

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: 2ND JULY 2014

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 4th JULY 2014
(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO DELIVER THE 'WALES RETAIL RELIEF SCHEME' AND TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES MOST NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE POSTPONEMENT OF REVALUATION

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: N/A

PURPOSE:

To provide Members with an update on the 'Wales Retail Relief Scheme' and to agree how the Authority allocates additional funding awarded, by the Welsh Government under the 'Local Needs Scheme' aimed at supporting businesses most negatively impacted by the postponement of revaluation.

DECISION:

To agree to implement the 'Wales Retail Relief Scheme' in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by the Welsh Government.

To agree to extend the Small Business Rate Relief Scheme to support local businesses most negatively affected by the postponement of revaluation, under the Local Needs Scheme.

REASONS:

The Welsh Government has announced additional grant funding for Local Authorities to deliver the two new schemes.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Additional grant funding totalling £615,496 has been awarded to Monmouthshire County Council. This money is only available for the 2014/15 financial year and must be claimed by timescales prescribed by the Welsh Government.

CONSULTEES:

Strategic Leadership Team
Cabinet
Head of Finance

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors G. Burrows, P.A. Fox, R. Greenland, E. Hackett Pain, P. Hobson, G. Howard, B. Jones and P. Murphy

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni and S. Howarth

INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF CEMETERY PROVISION IN NORTH EAST MONMOUTHSHIRE

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: CENTRAL MONMOUTHSHIRE

PURPOSE:

1. To update Cabinet on the current position regarding the proposed site in the North East of the County.
2. For Cabinet to make a decision on progressing with this site given the information shown in the update.
3. Depending on the outcome of 1.2, for Cabinet to make a decision regarding future burial provision in Central Monmouthshire.

DECISION:

1. To agree not to pursue the development of the previously proposed site.
2. With regard to the principle of delivering future burial space, Cabinet acknowledges previous debates at Council, scrutiny and area committees; and concerns about long-term Capacity. Cabinet therefore, asks that the Strong Communities Select Committee considers the Council's options and ways forward for future cemetery provision.

REASONS:

1. The Authority has been advised that no land can be used for burials within a 250 metre radius of a bore hole. An unregistered bore hole is located within 125 metres of the site. Registration is not required for drawing water for domestic purposes up to a certain volume. Further NRW has indicated that it would not support a planning application based on the current plans because of the location of the bore hole.
2. Officers are concerned that the requirement of 6 monthly testing as advised by consultants, could result in the cessation of burials in a given area of the site or the whole site. There are also concerns about the budgetary implication of 6 monthly testing.
3. Cabinet will be aware of the extensive amount work that has gone into searching for suitable land for use as a cemetery. No suitable land was identified beyond the site in the North East of Monmouthshire. Officers are concerned that if this exercise was to be repeated it would not only be resource intensive but is unlikely to identify any further suitable sites on which to instigate testing.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None.

CONSULTEES:

Cabinet Members
Senior Leadership Team
Local Member Cllr D. Blakebrough

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INTEREST DECLARED:

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