

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

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

In attendance: County Councillors Matthew Dorrance, Pete Roberts and John Morris
and Mr John Brautigam.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th
September 2018 as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported.

4. DRAFT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017 - 18

Cabinet considered the draft Annual Performance Report for 2017-18. The report set out the Council's performance during 2017-18 against delivering the Corporate Improvement Plan (2016 – 2020) priorities and met the Council's reporting duties under the Well-being Act and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. It aimed to provide a balanced and open account of performance.

The Chair of the Learning, Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee expanded on the comments of the Joint Chairs that had considered the report. He confirmed that the Joint Chairs had found it to be a balanced and factual report and he commended officers for taking on board the comments from the Joint Chairs meeting. He suggested two further changes, the inclusion of a section on the Council's preparations for Brexit and mention of the Level Two Plus results.

In connection with Brexit preparations, the Leader explained that the Council was working closely with the WLGA and that she had arranged for a briefing for Members on 7th November. She was content for a comment to be included in the draft to be considered by Council. The Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language also confirmed that she was happy for the Level Two Plus results to be referenced noting that Powys pupils had achieved the second best results in Wales.

RECOMMENDED to Council	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the DRAFT Annual Performance Report 2017 – 2018 in Appendix A to the report and recommend to County Council for approval on 18th October 2018.	To ensure the report gives a balanced and open account of Powys County Council's performance during the 2017-18 financial year, against its CIP priorities / well-being objectives. To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

5. GREEN WASTE KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Cabinet considered proposals to introduce a green waste collection service to all households on a chargeable basis. This would be on the basis of an annual charge (typically £35 per year) for a 240 litre wheeled bin collected fortnightly. It was further proposed that the green waste banks at Community Recycling (Bring) Sites are removed. Cabinet was advised that these were unique to Powys as all other authorities only provide facilities at manned Household Waste Recycling Centres and that they were subject to considerable abuse.

It was estimated that the introduction of a collection service and the removal of the green waste banks at bring sites would achieve savings of £280k and that there would be a slight increase in overall green tonnage collected which would help the Council reach the Welsh Government Statutory Recycling Targets.

Cabinet noted that the proposal had generated significant comment from those areas with Community Recycling Sites but that not every community had access to these sites although everyone contributed through their council tax. It was proposed to go out to consultation on the implementation of the service in November.

The Chair of the Learning, Skills and Economy Committee commended the Portfolio Holder and officers who had come to the committee with a detailed series of options. He felt that there were a number of issues which required further work such as the size of bins and the frequency of collections but that it was the right time to go out to consultation as this would help answer these questions.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
1) To introduce a chargeable green waste collection service, remove all green waste banks at Community Recycling Sites – Option 4 above	To provide a convenient service to residents whilst achieving identified savings
2) A consultation exercise is carried out during November so that residents can have a say in how the	To allow residents to shape the implementation of the service

<p>service should be implemented. - Approval of the detailed implementation to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets.</p>	
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6.	SCHOOLS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (SAMP) 2018 -2024
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Cabinet considered a new Schools Asset Management Plan (SAMP) for implementation from 2018 – 2024. The SAMP set out the Council’s approach to developing and improving the school estate and provided a long-term approach for effectively developing and managing the schools estate in Powys, ensuring that it supports the ambition of the Council as outlined in Vision 2025 and the Schools Organisation Policy 2018.

The Council aimed to ensure that Powys had the right number of schools in the right place and in the right condition, for the current and future pupil population. The SAMP would provide transparency on schools spending.

The Chair of the Learning, Schools and Economy Scrutiny Committee thanked the Portfolio Holder and officers for taking on board their recommendations and incorporating them into the report. Scrutiny welcomed the scoring methodology which would give confidence that funding was being allocated fairly. The commitment to review the asset database by the end of January 2019 was also welcomed and he asked for a report back to confirm that it had been done.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
<p>To approve the Schools Asset Management Plan 2018 – 2024</p>	<p>To provide a comprehensive and coherent framework to ensure that the Powys school estate is continually improved, resulting in a more efficient and effective infrastructure.</p>

7.	SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PLANNING OBLIGATIONS, BIODIVERSITY AND GEODIVERSITY
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Cabinet considered

(a) Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) prepared in support of the Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) for:

- Affordable Housing.
- Planning Obligations.
- Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

(b) The SPG Consultation Statement.

Cabinet discussed the issue of commuted sums from developers which it was recommended should be retained for 10 years. Officers confirmed that commuted sums had to be spent locally within the area impacted by a development. Officers also advised that because the county did not have the same infrastructure needs as an urban area planning obligations were used rather than community infrastructure levies. It was confirmed that the document addressed the impact of developments on the Welsh language.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve: (a) Supplementary Planning Guidance for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affordable Housing, Oct 2018 (appendix 1) 2. Planning Obligations, Oct 2018 (appendix 2) 3. Biodiversity and Geodiversity, Oct 2018 (appendix 3). (b) The Supplementary Planning Guidance Consultation Statement, Oct 2018 (appendix 4).	To meet the commitment and programme for Supplementary Planning Guidance preparation in the adopted Powys LDP.

8. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2018
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Cabinet considered the budget outturn for the period ended 31st August 2018. The Portfolio Holder advised that there had been no improvement in the financial position since the last report but that he expected to see the decisions taken at the previous meeting start to take effect by the time of the next report. He acknowledged the work being undertaken by Adult Social Care to address their budget. The Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language welcomed the 103.3k grant from the Regional Additional Learning Needs Transformation Grant, to support the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 and the Welsh Government Transformation Programme.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the report are noted. 2. That the £103.3k grant from the Regional Additional Learning Needs Transformation Grant be accepted. 	To monitor the council's financial performance and ensure spending remains within approved limits and that the 3% minimum general fund reserve is maintained.

9.	CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST AUGUST 2018
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Cabinet received the capital programme update and considered a virement request to roll £175,000 into 2019-20 for work at County Hall to match the intended works schedule. The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets explained that the refurbishment works underway in County Hall was to make sure the building was fit for purpose. The Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language advised that plans for Ysgol Maesydre would be made public shortly.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>1. The contents of this report are noted by Cabinet.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet approves the virement proposed in section 2.2 of this report.</p>	<p>To outline the capital budget position as at 31st August 2018.</p> <p>To ensure appropriate virements, are carried out.</p> <p>To align budgets with spending plans.</p>

10.	IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE BOARD
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Cabinet received the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Assurance Board meeting held on 5th September 2018.

11.	CORRESPONDENCE
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Officers confirmed that a response would be sent to Councillor Karl Lewis to the email he had sent on the Green Waste Kerbside Collection report.

12.	DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING
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Cabinet received details of delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

13.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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Cabinet noted details of the forward work programme.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)