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Tuesday, 24 February 2026

Dear Councillor

## CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Steve Greenslade Room, County Hall, Usk** on **Wednesday, 4th March, 2026**, at **4.30 pm**.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Consideration of reports from Scrutiny Committees 1 - 10
4. CASTLEWOOD - LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP FUTURE USE 11 - 32

Division/Wards Affected: Usk and adjoining areas

Purpose: To approve the purchase of a Low Cost Home Ownership (LCHO) property at Castlewood, Usk, NP15 1SR following receipt of the owner's intent to sell.

To approve utilising a proportion of the sale proceeds from 21 Castlewood to cover essential works that were directly attributable to the sale of 21 Castlewood.

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5. DERI VIEW REFURBISHMENT 33 - 50

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: This report seeks Cabinet approval for additional funding to address essential health and safety works at the former Deri View Primary School, ensuring the building is ready for Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni to occupy in September 2026.

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6. DRAFT MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL GROWTH FUND (LGF) INVESTMENT PLAN 26/27 51 - 74

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To inform Cabinet of the UK Government's new Local Growth Fund (LGF) and seek approval for the granting of investment from LGF for 2026/27 to projects listed in Appendix One of this report.

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7. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2026/27 - FINAL PROPOSALS FOLLOWING SCRUTINY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION 75 - 220

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To update Cabinet with the consultation responses to the draft budget proposals issued by them on the 21st of January 2026 in respect of the Capital and Revenue budgets for 2026/27.

To make recommendations to Council on the Capital and Revenue budgets including the level of Council Tax for 2026/27.

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

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

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Yours sincerely,

**Paul Matthews**  
**Chief Executive**

### CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	<p><b>Leader</b> Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean</p> <p>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 CJsCs. PSBs and cross boarder Emergency Planning</p>	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b> Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor</p> <p>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</p>	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Resources</b> Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse</p> <p>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</p>	Llanfoist & Govilon
Laura Wright	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education</b> Lead Officers – Will McLean, Deb Hill-Howells</p> <p>Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement</p>	Grofield

	<p>Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport</p>	
Ian Chandler	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services</b> Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children’s services Fostering &amp; 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</p>	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b> Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O’Connor,</p> <p>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</p>	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement</b> Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Paul Matthews, Jane Rodgers, James Williams</p> <p>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</p>	Magor East with Undy

Sara Burch	<b>Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing &amp; Tourism</b> Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Jane Rodgers  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
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## 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.

