

**CABINET  
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

**DECISION DETERMINED ON: 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**  
**(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)**

**SUBJECT: REVENUE MONITORING 2014/15 MONTH 9 OUTTURN FORECAST STATEMENT**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL AUTHORITY**

**PURPOSE:**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast revenue outturn position of the Authority at the end of month 9 for the 2014/15 financial year. Revenue forecasting is being brought forward by a month against the usual timescale. Capital monitoring will be reporting against that usual timescale.
2. It also seeks to provide summary performance indicator information alongside financial data to allow Members a better opportunity to consider how services are provided and whether resources are being utilised efficiently.

**DECISION:**

1. That Members consider the position concerning 3rd quarter revenue monitoring (£144,000 deficit) and seek assurance of the action Chief Officers are taking to address the over spends in their service areas.
2. A caveated use of reserves is sought in relation to redundancy costs incurred by services this year totalling £545,000, whilst services will continue to find compensatory savings additional to the mandates to mitigate the net cost pressure by end of financial year.
3. That Members reflect upon the internal performance management information included alongside traditional financial data to consider whether it assists them in providing a better link between inputs and outputs and allows them to better consider whether resources are being economically and efficiently utilised.

**REASONS:**

To improve budget monitoring and forecasting information being provided to Senior Officers and Members.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As contained in the report.

**CONSULTEES:**

Strategic Leadership Team  
All Cabinet Members  
All Select Committee Chairman  
Head of Legal Services  
Head of Finance

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**OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors D. Batrouni, R.G. Harris, S.G.M. Howarth, J.L. Prosser and M. Powell

**INTEREST DECLARED:**

None

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**SUBJECT: ABERGAVENNY: VIBRANT & VIABLE PLACES – TOWN CENTRE LOAN FUND**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: BRYN Y CWM**

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Cabinet's and subsequently Full Council's approval to accept a Welsh Government repayable funding award of £1,250,000 to establish a Fund to improve redundant and underutilised sites and premises in Abergavenny Town Centre.

**DECISION:**

To agree the proposal to accept repayable funding of £1,250,000 from Welsh Government to establish a Fund to improve redundant and underutilised sites and premises in Abergavenny Town Centre.

**REASONS:**

1. To accept the repayable funding award to create a 'Town Centre Loan Fund' to support town centre regeneration objectives in Abergavenny Town Centre.
2. To accept the repayable funding award to bring back to life redundant and underutilised sites and premises in Abergavenny Town Centre.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Significant resources will be required across directorates, however, experience and most skills exist 'in house' to provide acceptable arrangements to deliver, subject to estimated costs being incorporated into a set administration fee that can be reviewed over time.

2. It is proposed that the Project will be co-ordinated by Housing and Communities with support from the Whole Place Team (remarketing) with Financial Services, Estates, and Legal Services providing time charged support.
3. The anticipated demand is, as yet, uncertain, but the expectation is that the loan requirements will be for larger projects and therefore low in actual application numbers.

**CONSULTEES:**

All Cabinet Members  
Leadership team  
Head of Community Delivery – Debra Hill-Howells  
Head of Legal Services – Rob Tranter  
Local Members – All Bryn y Cwm

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**INTEREST DECLARED:**

None

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**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CALDICOT LINKAGE BUDGET TO ENABLE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: GREEN LANE**

**PURPOSE:**

To seek approval of Cabinet to the extension of the existing £25,000 capital budget for the Caldicot Linkage scheme to £200,000 to progress the construction phase.

**DECISION:**

To approve the extension of the existing £25,000 capital budget for the Caldicot Linkage scheme to £200,000 to progress the construction phase. To be funded from s106 contributions received from the ASDA development allocated to Public Realm Improvements.

**REASONS:**

1. To extend the current budget, in line with s106 monies received, to progress implementation of the linkage scheme.
2. To enable terms to be agreed with the owner enabling procurement of construction services to proceed whilst the planning application is being considered.
3. To prevent further delay to the linkage scheme following the opening of the ASDA Foodstore in October 2014

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

S106 have now been received. The proposed extension of the budget reflects this.

**CONSULTEES:**

All Cabinet Members  
Leadership team  
Head of Legal Services – Rob Tranter  
Local Member – John Marshall

Report amended following comments received:

- wording adjusted in accordance with Head of Finance advice that the report requires Cabinet approval only, as s106 heading has already been approved by Council.
- s3.6 adjusted in accordance with Cllr Greenland comments to reflect additional causes of delay.

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**INTEREST DECLARED:**

None

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL**

**PURPOSE:**

1. To provide members with an update on proposed changes to the school funding formula for threshold payments and job evaluation.
2. To provide members with details of any responses received in relation to the consultation on the above proposals.

**DECISION:**

1. To agree to fund teacher threshold payments on a bi-annual basis, noting that Governing Bodies must use the pay performance policy when awarding increments.
2. To agree to distribute job evaluation funding via pupil numbers, however protect Mounton House given their higher ratio of non-teaching staff.

**REASONS:**

To distribute funding via the school funding formula using the fairest method.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no resource implications it is not proposed to reduce the total funding for schools via this proposal.



**CONSULTEES:**

All Headteachers  
All Chairs of Governor  
School Budget forum  
Senior Management Team  
DMT  
All Elected Members  
Diocesan Director of Education.  
CYP Select Committee

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**INTEREST DECLARED:**

County Councillor P.A. Fox declared a personal prejudicial interest pursuant to the members code of conduct, as a family member was employed as non-teaching staff at Mounton House. Councillor Fox left the meeting during consideration of the item.

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**SUBJECT: CHANGE TO THE DELEGATION OF SEN FUNDING (SEN LUMP SUM ALLOCATION) FOR SCHOOLS WITHIN MONMOUTHSHIRE**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL**

**PURPOSE:**

1. To provide members with an update on the proposed change to the formula for distributing the SEN delegated lump sum to schools within Monmouthshire.
2. To provide members with details of any responses received in relation to the consultation on the above proposals.

**DECISION:**

To agree to distribute SEN delegated lump sum to schools via Free School Meal data.

**REASONS:**

1. The FSM data is readily available on a long-term basis to the LA and will not necessitate further adjustment to the SEN Delegated Lump Sum formula.
2. The funding allocation using this formula is generally in line with the original SEN delegated lump sum formula and therefore schools will not experience significant swings in regards to their budgets. It was therefore viewed as the fairest method.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The proposal is cost neutral.

**CONSULTEES:**

All Head teachers of Monmouthshire Schools

Chairs of Governing Bodies of Monmouthshire Schools

The Schools Budget Forum

The Senior Management Team, the Departmental Management Team of the Children and Young People Directorate,

Diocesan Directors of Education

All Elected Members.

Children and Young People Select Committee

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**INTEREST DECLARED:**

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**SUBJECT: SALE OF OLD COUNTY HALL SITE, CROESYCEILIOG**

**DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: NOT APPLICABLE**

**PURPOSE:**

To jointly approve with Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) the terms and conditions of sale of the old county hall site in Croesyceiliog.

**DECISION:**

1. That the terms and conditions of sale proposed in the attached report, specifically Section 12 (Appendix 1) be approved.
2. Within the constraints of the financial tolerances described within the attached report (Appendix 1), that any further decisions necessary to make progress with the sale be delegated to the Head of Operations (Monmouthshire County Council representative on the joint officer working group) and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s).
3. That Chief Officers in consultation with Cabinet Member, satisfy themselves that the Section 106 agreement is fair to both landowners.

## **REASONS:**

1. The preparation of the site for disposal has progressed within the approvals previously granted by the two authorities. However we are now at the stage where further approval is required by the two authorities to proceed with the sale of the site in line with the attached report (prepared by TCBC officers).
2. At the outset it was agreed in principle that it was in the best interest of both authorities that they act jointly in managing the disposal of the site. To complete the sale both authorities are again asked to approve common recommendation(s) so the same report is being presented for approval to each authority (TCBC Cabinet will consider the report on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015).

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As detailed within the body of the report (appendix 1).

The receipt value assumed with the capital budget forecast is £1.5m.

The demolition and preparation of the site, coupled with ongoing costs such as security has been funded separately by the two authorities. Costs incurred are £422,587(revenue) and 1,681,205 (capital) both of which fall within the approved budgets.

## **CONSULTEES:**

SLT  
Cabinet Members

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**INTEREST DECLARED:**

None

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