empty property which required work.

8. REVENUE VIREMENTS

Cabinet considered two requests for virements:

- a) Transport fund - The Fleet Management Services had asked to utilise an underspend against depreciation charges of £685,455 with an additional contribution to the vehicle replacement reserve to assist in managing the increasing pressure on the transport fund arising from significant inflation on purchase costs.
- b) The Insurance budget outturn had unspent funds of £906,707, which was requested to be transferred into the specific insurance reserve. The reserve had reduced as claim excesses had been met in recent years and this transfer would replenish the reserve to meet future liabilities.

The recommendations were moved by County Councillor David Thomas and duly seconded and it was

RESOLVED to approve the virements as set out above.

Further information was circulated by the Executive Director Economy and Environment following the meeting as requested.

9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Stephan Hayes, the Chair of the Standards Committee, presented the Committee's report for 2022/23. He said that the Committee's goal was to maintain high standards of conduct by members and so improve their standing and trust amongst the public. He welcomed the opportunity to meet with Group Leaders and had been encouraged by their positive attitude to working collaboratively.

10. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT
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The Director of Social Services presented her annual report which set out the challenges and achievements in Adult Services and Children's Services in 2022/23. The Director, the Cabinet Member for Future Generations and the Cabinet Member for a Caring Powys expressed their thanks to the staff for all their work throughout the year.

County Councillor Amanda Jenner, the Chair of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee reported that the Committee had considered and welcomed the

report. The Committee would be looking at direct payments and wanted to have an update on WCCIS. The Director advised that WCCIS was a priority for the service which was waiting for an update from Welsh Government. She thanked Scrutiny for their constructive challenge.

The Director was asked about day care opportunities and she advised that this would be one of the services priorities this year.

11. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES 2022 - 23
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The Monitoring Officer reminded Members that they had a personal but non-prejudicial interest in this item.

Council received for information details of the amounts paid to Members and Co-opted Members in 2022/23, in salaries and expenses.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION - SUSTAINABLE TOURISM - A SENSE OF PLACE
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Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan and seconded by County Councillor Bryn Davies:

“The Council has on a number of occasions, declared the importance of sustainability, and therefore notes and congratulates Bannau Brycheiniog National Park on adopting Bannau Brycheiniog as its official name, reflecting the importance of the Welsh language and the fragility of the language’s sustainability as a community language and through that, emulate this Council’s policy, one that was proposed and passed following a proposal from the Conservative group.

We also welcome the fact that so many enterprises in the tourism sector in South Powys have recently said that they would like to see bilingual operations in the Bannau Brycheiniog area. However, we note that **not one of them** has a Welsh section to their websites neither do they have plans to develop bilingual services. The Council already believes that the Welsh language belongs to everyone in our communities, and that our local Welsh names reflect the historical wealth, our heritage, our habitat and that it reflects our current sustainability priorities and lends a Sense of Place to the locality in question.

This Council declares:-

1. In view of this new enthusiasm in favour of bilingualism, we encourage the tourism sector to use native Welsh names for new commercial enterprises in order to maximise the principle of a Sense of Place, and thereby make the most of what makes the area in question so unique and special. Also that they make use of the free Welsh translation service, ‘Helo Blod’ available through the Welsh Government, in order to provide a bilingual service and image, and that they use Welsh food and drink produce.
2. We ask the Powys council tourism department and the partners in that sector, such as the Wales Tourism Alliance, Mid Wales Tourism and others to draw the attention of all tourism sector providers to the existence of the Helo Blod service and that they practise this as a matter of good practice.

3. We ask the planning department to adopt this principle when dealing with planning applications in this service area and to draw the attention of agents and applicants to the Helo Blod service.
4. We remind all tourism enterprises which receive public grants or a contract from Powys or the public sector, of the expectation that they acknowledge the Welsh language, and that they act in accordance with the Council's Language standards.
5. We encourage citizens to use historical, current and new Welsh names on houses and buildings and stop the practice of getting rid of Welsh house names."

By 56 votes to 1 it was

RESOLVED that this Council declares

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13.	NOTICE OF MOTION - ARMED FORCES AND THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS
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Council considered the following motion proposed by County Councillor David Meredith and seconded by County Councillor Sarah Williams:

“Our armed forces have a long and proud history of service and dedication to this nation. From deployments to NATO’s eastern flank to keeping essential services running at home, service personnel continue to serve our country with courage and distinction. They are being let down by the UK Government. After a decade of real terms pay cuts, the cost of living crisis, and the delay to this year’s Armed Forces pay award we now see Service Personnel forced to use food banks, while forces charities and regimental associations continue to provide cost of living grants and food vouchers to veterans and their families.

Service personnel are routinely called upon to cover for a lack of resilience across the public sector and to provide cover for some essential services during industrial action. They do this in the dedicated and professional way we would expect from our forces. Without a right to strike it is the moral duty of their leaders to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant, and the responsibility of elected bodies to uphold their part of this obligation and insist that our service personnel and their families receive the support they need and deserve.

Therefore this council notes that:

- It is deeply concerning that service personnel are forced to turn to food banks.
- It is deeply concerning that forces charities and regimental associations continue to have to provide cost-of-living grants and food vouchers to veterans and their families.

This council believes that:

- We should condemn in the strongest terms the UK Government’s neglect of our service personnel.

This council calls on the UK Government to:

- Provide additional basic financial support to service personnel by capping food and accommodation charges for the next 12 months.”

By 43 votes to 8 with 3 abstentions it was

RESOLVED

1. This council notes that:

- **It is deeply concerning that service personnel are forced to turn to food banks.**
- **It is deeply concerning that forces charities and regimental associations continue to have to provide cost-of-living grants and food vouchers to veterans and their families.**

2. This council believes that:

- **We should condemn in the strongest terms the UK Government’s neglect of our service personnel.**

3. This council calls on the UK Government to:

- **Provide additional basic financial support to service personnel by capping food and accommodation charges for the next 12 months.**

14. NOTICE OF MOTION - CAR PARK REVIEW

The proposer advised that if the Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys confirmed she would have a cross party review, he would be prepared to withdraw his motion. The Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys gave that commitment and therefore the motion was withdrawn.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION - SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Council debated the following motion proposed by County Councillor Lucy Roberts and seconded by County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas:

“In October 2022 the Council unanimously supported my motion to allow for greater flexibility around free school transport where it could be provided at no additional cost to the council. Since then I have been fighting a number of individual cases for residents who already have siblings at the school of their choice and where, for geographical reasons, there are buses running in two directions. Officers have argued that if they are flexible in one place, they will have to be flexible elsewhere too (surely that is the point if the criteria of no additional cost can be met) and have turned down appeals. The splitting of families is causing huge anxiety for parents and children and will severely limit the pupils’ opportunities to take part in after school activities. If members can’t have some sort of influence on the council’s decision-making process what is the point of being here.

I therefore call on members to support a motion to recommend to cabinet that school transport appeals are dealt with by a small cross-party group of councillors, supported by an officer who can guide members around any potential additional costs or issues that might arise from their decision, and that this should apply to any outstanding appeals for 2023 admissions and allow for a re-hearing of any stage 2 appeals for this year which have already been turned down.”

The Monitoring Officer advised that the motion was not asking for the policy to be changed, which would require a period of consultation, but to ask the Cabinet to consider that school transport appeals are dealt with by a small cross-party group of councillors.

By 28 votes to 21 with 5 abstentions it was

RESOLVED to recommend to cabinet that school transport appeals are dealt with by a small cross-party group of councillors, supported by an officer who can guide members around any potential additional costs or issues that might arise from their decision, and that this should apply to any outstanding appeals for 2023 admissions and allow for a re-

hearing of any stage 2 appeals for this year which have already been turned down.

16.	NOTICE OF MOTION - PROPOSED WELSH GOVERNMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WALES BAN ON THE RELEASE OF GAME BIRDS IN WALES
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Council considered the following motion proposed by County Councillor Aled Davies and seconded by County Councillor Iain McIntosh:

“Powys County Council calls on Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales to withdraw their proposal to ban the release of gamebirds in Wales thus only allowing release by licence, which will hugely impact the people of Wales. There has not been sufficient evidence brought forward to warrant this proposal by NRW. We call on the Welsh Government to acknowledge the economic, conservation and well-being benefits game shooting brings to Wales, it’s value to rural communities, our heritage, culture and the Welsh language.”

The motion was lost by 16 votes to 29 with 7 abstentions.

17.	NOTICE OF MOTION - PHOSPHATES
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Council considered a motion proposed by County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe and seconded by County Councillor Corrina Kenyon-Wade.

“This council and neighbouring authorities in Wales and England have faced severe planning restrictions due to the phosphate levels within our rivers. This is a national issue that is being passed around, and communities are being divided on who is responsible and how to deal with the issue.

We have heard numerous times that high concentrations of phosphorus in our rivers are due to agricultural practices, runoff from urban areas, leaking septic systems or discharges from sewage treatment plants, to name just a few that the public is citing as the cause. All of these systems are mainly operating within the laws that were granted to them, and that allows them to discharge into our rivers. We need to acknowledge they are operating within the rules set by the national government.

Whilst individually such developments are of minimal impact, collectively they cause massive damage to our environment, and impact the housing shortage issue facing our county as well as other developments.

We look at Natural Resources Wales, which, as the manager of our natural Welsh resources, should monitor our rivers. Its purpose is to "pursue sustainable management of natural resources" and "apply the principles of sustainable management of natural resources" as stated in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The proper monitoring of water quality, and the enforcement of new environmental policy is going to be key in reducing the impact of phosphates on our rivers. NRW is said to need to employ an extra 85 staff to achieve the necessary robust monitoring service, but they need the funding from Welsh

Government to be able to do this. Powys County Council itself does not have the power or capacity to effect change. Homes are not being built, communities in Powys are at a standstill, and something needs to be done to support them.

The motion

1. We call on the Welsh Government to set a clear monitoring framework for river pollution.
2. We call on National Governments to accelerate funding for our monitoring bodies like NRW to allow them to monitor and enforce safe levels within our rivers.
3. Call on Welsh Water to accelerate its investment in the sewage system and their upgrade programme.”

Councillor Ratcliffe explained that he was happy to accept the following amendment proposed by County Councillor Gareth D Jones and seconded by County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas:

Add to point 3 the text in bold 3. “Call on Welsh Water and **Hafren Dyfrdwy** to accelerate its investment in the sewage system and their upgrade programme.”

Add a point 4: “Call on Welsh Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy to accelerate its investment in replacing the current supply pipe network to eliminate the use of orthophosphate.”

A further amendment to point 1 was proposed and seconded
“We call on the Welsh Government to set a clear monitoring framework for river pollution and carry out a meaningful assessment of phosphate contributions from natural and artificial sources.”

By 51 votes to 0 it was

RESOLVED that we call on the Welsh Government to set a clear monitoring framework for river pollution and carry out a meaningful assessment of phosphate contributions from natural and artificial sources.

This became the substantive motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. **We call on the Welsh Government to set a clear monitoring framework for river pollution and carry out a meaningful assessment of phosphate contributions from natural and artificial sources.**
2. **We call on National Governments to accelerate funding for our monitoring bodies like NRW to allow them to monitor and enforce safe levels within our rivers.**
3. **Call on Welsh Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy to accelerate investment in the sewage system and their upgrade programme.**

- 4. Call on Welsh Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy to accelerate investment in replacing the current supply pipe network to eliminate the use of orthophosphate.**

**County Councillor J Wilkinson
Chair**

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**COFNODION CYFARFOD O'R CYNGOR SIR A GYNHALIWD YN NEUADD Y SIR
AC AR ZOOM DDYDD IAU, 20 GORFFENNAF 2023**

YN BRESENNOL

Cynghorydd Sir J Wilkinson (Cadeirydd)

County Councillors G W Ratcliffe, D Bebb, M Beecham, S J Beecham, B Breeze, G Breeze, J Berriman, L Brighthouse, J Charlton, R Church, T Colbert, S Cox, A W Davies, A Davies, B Davies, B Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, D Edwards, J Ewing, I Harrison, K Healy, H Hulme, P James, A Jenner, A Jones, E A Jones, E Jones, G D Jones, G E Jones, J R Jones, A Kennerley, C Kenyon-Wade, P Lewington, K Lewis, W Lloyd, I McIntosh, S McNicholas, DW Meredith, C Johnson-Wood, G Morgan, G Morgan, WD Powell, G Preston, G Pugh, J Pugh, L Rijnenberg, L Roberts, P Roberts, C Robinson, D Selby, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, J Brignell-Thorp, E Vaughan, C Walsh, A Williams, D H Williams, J M Williams and S L Williams

1. YMDDIHEURIADAU

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Baynham, A Cartwright, L George, J Gibson-Watt, P E Lewis, G Mitchell and E Roderick.

2. COFNODION

Awdurdodwyd i'r Cadeirydd lofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfodydd a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Chwefror, 2 Mawrth a 18 Mai 2023 fel cofnodion cywir.

3. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT

Roedd gan bob Aelod fuddiant personol ond nad oedd yn rhagfarnu yn eitem 11, Lwfansau a Threuliau'r Aelodau.

4. CYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD

Dyweddodd yr Is-gadeirydd ei fod yn dirprwyo ar ran y Cadeirydd a oedd yn mynychu digwyddiad gyda E.F. Y Brenin yn Aberhonddu.

Ar ran y Cyngor mynegodd gydymdeimlad i'r Cynghorydd Sir Lucy Roberts am farwolaeth ei mam.

Llongyfarchodd hefyd y Cynghorydd Sir Jackie Charlton ar ei phen-blwydd.

5. CYHOEDDIADAU'R ARWEINYDD

Eglurodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd fod yr Arweinydd hefyd yn mynychu'r digwyddiad gyda'r Brenin yn Aberhonddu.

Dyweddodd ei fod, ynghyd â'r Arweinydd, wedi mynd i Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn Llanymddyfri ac wedi lansio taflen yn annog pobl sy'n symud i'r sir o'r tu allan i

Gymru i ddysgu Cymraeg. Roedden nhw'n edrych ymlaen at groesawu'r Eisteddfod i Meifod yn 2024.

Byddai'r Cyngor yn cynnal cyfres o ddigwyddiadau yn Sioe Frenhinol Cymru yr wythnos ganlynol, gan gynnwys cyhoeddiad ar y Cynllun Twf a chyflwyniad ar ddod yn Gyngor Noddfa.

Llongyfarchodd Ysgol Fabanod Mount Street am fod yr ysgol gyntaf yng Nghymru i ennill gwobr aur Ysgolion sy'n Dda i'r Lluoedd Arfog am eu hamgylchedd croesawgar a chynhwysol i blant personél y lluoedd arfog. Roedd y Cyngor wedi cael ei gynrychioli ym mharêd Pride Cymru yng Nghaerdydd fel rhan o rwydwaith y Cyngor Balch. Diolchodd i'r Cynghorwyr Jackie Charlton a Liz Rijnenberg a'u swyddogion am eu gwaith yn dechrau'r broses i'r Cyngor ddod yn Gyngor Noddfa achrededig ac roedd yn cydnabod gwaith y grŵp Noddfa i Ffoaduriaid am y gefnogaeth a ddarparwyd ganddynt i ffoaduriaid.

6. BRIFF Y PRIF WEITHREDWR

Cyfeiriodd y Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro at y gwobrau staff a gynhaliwyd gan gydnabod gwaith da staff. Roedd yn falch o nodi'r gwobrau i brosiect adeiladu Ysgol Gynradd yr Eglwys yng Nghymru y Trallwng gan Ragoriaeth Adeiladu Cymru ac Adeilad Addysg Cymru. Nododd hefyd fod Rheoli Adeiladu wedi'i ail-achredu a diolchodd i'r staff oedd yn rhan o'r broses honno.

Dywedodd y byddai ymweliad diweddar Estyn yn cael ei adrodd yn ffurfiol yn ôl i'r Cabinet a Chraffu ond bod yr ymweliad wedi cydnabod bod llawer o waith da yn mynd rhagddo a meysydd eraill lle gellid gwneud gwelliannau. Dywedodd hefyd bod gweithdrefn datrys ffurfiol wedi'i chytuno gyda'r Bwrdd Iechyd.

Yn olaf, dywedodd fod Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru wedi bygwth nifer o awdurdodau lleol gydag ymchwiliad troseddol ynghylch lleoli plant ag anghenion cymhleth mewn lleoedd anghofrestredig ond diogel. Nid oedd Cyngor Sir Powys yn un o'r awdurdodau hynny, ond roedd yn ymwneud â Chymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru i geisio datrys hyn mewn modd mwy priodol. Dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro ei fod ef ac uwch swyddogion perthnasol yn rhan o'r gwaith pan oedd yn rhaid gwneud penderfyniadau i leoli plant mewn lleoedd anghofrestredig.

7. CWESTIYNAU CYHOEDDUS

7.1 Cwestiwn i'r Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Gysylltiedig gan David Williams

Beth all preswylwyr ei wneud i atal Cyngor Sir Powys rhag rhoi Caniatâd Cynllunio ar gyfer unedau dofednod dwys newydd ac estyniadau, yng ngoleuni'r difrod y maent yn ei achosi i gyrsiau dŵr a'r potensial i ledaenu ffliw adar?

Ymateb

Mae'r Cyngor yn ymwybodol o'r pryderon sydd gan lawer o drigolion, ac yn cydnabod yr effeithiau amgylcheddol sy'n gysylltiedig â chynigion Unedau Dofednod Dwys (IPU). Mae'r effeithiau hyn yn cael eu hystyried wrth benderfynu

ar geisiadau cynllunio pan fydd y Cyngor yn dilyn deddfwriaeth, rheoliadau, polisi cynllunio a chanllawiau cyffredinol sydd ar waith pan wneir penderfyniad. Mae sylwadau a wneir gan ymgynghoreion statudol, gan gynnwys Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) hefyd yn cael eu trafod, o ystyried eu harbenigedd a'u statws cyfreithiol o ran caniatáu amgylcheddol.

Er y gall preswylwyr wneud sylwadau ar unrhyw gais cynllunio, bydd eu sylwadau a'u pryderon yn cael eu pwysu, ynghyd ag ystyriaethau eraill, am "berthnasedd" yn erbyn y cyd-destun cyfreithiol a pholisi cyffredinol.

Mae nifer o drigolion wedi galw am atal datblygiadau o'r fath ac am roi gohiriad deddfwriaethol ar waith. Fodd bynnag, mae hyn yn fater i'w ystyried gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac nid yw'n rhywbeth y gallai Cyngor Sir Powys ei wneud ar ei phen ei hun. Deallaf fod Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i bob awdurdod cynllunio lleol gynnwys polisi cynllunio ar unedau da byw dwys yn eu Cynlluniau Datblygu Lleol newydd, ac mae hyn yn rhywbeth y byddwn yn edrych arno mewn perthynas ag unrhyw newidiadau i'r fframweithiau polisi cyfreithiol, rheoleiddiol neu genedlaethol.

Yn y cyfamser, rydym wedi derbyn hysbysiad gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn ddiweddar na ddylem gymeradwyo nifer o geisiadau o'r fath sydd gennym, nes eu bod wedi egluro eu barn a ydynt am eu galw i mewn i'w pennu eu hunain. Mae hyn yn gyfystyr â rhyw 13 cais yn cael eu dal ar encil ar hyn o bryd, ac nid oes unrhyw gymeradwyaeth gynllunio wedi cael ei rhoi gan Gyngor Powys am IPU am oddeutu 12 mis.

Cwestiwn Atodol

Gofynnodd Dr Williams, pe bai Llywodraeth Cymru yn penderfynu peidio â galw'r 13 cais i mewn, a fyddai'r Cyngor yn ystyried effaith amgylcheddol gronol neu a fyddent yn delio â phob cais ar wahân gyda'r Pwyllgor Cynllunio, a oedd, yn ôl ef, yn rhagfarnlyd tuag at ffermio, dadlau a phleidleisio ar geisiadau yn unigol a'r pleidleisiau a gofnodir?

Mewn ymateb esboniodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Powys Gysylltiedig na allai awdurdod cynllunio lleol gynghori trigolion ynghylch sut i gael canlyniad gan fod yn rhaid ystyried pob cais ar sail ei rinweddau ei hun. Roedd yn rhaid i'r rhai oedd yn cynghori'r pwyllgor fod yn annibynnol ac yn wrthrychol.

Eglurodd fod y Cyngor eisoes yn edrych ar yr effaith gronol ar effeithiau lledaenu tail ieir ar dir dalgylchoedd yr afon. Roedd y mater o ledaenu tail yn fater i Gyfoeth Naturiol Cymru a roddodd gyngor i'r Pwyllgor Cynllunio a byddai'r Pwyllgor mewn perygl o her cyfreithiol pe bai'n anwybyddu'r cyngor hwnnw.

Eglurodd Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cynllunio Trwyddedu a Hawliau Tramwy Tacsî fod y Pwyllgor yn cynnwys pobl o wahanol gefndiroedd. Bu'r Pwyllgor bob amser yn ystyried ceisiadau gyda meddwl agored ac nid oeddent yn rhagfarnlyd tuag at ffermio.

7.2 Cwestiwn i'r Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Wyrddach gan Alison Jones

Mae'n siŵr bod hyn wedi cael ei godi o'r blaen. Fodd bynnag, nid yw byth yn fy synnu cyn lleied mae Powys yn ei wneud i gefnogi ein trefi a'n busnesau lleol yn y cyfnod cyn y Nadolig.

Rwy'n darllen/clywed cynghorau eraill yn rheolaidd sy'n cynnig cynllun parcio am ddim er enghraifft ar ddydd Sadwrn ym mis Rhagfyr. Oni allai Powys ddangos rhyw ewyllys da a gwneud yr un peth eleni os gwelwch yn dda?

Ymateb

Diolch yn fawr, Mrs Jones, am eich cwestiwn sy'n amserol iawn.

Mae darparu parcio am ddim cyn y Nadolig wedi bod o fudd yn y gorffennol a thros y blynyddoedd darparwyd cyllid i ddarparu'r cynllun hwn. Cafodd ei leihau yn y weinyddiaeth ddiwethaf a daeth i ben yn y pen draw.

Rwy'n ceisio adolygu'r gwasanaeth parcio yn yr hydref ac rwy'n ystyried ffyrdd o asesu'r posibilrwydd o ariannu'r fenter hon eto. Os oes arian sbâr ar gael, byddaf yn ystyried adfer y fenter hon. Roedd yn arbennig o boblogaidd yn ein Trefi Marchnad fel Llanfair-ym-muallt.

Cwestiwn Atodol

Gofynnodd y cwestiwn atodol am y diffyg parcio arhosiad byr yn Llanfair-ym-muallt a dywedodd yr holwr ei fod yn atal pobl leol ac ymwelwyr i ddefnyddio busnesau lleol.

Dywedodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Wyrddach y byddai'r Cyngor yn trafod parcio ceir yn ddiweddarach yn y cyfarfod. Dywedodd y byddai adolygiad o barcio ceir, gan gynnwys parcio am ddim adeg y Nadolig yr hoffai ei weld yn cael ei adfer os oedd cyllid yn caniatáu.

7.3 Cwestiwn i'r Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Mwy Llewyrchus gan Colin Olivant

Yma ym Mhowys mae gennym Ysgolion gwych sy'n addysgu plant ag Anghenion Arbennig, fodd bynnag, mae hynny cyn belled ag y mae'n ymddangos. Unwaith y bydd plant yn gadael mae'r opsiynau ysgolion hyn yn gyfyngedig o ran colegau preswyl, mae'n rhaid i ni neidio trwy lawer o gylchoedd a chwblhau gwaith papur diddiwedd dim ond i gael lle addas sydd y tu allan i'r Sir. A yw Powys wedi ystyried cael Coleg preswyl fel Coleg Elidyr yn Llanymddyfri ym Mhowys lle gall plant ag Anghenion Addysgol Arbennig fynychu? Byddai hyn yn lleihau'r straen a'r gofid y mae'n rhaid i rieni eu hwynebu wrth wneud cais a chael gwybod ei fod allan o'r Sir, mae hyn yn fy marn i yn cyfyngu ar addysg bellach i blant AAA. Rwy'n deall bod Powys eisiau i'w harian aros ym Mhowys ond nid yw Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot yn cynnig yr hyn sydd ei angen drwy'r amser ac fel mae'r teitl yn dweud "Castell-nedd Port Talbot" mae'r arian yn dal i fynd allan o'r Sir.

Ymateb

Gwnaed y penderfyniadau ar gyfer rhoi lleoliad mewn ysgol/coleg arbennig preswyl gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Byddai'n rhaid i'r datganiad o angen addysgol arbennig person ifanc ddod i ben, byddai asesiad Adran 1.40 yn cael ei gynnal a byddai cynllun dysgu a sgiliau yn cael ei greu gan Gyrfa Cymru, a byddai angen cyflwyno hyn i Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer penderfyniad a chymeradwyaeth. Cafodd y cyllid ei gynnal ar lefel Llywodraeth Cymru. Byddai Llywodraeth Cymru yn disgwyl y cysylltwyd â phob coleg lleol i holi am eu gallu i ddiwallu angen pobl ifanc, a byddai trafodaethau ychwanegol yn cael eu cynnal gyda gwasanaeth gofal cymdeithasol awdurdodau lleol i benderfynu a oedd angen agwedd breswyl y ddarpariaeth. Ni wnaed y penderfyniad terfynol gan yr awdurdod lleol.

Wrth i ni drosglwyddo i'r Ddeddf ADY newydd* a'r Cod **, mae'r broses benderfynu a'r dyraniad cyllid wedi'u rhoi i'r awdurdod lleol. Mae'r arian yn cael ei ddsbarthu ar fformiwla a ddyfeisiwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru.

Mae colegau Addysg Bellach yn eiddo annibynnol, ac nid ydynt yn rhan o'r portffolio Addysg mewn awdurdodau lleol ledled Cymru, nac ym Mhowys. Ar hyn o bryd does dim cynlluniau i ddatblygu coleg preswyl arbenigol ym Mhowys. Mae nifer y bobl ifanc sy'n bodloni'r meini prawf a'r trothwy ar gyfer lle mewn coleg arbenigol preswyl yn fach iawn; felly, ar hyn o bryd, ni fyddai'n gost effeithiol darparu'r gwasanaeth hwn yn fewnol.

Gall dysgwyr ym Mhowys sydd â datganiad o angen addysgol arbennig neu Gynllun Datblygu Unigol o fewn y Ddeddf newydd ac sy'n bodloni'r trothwy ar gyfer mynychu un o'n hysgolion arbennig fynychu addysg ôl-16 yn yr ysgolion hyn nes eu bod yn 19 oed. Mae'r Tîm Cynhwysiant a Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid yn gweithio gydag ysgolion i wella'r cynnig ar ôl 16 ar gyfer dysgwyr ag ADY, ac mae hyn yn ffurfio ffrwd waith fawr ar y cynllun gwasanaeth.

Mae ein tîm ADY ar gael i roi cymorth a chefnogaeth bellach os bydd ei angen.

* Deddf Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol a'r Tribiwnlys Addysg (Cymru) 2018

**Cod Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol Cymru (2021)

Cwestiwn Atodol

Gofynnodd y cwestiwn atodol am y niferoedd a oedd wedi gwneud cais am leoedd ac a fyddai'n fwy defnyddiol i ddarganfod nifer y bobl ifanc a fyddai'n dymuno mynychu lleoliad ym Mhowys.

Eglurodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Mwy Llewyrchus nad oedd derbyniadau i ysgolion a cholegau arbennig preswyl yn seiliedig ar yr un broses â derbyniadau i ysgolion ond ar gymhlethdod yr angen. Tan yn ddiweddar roedd Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwneud y penderfyniadau hyn, ond o fis Medi 2023 byddai'r awdurdod lleol yn gwneud penderfyniadau. Roedd y niferoedd sy'n ymgeisio yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf wedi amrywio o 14 - 22. Dywedodd y byddai'r Timau Ysgolion yn hapus i drafod unrhyw faterion gyda'r holwr i geisio dod o hyd i ddatrysiad.

Mae trigolion lleol yn cael eu prisio allan o'r farchnad dai, boed hynny'n brynwyr tro cyntaf neu'n deuluoedd sydd angen ehangu. Nid oes unrhyw ddatblygiadau tai fforddiadwy newydd, nac unrhyw eiddo presennol ar gael.

Mae eiddo sydd ar y farchnad yn fwy na galluoedd ariannol y rhai sy'n gweithio yn yr ardal. Mae eiddo 3 ystafell wely yn nhref Y Gelli Gandryll yn dechrau ar £300k, gyda'r rhan fwyaf ohonynt yn agosach neu dros £400k. Os cymerwch gyflog teulu dau oedolyn ar gyfartaledd, a blaendal mawr, mae'n dal yn amhosibl ei gyrraedd.

Mae eiddo sydd o fewn y gyllideb, fel arfer cyn-gartrefi cyngor, hefyd yn anodd iawn i forgeisio, gyda'r rhan fwyaf o fenthycwyr yn gwrthod ceisiadau. Ymhlith y rhesymau a ddyfynnir mae isadeiledd, lleoliad ac agosrwydd at unedau diwydiannol. Os yw'r unig dai fforddiadwy yn amhosib cael morgais arnynt, nid ydynt yn hygyrch!

Ar ben hyn, gan fod gan y rhan fwyaf o'r teuluoedd hyn gynilon ariannol, nid ydynt yn gallu cael tai cymdeithasol (am lawer o resymau). Hefyd, mae rhentu preifat ar gyfer cartrefi teulu mwy o faint yn llawer uwch na fforddiadwyedd. Felly, maent yn aml yn cael eu gadael heb fawr ddim dewis ond symud allan o'r ardal, a fydd yn cael effeithiau cymdeithasol ac economaidd enfawr ar gymunedau.

Sut bydd Cyngor Sir Powys yn helpu teuluoedd lleol i aros yn eu trefi cartref?

Ymateb:

Mae Cyngor Sir Powys wedi ymrwmo i adeiladu dyfodol cryfach, tecach a gwyrddach i'n cymunedau.

Mae'r Cyngor yn gweithio i fynd i'r afael â heriau fforddiadwyedd tai ym Mhowys. Mae cost tai wedi codi'n rhannol oherwydd gwahaniaeth hirdymor rhwng yr angen am gartrefi, i'w rhentu gyda thenantiaethau diogel am rent fforddiadwy ac i brynu, a nifer y tai ychwanegol a newydd sy'n cael eu hadeiladu. Mae twf prynu-osod wedi gwaethygu'r broblem y mae pobl yn ei hwynebu ymhellach, trwy gynyddu pris cartrefi sydd yn aml yn fwyaf addas i brynwyr tro cyntaf a phrynwyr cartrefi gydag incwm isel a chanolig.

Yn 1992, gosododd llywodraeth y DU ohiriad ar allu cynghorau lleol i adeiladu cartrefi newydd. Daeth hyn i ben yn 2012-2013 ac ers hynny mae Cyngor Sir Powys unwaith eto wedi dechrau adeiladu cartrefi newydd i bobl leol eu rhentu am renti gwirioneddol fforddiadwy a phob un wedi'i osod ar gontractau diogel. Ers i'r Cyngor ddechrau adeiladu cartrefi eto wedi'r bwlch deng mlynedd ar hugain hwnnw o beidio â chael adeiladu cartrefi, mae 129 o dai cyngor wedi'u cwblhau ym Mhowys.

Y targed yn 'Gryfach, Tecach, Gwyrddach' yw ychwanegu 350 o gartrefi newydd at gyfanswm stoc y Cyngor erbyn 2031. Rhwng 2026 a 2031, mae rhaglen ddatblygu'r Cyngor - gan ystyried tir diogel a heb ei sicrhau - eisoes yn 217 o gartrefi newydd. Mae hyn yn cynnwys banciau tir diogel sy'n gallu cefnogi

adeiladu 112 o gartrefi unwaith y bydd rheolaeth ffosffadau mewn cymunedau yr effeithir arnynt yn cael ei ddatrys. Disgwylir i safleoedd a chyfleoedd ychwanegol ddod ar gael rhwng nawr a 2031.

Mae symud ymlaen â'r holl ddatblygiadau newydd yn dibynnu ar ddigwyddiadau sydd yn aml y tu hwnt i reolaeth y Gwasanaeth Tai. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys sicrhau safleoedd datblygu hyfyw, casglu'r holl gydsyniadau cynllunio a rheoleiddio eraill, cael amrywiaeth o gontractwyr adeiladu cymwys a sefydlog sy'n gallu ac yn barod i adeiladu cartrefi newydd, cadwyni cyflenwi gallu darparu cyflenwadau cost-effeithiol ac amserol o ddeunyddiau a chhydrannau, a rheoli cynnydd mewn chwyddiant costau adeiladu. O bwysigrwydd hanfodol bydd mynd i'r afael â'r heriau i ddatblygiad newydd a achosir gan yr angen i wella rheolaeth ffosffad yn nalgylchoedd Afon Gwy ac Afon Wysg yn ne Powys. O dan y cynigion presennol ar gyfer gwella gallu a chapasiti gwaith trin dŵr, dylid datrys hyn erbyn 2025-2026 ar gyfer Afon Gwy a 2027-2028 ar gyfer Afon Wysg.

Mae cefnogaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru hefyd yn rhan hanfodol o'n rhaglen gynyddol i gynyddu nifer y cartrefi sy'n fforddiadwy i bobl ym Mhowys, drwy'r rhaglen Grant Tai Cymdeithasol.

Mae Powys yn sicrhau cefnogaeth lawn Llywodraeth Cymru yn rheolaidd i helpu i sicrhau y gellir gosod cartrefi newydd, a ddatblygwyd gan y Cyngor a chymdeithasau tai, gyda rhenti sy'n fforddiadwy i bobl leol.

Mae Cyngor Sir Powys wedi sefydlu polisi'r Pecyn Bargen i annog datblygwyr i ddod â datblygiadau tai cymdeithasol wedi'u cwblhau ac sy'n barod i'w symud i'r Cyngor. Mae'r datblygwr yn dylunio ac yn adeiladu'r cartrefi, i safon sy'n dderbyniol i'r Cyngor, gyda'r Cyngor yn cael yr opsiwn i brynu ar ôl eu cwblhau am bris y cytunwyd arno ar y cyd. Mae'r dull hwn yn rhyddhau ein gallu ein hunain i ganolbwyntio ar y cynlluniau hynny lle rydym yn prynu'r tir ac yn datblygu ein hunain yn uniongyrchol. Yn 2022-2023, rydym wedi ychwanegu saith cartref rhent cymdeithasol gan ddefnyddio ein model Pecyn Bargen.

Bydd ychwanegiadau pellach at y tai cymdeithasol sydd ar gael i bobl sy'n byw ym Mhowys yn cael eu sicrhau drwy barhau â'r rhaglen caffael eiddo. Bydd y niferoedd sydd i'w prynu yn dibynnu ar y cyfleoedd a ddaw yn sgil y farchnad dai a sut mae'r eiddo'n cyd-fynd ag anghenion tai lleol ac yn cynrychioli gwerth tymor hir am arian. Yn 2018-2019, prynwyd 21 o gartrefi, ac yna pedwar yn 2019-2020, tri yn 2020-2021 a chwech rhwng Ebrill 2021 a Rhagfyr 2022.

Mae cymdeithasau tai sy'n gweithio ym Mhowys yn datblygu amrywiaeth o gynlluniau perchnogaeth tai i helpu i gefnogi pobl i berchnogaeth cartrefi, ochr yn ochr â'u datblygiadau o gartrefi i'w rhentu am brisiau fforddiadwy. Bydd y Cyngor yn archwilio sut i gynnig mwy o opsiynau ar gyfer cynyddu'r ystod o opsiynau perchnogaeth cartref cost isel y gellir eu cynnig i bobl Powys.

Yn 2023-2024, byddwn yn cynyddu ein gwaith i aildefnyddio eiddo gwag fel cartrefi. Mae hyn yn cynnwys sicrhau bod Grant Cartrefi Gwag Llywodraeth Cymru ar gael i bobl ym Mhowys sy'n darparu cymorth ariannol i bobl brynu a defnyddio eiddo gwag hirdymor fel cartref iddynt hwy a'u teuluoedd.

Rydym yn creu ein Cynllun Datblygu Lleol newydd, a fydd yn cefnogi nodau'r Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Corfforaethol a Strategol hwn i wneud Powys yn gryfach,

yn decach ac yn wyrddach. Bydd y cynllun yn siapio dyfodol Powys gan y bydd yn amlinellu cyfleoedd ar gyfer datblygu a defnyddio tir yn y sir yn y dyfodol. Mae'n ystyried amrywiaeth o bynciau, gan gynnwys sicrhau bod penderfyniadau'n ystyried yr effaith ar y blaned, bod tai yn cael eu hadeiladu yn yr ardaloedd lle mae pobl angen neu eisiau byw, a bod gwasanaethau'n cael eu darparu yn y manau lle mae eu hangen.

Cwestiwn Atodol

Gofynnodd Phoebe Jenkins sut y byddai'r cyngor yn mynd i'r afael â fforddiadwyedd cartrefi ym Mhowys ac a allai hyn gynnwys ymestyn prynu eiddo y tu hwnt i rent cymdeithasol i greu cyfleoedd perchnogaeth cartref a rennir neu a allai Powys weithredu cynllun i hysbysebu eiddo sydd ar gael sy'n addas ar gyfer y grant tai gwag i ddarparu brynwyr.

Eglurodd y Dirprwy Arweinydd ac Aelod Cabinet Powys Tecach mai nod rhaglen gaffael y Cyngor oedd cynyddu'r cyflenwad o gartrefi a lleihau pwysau chwyddiant. Roedd y Cyngor hefyd yn edrych ar yr hyn y gallai ei wneud i'r rhai a oedd am brynu eu cartref eu hunain gan gynnwys cydberchnogaeth ac opsiynau rhannu ecwiti. Roedd y Cyngor newydd lansio cynllun grant eiddo gwag oedd yn cynnig help i'r rhai oedd yn dymuno prynu eiddo gwag oedd angen gwaith.

8. TROSGLWYDDIADAU REFENIW

Trafododd y Cabinet ddau gais am drosglwyddiad:

- a. Cronfa drafnidiaeth - Roedd y Gwasanaethau Rheoli Fflyd wedi gofyn am danwariant yn erbyn taliadau dibrisiant o £685,455 gyda chyfraniad ychwanegol i'r gronfa wrth gefn amnewid cerbydau i gynorthwyo i reoli'r pwysau cynyddol ar y gronfa drafnidiaeth sy'n deillio o chwyddiant sylweddol ar gostau prynu.
- b. Roedd gan yr alldro cyllideb yswiriant gronfeydd heb eu gwario o £906,707, y gofynnwyd iddynt gael eu trosglwyddo i'r gronfa yswiriant benodol. Roedd y gronfa wrth gefn wedi lleihau gan fod gormodedd hawliad wedi'i fodloni yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf a byddai'r trosglwyddiad hwn yn ailgyflenwi'r gronfa i fodloni dyledion yn y dyfodol.

Cafodd yr argymhellion eu cynnig gan y Cyngorydd Sir David Thomas ac fe'u secondiwyd yn briodol a

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r trosglwyddiadau fel y nodir uchod

Dosbarthwyd rhagor o wybodaeth gan Gyfarwyddwr Gweithredol yr Economi a'r Amgylchedd yn dilyn y cyfarfod yn ôl y gofyn.

9. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

Cyflwynodd Mr Stephan Hayes, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Safonau, adroddiad y Pwyllgor ar gyfer 2022/23. Dywedodd mai nod y Pwyllgor oedd cynnal safonau ymddygiad uchel gan aelodau ac felly gwella eu statws a'u hymddiriedaeth ymhlith y cyhoedd. Croesawodd y cyfle i gwrdd ag Arweinwyr Grŵp ac roedd eu hagwedd gadarnhaol at gydweithio'n galonogol iawn.

10. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL CYFARWYDDWR GWASANAETHAU

CYMDEITHASOL

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ei hadroddiad blynyddol a oedd yn nodi'r heriau a'r cyflawniadau yn y Gwasanaethau Oedolion a Gwasanaethau Plant yn 2022/23. Mynegodd y Cyfarwyddwr, yr Aelod Cabinet dros Genedlaethau'r Dyfodol a'r Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Gofalgar eu diolch i'r staff am eu holl waith drwy gydol y flwyddyn.

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Sir Amanda Jenner, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu Iechyd a Gofal fod y Pwyllgor wedi ystyried a chroesawu'r adroddiad. Byddai'r Pwyllgor yn edrych ar daliadau uniongyrchol ac eisiau cael diweddariad ar WCCIS. Dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr fod WCCIS yn flaenoriaeth i'r gwasanaeth a oedd yn aros am ddiweddariad gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Diolchodd i'r Craffu am eu her adeiladol.

Gofynnwyd i'r Cyfarwyddwr am gyfleoedd gofal dydd a dywedodd y byddai hyn yn un o flaenoriaethau'r gwasanaethau eleni.

11. LWFANSAU A THREULIAU AELODAU 2022 - 23

Atgoffodd y Swyddog Monitro'r Aelodau fod ganddynt fuddiant personol ond nad oedd yn rhagfarnu yn yr eitem hon.

Cafodd y Cyngor fanylion gwybodaeth am y symiau a dalwyd i Aelodau ac Aelodau Cyfetholedig yn 2022/23, mewn cyflogau a threuliau.

12. HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - TWRISTIAETH GYNALIADWY - YMDEIMLAD O LE

Trafododd y Cyngor y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Elwyn Vaughan ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sir Bryn Davies:

“Ar sawl achlysur, mae'r Cyngor wedi datgan pwysigrwydd cynaliadwyedd, ac felly'n nodi ac yn llongyfarch Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog ar fabwysiadu Bannau Brycheiniog fel ei enw swyddogol, gan adlewyrchu pwysigrwydd y Gymraeg a breuder cynaliadwyedd yr iaith fel iaith gymunedol a thrwy hynny, efelychu polisi'r Cyngor hwn, un a gynigiwyd ac a basiwyd yn dilyn cynnig gan y grŵp Ceidwadol.

Rydym hefyd yn croesawu'r ffaith bod cymaint o fentrau yn y sector twristiaeth yn Ne Powys wedi dweud yn ddiweddar yr hoffent weld gweithrediadau dwyieithog yn ardal Bannau Brycheiniog. Fodd bynnag, nodwn **nad oes gan yr un ohonynt** adran Gymraeg i'w gwefannau ac nid oes ganddynt gynlluniau i ddatblygu gwasanaethau dwyieithog. Mae'r Cyngor eisoes yn credu bod y Gymraeg yn perthyn i bawb yn ein cymunedau, a bod ein henwau Cymraeg lleol yn adlewyrchu'r cyfoeth hanesyddol, ein treftadaeth, ein cynefin a'i fod yn adlewyrchu ein blaenoriaethau cynaliadwyedd presennol ac yn rhoi Ymdeimlad o Le i'r ardal dan sylw.

Mae'r Cyngor hwn yn datgan:-

1. O ystyried y brwdfrydedd newydd hwn o blaid dwyieithrwydd, rydym yn annog y sector twristiaeth i ddefnyddio enwau Cymraeg brodorol ar gyfer mentrau masnachol newydd er mwyn sicrhau'r egwyddor o Ymdeimlad o

- Le i'r eithaf, a thrwy hynny wneud y gorau o'r hyn sy'n gwneud yr ardal dan sylw mor unigryw ac arbennig. Hefyd eu bod yn defnyddio'r gwasanaeth cyfieithu Cymraeg am ddim, 'Helo Blod' sydd ar gael drwy Lywodraeth Cymru, er mwyn darparu gwasanaeth a delwedd ddwyieithog, a'u bod yn defnyddio cynnyrch bwyd a diod o Gymru.
2. Gofynnwn i adran dwristiaeth Cyngor Powys a'r partneriaid yn y sector hwnnw, megis Cynghrair Twristiaeth Cymru, Twristiaeth Canolbarth Cymru ac eraill dynnu sylw holl ddarparwyr y sector twristiaeth at fodolaeth gwasanaeth Helo Blod a'u bod yn ymarfer hyn fel mater o arfer da.
 3. Gofynnwn i'r adran gynllunio fabwysiadu'r egwyddor hon wrth ymdrin â cheisiadau cynllunio yn y maes gwasanaeth hwn ac i dynnu sylw asiantau ac ymgeiswyr at wasanaeth Helo Blod.
 4. Rydym yn atgoffa pob menter twristiaeth sy'n derbyn grantiau cyhoeddus neu contract o Bowys neu'r sector cyhoeddus, o'r disgwyliad eu bod yn cydnabod y Gymraeg, a'u bod yn gweithredu yn unol â safonau iaith y Cyngor.
 5. Rydym yn annog dinasyddion i ddefnyddio enwau Cymraeg, hanesyddol a chyfredol ar dai ac adeiladau ac atal yr arfer o gael gwared ar enwau tai Cymreig."

O 56 pleidlais i 1

PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cyngor hwn yn datgan

1. **O ystyried y brwdfrydedd newydd hwn o blaid dwyieithrwydd, rydym yn annog y sector twristiaeth i ddefnyddio enwau Cymraeg brodorol ar gyfer mentrau masnachol newydd er mwyn sicrhau'r egwyddor o Ymdeimlad o Le i'r eithaf, a thrwy hynny wneud y gorau o'r hyn sy'n gwneud yr ardal dan sylw mor unigryw ac arbennig. Hefyd eu bod yn defnyddio'r gwasanaeth cyfieithu Cymraeg am ddim, 'Helo Blod' sydd ar gael drwy Lywodraeth Cymru, er mwyn darparu gwasanaeth a delwedd ddwyieithog, a'u bod yn defnyddio cynnyrch bwyd a diod o Gymru.**
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3. **Gofynnwn i'r adran gynllunio fabwysiadu'r egwyddor hon wrth ymdrin â cheisiadau cynllunio yn y maes gwasanaeth hwn ac i dynnu sylw asiantau ac ymgeiswyr at wasanaeth Helo Blod.**
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- 5. Rydym yn annog dinasyddion i ddefnyddio enwau Cymraeg, hanesyddol a chyfredol ar dai ac adeiladau ac atal yr arfer o gael gwared ar enwau tai Cymreig.**

13. HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - Y LLUOEDD ARFOG A'R ARGYFWNG COSTAU BYW

Ystyriodd y Cyngor y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir David Meredith ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sirol Sarah Williams.:

“Mae gan ein lluoedd arfog hanes hir a balch o wasanaeth ac ymroddiad i'r genedl hon. O leoliadau i ochr ddwyreiniol NATO i gadw gwasanaethau hanfodol i redeg yn y DU, mae personél y gwasanaeth yn parhau i wasanaethu ein gwlad gyda dewrder a rhagoriaeth. Maen nhw'n cael eu gadael i lawr gan Lywodraeth y DU. Ar ôl degawd o doriadau cyflog mewn termau real, yr argyfwng costau byw, a'r oedi i gynnydd cyflog y Lluoedd Arfog eleni, rydym bellach yn gweld Personél y Lluoedd Arfog yn cael eu gorfodi i ddefnyddio banciau bwyd, tra bod elusennau a chymdeithasau catrodol y lluoedd arfog yn parhau i ddarparu grantiau costau byw a thalebau bwyd i gyn-filwyr a'u teuluoedd.

Mae galw ar bersonél y lluoedd arfog fel mater o drefn i gwmpasu am ddiffyg gwytnwch ar draws y sector cyhoeddus ac i ddarparu gweithwyr ar gyfer rhai gwasanaethau hanfodol yn ystod gweithredu diwydiannol. Maent yn gwneud hyn yn y ffordd ymroddedig a phroffesiynol y byddem yn ei disgwyl gan ein lluoedd. Heb hawl i streicio, dyletswydd foesol eu harweinwyr yw cynnal Cyfamod y Lluoedd Arfog, a chyfrifoldeb cyrff etholedig yw cynnal eu rhan o'r rhwymedigaeth hon a mynnu bod personél ein lluoedd a'u teuluoedd yn derbyn y gefnogaeth y maent ei hangen a'i haeddu.

Felly, mae'r cyngor hwn yn nodi bod:

- Mae'n destun pryder mawr fod personél y lluoedd arfog yn cael eu gorfodi i droi at fanciau bwyd.
- Mae'n destun pryder mawr fod elusennau'r lluoedd arfog a chymdeithasau catrodol yn parhau i orfod darparu grantiau costau byw a thalebau bwyd i gyn-filwyr a'u teuluoedd.

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn credu:

- Dylem gondemnio yn y termau cryfaf esgeulustra Llywodraeth y DU o'n personél y lluoedd arfog.

Mae'r cyngor hwn yn galw ar Lywodraeth y DU i:

- Ddarparu cymorth ariannol sylfaenol ychwanegol i bersonél y lluoedd arfog drwy gapio taliadau bwyd a llety am y 12 mis nesaf.”

O 43 pleidlais i 8 gyda 3 ymataliad

PENDERFYNWYD

1. Mae'r cyngor hwn yn nodi ei bod:

- yn destun pryder mawr fod personél y lluoedd arfog yn cael eu gorfodi i droi at fanciau bwyd.

- yn destun pryder mawr fod elusennau'r lluoedd arfog a chymdeithasau catrodol yn parhau i orfod darparu grantiau costau byw a thalebau bwyd i gyn-filwyr a'u teuluoedd,
2. Mae'r cyngor hwn yn credu bod:
 - Dylem gondemnio yn y termau cryfaf esgeulustra Llywodraeth y DU o'n personél y lluoedd arfog
 3. Mae'r cyngor hwn yn galw ar Lywodraeth y DU i:
 - Ddarparu cymorth ariannol sylfaenol ychwanegol i bersonél y gwasanaeth drwy gapio taliadau bwyd a llety am y 12 mis nesaf.

14. HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - ADOLYGIAD MAES PARCIO

Dyweddodd y cynigydd, pe bai'r Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Wyrddach yn cadarnhau y byddai'n cael adolygiad trawsbleidiol, y byddai'n barod i dynnu ei gynnig yn ôl. Rhoddodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Bowys Wyrddach yr ymrwymiad hwnnw ac felly tynnwyd y cynnig yn ôl.

15. HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - APELIADAU TRAFNIDIAETH YSGOL

Trafododd y Cyngor y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Lucy Roberts ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gwynfor Thomas:

"Ym mis Hydref 2022 cefnogodd y Cyngor fy nghynnig yn unfrydol i ganiatáu mwy o hyblygrwydd o ran trafndiaeth ysgol am ddim lle gellid ei ddarparu heb unrhyw gost ychwanegol i'r cyngor. Ers hynny, rwyf wedi bod yn ymladd nifer o achosion unigol ar gyfer preswylwyr sydd eisoes â brodyr a chwiorydd yn yr ysgol o'u dewis a ble, am resymau daearyddol, mae bysiau'n rhedeg i ddau gyfeiriad. Mae swyddogion wedi dadlau, os ydyn nhw'n hyblyg mewn un lle, y bydd yn rhaid iddyn nhw fod yn hyblyg mewn mannau eraill hefyd (siawns mai dyna'r pwynt os oes modd bodloni'r meini prawf o ddim cost ychwanegol) ac wedi gwrthod apelïadau. Mae rhannu teuluoedd yn achosi pryder mawr i rieni a phlant a bydd yn cyfyngu'n ddifrifol ar gyfleoedd y disgyblion i gymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau ar ôl ysgol. Os na all aelodau gael rhyw fath o ddylanwad ar broses gwneud penderfyniadau'r cyngor, beth yw'r pwynt o fod yma.

Felly, rwy'n galw ar aelodau i gefnogi cynnig i argymhell i'r cabinet bod grŵp trawsbleidiol bach o gynghorwyr yn ymdrin ag apelïadau trafndiaeth ysgol, gyda chefnogaeth swyddog a all arwain aelodau ynghylch unrhyw gostau neu faterion ychwanegol posibl a allai godi o'u penderfyniad, ac y dylai hyn fod yn berthnasol i unrhyw apelïadau sy'n weddill ar gyfer derbyniadau 2023 a chaniatáu ail-wrandawriad o unrhyw apelïadau cam 2 ar gyfer eleni sydd eisoes wedi eu gwrthod."

Dyweddodd y Swyddog Monitro nad oedd y cynnig yn gofyn am newid y polisi, a fyddai'n gofyn am gyfnod o ymgynghori, ond i ofyn i'r Cabinet ystyried bod grŵp trawsbleidiol bach o gynghorwyr yn ymdrin ag apelïadau trafndiaeth ysgol.

O 28 pleidlais i 21 gyda 5 yn ymatal,

PENDERFYNWYD argymhell i'r cabinet bod grŵp trawsbleidiol bach o gynghorwyr yn ymdrin ag apeliadau trafndiaeth ysgol, gyda chefnogaeth swyddog a all arwain aelodau ynghylch unrhyw gostau neu faterion ychwanegol posibl a allai godi o'u penderfyniad, ac y dylai hyn fod yn berthnasol i unrhyw apeliadau sy'n weddill ar gyfer derbyniadau 2023 a chaniatáu ail-wrandawriad o unrhyw apeliadau cam 2 ar gyfer eleni sydd eisoes wedi eu gwrthod.

16.	HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - GWAHARDDIAD ARFAETHEDIG LLYWODRAETH CYMRU A CHYFOETH NATURIOL CYMRU AR RYDDHAU ADAR HELA YNG NGHYMRU
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Ystyriodd y Cyngor y cynnig canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Aled Davies ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sir Iain McIntosh:

“Mae Cyngor Sir Powys yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru i dynnu eu cynnig yn ôl i wahardd rhyddhau adar hela yng Nghymru, gan ganiatáu rhyddhau drwy drwydded yn unig, a fydd yn effeithio'n fawr ar bobl Cymru. Ni chyflwynwyd digon o dystiolaeth i gyfiawnhau'r cynnig hwn gan CNC. Rydym yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i gydnabod manteision economaidd, cadwraeth a lles saethu helgig i Gymru, ei werth i gymunedau gwledig, ein treftadaeth, diwylliant a'r iaith Gymraeg..”

Collwyd y cynnig o 16 pleidlais i 29 gyda 7 yn ymatal..

17.	HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG - FFOSFFADAU
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Ystyriodd y Cyngor gynnig a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gareth Ratcliffe ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sir, Corrina Kenyon-Wade.

“Mae'r cyngor hwn ac awdurdodau cyfagos yng Nghymru a Lloegr wedi wynebu cyfyngiadau cynllunio difrifol oherwydd y lefelau ffosffad yn ein hafonydd. Mae hwn yn fater cenedlaethol sy'n cael ei basio o gwmpas, ac mae cymunedau'n cael eu rhannu ar bwy sy'n gyfrifol a sut i ddelio â'r mater.

Rydym wedi clywed droeon bod crynodiadau uchel o ffosfforws yn ein hafonydd o ganlyniad i arferion amaethyddol, dŵr ffo o ardaloedd trefol, systemau septig sy'n gollwng neu ollyngiadau o weithfeydd trin carthion, i enwi dim ond ychydig y mae'r cyhoedd yn eu dyfynnu fel yr achos. Mae'r holl systemau hyn yn gweithredu'n bennaf o fewn y deddfau a roddwyd iddynt, ac mae hynny'n caniatáu iddynt ollwng i mewn i'n hafonydd. Mae angen i ni gydnabod eu bod yn gweithredu o fewn y rheolau a osodwyd gan y llywodraeth genedlaethol.

Er mai ychydig iawn o effaith sydd ar ddatblygiadau unigol o'r fath, gyda'i gilydd maent yn achosi difrod enfawr i'n hamgylchedd, ac yn effeithio ar y broblem prinder tai sy'n wynebu ein sir yn ogystal â datblygiadau eraill.

Rydym yn edrych ar Gyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, a ddylai, fel rheolwr ein hadnoddau Cymreig naturiol, fonitro ein hafonydd. Ei ddiben yw "dilyn rheolaeth gynaliadwy

ar adnoddau naturiol" a "chymhwyso egwyddorion rheoli cynaliadwy ar adnoddau naturiol" fel y nodir yn Neddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016.

Bydd monitro ansawdd dŵr yn gywir, a gorfodi polisi amgylcheddol newydd yn allweddol wrth leihau effaith ffosffadau ar ein hafonydd. Dywedir bod angen i CNC gyflogi 85 o staff ychwanegol i gyflawni'r gwasanaeth monitro cadarn angenrheidiol, ond mae angen yr arian gan Lywodraeth Cymru arnynt i allu gwneud hyn. Nid oes gan Gyngor Sir Powys ei hun y pŵer na'r gallu i effeithio ar newid. Nid yw cartrefi'n cael eu hadeiladu, mae cymunedau ym Mhowys ar stop, ac mae angen gwneud rhywbeth i'w cefnogi.

Y cynnig

1. Rydym yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i osod fframwaith monitro clir ar gyfer llygredd afonydd.
2. Rydym yn galw ar Lywodraethau Cenedlaethol i gyflymu'r cyllid ar gyfer ein cyrff monitro fel Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru i'w galluogi i fonitro a gorfodi lefelau diogel o fewn ein hafonydd.
3. Galw ar Dŵr Cymru i gyflymu ei fuddsoddiad yn y system garthffosiaeth a'u rhaglen uwchraddio."

Eglurodd y Cynghorydd Ratcliffe ei fod yn hapus i dderbyn y gwelliant canlynol a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gareth D Jones ac eiliwyd ef gan y Cynghorydd Sir Gwynfor Thomas:

Ychwanegu at bwynt 3 y testun mewn print trwm 3. "Galw ar Dŵr Cymru a **Hafren Dyfrdwy** i gyflymu ei fuddsoddiad yn y system garthffosiaeth a'u rhaglen uwchraddio."

Ychwanegu pwynt 4: "Galw ar Dŵr Cymru a Hafren Dyfrdwy i gyflymu ei fuddsoddiad i ddisodli'r rhwydwaith pibelli cyflenwi presennol er mwyn dileu'r defnydd o *orthophosphate*."

Cynigiwyd gwelliant pellach i bwynt 1 a'i eilio

"Rydym yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i osod fframwaith monitro clir ar gyfer llygredd afonydd a chynnal asesiad ystyrllon o gyfraniadau ffosffad o ffynonellau naturiol ac artiffisial."

O 51 pleidlais i 0

PENDERFYNWYD ein bod yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i osod fframwaith monitro clir ar gyfer llygredd afonydd a chynnal asesiad ystyrllon o gyfraniadau ffosffad o ffynonellau naturiol ac artiffisial.

Hwn oedd y cynnig sylweddol ac yn unfrydol

PENDERFYNWYD

1. Galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i osod fframwaith monitro clir ar gyfer llygredd afonydd a chynnal asesiad ystyrllon o gyfraniadau ffosffad o ffynonellau naturiol ac artiffisial.

2. Galw ar Lywodraethau Cenedlaethol i gyflymu'r cyllid ar gyfer ein cyrff monitro fel Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru i'w galluogi i fonitro a gorfodi lefelau diogel o fewn ein hafonydd..
3. Galw ar Dŵr Cymru a Hafren Dyfrdwy i gyflymu buddsoddiad yn y system garthffosiaeth a'u rhaglen uwchraddio.
4. Galw ar Dŵr Cymru a Hafren Dyfrdwy i gyflymu'r buddsoddiad i ddisodli'r rhwydwaith pibelli cyflenwi presennol er mwyn dileu'r defnydd o *orthophosphate*.

Cynghorydd Sir J Wilkinson
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6.1

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
5 October 2023

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

SUBJECT: Question from Laura Hares

What is being done to promote wellbeing and limit adverse childhood experiences amongst our ALN children in mainstream schools? Why does it take 1-2 years and often tribunal proceedings typically in Powys before our ALN Childrens needs are met? Who is held to account for the neglect of our children's needs and why is early intervention never put in place? My child is now on a very part time timetable and his paediatrician has explicitly expressed how PCC not meeting his needs is creating physical and mental health issues and yet over a year on from the school asking for support via a 1:1 TA for him, nothing is still in place. When will our education body catch up with the support offered over the border in Shropshire and with the legal requirements?

In March 2021 Welsh Government issued the framework for embedding a whole-school approach to emotional and mental well-being as statutory guidance to governing bodies of maintained nursery, primary, secondary, middle, pupil referral units (PRUs), and special schools and local authorities in Wales. The majority of schools within Powys have been provided with training to support Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and/or Trauma Informed Practice. The individual schools will look to implement the training within their daily practice in order to support the children and young people that need support.

Powys offers schools a range of support services that can be accessed to assist in early help advice and guidance, through the role of a wellbeing officer, and through the provision of specialist teachers and educational psychology service. In addition, programmes to support the emotional health of children is offered through a programme called ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), and individual schools will decide on the appropriateness of accessing and implementing this resource.

There is a national process, that is dictated via statutory documentation that describes the processes for assessing and meeting the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) of children and young people. This is adhered to by Powys County Council, but there are a few occasions where there are extenuating circumstances, such as complex cases or disagreements that extend the time scales. Schools and local

authorities are routinely inspected by statutory bodies, such as Estyn, to ensure that they are compliant with statutory guidance and processes.

Part time timetables are a local agreement between a school and parent, and the local authority does not intervene with these decisions. Families should not feel obliged to agree to a reduced timetable, but to work with the school to ensure that a pastoral support plan is implemented, with realistic and achievable targets, that a regularly reviewed and evaluated. The local authority delegates ALN funding to all schools in order to support the needs of children. Research conducted by the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) demonstrates that 1:1 support has a detrimental impact on the progress of children, and inhibits their independence skills; although it is recognised that there are occasions where children need a more bespoke package of support to meet specific needs, and in particular where there is a serious medical condition. Panels within Powys are multi-agency, and they make decisions based upon the information provided to them by schools, families and other agencies. Education provision and processes differ between local authorities and in particular there is distinct legislation between England and Wales. The support provided by Powys County Council meets statutory guidance and is compliant with requirements imposed by law. We wouldn't comment publicly on individual cases and will always respect the privacy and consent of children, young people and their families.

6.2

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
5 October 2023

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys

SUBJECT: Question from Philip Ellison

What are the missed collections on recycled bin collections in Llandrindod's four wards? What are the missed collections on recycled bin collections in Llansantffraid & Llanrhaedr Wards? Why is there such a discrepancy?

I am making these inquiries as I think it poses a health risk to elderly people who put their bins out every Tuesday in my area and then have to bring them back in again as they not coming for that week.

I would also like to take this opportunity as well as point out that Shropshire (and many others) put it on their home page of any changes, and I am sure that this can be done as soon as there is a problem being either the evening before or at 7 am in the morning on Powys Council website.

Response

It is not possible to give an exact answer to the first part of this question as rounds do not correspond to electoral wards. However, the following data is available:

In 2023 to date there have been 12 missed rounds that contain properties within the four wards of Llandrindod, 4 of which were down to inclement weather. This compares to 18 missed rounds that contain properties within the Llansantffraid and Llanrhaedr wards (5 of which were down to inclement weather) during the same period.

However, to put this into a bit more context, there are 2364 individual properties that would have been affected in the Llandrindod wards compared to 1352 in Llansantffraid and Llanrhaedr. In statistical terms, this equates to 1.8 times per property in Llandrindod and 1.7 in Llansantffraid and Llanrhaedr.

The reason for the discrepancy is that these wards are serviced from different depots in the mid and north of Powys. The problems with recruitment of staff have been more acute in the north of the county and this is a problem that has been experienced by other local authorities in North Wales as well as the private sector.

We do appreciate that it is an inconvenience for residents to wait an additional week for their recycling collections, but if the materials are cleaned and the food stored securely, there shouldn't be a health issue. We do try to ensure that residual waste rounds are not missed due to the three weekly cycle of collections and do catch up as quickly as possible if this does occur.

With regards to informing residents of missed collections, it is generally not possible to do this the evening before as we would not be aware of short term staff sickness and vehicle breakdowns until the day in question. As soon as we are aware that a round is going to be missed, a message is sent to all the affected Councillors, the helpdesk is informed, and our missed bin reporting form and collection day finder are updated on the website so that if someone puts in their address they will be informed of the change. Whilst individual missed rounds are not put on social media, there are regular messages asking people to check online if their collection is missed.

The service is working very hard to minimise these disruptions and there has been some success with recruiting additional staff. It is, however, an ongoing issue, but hopefully the collections should now be stabilising.

6.3

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
5 October 2023

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Jake Berriman
Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys

SUBJECT: Question from Penny Higgs

In what instances would the Planning Committee not push for enforcement action, when there are serious planning breaches?

The Council's approach to planning enforcement can be found on the following webpage.

[Planning Enforcement - Powys County Council](#)

The Council's approved Planning Enforcement Policy and Procedure can be read on the following webpage. The policies set out where enforcement action by the Local Planning Authority would be expedient or not expedient:

[Planning Enforcement Policy and Procedure - Powys County Council](#)

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**Report for Full Council
5th October 2023****REPORT AUTHOR: Interim Chief Executive****REPORT TITLE: Appointment of Interim Returning Officer and Electoral
Registration Officer**

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

To appoint an Interim Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the period until a new Chief Executive Officer comes into post .

2. Background and Advice

- 2.1 Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (“the 1983” Act”) requires every Local Authority to appoint an officer of the council to be Electoral Registration Officer (“ERO”) and Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 requires every Local Authority to appoint a Returning Officer (“RO”) for elections. The role is to ensure that the elections are administered effectively and that, as a result, the experience of voters and those standing for election is a positive one.
- 2.2. Under Section 11 of the Council’s Constitution, the Chief Executive is appointed to both these roles. However, the 1983 Act does not require that the Chief Executive of a local authority be appointed to these roles . The law states that a council must appoint “one if its officers” to these roles and it is imperative that the officer appointed has the necessary skills and experience. A Returning Officer must have a working knowledge of the relevant legislation governing the conduct of elections. A County Returning Officer is personally responsible for the administration of the authority’s county council elections and for ensuring that the experience of voters and those standing for elections is a positive one.
- 2.2 I do not consider that it is appropriate for me in an interim role to act as the Returning Officer or Electoral Registration Officer.
- 2.3 Clive Pinney (Head of Legal services an the Monitoring Officer) is currently one of the council’s Deputy Returning Officers and it is recommended that

Clive be appointed as Interim RO and Interim ERO until such time as the Council's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer takes up the Chief Executives position. Clive would bring considerable knowledge and experience to the roles having been a Deputy RO since he became Head of Legal Services in May 2013.

3. Resource Implications

3.1 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) confirms that there are no additional financial implications arising directly from this report.

4 Legal implications

4.1 The Professional Lead Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer has commented as follows; "The Council has a statutory duty to appoint to these roles and such the recommendations can be supported from a legal point of view."

4. Recommendation

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
4.1 That Clive Pinney (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer) be immediately appointed as Interim RO and Interim ERO until such time as the Council's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer takes up the Chief Executive's position	To allow the Council to comply with its statutory duties.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**Democratic Services Committee
28th September 2023**

REPORT AUTHOR: Catherine James, Head of Transformation and Democratic Services

REPORT TITLE: Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to recommend to the Council the appointment of three co-opted Members to the membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee as well as to amend its terms of reference in relation to meetings.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Powys Public Service Board at its meeting on 6th July, 2023 considered a report regarding the PSB Scrutiny Committee (copy attached as Appendix 1). This arose following a review of the PSB's own membership and took account of the view that as a partnership it would be beneficial if the scrutiny of the partnership was undertaken by a group which had a broader perspective than just the Council.
- 2.2 The PSB noted from the report that the original membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee was drawn from all of the partners involved in the PSB, and that this model had not been successful, which had led to the Council taking the decision in March, 2023 to review the membership.
- 2.3 The PSB also accepted the following requirements should it request that the Council reviews the membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee:
- In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee, any co-opted Members:
 - cannot be drawn from the "executives" of any of the organisations to ensure that there is a split of responsibilities between those who are the "executive" of the organisation and those who undertake a "scrutiny" function.
 - should not include officers from those organisations.
 - should not be a Powys County Council representative on those organisations.
- 2.4 Following discussion the PSB recommended to the Democratic Services Committee that the membership of the Committee be amended to

accommodate co-opted Members from other organisations and also complying with the following provisions:

- A maximum of three co-opted Members (in accordance with the Statutory Guidance arising from the Local Government Measure 2011);
- That those co-opted members can not:
 - be drawn from the executive of the organisation.
 - be officers from the organisation.
 - be Powys County Council representatives on those organisations

2.5 In addition, the PSB recommended to the Democratic Services Committee that the Terms of Reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee be amended to the effect that the requirement for meetings of the Committee would be set as a minimum of one and a maximum of two per year.

3. Resource Implications

3.1 Co-opted Members are not entitled to payments in accordance with the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2022 as they are not statutory appointments. However they would be entitled to claim travelling expenses for any face to face meetings

3.2 Therefore the additional requirement on the revenue budget for 2023-24 would be minimal and can be accommodated within the existing budget.

3.3 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the report and supports the recommendation.

4. Legal implications

4.1 Legal : The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view

4.2 The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer's has commented as follows: " I note the legal comments and support the recommendation"

5. Data Protection

5.1 Not required. This does not involve the processing of personal data.

6. Comment from local member(s)

Not applicable.

7. Impact Assessment

Not required

8. Recommendation

Recommendation to the County	Reason for Recommendation:
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Council:	
<p>(i) that the membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee be amended to accommodate co-opted Members from other organisations and also complying with the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of three co-opted Members (in accordance with the Statutory Guidance arising from the Local Government Measure 2011); • That those co-opted members can not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be drawn from the executive of the organisation. • be officers from the organisation. • be Powys County Council representatives on those organisations <p>(ii) that the Terms of Reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee be amended to the effect that the requirement for meetings of the Committee would be set as a minimum of one and a maximum of two per year</p> <p>(iii) that if the Council approves recommendation (i) above that it appoints the three Co-opted Members to the PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(iv) That the Head of Legal Service and the Monitoring Officer is authorised to amend Section 7 of the Constitution and to make such other consequential amendments as may be required.</p>	<p>To review the membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**Powys Public Service Board
6th July 2023**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor James Gibson-Watt
Leader and Cabinet Member for an Open and
Transparent Powys**

REPORT TITLE: Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee

REPORT FOR: Decision / Discussion / Information

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report sets out the legislative background to the establishment of the Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee which came into being in 2018, how the membership was originally determined and why this was amended in 2023.

2. Legislative Background

- 2.1 PSBs in Wales were established as a consequence of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Statutory Guidance in relation to Public Service Boards (Shared Purpose: Shared Future – SPSF3) is limited in its commentary regarding the requirements for scrutiny. The main provisions are set out in Chapter 6 – Local Accountability as set out below:

“Chapter 6 - Local accountability

173. Local integrated planning will only be effective if statutory members of the public services board take joint-responsibility themselves for securing improvement, with local democratic processes providing appropriate challenge and support. For this reason, the Act gives the Welsh Ministers relatively few powers and relies predominantly on the role of local government scrutiny to secure continuous improvement.
174. In order to assure democratic accountability there is a requirement for a designated local government scrutiny committee of the relevant local authority to scrutinise the work of the public services board. It will be for each local authority to determine its own scrutiny arrangements for the public services board of which it is a member. For example, existing legislative powers can be used to put in place joint arrangements, such as ‘co-opting’ persons who are not members of the authority to sit on the committee, and where appropriate to appoint joint committees across more than one local authority area.
175. While it will continue to be entirely legitimate for a subject scrutiny committee (such as a children and young people’s scrutiny committee) to scrutinise the public services board’s work in relation to a specific issue, it is important that one committee takes an overview of the

overall effectiveness of the board. This is the reason one committee must be designated to undertake this work.

The functions of the Scrutiny Committee are as follows:

- 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.

178. The designated committee will be provided with evidence in the form of the draft assessment of local well-being and, the draft local well-being plan (both of which they will be formally consulted on) and copies of the final versions of both. It will also be provided with annual reports.
179. In addition, the committee will be able to draw on the published advice provided to the public services board by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales.
180. The committee can require any statutory member of the board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on them as a statutory member of the board under this Act. This includes any person that has accepted an invitation to participate in the activity of the board.
181. The committee must send a copy of any report or recommendation it makes to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.
182. The public services board must send copies of its published assessments of local well-being, local well-being plans (including when it is revised) and each of its annual reports to the Welsh Ministers, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Auditor General for Wales in addition to the designated local authority scrutiny committee.

3. The Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee.

3.1 The Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee came into existence in 2018. When the Terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee were being prepared the Scrutiny Manager drew upon knowledge of how one other authority in Wales (Cardiff Council) had established its PSB Scrutiny Committee which was a committee which included representatives from each of the partner agencies (not drawn from the executives but from those exercising a scrutiny function). It was therefore suggested that the Committee should be composed as follows:

- 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.

Substitutes: 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.

3.2 From the outset, Natural Resources Wales indicated that they wished to act as observers only as they did not have the resource to commit to all the PSB Scrutiny Committees in Wales. In addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner / Dyfed Powys Police and the Wales Community Rehabilitation Company were not forthcoming with any representatives despite repeated requests.

3.3 The Terms of Reference stated that as a minimum the Committee's work programme 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

The work of the Scrutiny Committee should be:

- 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;

The quorum of the Committee was set as follows:

- 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.

3.4 The attendance of the varying membership of the Committee at 9 meetings between 2018 to 2021 is set out in the attached spreadsheet. This also shows the numbers of meetings cancelled over the period.

3.5 Over the period 2018 to 2021 the PSB Scrutiny Committee issued the following reports:

- 5 x Recommendations / Observations reports to the PSB (2018(1) / 2019(1) / 2020 (1)/ 2021(2)
- 2 x Observations reports to Step Leads (Steps 6 and 10) (2019)
- 1 x comment on the PSB Annual Report (2019)

3.6 No meetings of the PSB Scrutiny Committee were held during 2022 leading up to and following the election of Councillors in May 2022 as very soon after the Council set its budget in 2022 the pre-election period commenced. Following the election there was an extensive period of training new Councillors and with a new administration there was a period of time required for the formulation of new corporate objectives following the compilation of a new Well-Being Assessment which would also impact on the Powys Well-Being Plan (Towards 2040).

4. Council Decision – March 2023.

4.1 The Council was asked to review its Scrutiny Committee structure in March 2023 which included a review of the PSB Scrutiny Committee. There were a number of reasons why it was considered that a review of this committee was required, including:

- Inconsistent / variable attendance at meetings;
- Turnover of Member representation;

- Lack of any tangible outcomes from the meetings resulting in few recommendations to the PSB over the 4 year period (see paragraph 3.5 above);
- 4.2 In addition, prior to the report being prepared a review of PSB Scrutiny Committees in all other Councils in Wales was undertaken. This showed that in all other cases (including Cardiff Council) other than Powys scrutiny was undertaken by Councillors only. The only slightly similar structure to Powys was Bridgend who had a panel which reported to the PSB Scrutiny Committee comprising of Councillors.
- 4.3 The Council emailed all remaining representatives on the PSB Scrutiny Committee in early 2023 advising of the proposed changes and asking for comments. None were received.
- 4.4 Following consideration by the Democratic Services Committee in February 2023, the recommendation to the Council on 2nd March, 2023 was therefore to reconstitute the PSB Scrutiny Committee to comprise:
- 9 Members in total including:
- Vice-Chairs of the 2 Scrutiny Committees, plus
 - 2 additional representatives from each of the scrutiny committees (on a politically balanced basis based on a committee of 6)
- 4.5 The Council approved this change on 2nd March, 2023.

5. Advice

- 5.1 From the experience of operating the multi-representational Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee, it was clear that this body was not operating effectively and that changes were necessary. As the revised committee has not yet commenced its work, it should be given the opportunity to settle into its role following which a further review can be undertaken.
- 5.2 Should the PSB wish to recommend to Council that the previous decision be amended to include other representatives onto the committee, the following needs to be taken into account:
- In order for the decision of Council to be re-considered for amendment or to be rescinded within 6 months of the decision will require a notice of motion to Council signed by at least 10 Members (Rule 4.60.1 of the Constitution). If the proposed amendment is considered following the 6 month period the need for a motion signed by 10 members is removed.
 - Welsh Government Statutory Guidance arising from the Local Government Measure 2011 (issued June 2012) states:

“8.19 In recognition of the democratic mandate of elected councillors it is recommended that the number of co-opted members on a scrutiny

committee should not exceed a third of the total membership of the committee”

- In addition, Rules 7.12.4 and 7.12.5 of the Council's constitution states:

“7.12.4 In addition to co-optees appointed under rules 7.12.1.1 to 7.12.1.3 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

7.12.5 The total number of co-optees on each Scrutiny Committee may not exceed more than one third the membership of the committee” (Paragraph 8.19 Statutory Guidance from the Local Government Measure 2011 (issued by Welsh Government June 2012)

- In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee, any co-opted Members:
 - cannot be drawn from the “executives” of any of the organisations to ensure that there is a split of responsibilities between those who are the “executive” of the organisation and those who undertake a “scrutiny” function.
 - should not include officers from those organisations.
 - should not be a Powys County Council representative on those organisations.

6. Recommendation

6.1 That the report be noted and if the Public Service Board wishes to make a recommendation to the Council at its meeting in October 2023 (following the end of the 6 month period from the original decision being taken) to amend the membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee to accommodate co-opted Members from other organisations the request will need to comply with the provisions set out in paragraph 5.2 above which are:

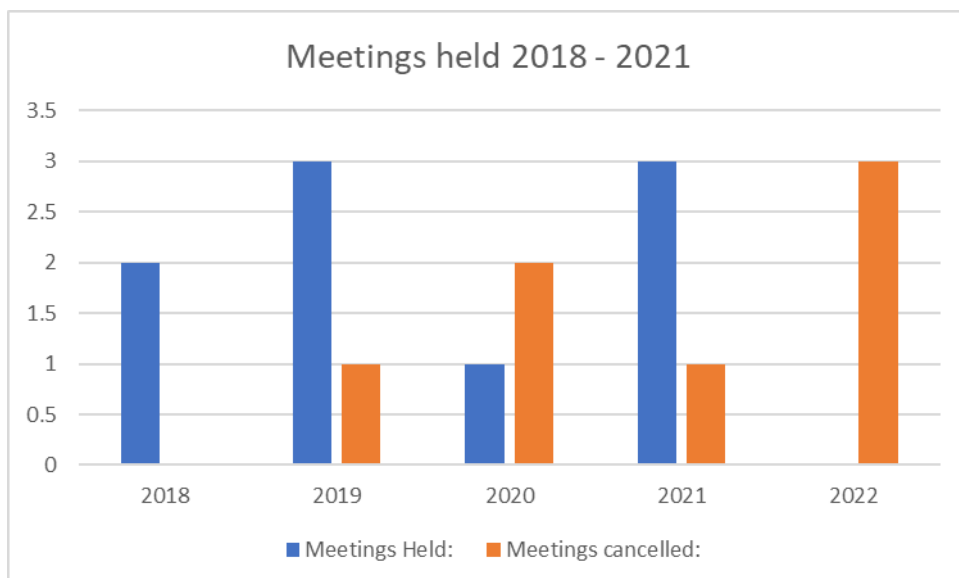
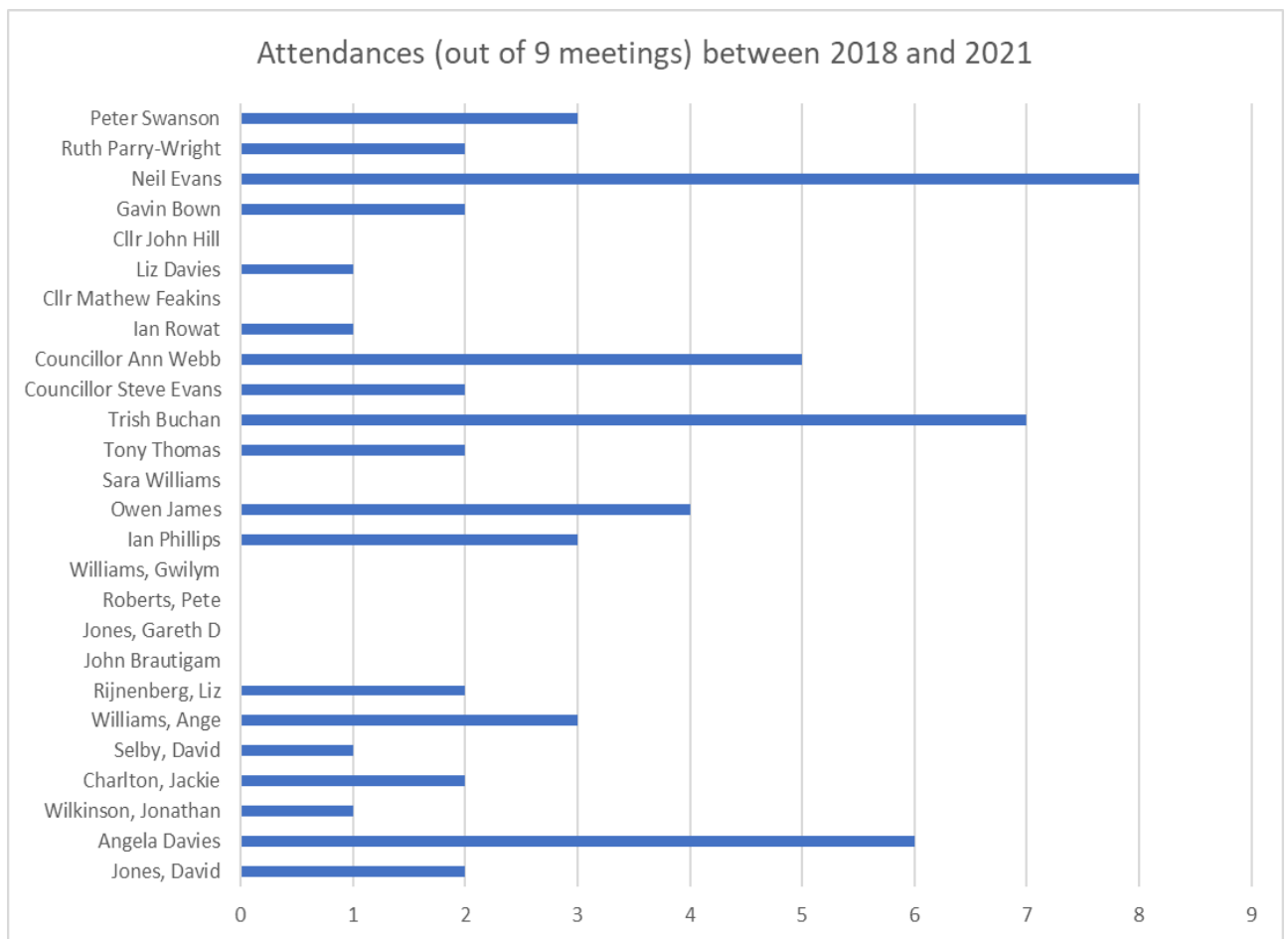
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- That those co-opted members can not:
 - be drawn from the executive of the organisation.
 - be officers from the organisation.
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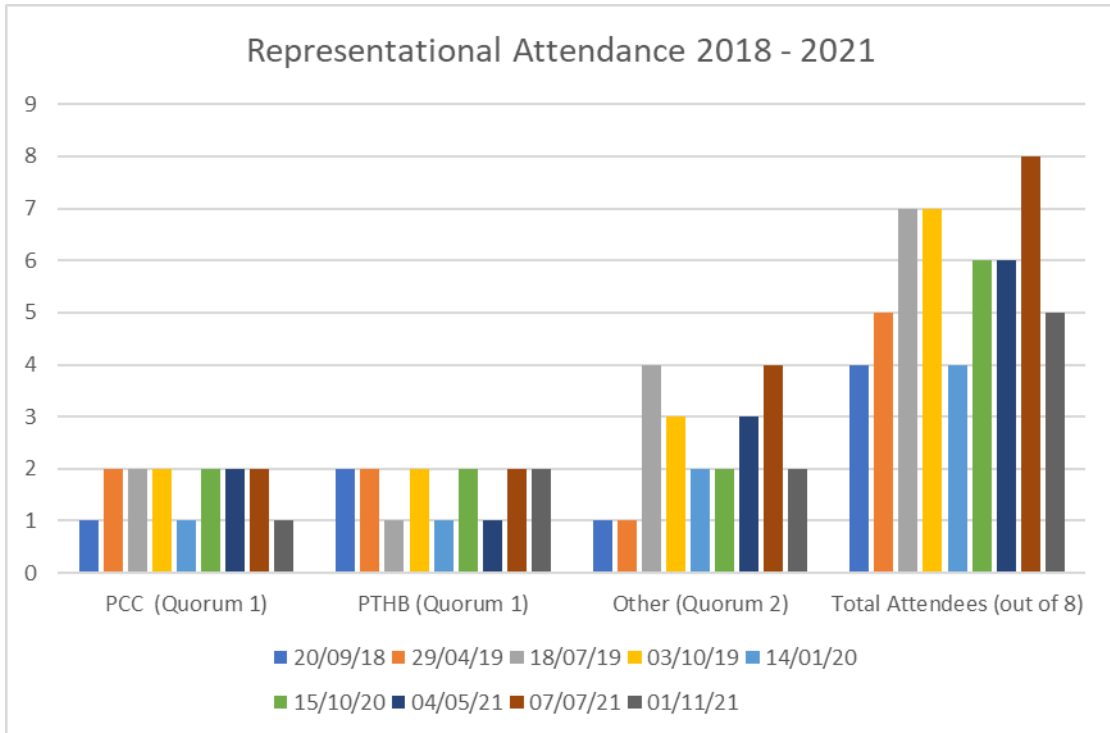
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Appendix 1





PSB Scrutiny Committee 20-09-2018 to 01-11-2021				
Individual Attendances				
Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee, 9 meetings				
Member	Attendances	Representing	From	To
Jones, David	2	PCC	2021	2022
Angela Davies	6	PCC	2019	2021
Wilkinson, Jonathan	1	PCC - Reserve	2021	C
Charlton, Jackie	2	PCC	2018	2019
Selby, David	1	PCC - Reserve	2021	2021
Williams, Ange	3	PCC	2019	2020
Rijnenberg, Liz	2	PCC	2021	C
John Brautigam	0	PCC - Reserve	2019	C
Jones, Gareth D	0	PCC	2019	2020
Roberts, Pete	0	PCC - Reserve	2018	2019
Williams, Gwilym	0	PCC - Reserve	2018	2019
Ian Phillips	3	PTHB - Reserve	2020	C
Owen James	4	PTHB	2018	2020
Sara Williams	0	PTHB	2018	2018
Tony Thomas	2	PTHB	2018	2020
Trish Buchan	7	PTHB	2018	2022
Councillor Steve Evans	2	BBNPA - Reserve	2020	C
Councillor Ann Webb	5	BBNPA	2018	2021
Ian Rowat	1	BBNPA	2018	2020
CLlr Mathew Feakins	0	BBNPA	2018	2020
Liz Davies	1	BBNPA	2021	C
CLlr John Hill	0	BBNPA - Reserve	2020	C
Gavin Bown	2	NRW	2021	C
Neil Evans	8	MAWWFRA	2018	C
Ruth Parry-Wright	2	PAVO	2018	2020
Peter Swanson	3	PAVO	2019	C
Year:	Meetings Held:	Meetings cancelled:		
2018	2	0		
2019	3	1		
2020	1	2		
2021	3	1		
2022	0	3		
Representational Attendance:				
Quorum for Meetings:				
1 x PCC Representative				
1 x PTHB Representative				
2 x Other Body Representatives				
Meetings:	PCC (Quorum 1)	PTHB (Quorum 1)	Other (Quorum 2)	Total Attendees (out of 8)
20/09/18	1	2	1	4
29/04/19	2	2	1	5
18/07/19	2	1	4	7
03/10/19	2	2	3	7
14/01/20	1	1	2	4
15/10/20	2	2	2	6
04/05/21	2	1	3	6
07/07/21	2	2	4	8
01/11/21	1	2	2	5

Carparking Ticket Sales

August 21 - July 22

Length of ticket bought	Tickets Sold	Cost per Ticket	Income
1 Hour	340,562	1.00	340,562
1 - 2 Hours	299,203	2.00	598,406
2 - 4 Hours	124,803	3.00	374,409
Over 4 Hours	86,166	4.00	344,664
Total	850,734		1,658,041
Average Cost Per Ticket Sold			1.95

Projected Income on revised Charges 23-24

Assumed Same number of Tickets Sold

Length of ticket bought	Tickets Sold	Cost per Ticket	Income
1 Hour	340,562	1.40	476,787
1 - 2 Hours	299,203	2.50	748,008
2 - 4 Hours	124,803	3.25	405,610
Over 4 Hours	86,166	4.00	344,664
Total	850,734		1,975,068
Average Cost Per Ticket Sold			2.32
Average Percentage Increase			19.12%

Estimated Additional Income	317,027
Target Increased Income	50,000
Target Exceeded by £	267,027
Target Exceeded by %	534%

Forecasted reduction in 1 hour Tickets @ 45%	(214,554)
Forecasted reduction in 2 hour Tickets @ 10%	(74,801)

Total Reduction in Sales re Non Payment or other Parking	(289,355)
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Total Sales

Estimated Increase in Ticket receipts

Reduction in Number of Parking Events (annual)	183,173
Reduction in Number of Parking Events (Weekly)	3,513

Add Income if Percentage of 1 hour sales were in long Stay Carparks								
10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	85%
37,462	74,924	112,385	149,847	187,309	224,771	262,233	299,695	318,425
2,012,530	2,049,992	2,087,454	2,124,915	2,162,377	2,199,839	2,237,301	2,274,763	2,293,494
2.37	2.41	2.45	2.50	2.54	2.59	2.63	2.67	2.70
21.4%	23.6%	25.9%	28.2%	30.4%	32.7%	34.9%	37.2%	38.3%
354,489	391,951	429,413	466,874	504,336	541,798	579,260	616,722	635,453
50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
304,489	341,951	379,413	416,874	454,336	491,798	529,260	566,722	585,453
609%	684%	759%	834%	909%	984%	1059%	1133%	1171%
							(134,863)	
							0	
							(134,863)	

1,850,545

192,504

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
5 October 2023

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Sandra Davies
Cabinet Member for Future Generations

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

This Council has on several occasions expressed support for the Welsh language and the cross-party political will is clear with regard to that wish. However, whilst recently highlighting English only street signs on a new housing development in Ceri to the Planning Department the response was that they weren't responsible, even though it is a new estate supervised by the Planning Department! It was stated that it was the Highways Department that was at fault.

On questioning the Highways Department the response was it was the developer's fault and the development will be completed within the year. This was even though the development has already been completed and every house has a resident! The only conclusion one can come to is that everyone is trying to blame someone else instead of taking responsibility in the hope that the issue will be forgotten. Well, I can assure you it will not be forgotten.

In light of this, your responsibility for the Welsh language within the Council, the expectations of the Language Standards from the Commissioner, the desire of this Council and common sense. Do you agree with me that this situation is unsatisfactory and that you will try to get to the bottom of the matter to rectify the situation?

Response

From a Welsh Language Standards perspective, Powys' position is clear. All street signs should be bilingual with Welsh shown so that it is likely to be read first, i.e. to the left or above the English. We followed the Welsh Language Standards in that the street naming officer opposed an application from Ceri Community Council for street names that were in English only. We translated the English names the community council suggested.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
5 October 2023

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor James Gibson-Watt
Leader

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Aled Davies

How much does WLGA membership cost the Council?

The WLGA annual subscription is £115,799.66 (£96,499.72 plus VAT £19,299.94).

The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) is a membership organisation that represents all 22 local authorities in Wales, the 3 fire and rescue authorities and the 3 national park authorities are associate members.

The WLGA represents the interests of local government and promotes local democracy in Wales. Its primary purposes are to promote better local government, to promote its reputation and to support authorities in the development of policies and priorities which will improve public services and democracy.

The WLGA is a politically led cross party organisation that seeks to give local government a strong voice at a national level. Membership of the Welsh Local Government Association gives this Council a seat at the top table when negotiating with and lobbying Welsh Government. It gives access to Ministers and influence that individual councils would not have on their own.

The WLGA is recognised under the statutory Local Government Partnership Scheme as the negotiating body representing local government. WLGA spokespersons represent the whole of local government in discussions and negotiations with the Welsh Government, the UK Government and all other national partners in their particular service areas. In addition, a small team of officers provide professional expertise and support to assist in the lobbying, improvement and policy development process.

The WLGA is a resource for Councils to tap into and share expertise and good practice through cabinet member networks and policy papers. The Chief Executive of the WLGA has recently advised this Council on the appointment of a new Chief Executive. It also offers support in member development and for years this council

has benefited by sending councillors from all political groups to the leadership academy.