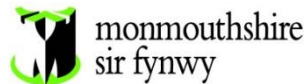


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Notice of meeting

Public Services Scrutiny Committee

**Monday, 27th July, 2026 at 10.00 am,
The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr ,Usk, NP15 1GA**

Please note that a pre meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting for members of the committee.

AGENDA

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1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest.	
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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

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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.

Role of the Pre-meeting

1. Why is the Committee scrutinising this? (background, key issues)
 2. What is the Committee's role and what outcome do Members want to achieve?
 3. Is there sufficient information to achieve this? If not, who could provide this?
- Agree the order of questioning and which Members will lead
 - Agree questions for officers and questions for the Cabinet Member

Questions for the Meeting

Scrutinising Performance

1. How does performance compare with previous years? Is it better/worse? Why?
2. How does performance compare with other councils/other service providers? Is it better/worse? Why?
3. How does performance compare with set targets? Is it better/worse? Why?
4. How were performance targets set? Are they challenging enough/realistic?
5. How do service users/the public/partners view the performance of the service?
6. Have there been any recent audit and inspections? What were the findings?
7. How does the service contribute to the achievement of corporate objectives?
8. Is improvement/decline in performance linked to an increase/reduction in resource? What capacity is there to improve?

Scrutinising Policy

1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least?
2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? What consultation has been undertaken? Did the consultation process comply with the Gunning Principles? Do stakeholders believe it will achieve the desired outcome?
3. What is the view of the community as a whole - the 'taxpayer' perspective?
4. What methods were used to consult with stakeholders? Did the process enable all those with a stake to have their say?
5. What practice and options have been considered in developing/reviewing this policy? What evidence is there to inform what works? Does the policy relate to an area where there is a lack of published research or other evidence?
6. Does the policy relate to an area where there are known inequalities?
7. Does this policy align to our corporate objectives, as defined in our corporate plan? Does it adhere to our Welsh Language Standards?

	8. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications 9. been taken into consideration? For example, what are the procedures that need to be in place to protect children? 10. 11. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified? 12. 13. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated
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General Questions:

Empowering Communities

- How are we involving local communities and empowering them to design and deliver services to suit local need?
- Do we have regular discussions with communities about service priorities and what level of service the council can afford to provide in the future?
- Is the service working with citizens to explain the role of different partners in delivering the service, and managing expectations?
- Is there a framework and proportionate process in place for collective performance assessment, including from a citizen's perspective, and do you have accountability arrangements to support this?
- Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out? If so, can the Leader and Cabinet/Senior Officers provide members with copies and a detailed explanation of the EQIA conducted in respect of these proposals?
- Can the Leader and Cabinet/Senior Officers assure members that these proposals comply with Equality and Human Rights legislation? Do the proposals comply with the Local Authority's Strategic Equality Plan?

Service Demands

- How will policy and legislative change affect how the council operates?
- Have we considered the demographics of our council and how this will impact on service delivery and funding in the future?
- Have you identified and considered the long-term trends that might affect your service area, what impact these trends could have on your service/your service could have on these trends, and what is being done in response?

Financial Planning

- Do we have robust medium and long-term financial plans in place?
- Are we linking budgets to plans and outcomes and reporting effectively on these?

Making savings and generating income

- Do we have the right structures in place to ensure that our efficiency, improvement and transformational approaches are working together to maximise savings?

- How are we maximising income?
- Have we compared other council's policies to maximise income and fully considered the implications on service users?
- Do we have a workforce plan that takes into account capacity, costs, and skills of the actual versus desired workforce?

Questions to ask within a year of the decision:

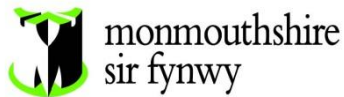
- Were the intended outcomes of the proposal achieved or were there other results?
- Were the impacts confined to the group you initially thought would be affected i.e. older people, or were others affected e.g. people with disabilities, parents with young children?
- Is the decision still the right decision or do adjustments need to be made?

Questions for the Committee to conclude...

Do we have the necessary information to form conclusions/make recommendations to the executive, council, other partners? If not, do we need to:

- (i) Investigate the issue in more detail?
- (ii) Obtain further information from other witnesses – Executive Member, independent expert, members of the local community, service users, regulatory bodies...

Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report...



SUBJECT: BEST START IN LIFE UPDATE

MEETING: PUBLIC SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 27TH JULY 2026

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with an overview of the emerging Gwent Public Services Board Best Start in Life priorities and to outline how these six priorities are being delivered through existing Early Years and Flying Start services within Monmouthshire.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members scrutinise the performance of the Council's Flying Start and Early Years Services in providing intensive support within core Flying Start areas, and universally across the local authority, to reduce inequalities and support children and families with the greatest levels of need.
- 2.2 That the Committee recognises the challenges and progress made in expanding the Flying Start childcare offer across Monmouthshire and the future challenges associated with achieving a fully universal offer and makes any recommendations as appropriate.

3. KEY ISSUES:

3.1 Background

The Gwent Public Services Board is developing a regional Best Start in Life approach which recognises the critical importance of pregnancy and early childhood in determining lifelong outcomes for children and families.

The six proposed priorities focus on:

- Planning the best pregnancy for me and my family.
- Building strong emotional and mental health for me and my family.
- Supporting my family with my development from baby to child to help me be ready to start school.
- Ensuring my home is warm, safe and secure for me and my family.
- Helping my family maximise their income to meet my needs.

- Helping me and my family access high-quality, inclusive childcare.

These priorities align strongly with services already delivered within Monmouthshire through Flying Start, Children and Communities grant, Early Years, Health and partner agencies.

3.2 Legacy of the Early Years Integration and Transformation Programme

Monmouthshire's current approach to supporting families in the first 1,000 days has been significantly shaped by the Early Years Integration and Transformation Programme (EYITP).

A key legacy of this programme has been the development of a universal First 1,000 Days offer based upon the principle that every family should be able to access the right support, at the right time, and at the appropriate level of intervention.

Access to support is coordinated through the Early Years and Parenting Support Panel. Referrals can be made by professionals or directly by parents, ensuring that families can access support swiftly and without unnecessary barriers.

Families can begin receiving support during the antenatal period through:

- Flying Start led universal antenatal programmes and support, promoted and supported by ABUHB's midwifery services.
- Group-based interventions.
- Individual support where required.

Following birth, families can access:

- Infant feeding support groups.
- Baby groups.
- Home-based support.
- Parent and child activity groups.
- Evidence based parenting programmes.
- Speech, language and communication activities.
- Targeted and bespoke family support interventions.

This integrated approach enables support needs to be identified early and ensures families receive timely intervention before difficulties escalate.

3.3 Flying Start Delivery Within the First 1,000 Days

Within Monmouthshire, the priorities relating to pregnancy, family wellbeing and child development during the first 1,000 days are delivered primarily through the Flying Start service. Flying Start continues to provide intensive support in core Flying Start areas through an integrated model incorporating:

- Health Visiting.
- Parenting support.
- Infant feeding.
- Attachment.
- Family support.
- Speech, language and communication interventions.
- Child development support.
- Dads Advisors.

The service operates through a "team around the family" approach, ensuring support is coordinated across agencies and tailored to "what matters" to individual family circumstances.

Parenting support is available universally, with one-to-one support available where families require additional assistance.

Monmouthshire has also strengthened universal support for fathers and male carers through the employment of three dedicated Dads Advisors. These roles promote the importance of positive father involvement in child development, attachment, play and early educational attainment and provide targeted support to improve engagement with services. This support extends beyond the early years when required.

3.4 Supporting Speech, Language and Communication Development

Speech, language and communication development remains a key priority within the early years offer. Universal parent and child activity groups are available to all families and are enhanced where additional developmental needs are identified. These groups form an important part of Monmouthshire's Speech and Language Pathway and aim to ensure children receive appropriate support before referral to specialist Speech and Language Therapy services becomes necessary. This graduated response supports earlier intervention and promotes improved school readiness outcomes.

3.5 Supporting Young Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities

Monmouthshire Flying Start delivers a registered Portage Service for young children with diagnosed disabilities and additional developmental needs. Portage provides intensive home-based support, helping families to develop children's skills through structured play and learning opportunities tailored to individual developmental needs. The service works closely with:

Health Visitors.

Speech and Language Therapists.

Occupational Therapists.

Physiotherapists.

Monmouthshire County Council's Early Years ALN Team

Early Years providers.

This collaborative model ensures that children with complex needs, and their family receive coordinated support at the earliest possible stage. A challenge within the current model is that Portage provision is funded through Flying Start resources and is therefore only available within designated Flying Start areas. Whilst need is not determined by geography, current capacity and funding arrangements do not allow county-wide delivery. As demand for specialist early intervention continues to grow, consideration will need to be given to how equitable access can be achieved whilst maintaining service quality and sustainability.

3.6 High Quality, Inclusive Childcare

High quality, inclusive childcare is one of the six Best Start in Life priorities. Monmouthshire currently operates four local authority-led Flying Start childcare settings located in the core Flying Start target areas:

- Abergavenny
- Monmouth
- Chepstow
- Caldicot

These settings provide high-quality childcare within communities where children and families are more likely to require enhanced support. Within Core Flying Start areas, childcare is not viewed as a standalone service. Rather, childcare acts as the centrepiece of the wider Flying Start intervention model and serves as a key route through which families engage with support services.

The childcare offer is strengthened through close integration with:

- Health Visiting.
- Parenting support.
- Family support.
- Speech and language interventions.
- Developmental support services.

This creates a coordinated "team around the family" approach with childcare acting as a key point of engagement and early identification. The settings are also a key component within the Flying Start Hubs where they are situated.

3.7 Expansion of the Flying Start Childcare Offer

As part of the phased rollout of Flying Start expansion, all childcare settings across Monmouthshire are now registered to provide Flying Start funded childcare. The expansion programme has prioritised those children who were least likely to access childcare before nursery education. This targeted approach has sought to ensure that available funding delivers the greatest possible impact by reaching children who may otherwise miss opportunities to develop communication skills, social skills and school

readiness. The rollout has presented several challenges including provider capacity, eligibility criteria and ensuring equitable access across communities.

Additional funding available from September will enable Monmouthshire to begin the process of extending Flying Start childcare funding towards a universal offer for all two-year-olds. However, achieving a fully universal offer remains dependent upon continued Welsh Government investment.

Should funding continue, future aspirations include:

- Universal access for all eligible two-year-olds.
- Expansion to the full entitlement of 20 hours childcare per week for 48 weeks per year.
- Extension of eligibility to children from nine months of age to 4 years of age.

3.8 Protecting Core Flying Start Provision

Whilst childcare provision is expanding across the county, protecting childcare provision within Core Flying Start areas will remain a priority. Children attending the four local authority-led Flying Start settings are more likely to be living in communities with higher levels of disadvantage and are more likely to require the additional developmental, family or wellbeing support.

These settings, and the Flying Start Hubs they are within, have developed strong relationships within the community, wider Flying Start services, other Children and Communities Grant projects, Social Services etc, and act as hubs for integrated family support within the early years.

As childcare provision becomes increasingly universal, it will be important to ensure that resources are not diluted within communities where the need for intensive intervention remains greatest. Maintaining this balance between universal provision and targeted support will be essential in reducing inequalities and delivering positive outcomes for children and families.

3.9 Childcare Development and Quality Improvement

Responsibility for the strategic development of childcare places, childcare sufficiency, quality improvement activity and the development of additional childcare provision sits within Monmouthshire's wider Early Years and Childcare Team.

This includes supporting:

- The sustainability of childcare provision.
- Childcare Sufficiency.
- Development of new childcare places.
- Continuous quality improvement.
- Workforce development.

- Expansion of Welsh-medium childcare opportunities.
- Healthy and Sustainable Pre-Schools
- Early Years Additional Learning Needs

Increasing Welsh-language childcare provision remains a key priority, supporting both parental choice and Monmouthshire's wider Welsh language ambitions. Monmouthshire County Council's Flying Start childcare settings are all working towards bi-lingual levels of Welsh language.

Flying Start will continue to work closely with the wider Early Years Team and childcare sector to support the needs of Monmouthshire's youngest children as they commence their childcare journey.

Flying Start will continue to provide expertise and training as required in:

- Child development.
- Parental engagement.
- Speech, language and communication development.
- Family support and early intervention.

This partnership approach ensures that childcare expansion is underpinned by a strong understanding of child development and family support needs.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

The Best Start in Life priorities are expected to have significant positive impacts on children and families, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, poverty or additional needs. The approach supports prevention and early intervention by ensuring families can access support from pregnancy onwards. Positive impacts are anticipated in relation to child development, school readiness, emotional wellbeing, safeguarding, educational outcomes and family resilience.

The continued expansion of childcare provision improves accessibility for families whilst maintaining targeted interventions for communities with greater levels of need.

The proposals support the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act by promoting prevention, collaboration, integration and long-term planning. The approach contributes towards reducing inequalities and supporting healthier, more resilient communities.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

- 5.1 Option 1 (Preferred):** Continue to deliver services through the integrated First 1,000 Days model, combining universal, targeted and intensive interventions.

Benefits:

- Supports prevention and early intervention.
- Builds upon established partnership arrangements.
- Aligns with Best Start in Life priorities.
- Maintains targeted support for families with greater levels of need.

Option 2: Maintain separate service delivery arrangements with limited integration between services, and strict adherence to the geographical nature of the Flying Start model.

Reasons not preferred:

- Reduced opportunities for early identification of need.
- Increased risk of duplication.
- Less effective coordination for families requiring support from multiple services.
- Families with comparable needs may not receive the support they require if they live outside a Flying Start area, creating an inequity in access based on location

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 Progress will be monitored through:

- Flying Start performance measures.
- Childcare uptake data.
- Parenting programme engagement.
- Speech, language and communication outcomes.
- Family feedback.
- Portage service outcomes.
- Early Years and Parenting Support Panel activity.

7. REASONS:

7.1 To provide Members with an overview of the emerging Best Start in Life priorities and demonstrate how Monmouthshire's Flying Start and early years services contribute to improving outcomes for children and families from pregnancy through to school age.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 Current delivery of the universal First 1000 days offer, is supported through the Welsh Government's Flying Start funding which forms part of the wider Children and Communities Grant.

8.2 The expansion of the Flying Start two-year-old childcare offer is funded by the Welsh Government Flying Start funding, alongside additional Welsh Government childcare

funding for the three-year-old childcare offer. The Early Years ALN and Childcare team receive funding from the Children and Communities Grant disability element, the Flying Start grant, and core Early Years funding.

- 8.3 The continued expansion of the Flying Start childcare programme, including future ambitions for universal provision, increased hours and reduced age eligibility, remains dependent upon ongoing Welsh Government funding.
- 8.4 Resource implications will continue to be assessed as funding arrangements and programme requirements evolve.

9. CONSULTEES:

Early Years Team
Flying Start Team
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Gwent Public Services Board representatives
Childcare providers
Parenting Support Services

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- 10.1 <https://www.gov.wales/flying-start-statistics>
- 10.2 <https://www.gov.wales/flying-start-childcare-guidance-html>
- 10.3 https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2024-05/flying-start-speech-language-communication-guidance_0.pdf
- 10.4 <https://www.portage.org.uk/about/what-portage>

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Monmouthshire Select Committee Minutes

Meeting of Public Services Scrutiny Committee held at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr ,Usk, NP15 1GA on Monday, 8th June, 2026 at 10.00 am

Councillors Present

County Councillor Armand Watts (Chair)

County Councillors: Steven Garratt, Meirion Howells, Penny Jones, Tony Kear, Malcolm Lane, Dale Rooke, Frances Taylor, , John Crook, Louise Brown, Jayne McKenna, Maria Stevens, Sara Burch, Catrin Maby and Paul Pavia

Officers in Attendance

Hazel Ilett, Scrutiny Manager
Robert McGowan, Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Jonathan Hill
Deb Hill-Howells, Chief Officer Infrastructure

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jill Bond

1. Election of Chair

Councillor Watts was proposed by Councillor Crook, seconded by Councillor Howells. Councillor Watts was elected Chair.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Councillor Penny Jones was proposed by Councillor Howells, seconded by Councillor Crook. Councillor Jones was elected Vice-Chair.

3. Apologies for Absence

Jill Bond, substituted by John Crook.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Public Open Forum

None.

6. National Highways: Update on the Severn Bridge Heavy Goods Vehicles Restrictions - Presentation by National Highways to provide a 6 monthly progress update

Jonathan Hill delivered a presentation and answered the members' questions with Alan Feist, Cabinet Member Catrin Maby and Deb Hill-Howells:

- *What consideration has been given to the impact on Magor Roundabout (Junction 23A), as it was not covered in the presentation but is a key part of the traffic network?*

Magor Roundabout is not part of the National Highways network, as responsibility ends at the eastern extent of the bridge. However, its importance is recognised and National Highways funded the signalisation of the roundabout to help mitigate impacts. Ongoing engagement is taking place with Welsh Government, Monmouthshire County Council and other partners, and councillors will be kept informed through those channels.

- *Where will HGVs be stacked under the proposed system, and will this create congestion around junctions or local areas?*

There is no expectation of significant stacking under the proposed system. The design means traffic signals will remain green most of the time, allowing HGVs to move continuously. Any queuing will be minimal, typically only two or three vehicles on slip roads, and large-scale holding of vehicles is not anticipated as the system is designed to manage incidents rather than routine traffic flow.

- *What happens when the bridge is closed – will the system still prevent congestion and stacking?*

In the event of a bridge closure, there will still be significant congestion, similar to current situations. The proposed system is not designed to manage the wider network impacts of closures but is intended to allow HGVs to use the bridge safely when it is open and to reduce the economic impact of the weight restrictions.

- *How is the wider network, particularly Magor Roundabout, being considered within the overall solution given its direct connection to Junctions 1 and 2?*

National Highways is aware of the interdependence between their network and surrounding routes, including Magor Roundabout. Regular communication takes place with Welsh Government and other stakeholders through operational discussions and a stakeholder steering group. While responsibility for the roundabout lies elsewhere, National Highways is actively engaged and will continue to share information to support coordinated decision-making.

- *Given the recent breaches of the weight limit at the Menai Bridge, are you liaising with the authority responsible, and are there any lessons you can learn from their experience when implementing your own technology?*

National Highways confirmed that they are aware of the issues at the Menai Bridge. They advised that the technology being used there differs from the one proposed for the Severn Bridge, but they will remain in contact and continue engagement through the stakeholder steering group to ensure that any relevant lessons are identified and taken into account.

- *What are the costs to date for this project, what is the estimated cost of the medium-term solution, and who is funding it?*

The costs incurred to date for the medium-term solution are approximately £1.5 million, covering feasibility work, detailed design and early procurement activity. The current estimated total cost for the medium-term solution is in the region of £23 million. This is being funded by National Highways through grant funding from the UK Government, with no specific funding currently allocated from Welsh Government, although they are supporting the legislative processes required on their side.

- *When you say the scheme represents value for money, can you explain what that means in practical terms?*

The value for money assessment is based on the economic benefits to traffic, particularly HGV movements, from being able to use the bridge instead of diverting. In broad terms, the analysis shows that the economic savings generated are greater than the cost of the scheme when assessed over a period of more than seven years. If the scheme operates for less than seven years, the value for money is less strong, but it is expected to be needed for longer than that.

- *What are the likely costs of the long-term solution, and are previous estimates of £300 million to £600 million still accurate?*

There is no updated estimate at present, as further feasibility work is ongoing. However, previous estimates for long-term remediation, such as cable augmentation, have been in the range of £300 million to £600 million. The current studies will refine these figures once technical options are further developed.

- *Who is expected to fund the long-term solution, particularly if costs are in the hundreds of millions?*

It is expected that funding would come through National Highways, which in turn is funded by the UK Government (Westminster).

- *What work is being done to assess the wider and immediate economic impacts, such as increased transport costs, congestion, tourism impacts, and pressures on alternative routes?*

There are effectively two business case processes. For the medium-term solution, a formal business case has already been developed and approved internally to secure funding, focusing primarily on economic benefits to traffic. For the long-term solution, an outline business case is currently being developed as part of the feasibility work and will follow Treasury Green Book methodology. This will include assessment of transport impacts, socioeconomic effects, land use and wider economic considerations. However, the detailed analysis of these broader impacts is part of the longer-term business case work and has not yet been completed.

- *Committee members would like to request sight of the business case for the medium-term solution and also the preliminary and full business cases for the longer-term solution.*

National Highways will need to check internally with their planning, economics and governance teams before confirming whether the business case documents can be shared, as there may be restrictions on their release.

- *Can Welsh Government be invited to attend the committee to provide an update on Junction 23A and its management?*

The Chair agreed with this request.

- *Why were local elected members not informed in advance about the installation of traffic signals at Magor Roundabout, and why was there no clear communication about how they would operate?*

National Highways acknowledged that, while there had been general reference to signalisation in earlier communications, there had not been sufficient communication about the timing and implementation. They accepted that communication could have been better and acknowledged this as a shortcoming.

- *Why are the signals at Junction 23A operating continuously, and why has there been limited movement analysis and slow progress in reviewing their impact?*

National Highways indicated that management of the junction sits with Welsh Government, but confirmed they would take away the concern about communication and the need for clearer information on timescales and management.

- *How can effective decisions be made when not all relevant stakeholders are present, given that issues extend beyond the National Highways network?*

National Highways acknowledged that they are only one stakeholder and are somewhat removed from certain aspects of the wider network. They reiterated that they are working closely with Welsh Government and other partners and recognised the importance of ensuring clearer communication and coordination across all parties.

- *What is the timeline for the crash barrier works at Junction 2, given the current 50mph restriction, and could this affect the implementation of the bridge plans if it continues beyond October?*

National Highways advised that the crash barrier works fall under the responsibility of Welsh Government and Sustrans rather than their own network. While they could not provide specific timescales, they confirmed that the work is being coordinated between National Highways and those organisations as part of wider planning activity, and that further detail would need to come from Welsh Government.

Councillor Maby, Cabinet Member:

Councillor Maby clarified that the issues raised – such as crash barriers, Junction 23A, and wider traffic management – are primarily matters for Welsh Government and Sustrans. She stated that the Council is actively seeking answers from Welsh Government, as they do not have direct control over those aspects. She also highlighted that MCC Highways is represented at Director level (via Debra Hill-Howells),

ensuring the Council is engaged in discussions even if it cannot provide definitive answers itself. She supported Councillor Taylor's concern that key stakeholders (particularly Welsh Government) were not present and therefore unable to answer questions fully. She stated that it reinforced the point that National Highways and the Council cannot account for all issues, as responsibility is split across multiple organisations, particularly in relation to Councillor Rooke's question regarding crash barrier timelines by confirming that responsibility lies elsewhere.

Response - Deb Hill-Howells:

Deb acknowledged the growing frustration among members, particularly regarding the lack of clear responses on Junction 23A. She confirmed that she has been actively engaging with Welsh Government to obtain answers and is working to improve communication. She suggested arranging a tripartite meeting between National Highways, MCC, and Welsh Government could improve coordination and information sharing (**Action~ Deb HH**). She also explicitly stated that: It is appropriate that Welsh Government attend scrutiny to answer questions directly. The situation involves multiple agencies, and communication between them and with the public needs to improve.

- *Under the proposed system, how many HGVs or what level of demand would trigger the traffic signals, and how is that controlled?*

The system is designed to ensure that no more than approximately 10 HGVs are on the bridge at any one time. It uses a combination of weigh-in-motion sensors, ANPR cameras and real-time monitoring to track vehicles entering and leaving the bridge. The signals operate dynamically, with a response time of around 0.2 seconds, and will only turn red briefly if needed to maintain this limit, for example if a large group of vehicles arrives together.

- *How many HGVs could queue on the slip roads under the new system, and is there a risk of queues extending back onto the motorway or junction?*

The number of HGVs that could queue depends on the time of day and overall traffic conditions, as HGVs will be mixed with general traffic. Modelling suggests that typically around four or five HGVs could be accommodated on the slip roads before reaching the junction. However, this level of queuing is not expected to occur under normal conditions. The main risk of queuing arises during the morning peak, which is why an HGV restriction during that period is being proposed.

- *Is there an ongoing assessment of whether the M4 Prince of Wales Bridge has sufficient capacity to accommodate diverted HGV traffic?*

National Highways confirmed that they are satisfied that the Prince of Wales Bridge has sufficient capacity to handle HGV diversions. However, they noted that if additional traffic, such as private vehicles, were also diverted, it would not have sufficient capacity, which is why congestion occurs when the M48 bridge is closed.

- *What progress has been made on the M49 junction at Severnside, and will its opening reduce pressure on the M48 corridor?*

It was confirmed that the opening of the M49 junction would help reduce pressure on the M48, as it would allow traffic to access Avonmouth directly without needing to cross the bridge and return via Junction 1. This would reduce unnecessary movements on the M48. The link road associated with the junction is expected to open in spring next year.

- *When will the interactive traffic modelling tool be available, so that members can better understand how the system will work in practice?*

National Highways confirmed that they expect to have the interactive model available in July. They indicated that this will allow members to see how different vehicle movements operate at various junctions and times of day, and that it can be presented to the committee to help explain the system visually.

- *Can you explain, in simple terms, how the proposed system will work for both cars and HGVs travelling from the Chepstow area onto the motorway?*

It was explained that, under normal conditions, both cars and HGVs travelling from the local road network onto the M48 would generally experience a green signal and be able to proceed onto the motorway without delay. However, during the morning peak, HGVs may be required to divert via the M4 and Prince of Wales Bridge, while cars would continue to use the M48 as normal. Outside the peak period, both vehicle types would largely proceed without restriction, as traffic volumes are lower.

- *Can you explain how the system will work for vehicles, particularly cars and HGVs, exiting the motorway towards Chepstow?*

National Highways stated that car traffic exiting towards Chepstow would continue largely as it does now, using the existing slip roads and roundabouts without additional controls. HGVs, however, would be required to leave and rejoin the motorway at controlled points (such as Junction 1) where signals regulate their entry onto the bridge, although in most cases these signals would remain green.

- *How will the impact of the scheme on local traffic, particularly congestion in the Chepstow area, be monitored?*

It was confirmed that the system will include live monitoring capabilities, primarily focused on HGV movements, using technology such as ANPR and traffic sensors. In addition, post-implementation reviews will be carried out, particularly during the initial trial period of approximately three to six months. During this time, traffic conditions, including queue lengths and impacts on general traffic, will be monitored and adjustments can be made to the operation of the system to minimise negative impacts.

- *Are you proposing that additional HGV traffic will be diverted onto the M48 towards Magor Roundabout during the morning peak, potentially worsening existing congestion?*

No additional HGV traffic is being introduced compared to the current situation. During the morning peak (approximately 06:00–10:00), the existing arrangement will remain in place, meaning HGVs are already required to divert via the M4 and Prince of Wales

Bridge. The new system simply maintains this current restriction during those hours, rather than adding further traffic to that route.

- *Can you confirm that your modelling work has used the most up-to-date traffic data, including information held by Sustrans/Welsh Government on High Beech roundabout and the wider network?*

National Highways indicated that, to the best of their understanding, their modelling is based on a combination of traffic models and updated data. This includes traffic counts taken before and after the weight restriction was introduced, as well as data received from Sustrans/Welsh Government.

- *Are there broader lessons being learned from other bridge schemes across the country, and are experiences and technologies being shared so that different areas are not dealing with the same issues in isolation?*

National Highways advised that while there are other bridges facing similar challenges, this scheme is effectively one of the first of its kind. As a result, they are in a position of developing the approach ahead of others and will generate learning that can be applied elsewhere, rather than drawing extensively on established solutions from other locations.

- *Will National Highways be able to return in July to present the interactive model, so members can see how the system works in practice?*

National Highways confirmed that they would be willing to present the interactive model in July. They advised that they plan to hold user acceptance testing sessions during that period, including workshops with both the HGV industry and political representatives, and would be happy to present the model either to the Scrutiny Committee or to a wider group of members as part of those sessions (**Action: to arrange a workshop and invite all members**).

- *What should the public expect from this proposal, and what are the realistic longer-term options for the bridge (e.g. alternatives such as major reconstruction or new infrastructure)?*

National Highways advised that the medium-term solution will not resolve all existing traffic issues but is intended to provide a better balance for all users by allowing HGVs back onto the bridge in a controlled way. In terms of long-term options, they confirmed that a full evaluation process will be undertaken before any decisions are made, so no specific alternative solutions can be confirmed at this stage. However, early indications suggest that the most likely approach is cable augmentation (adding additional cables to strengthen the existing bridge), although this would be costly and require careful consideration by government.

- *Do you have a 'plan B', such as a new bridge or alternative solution, if the current approach does not work?*

National Highways did not set out a specific alternative proposal. They referred back to their earlier response, stating that any long-term solution, including options such as a

new bridge, would need to go through their formal evaluation process. As such, they cannot comment on specific alternatives at this stage until that process has been completed.

Chair's Summary:

The Chair thanked the guests and confirmed that a workshop would be arranged in the autumn to examine the modelling. He also advised that Welsh Government and SWTRA would be invited to a future meeting to discuss areas highlighted in the meeting that fall under their responsibility.

The Chair suggested a separate meeting outside of the formal scrutiny process be arranged with National Highways, with relevant members in South Gloucestershire invited so that both sides of the border could be involved in the discussion. There was a suggestion to invite the Transport Ministers and National Highways indicated they would be happy to assist in setting that up.

The Chair reminded the committee that a response had not been received from National Highways in relation to the Committee's recommendation that there is democratic elected membership of the Steering Group and he confirmed that he would be writing to the new Chief Executive to request a response. **(Action: Scrutiny Team to draft a letter to the CEO National Highways.**

7. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th April 2026

The minutes were confirmed, proposed by Councillor Howells and seconded by Councillor Jones.

8. Public Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

The committee acknowledged that items for future meetings hadn't confirmed dates due to ongoing difficulties in securing availability from external partners who are required to attend for key scrutiny topics.

Members suggested that the Aneurin Bevan Health Board should be invited back for a future session, particularly in light of leadership changes, a new chair and recent developments from the Welsh Health Minister, including policy changes (e.g. relating to waiting lists). It was suggested that inviting them later in the year (e.g. autumn) would allow time for the new leadership and policies to bed in, enabling a more meaningful discussion.

Members requested that a follow-up be scheduled on dental services.

9. Council and Cabinet Work Planner

Noted.

10. Next Meeting

27th July 2026 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at **11.48 am.**

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Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Public Services Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
27 th July 2026	Best Start in Life	Following regional scrutiny, to provide a shared understanding of priorities, consistent challenge and visibility of local impacts within each local authority area".	Beth Watkins Councillor Laura Wright	Progress Update
12 th October 2026	Police Resourcing and Community Safety	Invitation to the Chief Constable of Gwent Police	Chief Constable of Gwent Police	External Scrutiny
	Scrutiny of Dentistry Services	To receive an update on dentistry services from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB)	External Scrutiny
Special Meeting November TBC	Scrutiny of Dentistry Services	To receive an update on dentistry services from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB)	External Scrutiny

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Public Services Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
7 th December 2026	Regional Partnership Board Annual Report TBC ~ Invite P&O	Scrutiny of the activities of the Regional Partnership Board in delivering services for citizens in Monmouthshire.	Natasha Harris, Torfaen County Borough Council	Performance Monitoring
Special Meeting To be confirmed	Workshop on Prince of Wales Heavy Goods Vehicles Restrictions	To invite Jonathon Hill to present the modelling to members.	Jonathon Hill, National Highways	External Scrutiny
<i>To be confirmed</i>	Youth Offending Service	To consider the latest progress report on the Youth Offending Service, particularly how partners contribute and what it delivers for Monmouthshire.	Chesney Chick	Performance Monitoring
<i>To be confirmed</i>	Integrated Services Partnership Board	<i>To discuss the role and remit of the Integrated Services Partnership Board and how it delivers services in Monmouthshire.</i>		<i>Performance Review</i>
Items to consider for Inclusion: (Arising from Corporate and Community Plan)				
Progress the development of the new Magor and Undy Community Hub				

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Public Services Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
Invest in better bus infrastructure				
Work with the police, partners and communities to tackle anti-social behaviour				
To explore streams: Housing Social Grant, Substance Misuse Grants, to assess what they are delivering for Monmouthshire				

- Violence and Women ~ Scrutinize the delivery of the Gwent perpetrator assessment and the impact of inappropriate sexual behaviour among 10-17 year-olds. Address the increase in misogyny in schools, including the influence of figures like Andrew Tate.
- Flood Risk Management ~ Jointly with Place Scrutiny Committee, inviting National Resources Wales
- Public Transport and Accessibility: Assess the impact of dental service relocations on public transport accessibility for residents.

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- Update on the flying start ~ Update on the collaboration between health visitors and Sure Start, including changes in reporting structures and service provision.
- Request a comprehensive health update from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) (**in progress**), covering:
 - Holistic approach to supporting older people.
 - Primary and secondary care integration.
 - Resource, nurses, doctors, sustainability and retention.
 - Communication with the public on service provision.
 - Preventative services, colon tests, jabs.
 - Updates on specific projects like the Neville Hall Velindre satellite.
 - The uptake of preventative measures like vaccinations, especially among children.
 - Adult Mental Health Services ~ adult suicide
 - Care for people in the community with dementia, family support services.
- Community Policing ~ invite Police and Crime Commissioner ~ **in progress**
- Invite the Integrated Strategic Partnership Board to discuss dentistry and the flow of funds.

Action List for Public Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting:	18 th June 2026	
Minute:		Officer / Member
5	Heavy Goods Restrictions on M48 and Severn Bridge	(Action~ Deb and National Highways).
	To arrange a meeting between National Highways, MCC, and Welsh Government/Transport Ministers to improve coordination and information sharing. An invitation could be extended to relevant members in South Gloucestershire.	
	To arrange a workshop in the autumn with National Highways to discuss the modelling ~ invite all members).	Scrutiny Team
	To invite Welsh Government and SWTRA to a future Public Services Scrutiny meeting to discuss areas highlighted in the meeting that fall under their responsibility.	Scrutiny Team
6	Work Programme Discussion Summary:	
	To add an update on dentistry.	
	To add a future update from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board on hospital waiting lists. <u>Flood Risk:</u> Members of this committee will be invited to attend Place Scrutiny Committee when it is discussed.	

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Committee / Decision Maker	Meeting date / Decision due	Report Title	Cabinet member	Purpose	Author	Date item added to the planner
Cabinet	Deferred	Pavement Café Policy	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the pavement café policy as the basis for making decisions on applications for licences	Carl Touhig	4-Oct-22
Cabinet	07-Mar-28	Strategic Equality Plan	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To To seek Council approval of the Strategic Equality Plan 2028-2033 in line with the Public Sector Equality Duty	Pennie Walker	
Council	31-Mar-27	Welsh Language Strategy	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To approve the publication of the Welsh Language Strategy 2027 - 2032 in line with the Welsh Language Standards.	Pennie Walker	19-Feb-26
Council	05-Mar-27	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION AND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR 2027/28	Ben Callard - Resources	To agree the Council tax resolution and Revenue and Capital budgets for 2027/28	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	04-Mar-27	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION AND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR 2027/28	Ben Callard - Resources	To agree the Council tax resolution and Revenue a	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	04-Mar-27	2027/28 Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the Council's 2027/28 Capital and Treasury Management Strategies, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy'	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	04-Mar-27	Adoption of Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP)2018-2033	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To consider adoption of RLDP following the public examination by PEDW	Craig O Connor	19-Feb-26
Cabinet	03-Mar-27	2027/28 Welsh Church Fund / Monmouthshire Farm treasury strategy & funding allocations	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the 2027/28 Investment and Fund strategy for Trust Funds for which the Authority acts as sole or custodian trustee. To approve the 2027/28 grant allocation to Local Authority beneficiaries of the Welsh Church Fund.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	03-Mar-27	2027/28 Final Revenue & Capital budget proposals	Ben Callard - Resources	To update Cabinet with the consultation responses to the draft budget proposals issued by them in January 2027 in respect of the Capital and Revenue budgets for 2027/28. To make recommendations to Council on the Capital and Revenue budgets including the level of Council Tax for 2027/28. 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.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	03-Mar-27	'Financial update report	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an update of the progress against the Councils revenue and capital budgets for the 2026/27 financial year	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	21-Jan-27	COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2027/28	Ben Callard - Resources	Present arrangements for the implementation of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and approve it for 2027/28.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	20-Jan-27	2027/28 Draft Revenue & Capital budget proposals	Ben Callard - Resources	To set out draft revenue and capital budget proposals for financial year 2027/28. To commence a period of consultation on draft budget proposals for a four-week period.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	20-Jan-27	Caldicot Placemaking Plan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To consider adoption of the Caldicot Place making Plan	Craig O Connor	19-Feb-26

ICMD	13-Jan-27	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 1994 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PRECEPTS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 1995 – Determination of Payment Schedule'	Ben Callard - Resources	To determine the schedule of precept payments to precepting authorities for 2027/28 as required by statute and following the results of the consultation process.'	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
ICMD	16-Dec-26	COUNCIL TAX BASE 2027/28 AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS	Ben Callard - Resources	To agree the Council Tax base figure for submission to Welsh Government, together with the collection rate to be applied for 2027/28 and to make other necessary related statutory decisions.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	09-Dec-26	Financial update report	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an update of the progress against the Councils revenue and capital budgets for the 2026/27 financial year	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	09-Dec-26	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual letter	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To fulfil the expectation of the PSOW that their report is brought to the attention of Cabinet.	Annette Evans	2-Mar-26
Cabinet	09-Dec-26	Strategic Risk Assessment	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority.	Hannah Carter	19-Feb-26
ICMD	18-Nov-26	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 1994 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PRECEPTS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 1995 – Proposed Payment Schedule	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek approval of the proposals for consultation purposes regarding payments to precepting authorities during the 2027/28 financial year as required by statute.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	12-Nov-26	Annual Director's Report for Social Care	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	Present the annual report to Council	Jane Rodgers	3-Mar-26
Council	12-Nov-26	Safeguarding Annual Evaluation Report	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	Present the annual evaluation of safeguarding across Council services	Jane Rodgers	3-Mar-26
Cabinet	11-Nov-26	2027/28 Revenue & Capital MTFP update and process	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide the latest six-monthly update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), reflecting updated assumptions, risks, and strategic context	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	14-Oct-26	Financial update report	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an update of the progress against the Councils revenue budget for the 2026/27 financial year.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Council	24-Sep-26	Highways Reactive Maintenance	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To respond to a motion from Cllr Kear to consider opportunities to improve existing highways reactive repairs methodology	Deb Hill Howells	25-Jun-26
Council	24-Sep-26	Self-Assessment Report 2025/26	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To seek Council approval of the self-assessment report 2025/26 to ensure that members have a clear and transparent assessment of the authority's performance during the year ending 31 March 2026 in line with requirements outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.	Hannah Carter	10-Feb-26
Cabinet	16-Sep-26	Monmouth Wye AT Bridge Land	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek Cabinet permission to purchase land for the proposed Monmouth Wye Active Travel Bridge.	Nick Tulp	3-Jun-26
Cabinet	16-Sep-26	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To seek Cabinet approval of the new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.	Ross Price	2-Jun-26
Council	16-Jul-26	Response to Council motion: Review of Council and Pension Fund Investments	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Council with an update on progress made in response to the motion agreed at Full Council on 18th September 2025 concerning the review of Monmouthshire County Council's own treasury investments and the request that the Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund reviews relevant pension fund investments.	Peter Davies	8-Jul-26

Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Disposal of land to rear of 40 Leechpool Holdings	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek approval for the disposal of land adjacent to number 40 Leechpool Holdings, Portskewett.	Nick Keyse	22-Jun-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Adoption of the Charter for the Rights of the Rivers	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Charter for the Rights of Rivers in Monmouthshire, following the motion agreed by Council on 25 June 2026.	Craig O Connor	29-Jun-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Development of Supported Accommodation Provision (Updated Business Case)	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	To acquire and refurbish a property in Monmouth for the purposes of developing a supported accommodation provision for care experienced young people.	Jane Rodgers	19-Jun-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Financial update report	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with information on the Authority's final financial results for the 2025/26 financial year in respect of the revenue budget, capital programme, and associated reserves position. To update Cabinet on the early indicative progress against the 2026/27 revenue budget.	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Statutory consultation regarding Durand Nursery	Laura Wright - Education	Following the Statutory Objection Period, this report seeks to provide Cabinet with final feedback on the Statutory consultation process concerning the nursery at Durand Primary School, and asks Cabinet Members for a decision on whether proposals should proceed to implementation	Matthew Jones	5-May-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023: Monmouthshire County Council's Annual Report	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek approval of the Social Partnership Duty Report 2026, setting out how the authority will build on existing practice and work collaboratively with trade unions to ensure compliance with the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023.	Philippa Green	9-Feb-26
Cabinet	08-Jul-26	Chief Officer decision for acquisition of plots of land for the Undy to Rogiet Severn Tunnel Junction (STJ) Links active travel route'	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek authorisation to proceed with the purchase of a defined number of parcels of land for provision for an active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) path alongside the B4245 between Undy and Rogiet, and to request authority to agree terms to be delegated to the Chief Officer for Infrastructure and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing and Tourism. '	Madeleine Boase	
Council	25-Jun-26	Chepstow Transport Update		Cllr Pavia submitted a motion to Council requesting: 1. An update on the current status of previous commitments made by the Council in the Chepstow Transport Study 2. Available options for progressing WeITAG Stage 3 3. A clear timetable for engagement and decision-making with Gloucestershire County Council, Welsh Government and UK Government Partners. This report seeks to respond to the motion by providing the requested information.	Deb Hill Howells	5-Jun-26

Council	25-Jun-26	Code of Corporate Governance	Ben Callard - Resources	For Full Council to approve the revised Code of Corporate Governance and it's inclusion into the Councils Constitution following it's endorsement by the Governance & Audit Committee on 16/04/26.	Jan Furtek	7-May-26
Council	25-Jun-26	Re:fit Phase 2	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To seek approval to submit a Salix loan application to enable MCC to progress with the next programme of energy efficiency works.	Deb Hill Howells	9-Apr-26
Council	25-Jun-26	Panel Performance Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To receive the Panel Performance Assessment report and the authority's response to the recommendations.	Matt Gatehouse	17-Mar-26
Cabinet	10-Jun-26	Llanfoist to Abergavenny Active Travel Bridge	Sara Burch - Rural, Tourism & Housing	To update cabinet on the progress of the Llanfoist to Abergavenny active travel bridge project and to seek approval to enter into the stage 2 contract with updated cost figures	Nick Tulp	10-May-26
Cabinet	10-Jun-26	Building the Foundations for Data and AI Enabled Public Services	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To present the business case for foundational investment in data and AI infrastructure necessary to secure programme funding and deliver sustainable service benefits and outcomes.	Peter Davies	27-Apr-26
Cabinet	10-Jun-26	Investment Package for Caldicot Leisure Centre	Angela Sandles - Engagement	Consideration of proposed investment to improve facilities at Caldicot Leisure Centre	Craig O Connor	19-Feb-26
Cabinet	10-Jun-26	Strategic Risk Assessment	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority.	Hannah Carter	19-Feb-26
Cabinet	10-Jun-26	Allocation of Crick Road S106 Offsite Recreation Funding - Portskewett Recreation Hall and Caldicot Skatepark	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To seek Cabinet approval for the allocation of Section 106 offsite recreation funding received from the Crick Road development towards Portskewett Recreation Hall and Caldicot Skatepark	Mike Moran	
Cabinet	20-May-26	S106 Affordbale Housing Contributions	Sara Burch	To recommend options to commit and spend some of the contributions	Louise Corbett	#
Cabinet	20-May-26	Self Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To enable Cabinet to input to the development of the authority's Self Assessment at an early stage. The assessment will subsequently be considered by scrutiny committees before being subject to a decision of full Council in September	Matt Gatehouse	20-Apr-26
Cabinet	20-May-26	Panel Performance Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To consider the Panel Performance Assessment report and the council's response to the recommendations	Matt Gatehouse	20-Apr-26
ICMD	20-May-26	REVOKING THE USK AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA ORDER 2005	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To request the Cabinet Member (Cllr Angela Sandles) to agree to the revocation of the Usk Air Quality Management Area Order 2005.	Huw Owen	9-Apr-26
Council	14/05/26	Local Resolution Protocol	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To seek Council's approval and adoption of a new Local Resolution Protocol to deal with low level member on member complaints in accordance with the guidance of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales'	James Williams	15-Apr-26
Council	14/05/26	Appointments to Outside Bodies	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.'	John Pearson	15-Apr-26
Council	14/05/26	Appointment of Committees	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.'	John Pearson	15-Apr-26

Council	14-May-26	Representation of Political Groups	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To review the representation of different political groups on the bodies to which the Council makes appointments pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.	James Williams	15-Apr-26
Cabinet	15-Apr-26	Consultation concerning the provision of Early Education at Durand Primary School	Laura Wright - Education	To provide Members with feedback following the statutory consultation process concerning proposals to replace the Local Authority Nursery with a non maintained setting at Durand Primary School	Matthew Jones	4-Mar-26
ICMD	08-Apr-26	Goldwire Lane ICMD - Prohibition of Driving Except for Access, Goldwire Lane, Monmouth	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To seek Cabinet Member approval to proceed to make permanent the MCC Goldwire Lane prohibition of driving (except for access) traffic order The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group Meeting 4 held on Thursday 05th March 2026.	Graham Kinsella	26-Mar-26
ICMD	08-Apr-26	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	Ben Callard - Resources		Dave Jarrett	6-Mar-26
Cabinet	30-Mar-26	Proposed acquisition of land to construct a road diversion at Llanthony Valley	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Deb Hill Howells	19-Feb-26
Council	05-Mar-26	PUBLICATION OF PAY POLICY STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE LOCALISM ACT	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the publication of Monmouthshire County Council's Pay Policy, in compliance with the Localism Act.	Philippa Green	14-Jan-26
Council	05-Mar-26	2026/27 Capital Strategy and 2026/27 Treasury	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the Council's 2026/27 Capital and	Jon Davies	3-Dec-25
Council	05-Mar-26	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION and REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR 2026/27	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	3-Dec-25
Council	05-Mar-26	Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025 - 2028	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	Reason is to endorse a new Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2025 - 2028	Jane Rodgers	24-Oct-25
Cabinet	04-Mar-26	To agree funding options for additional work at the former Deri View Primary School Site	Ben Callard - Resources	To review and agree funding options for additional work at the former Deri View Primary school site, this needs to be completed prior to the relocation of Ysgol Y Fenni to the site. To present to elected members UK Government's new Local Growth Fund and Monmouthshire Draft Fund Investment Plan. To seek authorisation to proceed with the purchase of a residential 3 bed property and continue to use it as a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) to support pressures linked to the availability of temporary accommodation. To consider the purchase of a Low Cost Home Ownership (LCHO) property Castlewood, Usk following receipt of the owner's intent to sell	Nikki Wellington	16-Feb-26
Cabinet	04-Mar-26	Monmouthshire Draft Local Growth Fund Investment Plan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones	12-Feb-26
Cabinet	04-Mar-26	Property Acquisition for use as Temporary Accommodation - withdrawn 11/02/26	Sara Burch		Louise Corbett	2-Feb-26
Cabinet	04-Mar-26	To consider the purchase of a Low Cost Home Ownership (LCHO) property Castlewood	Sara Burch		Louise Corbett	2-Feb-26

Cabinet	04-Mar-26	Revenue and Capital Budget 2026-27 – Final proposals following scrutiny and public consultation	Ben Callard - Resources	To update Cabinet with the consultation responses to the draft budget proposals issued 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.	Jon Davies	3-Dec-25
Cabinet	04-Mar-26	2026-27 WCF/Mon Farm treasury strategy	Ben Callard - Resources	To present to Cabinet for approval the 2026/27 Investment and Fund strategy for Trust Funds for which the Authority acts as sole or custodian trustee. To approve the 2026/27 grant allocation to Local Authority beneficiaries of the Welsh Church Fund.	Jon Davies	12-Jun-25
ICMD	25-Feb-26	Submission of Section 6 Biodiversity duty report to WG	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	To submit report outlining how the Council maintains and enhances biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems	Craig O Connor	7-Jan-26
Cabinet	11-Feb-26	Development of a Supported Accommodation Provision for Care Experienced Young People	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	To provide details and seek approval for the acquisition and refurbishing of a residential property in Monmouth for the purpose of developing a supported accommodation provision for care experienced children.	Jane Rodgers	16-Jan-26
Cabinet	11-Feb-26	26/27 Placemaking Delivery	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To agree funding allocations for Welsh Government Transforming Towns and Pride in Place. Impact Fund.	Craig O Connor	19-Dec-25
Cabinet	11-Feb-26	2025/26 Budget - Financial update 3	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide the third update of the financial year of the Councils progress against the 2025/26 revenue and capita budget	Jon Davies	12-Jun-25
Cabinet	11-Feb-26	Cultural Strategy	Sara Burch		Tracey Thomas	20-May-25
ICMD	28-Jan-26	Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 The Local Authorities (PRECEPTS) (WALES) Regulations 1995 - Determination of Payment Schedule	Ben Callard - Resources	To determine the schedule of precept payments to precepting authorities for 2026/27 as required by statute and following the results of the consultation process.	Ruth Donovan	28-Jan-26
Council	22-Jan-26	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27	Ben Callard - Resources	The purpose of this report is to: • present arrangements for the implementation of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and to approve it for 2026/27. • agree to adopt the amendments to the Regulations, proposed by Welsh Government, • affirm that annual uprating amendments will be carried out each year without a requirement to adopt the whole Council Tax Reduction Scheme.	Ruth Donovan	28-Nov-25
Cabinet	21-Jan-26	Review of Nursery provision at Durand Primary School	Laura Wright - Education	To seek permission to enter into statutory consultation processes regarding proposals to replace the Local Authority Nursery at Durand Primary School with a non maintained setting.	Matthew Jones	23/12/25

Cabinet	21-Jan-26	Disposal of two farm cottages at Leechpool Holdings	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek approval for the disposal of two vacant farm cottages located in Leechpool Holdings, Portskewett, identified as surplus to requirements following internal review with services that no longer have an identified need.	Nick Keyse	26-Nov-25
Cabinet	21-Jan-26	Agree S106 Funding for Caldicot Multi-User Route that connects the newly constructed Caldicot Links/Greenway Active Travel route with the Country Park	Sara Burch	To agree additional funding for the Caldicot Multi-User Route	Colette Bosley	15-Oct-25
Cabinet	21-Jan-26	2026/27 Draft Revenue & Capital budget proposals	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek the cabinet members approval of the 2024/25 Annual Health and Safety Report including priorities for 2025/26	Jon Davies	12-Jun-25
ICMD	14-Jan-26	Annual Health and Safety Report 2024/25	Ben Callard - Resources		Kate Thompson	19-Dec-25
ICMD	14-Jan-26	Revoking the Usk Air Quality Management Area Order 2005	Angela Sandles - Engagement		Huw Owen	17-Dec-25
ICMD	14-Jan-26	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	Ben Callard - Resources	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group Meeting 3 held on Thursday 04th December 2025	Dave Jarrett	10-Dec-25
ICMD	14-Jan-26	Museum Service - Collections Rationalisation	Sara Burch - Rural Affairs, Housing and Tourism	To agree the removal of 2 collections - one of newspapers and one of books from the museum collections, to offer to more appropriate homes. (This is part of a series of similar decisions)	Rachael Rogers	2-Dec-25
ICMD	17-Dec-25	Council TaxBase 2026/27 and associated matters	Ben Callard - Resources	To agree the Council Tax base figure for submission to Welsh Government, together with the collection rate to be applied for 2026/27 and to make other necessary related statutory decisions.	Ruth Donovan	28-Nov-25
ICMD	17-Dec-25	Various Traffic Regulation Orders - Amendment Order No 18	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	The report seeks Cabinet Member approval to proceed with the making and implementation of the MCC Traffic Regulation, speed limit and parking regulations Consolidation Order 2019 (Amendment Order No.18) 2025	Gareth Freeman	26-Nov-25
ICMD	17-Dec-25	Annual Performance Report - Planning	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	Report the Annual Performance Report to Welsh Government	Andrew Jones	15-Oct-25
ICMD	17-Dec-25	Section 6 Report to Welsh Government on Biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Report of Councils actions taken to help maintain and enhance biodiversity	Kate Stinchcombe/Colette Bosley	15-Oct-25
Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Approval of Placemaking Plans - Monmouth, Abergavenny, Magor and Undy	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	Approval of Placemaking Plans - Monmouth, Abergavenny, Magor and Undy	Craig O Connor	17-Nov-25
Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Strategic Risk Assessment	Ben Callard - Resources	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority.	Hannah Carter	29-Oct-25
Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Community and Corporate Plan - Q2 Progress Update	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To provide Cabinet with an update on the progress that has been made to deliver the commitments set out in the Community and	Hannah Carter	29-Oct-25
Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Joint Committee of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding	Joint Committee of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales - to consider a Deed of Variation to the current Joint Committee	Jane Rogers	24-Oct-25

Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Socially Responsible Procurement Policy	Ben Callard - Resources	1. To approve the adoption of the Socially Responsible Procurement Policy. 2. To delegate authority to approve any subsequent updates to reflect national Guidance and/ or meet new legislative requirements, to the Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer for Resources, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Resources.	Cath Fallon	20-Oct-25
Cabinet	10-Dec-25	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual letter 2024-25	Angela Sandles - Engagement	1) To consider the data in this letter, to understand MCC's performance on complaints, including any patterns or trends and our compliance with recommendations made by the PSOW's office. 2) To inform the PSOW of the outcome of MCC's considerations and any proposed actions on the above matters.	Annette Evans	
Council	04-Dec-25	Appointment of Paul Matthews to the board of CCR Energy Ltd			James Williams	27-Oct-25
Council	04-Dec-25	Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2024/25	Angela Sandles - Engagement		James Williams	27-Oct-25
Council	04-Dec-25	Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2024/2025	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Natasha Harris (Torfaen)	24-Oct-25
Council	04-Dec-25	Annual Safeguarding Report	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Diane Corriester	18-Jul-25
Council	04-Dec-25	Director's Annual Report	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Jane Rogers	18-Jul-25
ICMD	26-Nov-25		Ben Callard - Resources	To seek Member approval of the proposals for consultation purposes regarding payments to precepting authorities during the 2026/27 financial year as required by statute	Peter Davies	7-Nov-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 1994 THE LOCAL AUTHORITY Medium Term Financial Plan update - November 2025	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Nov-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	Inclusion Strategy and Additional Learning Needs Policy	Laura Wright - Education	The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an opportunity to consider the Inclusion Strategy and the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Policy to ensure that they are fit for purpose and meet the local priorities as outlined in the Learning Place section of the Community and Corporate Plan.	Morganna Wagstaff	13-Oct-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	Car Parking Review	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	That Cabinet endorses the following recommendations 1.That Cabinet agrees the strategic objectives for the Council's parking strategy 2.That Cabinet agrees the proposed MCC actions in response to the recommendations made in the Monmouthshire car parking review	Craig O Connor	9-Oct-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	Panel Performance Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To provide an update on the proposed approach for the Council's Panel Performance Assessment which is a requirement under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.	Matt Gatehouse	28-Aug-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	2025/26 Revenue & Capital Monitoring Update 2	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	12-Jun-25
Cabinet	19-Nov-25	Destination Management Plan	Sara Burch & Paul Griffiths		Collette Bosley	17-Apr-25
Council	23-Oct-25	RLDP for Adoption	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Rachel Lewis	17-Apr-25
Cabinet	15-Oct-25	2025/26 Revenue Monitoring Update 1	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	12/76/25

Cabinet	15-Oct-25	Connect to Work and Future Focus programmes	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones / Rory Clifford	21-Jul-25
Cabinet	15-Oct-25	A strategy to take forward a whole authority approach to wellbeing and prevention	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Jane Rogers	19-Jun-25
ICMD	08-Oct-25	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP	Ben Callard - Resources	1.1 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group Meeting 2 held on Thursday 18th September 2025.	Dave Jarrett	
ICMD	24-Sep-25	Health & Safety Annual Report	ben Callard - Resources		Kate Thompson	5-Aug-25
Council	18-Sep-25	Self-assessment 2024/25		To seek Council approval of the self-assessment report 2024/25 in line with requirements outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.	richard Jones	10-Jun-25
Cabinet	17-Sep-25	Proposed endorsement of the Monmouthshire Local Area Energy Plan	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Welsh Government commissioned the production of Local Area Energy Plans for Local Authority areas which will be used to develop a regional and national Energy Plan. The Local Area Energy Plan for Monmouthshire provides data on the energy requirements of the county and the transition that will be required to support carbon neutrality of the energy demands. The report seeks Cabinets endorsement of the Local Area Energy Plan to enable the development of the regional Area Energy Plan and a supporting Investment Prospectus.	Deb Hill Howells	28-Jul-25
Cabinet	17-Sep-25	Real Living Wage Employer Accreditation	ben Callard - Resources	Further to Cabinet's decision on Wednesday 6th November 2024, and an evaluation of the authority's supply chain, to bring forward a further report detailing the plan to pay the real living wage rate to employees of third parties contracted to work at the authority's sites, and to seek approval to pursue accreditation as a Real Living Wage employer.	Philippa Green	13-Jun-25
Cabinet	17-Sep-25	County of Sanctuary Strategy	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To approve a county of sanctuary strategy which establishes clear principles which will run through all council services and which promotes inclusion and welcome across the wider community.	Sharran Lloyd and Jane Harvey	27-May-25
Cabinet	17-Sep-25	Review of Housing Support Grant Programme.	Sara Burch		Ian Bakewell	23-May-25
ICMD	20-Aug-25	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order No 17	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Gareth Freeman	4-Aug-25
ICMD	23-Jul-25	Lloyds tour of Britain Stage 5 Pontypool to Tumble	Angela Sandles - Engagement		Nick John	2-Jul-25
ICMD	23-Jul-25	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	Ben Callard - Resources		Dave Jarrett	2-Jul-25
Council	17-Jul-25	Chepstow Integrated Transport LUF project			Deb Hill Howells	24-Jun-25
Council	17-Jul-25	Strategic Director's Report, Children, Learning, Skills and the Economy'	Laura Wright - Education		Will Mclean	18-Jun-25
Cabinet	16-Jul-25	2024/25 Revenue & Capital monitoring Outturn (incl early update on 2025/26)	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	12-Jun-25
Cabinet	16-Jul-25	2026/27 Revenue & Capital MTFP update and process	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	12-Jun-25

Cabinet	16-Jul-25	ADD AS FIRST ITEM Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023: Monmouthshire County Council's Annual Report	Ben Callard - Resources	To seek approval of the Social Partnership Duty Report 2025, setting out how the Council will build on existing practice, and work collaboratively with trade unions, to ensure compliance with the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023.	Philippa Green	6-Jun-25
Cabinet	16-Jul-25	Play Sufficiency Update	Angela Sandles - Engagement	Play sufficiency assessment update.	Nick John	28-Mar-25
Cabinet	16-Jul-25	Shire Hall Delivery Stage - Financial Approval	Ben Callard - Resources		Tracey Thomas	25-Mar-25
Council	26-Jun-25	Strategic OfficerLeadership and Organisation Structure changes	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy		Paul Matthews	5-Jun-25
Council	26-Jun-25	Separation of Licensing Functions	Angela Sandles - Engagement		Linda O Gorman	28-May-25
Council	26-Jun-25	Appointments to Outside Bodies	Angela Sandles - Engagement		John Pearson	23-May-25
Council	26-Jun-25	Licensing Act Policy 2025	Angela Sandles - Engagement	Policy has to be approved by Full Council and it needs to be in place by 1 st July 2025	Linda O Gorman	10-Jan-25
Cabinet	25-Jun-25	Strategic Risk Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority.	richard Jones	10-Jun-25
Cabinet	25-Jun-25	Nature Recovery Action Plan & Green Infrastructure Strategy	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Collette Bosley	17-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Placemaking Grant 25/26 & 26/27	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Craig O Connor	29-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Marches Forward Partnership	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy		Peter Davies / Cath Fallon	1-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Active Gwent Sports Partnership	Angela Sandles - Engagement	For Monmouthshire County Council to formally enter into the Active Gwent sport partnership.	Nick John	28-Mar-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Digital, Data and Technology Collaboration	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To develop proposals to build on existing collaborative arrangements in place for the provision of technology services through the Shared Resource Service. Expanding on these to include digital and data services will generate economies of scale enabling the authority to access expertise to accelerate progress against delivery of priorities set in the Community and Corporate Plan.	Peter Davies & Matt Gatehouse & Sian Hayward	14-Mar-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Y Prentis Update	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones	26-Feb-25
Council	15-May-25	SAC Membership Report	Martyn Groucutt - Education	To inform Council of SAC recommendations to appoint members of SAC	Sharon Randall-Smith	16-Apr-25
Council	10-Apr-25	Constitution Review	Angela Sandles - Engagement		James Williams	25-Mar-25
Council	10-Apr-25	Senior Pay Review	Ben Callard - Resources		Julie Anthony	3-Mar-25
ICMD	09-Apr-25	PSPO Lane Closure to prevent fly tipping & off roading	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Mark Cleaver	13-Mar-25
ICMD	09-Apr-25	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 4	Ben Callard - Resources			
Cabinet	02-Apr-25	Marches Forward Partnership	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy		Peter Davies - Lead (Cath Fallon)	3-Mar-25
Cabinet	02-Apr-25	Reponse to Boundary Commission Electoral Review Consultation	Angela Sandles - Engagement		John Pearson	12-Feb-25
ICMD	26-Mar-25	Proposal to increase the fee payments to Monmouthshire Foster Carers	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Charlotte Drury	4-Feb-25
ICMD	12-Mar-25	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order No 16	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment			
Council	06-Mar-25	Appointment of Chief Officer - Head of Transport - Exempt info	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Deb Hill Howells	21-Jan-25

Council	06-Mar-25	Publication of the Councils Pay Policy	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the publication of Monmouthshire County Council's Pay Policy, in compliance with the Localism Act.	Matt Gatehouse / Pip Green	17-Jan-25
Council	06-Mar-25	Contract Procedure Rules	Ben Callard - Resources		Scott James	9-Jan-25
Council	06-Mar-25	2025/26 Final Budget sign off including CT resolution	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Council	06-Mar-25	2025/26 Capital Strategy & Treasury Strategy	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	Approval of a Discretionary Policy for Council Tax Premiums	Ben Callard - Resources		Ruth Donovan	27-Jan-25
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	2025/26 Final Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	2025/26 WCF/Mon Farm Strategy	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
ICMD	26-Feb-25	County of Sanctuary: Homes for Ukraine	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To confirm future support arrangements for Ukrainian's living in Monmouthshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme following changes to the national arrangement for both funding & visas	Richard Drinkwater/Matt Gatehouse	7-Feb-25
ICMD	26-Feb-25	Housing Allocations Policy				
Cabinet	19-Feb-25	UK Shared Prosperity Fund post March 2025 – financial implications and impact	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones	10-Jul-24
Cabinet	19-Feb-25	2024/25 Revenue and Capital Monitoring Month 9	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
ICMD	29-Jan-25	2025/26 Community Council and Police Precepts final	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	17-Dec-24
Council	23-Jan-25	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025/26	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Council	23-Jan-25	Council Diary 2025/26	Angela Sandles - Engagement		John Pearson	
Council	23-Jan-25	GWENT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD (RPB) AREA PLAN AND RPB ANNUAL REPORT 23/24	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Natasha Harris (Torfaen)	
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	Business case for the purchase of a property in Abergavenny to develop supported accommodation for care experienced young people	Ben Callard - Resources		Jane Rogers	7-Jan-25
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	Education Middle Tier	Martyn Groucutt - Education		Will McLean	20-Nov-24
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	2025/26 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
ICMD	15-Jan-25	Decision to transfer Dixton Archive from Monmouth Museum to Herefordshire Record Office			Rachael Rogers	9-Dec-24
ICMD	15-Jan-25	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 3	Ben Callard - Resources		Dave Jarrett	13-Jun-24
ICMD	18-Dec-24	2025/26 Community Council and Police Precepts draft	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
ICMD	16-Dec-20	COUNCIL TAX BASE 2027/28 AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS'	Ben Callard - Resources	To agree the Council Tax base figure for submission to Welsh Government, together with the collection rate to be applied for 2027/28 and to make other necessary related statutory decisions.'	Jon Davies	15-Jun-26

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