

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG****DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 21 May 2025****DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 30th May 2025**

Decisions made by full cabinet and individual cabinet members are subject to “Call-in” by the appropriate Select Committee. Should a decision be subject to call-in it will not take effect as stated above and will be presented again at a later date.

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Paul Griffiths, Laura Wright, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler, Ben Callard and Sara Burch

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John and John Crook

OFFICERS PRESENT

Paul Matthews, Peter Davies, Matthew Gatehouse, James Williams, Daniel Fordham, Nick John, Cath Fallon, Hannah Jones, Nicholas Keyse, Stacey Jones, Craig O'Connor and Matt Lewis

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	PLACEMAKING GRANT PROGRAMME 2025/26-2026/27	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees the proposed indicative Placemaking Grant programme for delivery in 2025/26 and 2026/27, and authorises the Chief Officer, Place, to prioritise and adjust the programme as needed in liaison with the Cabinet Member and informed by consultation with local placemaking steering and delivery groups.
Additional Information:				
4	ACTIVE GWENT SPORT PARTNERSHIP REPORT	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approves Monmouthshire sport development to formally enter the Active Gwent sport partnership.• Approves the preferred approach of a hosted model of the Sport Partnership in the Gwent region.• Approves the support for Newport City Council to act as the host authority for the new Active Gwent Sports Partnership.
Additional Information:				
5	MARCHES FORWARD PARTNERSHIP	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Marches Proposition - Appendix One, as the agreed vision and

				<p>collective ambition for the Marches Forward Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The establishment of light touch governance arrangements, through the establishment of a Partnership Board, set out in Appendix Two of the Marches Proposition as a basis for collective delivery and resourcing. The Partnership will focus on the immediate delivery of agreed priorities around environment, health, transport and food production. An evaluation of the Partnership's progress in twelve months' time, to satisfy itself of the Partnership's ability to move from concept to delivery and offer longer term, tangible benefits to the County.
Additional Information:				
6	DIGITAL, DATA AND TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To begin the process of transitioning towards a shared service model for digital and data in collaboration with Torfaen County Borough Council and Blaenau Gwent County Borough, as part of an expanded role for the Shared Resource Service (SRS). For the authority's digital team to begin working alongside partner organisations at the earliest opportunity, with a target for the team to transfer to the SRS no later than 1st April 2026, subject to the conclusion of staff and trade union consultation. This would be done in accordance with The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. To agree that the current digital service budget be used to enable the delivery of the new shared service. To prepare an investment case for a modern data service operating across three authorities, to be considered by the SRS Strategic Board in the first instance, being clear where the initial investment is best focused. That Cabinet recommend that £77,017 is drawn from the ICT reserve to fund the costs during year one of the collaboration (2025-26). This will include additional funding for the shared digital team and the costs of a new data post to ensure that Monmouthshire can participate fully in, and capitalise from, the embryonic data service from day one. To revisit the potential to enter collaborative arrangements in relation to information security at a later stage following the completion of further work which will be reported to the SRS Strategic Board in the coming months.
Additional Information:				
7	Y PRENTIS - SHARED CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the following:</p> <p>(i) the cessation of Y Prentis joint shareholders Melin Homes/Hedyn and Monmouthshire County Council (MCC). Melin Homes provide support and</p>

				<p>management services for Y Prentis for an annual fee.</p> <p>(ii) Y Prentis becomes a project within the Cyfle company and all undertakings to be transferred to Cyfle.</p> <p>(iii) Monmouthshire County Council Officer has a seat on the Cyfle Directors Board to provide future updates to Scrutiny committee and Cabinet.</p>
Additional Information:				
8	LETTING OF THE FORMER ABERGAVENNY LIBRARY	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet agrees the following:</p> <p>(i) To award the lease tender to Monmouthshire Muslim Community Association.</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Chief Officer for Resources to negotiate the lease in accordance with the tender award.</p>
Additional Information:				