

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: 7th May 2014

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 16th May 2014
(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)

SUBJECT: RESTRUCTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE REVENUES, SYSTEMS & EXCHEQUER TEAM

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: N/A

PURPOSE: To agree the restructure proposals for the Revenues, Systems and Exchequer Team as part of the 2014/15 budget setting process.

DECISION:

1. To delegate responsibility to the Head of Finance and Cabinet Member for Resources to make any final amendments to the structure, should they be required.
2. That the new structure be implemented within the 2014/15 financial year, as soon as it is practicable to do so.

REASONS:

1. These savings form part of the 2014/15 budget setting Mandate Number 29 – CEO Efficiencies and Restructuring (totaling £595,000).
2. The Team's contribution to this Mandate is to find budget savings of 8.4%, or £82,000 for the 2014/15 financial year.

3. A review of expenditure has identified £40,000 of savings that can be made within the non-pay budget which will have limited impact on day to day operations.
4. The remaining £42,000 is to be found from the Division's Employee budgets.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed restructure seeks to meet the budget saving of £42,000 identified as part of the 2014/15 Medium Term Financial Plan. Every effort will be made to find suitable positions for those staff that are put at risk by these proposals. However, there is the potential that as yet identified redundancy costs may be incurred.

CONSULTEES:

Strategic Leadership Team
Cabinet
Head of Finance
Head of Personnel
Revenue and System Managers
Members of the Revenue, Systems and Exchequer Team
Unison

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors G.C. Burrows, P.A. Fox, E.J. Hackett Pain, P. Hobson, G. Howard, S.B. Jones and P. Murphy

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni, S.G.M. Howarth, M. Powell and V.E. Smith

INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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SUBJECT: CYCLING – FUNDING REQUEST FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE TO HOST STAGE 3 TOUR OF BRITAIN SEPTEMBER 9th 2014

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: All

PURPOSE: To agree a budget of £40,000 from reserves for Monmouthshire to host the Welsh Stage 3 of the Tour of Britain Cycling event.

DECISION:

1. To allocate £40,000 from Reserves to host Stage 3, including the finish, of the 2014 Tour of Britain Cycling within Monmouthshire on 9th September 2014.
2. To support the huge opportunity that this event provides.

REASONS:

1. The Tour of Britain is the UK's biggest free to attend sporting event with over 1.5 million spectators. It is a world-wide branded race and attracts extensive media coverage with teams from over 21 different countries including 6 Tour De France teams. The event will attract both local and international visitors.

2. The extensive media coverage statistics regarding coverage of the event identify the huge viewing figures, vast column inches in newspapers and trade magazines and a digital presence with over 500,000 hits during the race
3. Event evaluation is completed independently and results are available from 2011. Last year's events in Caerphilly gave the following breakdown. It should be noted that Powys also benefitted from starting the race.

The similar stage held in Wales last year attracted over 33,500 visitors to the event with over 5,154 of these staying overnight. According to statistics the net expenditure equated to £1.67 million from spectators and visitors. Positive discussions have been on-going with the Tour of Britain team and the need to maximise return on investment, tourism and our beautiful offer.

4. Cycling is an integral part of the future brand of Monmouthshire in terms of both the Leisure and Tourism offer. The benefits of health & wellbeing, promoting the County as a premier cycling destination. Post event reports indicate that visiting the Tour of Britain has inspired attendees to cycle more regularly in each year as follows:-

2011 68%
2012 72%
2013 67%

The visit of the Tour of Britain will raise the profile of Monmouthshire on a world stage both for cycling, tourism and developing networks/contacts for the business community. The event can also help to stimulate community pride in delivering a free spectator event that has the World's elite cyclists taking part. An event such as this will help mobilise the culture of enterprise - obvious benefits include contributing to many hundreds of volunteer hours, free advertising and galvanising community spirit. In hosting such an event it helps deliver the Council's emerging broader vision around strong, sustainable and resilient communities.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Local Authority's contribution in hosting Stage 3 and finish of the 2014 Tour of Britain is £30,000 as a fee direct to organisers and it is this fee that is required to be funded by reserves. A further £10,000 budget is necessary to complete functions such as street cleaning, highways and park and ride considerations. The service is working with event organisers, MCC departments and Welsh Government to deliver the race. The team will approach the event with a view to minimise cost and every effort will be made to be resourceful in order to mitigate the impact on reserves.

CONSULTEES:

All Cabinet Members
Leadership Team
Chief Accountant – Mark Howcroft
Head of Legal Services – Rob Tranter
Monitoring Officer – Murray Andrews

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INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USK WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: Usk, Llanbadoc, Llangybi, Goytre, Llanover, Raglan

PURPOSE: To consider the proposed Order subsequent to representations received following advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1994.

DECISION:

Not to implement the proposed Order.

REASONS:

The main factors to be considered are:-

- 1) The proposed Order will have significant impact on commercial vehicles seeking to access premises situated along the A472 between Little Mill and Usk Bridge Road, and those along route R106 between Usk Bridge and Caerleon. Generally these vehicles will have to travel much longer distances than at present, having a detrimental effect upon the viability of the businesses..

- 2) Contrary to good practice it is not feasible to provide a turnaround facility or alternative exit route from the west end of Usk Bridge, potentially providing some drivers with justification for contravening the Order.
- 3) The proposed 'shortened' Order will be easier to enforce than the current Order.

On balance it is considered the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. The recommendation is worded accordingly.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

If implemented the costs of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, road markings and signage would be funded by Monmouthshire County Council from the road safety and traffic management budget.

CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
County Councillor B Jones, Cabinet Member for County Operations
County Councillor B Strong, Usk Local Member

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