



**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: 16th JULY 2014

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 25th JULY 2014
(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)

SUBJECT: SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

PURPOSE:

To consider the authority's Licensing Policy under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

DECISION:

To approve the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

REASONS:

To guide consistent decisions, support a collaborative approach, deal with applications without unnecessary delay and assist in the enforcement of the Act.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None. The Licensing application process is set out on a cost recovery basis. There will be additional workload for both Licensing and Trading Standards, however it is anticipated, based on current registrations, that this will be absorbed within the existing teams.

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OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni, R. Harris and S. Howarth.

INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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**SUBJECT: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
FORMALISATION OF THE PROGRAMME INTO THE COUNCILS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

1. To include the 21st Century Schools development programme in the Councils Capital Programme.
2. To establish the best option in the development of Monmouth Comprehensive School.
3. To re-allocation of the funds associated with the Welsh Medium Secondary Provision from 2015-2016 to 2018-2019 (within the agreed Band A funding period)
4. To extend the current secondment arrangements for two employees currently seconded to the 21st century schools project.

DECISION:

1. That the following budgets are established in the capital programme subject to Welsh Government final approval of the Full Business case and grant allocation for each scheme:
 - Calidicot Comprehensive - £31.5 million
 - Monmouth Comprehensive - £36 million
 - Primary School investment - £3.4 million

- Welsh Medium secondary - £5 million
2. That funding for the above projects is from the following sources:
 - 50% from Welsh Government funding - £37.5 million
 - 50% from MCC funding, from a combination of capital receipts (circa £29.5 million) and prudential borrowing (circa £8 million), precise mix depending on timing of expenditure and realisation of capital receipts.
 3. Cabinet receives further reports on the specific allocation of these budgets within their areas once further feasibility work has been concluded.
 4. Cabinet is committed to re-provisioning a swimming pool within Monmouth, subject to budget being agreed at full Council.
 5. To extend the current secondment arrangements for two employees currently seconded to the 21st century schools project.

REASONS:

The existing Monmouth Comprehensive site is a challenging site with key issues/ considerations around flooding, tightness of the site and its geology, town site and proximity its adjoining neighbours, number of differing uses on the site (Swimming pool, leisure centre), traffic and access.

The primary driver in developing the new school on this site is the risks around flood. Extensive engagement has been undertaken with Natural Resource Wales (NRW) around establishing key principles around the development of the existing school site. The outcome of these discussions is that the finish floor level of any new build on the Monmouth Comprehensive site would have to be 19.8m above sea level to meet the 1 in 100 year flood benchmark (standard practice). Most of the existing school site (main bulk) is approximately 18.5m above sea level with the playing fields/ pitches around 15.5 – 16.0m above sea level.

The existing site, west of the main entrance to the school, north of the Leisure centre and school site towards the Burgage is above 19.8m and outside of the flood plain (see attached map for clarification). It is not prohibited to build in a flood plain (educational establishments have special dispensations) however the levels, above sea level, that are set by the NRW are mandatory and are there to ensure that the property is not damaged, insurances can be obtained for the estate and that by building on the site you do not affect other surrounding / adjacent properties, sites and services.

An option study has been undertaken to look at the potential site development opportunities for the new school. 3 options were developed (see summary option sheets attached)

Option 1 – Siting of the new school on the existing pitches (close to the existing coach drop off).

- Pros:
 - Clean / clear construction site and simple building programme
 - Minimal disruption to the general working of the school
 - Minimal site enabling and temporary works.
 - Quicker programme delivery.
 - School provided in one building – economic in use.
- Cons:
 - Ground floor / entrance of the new school would be 3.4 – 3.9m from the existing site level. School would have to be built on stilts, minimal ground contact to avoid affecting the flood plain. Undercroft could only be used for parking.
 - Poor access and connectivity to the outside environment- material effect on educational delivery.
 - 4 storey building close to residential street. Planning objection around siting and material effect on neighbours.
 - Proposal would not obtain NRW approval.
 - Development would not be viewed as a good investment in delivering 21st C schools.

There is an abnormal cost of an additional £1.5- £2.0m for flood mitigation works and building an additional single storey platform to raise the school out of the flood plain.

Total outline cost for the option 1 proposal = £34.5m – £36.0m – A reduction in the cost per square metre can be sought to increase the potential capital pot for the primaries if required.

Option 2 – Siting of the new school at the front of the site (North West of the leisure centre).

- Pros:
 - New school to be built outside the flood plain and complies with the 1 in 100 year flood risk rule.
 - Better integration with the existing leisure centre and flexibility in community / school use of the whole estate.
 - Connectivity to the town better, use of public spaces to give it a civic presence.
 - Some disruption to the existing school whilst construction but can be managed.
 - Positive integration of the internal and external environments.

- Better traffic management and pupil routes to school.
- 3 storey building on the site and in keeping with the existing morphology of the town.
- School provided in one building – economic in use.
- Cons:
 - Existing community swimming pool would have to be re-located, effect on service will need to be evaluated (feasibility report has been commissioned by Leisure Services)
 - Some temporary accommodation required for the school, but this will be minimised.
 - Close proximity to the neighbours on Dixon Road.
- There are abnormal cost of an additional £5.0m - £5.5m for the replacement of the pool and around £1.5m in temporary works (temp accommodation / temp carparks etc).

Total outline cost for the option 2 proposal = £38.0m – £38.5m , this includes a new asset of a modern community swimming pool (20m only). The over budget spend would have to be found in reducing the abnormal and the cost per sq. m, this would have an effect on the quality of the new school however clarification has been sort from Welsh Government regarding this option especially around the investment into the re-provision of the pool.

A feasibility has been commissioned around moving the existing swimming pool at Monmouth Comprehensive that will look at the:

- Lifespan / quality of the existing community pool.
- Management and governance.
- Mitigation strategies if the option to move the pool is approved.
- How continuity of service provision can be maintained during the development of the school site.
- What a potential provision should look like and provide.
- Costing, programme and deliverability.

The feasibility is scheduled to take around 6-8 weeks to produce its findings and recommendations to the Leisure Services team.

Option 3 – Siting of the new school on the footprint of the existing school.

- Pros:
 - School built mainly out of the flood plain, some level adjustments would need to be made. (between 750mm and 1000mm of make up land)

- Retains the siting of the existing community pool.
- The bulk of the building is away from the immediate residents off Dixton Road.
- School provided in one building – economic in use.
- Cons:
 - To deliver this option a whole temporary school would have to be re-provided. Large capital investment with no retained asset.
 - Massive disruption to the workings of the school and its operation for 2 years.
 - Loss of connectivity to the existing leisure and community facilities.
 - More challenging site logistic and development, difficult to deal with traffic and parking issues.

Total outline cost for the option 3 proposal (including abnormals) = £38.3m – £38.5m. The majority of the additional costs are in the re-provision of a whole temporary school for 1600 pupils which is in the region of £4.5m including all the temporary works/ services, site logistics and flood protection to the temporaries. The over budget spend would have to be found in reducing the abnormals, challenging the temporary accommodation requirements and the cost per sq. m of the new build, this would have an effect on the quality of the new school. No investment monies would be available for the primaries in the cluster.

Summary table of options and associated budget costs. (Funding for Monmouth Cluster is currently £36.9m)

Options for Monmouth Comprehensive	Total project Cost for the new school	Abnormals associated with the options	Total budget cost (mean cost)
Option 1	£33.5m	£1.5m - £2.0m	£34.5m - £36.0m
Option 2	£33.5m	£4.5m - £5.0m	£38.0m - £38.5m
Option 3	£33.5m	£4.5m - £5.0m	£38.3m - £38.5m

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The capital investment for the 21st Century Schools programme is considerable and one of the biggest single investments that council would have made for some time. The spending / draw down profile below for each cluster is shown below. Capital receipts will need to be realised and accounted for by the council in order to meet this spending profile. Council policy is to direct all capital receipts to investment in the 21st century schools programme. The need to invest in 21st century schools is understood given the considerable funding being made available by Welsh

Government, however it is recognized that this will put pressure and risk on the rest of the capital programme and require the sale of assets at a time when market prices are less than could be achieved in the height of the property boom. Indicative projections are that of the £37.5 million funding required from MCC, £29.5 million will come from projected capital receipts and £8 million from prudential borrowing. In the event that capital receipts are not received in time or are not sufficient, the balance of funding will need to be found from prudential borrowing.

SCHEME NAME	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	TOTAL
Caldicot Cluster	£2,300,000	£9,100,000	£4,200,000	£1,075,000	£325,000	£17,000,000
	£1,736,500 Match Funding from WG	£10,811,000 Match Funding from WG	£3,127,500 Match Funding from WG	£500,000 Match Funding from WG	£825,000 Match Funding from WG	£17,000,000
	£4,036,500	£19,911,000	£7,327,500	£1,575,000	£1,150,000	£34,000,000

SCHEME NAME	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	TOTAL
Monmouth Cluster	£2,300,000	£9,100,000	£4,700,000	£1,075,000	£325,000	£18,000,000
	£1,736,500 Match Funding from WG	£10,311,000 Match Funding from WG	£4,627,500 Match Funding from WG	£500,000 Match Funding from WG	£825,000 Match Funding from WG	£18,000,000
	£4,036,500	£19,411,000	£9,327,500	£1,575,000	£1,150,000	£36,000,000

(tables above include the element of primary school investment)

The potential for the new Monmouth Comprehensive School to over spend due to the unique abnormalities on the site is high and mitigation strategies around capital cost reduction are in hand with the contracting partner. It is felt that with more detailed work, investigation and market testing that the Monmouth Cluster should be brought back into line with funding profiles however there are some consequences. Option 2 is the preferred way forward with regards to capital investment and achieving value for money however leaves very little opportunities to provide additional investment in the primary schools if the costs of relocating the swimming pool is to be found from within the funding envelope for 21st Century Schools. No other funding sources have been identified to date; feasibility has been commissioned by Leisure to look into all aspects of the pool and any mitigation strategies that may need to be used to ensure levels of service during the construction period. Feasibility report to be completed by the end of August 2014.

An application has been lodged with Welsh Government to enquire if additional monies are available to meet the unusually high abnormalities found on the Monmouth Comprehensive Site.

Funding for the extension of the two secondments has been identified within the £2.0m already agreed to prime pump the programme. The secondments are required to be extended until December 2018. Costs are recognised in the feasibility element as well as the build cost.

CONSULTEES:

- Children and Young People Services Directorate. - MCC
- Leisure Services & Regeneration & Cultural Services. – MCC
- Members seminars (monthly)
- Estates Directorate.- MCC
- Finance Directorate- MCC
- Property Services. - MCC
- Welsh Government 21st Century Programme team – Peter Hindley.
- Project Board Members.- MCC.
- Monmouth Comprehensive School – SLT.
- Caldicot Comprehensive School – SLT.
- South Wales Consortium board. (Welsh Medium provision).
- Public and local residents in Monmouth and Caldicot via drop in days and personalised meetings.
- SLT
- Cabinet

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INTEREST DECLARED:

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SUBJECT: DEVELOPING A NEW SOCIAL SERVICES I.T. SYSTEM

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE:

To provide finance from the Invest to Redesign Reserve for the replacement of the Social Services SWIFT system

DECISION:

To agree to fund the development of a new IT system to replace the current SWIFT system from the Invest to Re-design reserve.

REASONS:

There is a requirement to replace the current Northgate social services I.T. system with a modern cost effective bespoke solution that is responsive to service change and modern working practices.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

In summary, over a five year period the new build option will result in an overall saving of £158,130. This includes the £200,000 build cost.

In addition, the new system build will avoid potential costs of £41,000 as highlight in Table 1 of Appendix 1.

A sum of £40,000 has also been invested from 2013/14 revenue budgets to build a prototype of the system to ensure that the design and build met the specification for the client department.

CONSULTEES:

SLT, SC&H DMT, Social Services team leaders and staff

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INTEREST DECLARED:

County Councillor P.A. Fox declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a Monmouthshire County Council representative on CMC².

County Councillor R. Greenland declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as board member of CMC².

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SUBJECT: AFGHAN RELOCATION SCHEME

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

To seek Cabinet's agreement to participate in the Home Office Afghan National Relocation scheme.

DECISION:

To agree to Monmouthshire County Council's participation in the Afghan National Relocation Scheme.

REASONS:

On 27th September 2012 Monmouthshire County Council signed a Community Covenant that recognised the contribution of the Armed Forces. Specifically the role of the Covenant is to:

'Encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Monmouthshire and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces Community..'

Support for the relocation of these Afghan nationals who have worked alongside the British Armed Forces is a natural extension of the commitment we made in the Covenant.

The individuals relocating are considered to be highly skilled migrants with transferrable skills. In addition, the Council will not be financially disadvantaged from its participation.

There was a high profile campaign to persuade the UK government to change its mind over the refusal to allow the Afghan interpreters to be given the right to settle in Britain.

Senior former army officers, including Sir Winston Churchill's great-grandson, were among those who supported the relocation of brave people who had risked their lives to work with UK forces. It was feared they and their families faced persecution and even death if they had to remain in Afghanistan.

Monmouthshire will be standing alongside other English and Scottish councils who are offering refuge to the interpreters and their families. Compared with the general population statistics, the total number who may come to the UK is very small. The maximum expected in the UK is 3,600 – less than 0.006 per cent of the total population.

These are also individuals who have worked in high-level security roles where they have had to be discreet in their home countries and would continue to be as discreet when they are here.

Monmouthshire has a proud history of supporting members of the armed forces and their families and would be a welcoming new home for the translators. We would be extending a helping hand to a very deserving group of people who served on the front line with our forces. We needed them at the time and now they need our support

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Costs and Financial Remuneration from Central Government

The Ministry of Justice is offering a fairly comprehensive financial package to Local Authorities who participate in this scheme that would cover all costs incurred (i.e. set-up costs, rent, and financial payments) as well as an additional integration fund ranging from £4500 per person (for families) up to £7500 per person (for singles).

The table below outlines the funding offer from Central Government. The figures do not take into consideration the weekly financial payments to the applicants (and families) as this will be refunded in full.

In relation to singles accommodation, due to the general lack of accommodation available for single individuals, the Ministry of Justice has agreed that the Local Authority can house a number of them together (recommendation 3 per house) at the 'singles' payment rate. An

administrative fee can be taken by the relevant Local Authority department from the rental allocation to cover the administrative cost of procuring the property etc.

	Single (£)	Couple (£)	Family (1 dependant) (£)	Family (2 dependants) (£)	Family (3 dependants) (£)
Travel from Airport to Monmouthshire	40	80	120	160	200
Housing for 4 months	1,800	3,600	5,400	7,200	9,200
Set-up fund	2,850	2,850	3,750	5,000	6,250
Integration Fund	7,500	12,000	13,500	18,000	22,500

The table below outlines the potential income for the Local Authority based only on the Integration fund

Income	Per person (£)	No. of people	Total over two years (£)
10 Singles	7,500	10	75,000
15 Couples		30	180,000
15 Families (1 dependant)		45	202,500
	Total	85	457,000

If Afghan nationals were to choose to relocate to Monmouthshire there would be no initial additional associated costs, these would be met through the Home Office. However, if at the end of the 4 months the individuals have not been able to find employment, they will be eligible for housing benefits. Housing benefits are paid from DWP however the authority could lose some Council Tax collection. This works out to approximately £936 - £1053.12 for couples and families and £702 - £789.84 for singles.

It has to be noted that in the long term these individuals will be included in Monmouthshire's population count and will attract resources to the area through the Revenue Support Grant. It is also envisaged (like the Iraqi translators who relocated to Glasgow) that the majority of the men will find employment in the long term.

CONSULTEES:

Cabinet

Senior Leadership Team

Chief Inspector Mick Moyles, Gwent Police LPU Commander, Monmouthshire

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SUBJECT: CMC² - REVISED YEAR THREE BUSINESS PLAN

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the Year Three activities and income generation forecasts of CMC².

DECISION:

To endorse the revised Year Three CMC² business plan and revised income generation forecasts, for the year ending 30th September 2014.

REASONS:

In its relatively short trading history and from a standing start CMC² has successfully established itself, turning a profit in only its second year of operation whilst deriving a mutual benefit for Monmouthshire communities. Year three of its business plan saw CMC² continuing to focus on driving forward the digital, economic, and social agendas within Monmouthshire by meeting the social needs of the county in a commercial manner, utilising business disciplines to maximise community impact. With an increasingly successful business strategy CMC² has grown its

digital expertise and presence year on year and following recent CMC² Board approval is now looking to capitalise on commercial opportunities to establish and expand its capabilities in this area.

The revised and updated future operational plan therefore reflects these ambitions, and the opportunity to develop its digital expertise and presence through Agile Development and IT Consultancy. As a result of notable revisions to the business plan it was necessary to present to Cabinet an updated and revised business plan for year three.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed Year Three business plan figures demonstrate CMC^{2's} viability for future years with a third year forecasted profit of £70,000 based on reasonable assumptions.

Based on the revised Year Three proposals, the underlying cash flow model allows the company to work well within the overdraft facility of £150,000, for which the Authority acts as guarantor. This position is monitored on an ongoing basis. The need for any ongoing overdraft facility will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the year 4 business plan.

CONSULTEES:

CMC² Board
Leadership Team
Cabinet
Monitoring Officer

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

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OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

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INTEREST DECLARED:

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SUBJECT: DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY FOR SCHOOL BASED EMPLOYEES

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to introduce the revised Dignity at Work Policy for schools based employees.

This policy is designed both to help prevent any harassment and bullying and to offer support to any employee who feels that they are being harassed or bullied. It aims to assist in developing and encouraging a working and learning environment and culture in which harassment and bullying are known to be unacceptable, and where individuals have the confidence to report harassment or bullying without fear or intimidation.

DECISION:

That the revised Dignity at Work Policy be accepted and commended to governing bodies for adoption as soon as possible.

REASONS:

The policy is revised to ensure it is as robust as possible for Head Teachers and Governors in schools. To enable more effective management of HR case work in schools.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

CONSULTEES:

JAG

All recognised trade unions

Head teachers

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INTEREST DECLARED:

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SUBJECT: AMENDED DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE POLICY

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

To introduce an amended and updated Disclosure and Barring Service Policy.

DECISION:

To approve the amended policy and the revision of timescales for checking detailed within it.

REASONS:

1. The Council is committed to safeguarding the welfare of those accessing our services and has a statutory duty of care towards vulnerable members of society under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (2006) and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013. However, this duty must be carried out with due regard to all other relevant legislation including the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, the Data Protection Act (1998), the DBS Code of Practice and the Human Rights Act (1998).
2. The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 has resulted in a differentiation between those posts which can legally have an Enhanced DBS check and those posts which can also legally be checked against the Children or Adult Barred lists (an Enhanced check for Regulated Activity). The definition of Regulated Activity has been changed from 10 September 2012.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Reduced costs for MCC due to the change in the re-checking procedure for those staff who occupy posts which require a DBS check. As part of the amended policy, staff (except for those in posts which require a 3 yearly re-check due to professional registration requirements) will no longer be re-checked every 3 years. A recent discussion paper for SLT identified costs savings to be an estimated £58,000 per year

CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
Joint Advisory Group
All Trades Unions
People Services Manager

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SUBJECT: WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE:

To make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2014/15, meeting 2 held on the 26th June 2014

DECISION:

That the following grants be awarded to:

Charlotte Kilby: request £500 for assistance in an educational working trip to Borneo to set up community educational facilities

Recommendation - £300 to help in the education of both the indigenous people of Borneo and the life experience of the applicant

Earlswood and Newchurch West Memorial Hall: request £350 for assistance in a project to enhance the appearance of the Memorial Hall

Recommendation – £250 to assist in an environmental project for the benefit of the community

Birbeck Road Park Regeneration Group: request £2,800 for a communal park toddler ride and slide

Recommendation – £500 to be awarded upon receipt of confirmation that no other sources of local authority funding will be received.

Chepstow & District Rotary Club: request £500 for help in the installation of a 'Light Tree' to assist in facilitating the raising of charitable funds.

Recommendation: Defer pending confirmation of other potential funding sources.

Blue Pheonix Jazz Club: request £450 for assistance in providing transport for underprivileged children to a competition.

Recommendation: £450 for relief of poverty and community well-being

Caldicot Street Pastors: request £825 for the training and clothing of volunteer pastors

Recommendation: £500 to assist in this valuable charitable service in the community in it's assistance to the young and vulnerable

Raglan Baptist Church: request £4,000 for essential repairs to the church hall that facilitates many youth and adult groups

Recommendation: £1,000 contribution for essential structural repairs to the hall

REASONS:

A meeting took place on Thursday, 26th June 2014 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule.

County Councillors in attendance:
D. J Evans, B. Strong and A. E. Webb

Officers in attendance:
Mr D. Jarrett and Mrs E.M. Tapper

We elected County Councillor D.L. Edwards as Chairman of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group for 2014/15. We appointed County Councillor B. Strong as Vice Chairman of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group for 2014/15.

Apologies for absence:
County Councillor D.L. Edwards

Declarations of Interest:
None recorded.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the recommendations. .

CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Head of Finance
Central Management Accountant

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni, R. Harris and S. Howarth.

INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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