

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, P Davies, J Evans, S M Hayes, R Powell and M Weale

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 May 2018 as a correct record.

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

<b>4.</b>	<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b>
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Cabinet received and considered the Adult Social Care Improvement Plan. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care explained that the plan had been drawn up in advance of the CIW inspection and that CIW required the plan to be reviewed and revised within 20 days of publication of the inspection report and to be submitted to them by 30 May. The plan focussed on improving outcomes for residents and would require corporate ownership and other services to work with Adult Social Care in order to ensure effective improvement. The plan would also be considered regularly by the Improvement and Assurance Board.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the report was draft and subject to further work including by Scrutiny on 29 May. He therefore asked for delegated authority to be given to the Leader in consultation with him, the Acting Chief Executive and the Director of Social Services to submit the final improvement plan.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p><b>1. That Cabinet note the draft revised Improvement Plan and delegate the final approval and submission to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the</b></p>	<p><b>To comply with the CIW Inspection report requirements and timescale.</b></p>

<p><b>Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, and the Director of Social Services.</b></p> <p><b>2. That Scrutiny be invited to consider and comment on the revised Improvement Plan prior to approval.</b></p>	<p><b>To ensure appropriate democratic oversight and accountability.</b></p>
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<b>5.</b>	<b>MOVING POWYS FORWARD AS A CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BASED APPROACH COUNCIL</b>
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In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture pointed to many examples of good practice by the council of promoting the voice of children, and noted that they would be involved in the forthcoming appointment process for the Head of Children's Services. However, there was a need for this to be mainstreamed to ensure a consistent, whole organisation approach to promoting children's rights and embed the participation of children and young people into all aspects of planning, delivering and reviewing of services and policies. The recommendation was to formally adopt the United National Convention on the Rights of the Child and formally sign the National Participation Standards Charter in accordance with the key actions set out in the Children's Services Improvement Plan.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p><b>1. To formally adopt the United National Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as a Council, and to require all members and staff to undertake basic UNCRC awareness training as part of their mandatory induction.</b></p>	<p><b>1. To comply with actions agreed with the Children's Services Improvement plan.</b></p>
<p><b>2. To formally sign the 'National Participation Standards Charter' demonstrating the Council's commitment to actively promoting the voice of the child.</b></p>	<p><b>2. To comply with legislation and national policy requirements.</b></p>
<p><b>3. To establish a task group to undertake a review of the current arrangements under Annexe B and develop a plan to support implementation of a Children's Rights based approach across the Council, guided by 'The Right Way' framework.</b></p>	<p><b>3. To demonstrate Council's commitment to ensuring children and young people in Powys are at the forefront of what we do.</b></p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP</b>
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A vacancy had arisen on the Local Development Plan Working Group with the resignation of County Councillor Jonathan Wilkinson from the Cabinet.

**RESOLVED that County Councillor Phyl Davies be appointed to the Local Development Plan working Group.**

<b>7.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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There were no items of correspondence.

<b>8.</b>	<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b>
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Cabinet received details of the delegated decisions taken by Portfolio Holders since the last meeting.

<b>9.</b>	<b>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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Cabinet noted the forward work programme.

The Leader closed the meeting by thanking all the Councillors and officers involved in the council activities at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's Spring Fair, including receptions for the Mid Wales Growth Deal, foster carers and the Urdd eisteddfod which was being hosted by Brecon and Radnorshire at the showground from 28 May to 2 June.

**County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)**