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Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Council Chamber, County Hall, Usk** on **Wednesday, 19th February, 2025,** at **4.30 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Feedback from Performance & Overview Scrutiny Committee - 11th August 2025 — 1 - 4

4. To consider the following reports (Copies attached):

   i. **UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26** — 5 - 32
   Wards Affected: All
   Purpose: To inform Cabinet of UK Governments one-year extension to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and seek approval for the granting of investment from UKSPF for 2025/26 to projects listed in Appendix one of this report
   Author: Will McLean, Chief Officer Learning, Skills and Economy
   Hannah Jones, Head of Economy, Employment and Skills
   Contact Details: willmclean@monmouthshire.gov.uk
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   ii. **2024/25 Revenue Budget - Financial Update** — 33 - 88
   Division/Wards Affected: N/A
   Purpose: To provide Cabinet with an update of the progress against the Councils revenue budget for the 2024/25 financial year.
   Author: Jonathan Davies, Head of Finance
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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

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CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	**Leader** Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation, including DDAT Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships including CJCs. PSBs and cross boarder Emergency Planning	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	**Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader** Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor Economic Strategy Skills and Employment Replacement Local Development Plan Placemaking and the development of market and affordable housing Placemaking and Transforming Towns Car parking and civil parking enforcement Development Management Building Control	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	**Cabinet Member for Resources** Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Revenue and Benefits Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Strategic procurement	Llanfoist & Govilon
Martyn Groucutt	**Cabinet Member for Education** Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement	Lansdown

	Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport	
Ian Chandler	**Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services** Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers Children's services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health Wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health provision	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	**Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment** Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders Decarbonisation Transport Planning Highways and MCC Fleet Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces and parks Pavements and Back lanes Flood Alleviation Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and River health	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	**Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement** Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Ian Saunders, Jane Rogers, James Williams Community development, inequality and poverty (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation and cost of living crisis) Citizen engagement and democracy promotion including working with voluntary organisations Citizen experience - community hubs, contact centre, and customer service and registrars, communications, public relations and marketing Leisure centres, play and sport Public conveniences Electoral Services and constitution review Ethics and standards Welsh Language Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Public Protection, and Licencing	Magor East with Undy

Sara Burch	**Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing & Tourism** Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture Homelessness, Temporary accommodation, private sector housing, (empty homes leasing schemes, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive technology), Allocation of social housing Broadband connectivity Active Travel Countryside Access and Rights of Way Tourism Development and Cultural Services	Cantref

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

To become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

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.