

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNTY HALL AND ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2024

PRESENT

County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)

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

In attendance: County Councillors B Baynham, A Davies and G Thomas

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Executive who was on other Council business.

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

3.	ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN) AND INCLUSION STRATEGIC PLAN 2024- 2030
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Cabinet considered a new ALN and Inclusion Strategic Plan for Powys which aimed to create a comprehensive, inclusive, and equitable education system that meets the needs of all Powys learners, including those with Additional Learning Needs.

The Plan would be implemented through three workstreams:

- Workstream 1 focused on service improvement and development.
- Workstream 2 focused on learners who are Educated Other Than at School (EOTAS) and the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU).
- Workstream 3 which would explore the potential of creating a more integrated, accessible and supportive environment for learners, families, and the wider community, fostering a more inclusive and resilient society. The programme would explore the suitability of establishing new Inclusion Hubs across Powys that would integrate specialist support, ensuring accessibility and high-quality services for all learners.

Cabinet welcomed the ambition of the proposals. Cabinet asked about costs and officers advised that they were confident that workstreams 1 and 2 would deliver savings. Proposals for workstream 3 would be developed and brought to Cabinet with costings.

The Chair of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee presented the recommendations of the joint meeting held with the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys noted that many of the recommendations related to workstream 3 which required further work to be carried out. Responses would be provided to the Scrutiny Committees.

RESOLVED to approve the new ALN and Inclusion Strategic Plan 2024 -2030 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, for immediate implementation.

County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)