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Tuesday, 22 February 2022

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance** on **Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022**, at **3.00 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To consider the following reports (Copies attached):
 - i. **EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE (EAS) BUSINESS PLAN (2022-2025)** 1 - 54
Division/wards affected: All

Purpose: This report seeks agreement from members for the EAS Business Plan 2022-2025.

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 - ii. **REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22 FORECAST OUTTURN STATEMENT - MONTH 9** 55 - 112
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To provide Members with an updated forecast of the revenue and capital outturn position for the current financial year.

This report will also be considered by Select Committees as part of their responsibility to,

- assess whether effective budget monitoring is taking place,

- monitor the extent to which budgets are spent in accordance with agreed budget and policy framework,
- challenge the reasonableness of projected over or underspends, and
- monitor the achievement of predicted efficiency gains or progress in relation to savings proposals.

To provide an update on the financial impact of Covid-19 on the Council.

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iii. **Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23 - Final proposals following scrutiny and public consultation**

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308

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To update Cabinet with the consultation responses to the draft budget proposals issued by them on the 19th January in respect of the Capital and Revenue budgets for 2022/23.

To update members with implications arising from the Provisional Local Government Settlement announcement of the Welsh Government as well as providing update with regards to the awaited Final Settlement announcement.

To make recommendations to Council on the Capital and Revenue budgets and level of Council Tax for 2022/23.

To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Prudential Indicator calculations for capital financing.

To receive the statutory report of the Responsible Financial Officer on the budget process and the adequacy of reserves.

Authors:

Peter Davies – Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Officer for Resources (S151 officer)

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- iv. **HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND - Funding Agreement for £5.21m from the Cardiff Capital Region** 309 - 328

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Cabinet for Monmouthshire County Council to enter into a funding agreement jointly with Vistry Group for £5.21 million Housing Investment Fund from the Cardiff Capital Region.

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- v. **UPDATE ON UK GOVERNMENT LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER AND SHARED PROSPERITY FUND PRE-LAUNCH GUIDANCE** 329 - 350

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To receive an update on the UK Government Levelling Up Fund, Levelling Up White Paper and UK Shared Prosperity Fund Pre-Launch Guidance.

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- vi. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS FORMULA** 351 - 386

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To seek cabinet approval to amend the funding formula for delegating funds to schools to support pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).

Author: Nikki Wellington – Support Services Manager CYP

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- vii. **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022-27** 387 - 516

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To inform Members of the current situation regarding childcare in Monmouthshire.

To fulfil our statutory duty to complete a detailed Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) every five years.

To identify any potential gaps in childcare provision or barriers preventing

families from accessing childcare and to develop an action plan to address these issues.

Author: Sue Hall - Early Years Manager

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viii. **CHEPSTOW SCHOOL AND LEISURE CENTRE OUTDOOR PLAYING FACILITIES AND PITCHES** 517 - 562

Division/Wards Affected: All Chepstow Wards

Purpose: To seek Cabinet approval to progress to full application and acceptance of the Sport Wales and Football Association of Wales WG Development grants programme for funding to upgrade the outdoor playing facilities and pitches at Chepstow Comprehensive School and Leisure Centre and to receive an update on further investment into the Leisure Centre facilities.

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ix. **ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRESS AND FUNDING OVERVIEW** 563 - 620

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To update cabinet on the Active Travel progress and whole funding overview

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x. **CASTLE DELL PLAY AREA, CHEPSTOW** 621 - 640

Division/Wards Affected: All Chepstow Wards

Purpose: To seek Cabinet approval to submit an application to the People and Places Programme of the Big Lottery for funding to upgrade the children's play area at Castle Dell Chepstow.

Author: Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

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xi. **ABERGAVENTNY VELO PARK** 641 - 660

Division/Wards Affected: Abergavenny and Llanfoist Wards

Purpose: To receive an update on the Abergavenny Velo Park project and to commit S106 capital resources to the project in 2022/23.

Author: Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

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- xii. **2022/23 EDUCATION AND WELSH CHURCH TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENT AND FUND STRATEGIES** 661 - 702
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present to Cabinet for approval the 2022/23 Investment and Fund strategy for Trust Funds for which the Authority acts as sole or custodian trustee for adoption and to approve the 2022/23 grant allocation to Local Authority beneficiaries of the Welsh Church Fund.

Authors: Dave Jarrett – Senior Accountant Business Support
Nicola Wellington – Children & Young People Finance Manager

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- xiii. **WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP** 703 - 716
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group Meeting 8 held on the 27th January 2022.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Richard John	<p>Leader Lead Officer – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation CCR Joint Cabinet & Regional development Regional working Government relations LGA, WLGA and Public Service Board lead</p>	Mitchel Troy
Sara Jones	<p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Deputy Leader Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien</p> <p>Economic resilience and growth Place-making and Regeneration Town Centre investment and stewardship Development Management and Building Control Public relations / communications / marketing Skills and Employment Community broadband connectivity</p>	Llanover
Robert Greenland	<p>Cabinet Member for Governance & Strategic Planning, Deputy Leader Lead Officers – Frances O’Brien, Matthew Phillips, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Local Development Plan and Strategic Development Plan Council and Executive decision-making Constitution review and implementation of change Law, ethics and standards Democracy promotion and citizen engagement Community Hubs and Contact Centre Whole authority customer service and experience</p>	Devauden
Philip Murphy	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Frances O’Brien, Matthew Phillips, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Finance Digital and Information technology (including SRS) Human Resources, Payroll, Health and Safety Emergency Planning Strategic Procurement Land and Buildings (including - Estate, Cemeteries, Allotments, Farms) Fleet Management</p>	Caerwent

	<p>School and Community Transport (including commissioning and delivery) Property Maintenance Facilities Management (including Building Cleaning and Catering)</p>	
Paul Pavia	<p>Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Early Years education All age statutory education Additional learning needs / Inclusion Post 16 entitlement / offer School Standards & Improvement (incl Education Achievement Service commissioning) Community learning 21st Century Schools Programme Youth service / Outdoor Education Service / Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme</p>	Larkfield
Lisa Dymock	<p>Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Social Justice Lead Officers – Frances O'Brien, Ian Saunders, Jane Rodgers, Matt Gatehouse</p> <p>Community inequality (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation) Advancement of the welsh language Housing Strategy, delivery /Homelessness prevention Trading standards / Environmental Health / Animal Welfare / Public Health / Licensing Community safety (including Police liaison) Registrars Service Physical activity (including Leisure centres, Sport, Active travel, Play) Countryside, biodiversity, public rights of way Tourist Information /Museums / Theatre / Attractions</p>	The Elms
Penny Jones	<p>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children's services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending Service Adult Services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental Health</p>	Raglan

Jane Pratt	<p>Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services – Jane Pratt Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Whole authority climate change / decarbonisation lead Strategic Integrated Transport (including transport planning) Traffic network management (including road safety, car parking & civil enforcement) Public Transport Highways – County Operations / South Wales Trunk Road Authority (SWTRA) Waste collection / Recycling / Street Cleansing / Street Lighting Grounds Maintenance, parks, open spaces and public conveniences Flood alleviation, management and recovery</p>	Llanelly Hill
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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

