

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Monmouthshire County Council held  
at County Hall, Usk on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 11.00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor D.L.S. Dovey (Chairman)

County Councillors: D. Batrouni, D. Blakebrough, G.C. Burrows, R.F. Chapman, J.E. Crook, G.L. Down, D.L. Edwards, R.M. Edwards, D.J. Evans, P.S. Farley, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, L. Guppy, E.J. Hackett Pain, R.G. Harris, R.J.C. Hayward, M. Hickman, R.J. Higginson, P.A.D. Hobson, G. Howard, S.G.M. Howarth, D.W.H. Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, R.P. Jordan, J.I. Marshall, P. Murphy, M. Powell, J.L. Prosser, V.E. Smith, B. Strong, F. Taylor, P.A. Watts, A.E. Webb, S. White, K.G. Williams and A.M. Wintle.

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. P. Matthews	Chief Executive
Mr. R. Tranter	Head of Legal Services
Mrs. K. Beirne	Chief Officer: Regeneration and Culture
Mrs T. Harry	Head of Improvement and Democracy
Mr. W. McLean	Head of Strategic Partnerships
Mr. G. Ashworth	Head of Planning
Mr. M. Davies	Development Plans Manager
Mr. R. Hoggins	Head of Operations
Mr. P. Davies	Head of Innovation
Ms. R. Rawlings	Democratic Services Officer

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors P.R. Clarke and A. Easson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest are recorded under the relevant minute heading.

**3. MONMOUTHSHIRE LDP 2011-2021 & MONMOUTHSHIRE LDP  
ADOPTION STATEMENT**

*Note: County Councillor R.M. Edwards declared a personal prejudicial interest under the Members' Code of Conduct in the Wonastow Road site as a tenant of part of the application site and would not take part in any discussion or voting relevant to this site.*

*County Councillor S. White declared a personal prejudicial interest under the Members' Code of Conduct in the Wonastow Road site as she farmed the land*

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*contained within the application site and would not take part in any discussion or voting relevant to this site.*

We received a report presenting Members with information on the findings of the binding Inspector's Report on the Examination into the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan in order to seek a resolution to formally adopt the Monmouthshire LDP 2011-2021 as amended by the Inspector's Report and to seek endorsement of the Monmouthshire LDP Adoption Statement, with a view to publication at the same time as the Notice of Adoption is placed in the local press.

The report outlined the Inspector's findings, the main changes of which were:

- Restructuring of explanatory text to ensure that the strategy arising from the key issues, vision, objectives is coherently expressed;
- Increase the amount of housing provided for the period from 2006-2011;
- Address the identified shortage in housing provision through the allocation of additional sites and extensions to existing strategic sites where possible;
- Establish measures to provide accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers in line with national policy;
- Clarify in site specific policies that highly vulnerable development will not take place in areas of high flood risk;
- Clarify that protected employment sites should normally be retained for employment and development only;
- Include an updated infrastructure schedule for the strategic sites as an appendix to the LDP;
- Delete the housing allocation at Llandogo;
- Delete the Green Belt designation of Chepstow and restore the green wedge designation.

While the Council's Deposit LDP proposed the provision of 4000 dwellings in the plan period 2011-2021, the Inspector concluded that this requirement should be increased to 4500 dwellings in order to meet an under delivery in the period 2006-2011, when building rates were low and not in accordance with the housing requirements suggested by Welsh Government household projections. The Inspector also concluded that a proportion of 10% should be added to this total to provide the required level of flexibility should sites in the Plan not be delivered as anticipated. Policy S2 of the LDP relating to housing numbers, therefore stated that provision would be made to meet a requirement of 4500 residential units in the plan period 2011-2021 and that this need would be met by identifying opportunities for around 4950 dwellings to enable a 10% flexibility allowance. The residential site allocations in the Deposit LDP together with those identified in the report made to Council on 27 June 2013 were confirmed by the Inspector, except for a 15 dwelling site at Llandogo, where the potential for a nearby poultry unit to resume production and adversely affect residential amenity was considered to put the delivery of the site at risk. One additional site allocation had been recommended by the Inspector, involving land at Drewen Farm,

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Monmouth, which enabled an 80 dwelling extension to the Wonastow Road strategic site allocation, thereby increasing its capacity to 450 dwellings rather than 370 dwellings.

The Inspector's Report was binding and the Council was required to adopt the LDP within eight weeks of receipt, which was 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Should the Council not adopt the LDP, the WG had the power to intervene and approve the Plan as the LDP for the Local Planning Authority area and recover from the Authority any costs incurred.

During the debate, the following issues were raised:

- There had been a number of views put forward from members of the public during the consultation in the preparation of the LDP, and we were referred to Deri Farm where a number of strong feelings had been conveyed with regard to construction at the site. It was considered that a number of valid comments put forward from people at Mardy had been ignored by both the Authority and the WG.
- Concerns were expressed that the plan would not meet the needs of people in Monmouthshire as the Plan was very broad.
- Whilst it was recognised that there was a need for houses, there were concerns regarding the infrastructure and whether the provision for health and schools were factored in adequately.
- There had been no objections from Aneurin Bevan highlighted in the report, however, the validity of that statement was queried when medical appointments in Caldicot often had a waiting time of two weeks or more.
- Children within Caldicot were currently transported to school in Undy, with the projected increase in housing it was queried where the additional children would be educated with limited spaces available locally and no infrastructure in place, would students be transported further afield. It was raised that children should be able to attend the closest school or one of parental choice.
- The LDP process had taken up a lot of time over a number of years and disappointment was expressed that there had not been changes to the original proposals submitted by officers,
- Concerns were expressed with regard to the site at Wonastow and the proposal for additional houses at that site. There were a number of concerns locally with regard to additional housing on the site which was prone to flooding.
- The Inspectors report had been received two weeks previously, there was another six weeks of consultation which could be undertaken and officers were asked to support Members in challenging the report.
- Concerns were expressed with regard to the site at Well Lane, Devauden, with regard to the pedestrian access on the B4243 which had been

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acknowledged by the Highways Department and which it was considered the Planning Department had not taken into account. The Planning Department had submitted evidence on the part of the landowner, which had been dismissed by Highways as being unworkable and unsafe.

- With regard to Wonastow Road, the Inspector had taken into account the view of the Environment Agency, which was accurate, however they had not taken into account any from the Drainage Boards which was considered more relevant with surface water being a problem from the surrounding hills. It was considered that both officers and the Inspector had ignored this.
- The inclusion of the area to the other side of Watery Lane was not considered appropriate for development due to previous flooding at this site.
- Disappointment was expressed with regard to the inclusion of the site at Chepstow Road, Raglan and the comments with regard to the flood zone.
- The Inspector's report was dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the findings of that report would have been concluded some time before. It was queried whether the Inspector would have reached the same conclusion following the flooding across the country if she had viewed photos of some of the sites during this period.
- With regard to the reference to a shop in Mathern, it was confirmed that it was in fact a petrol station and farm shop, which did not satisfy the demands of larger shopping needs.
- During the examination hearing, the Inspector had taken a great deal of direction from Welsh Government. There had been a number of developers present and there was very little proportional representation.
- The proposals would draw a lot of numbers into Magor and the Inspectors comments had been disappointing, in suggesting that additional housing at Vinegar Hill and reducing the land for employment, it would redress the balance. It was not clear how this would happen as, if there was not land for employment how could the assumption be made that the people who moved to the area would stop working in the jobs they currently held.
- In terms of the comments with regard to improvements to sports facilities being progressed, this was queried as apart from the tennis courts and plans to develop a community facility which had been in place for many years and it was unsure if they would come to fruition in their current form. With 6000 living in Magor there was minimal facilities available against the size of the population.
- At 4.19 it referred to few additional properties in Caldicot, which the deposit LDP had outlined was due to the key reason being that the town was unsustainable. Where were the additional 1000 properties, 1600 over

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the entire period, going to be located in Severnside. This level of discrepancy was felt had not been given due regard by the Inspector.

- It was raised that the LDP process had taken a considerable amount of time and effort, yet Elected Members were unable to change the process or content of the LDP due to the decision of the Inspector.
- The Inspector had recognised that the consultation process had contained strengths and weaknesses, and it was raised that the community had made strong representations which had been verified in the report.
- There were anxieties with regard to the additional 190 houses at Portskewett and whilst officers were trying to protect the building line, the Inspector had not seen fit to implement that. This could lead to a greater amount of housing without the infrastructure in place and there would be a reduced surplus in schools on the requirements of Welsh Government.
- The lack of infrastructure needed to be borne in mind by everyone involved during the preparation of the next LDP, and how this should be addressed. The Authority did have a statutory responsibility to adopt a Local Development Plan and whilst many Members had raised individual concerns, it would be irresponsible to not put in place a robust planning procedure.
- There were occasions where planning permission had been refused against officers advice and that of the UDP due to the inappropriate conditions, which at appeal had been upheld.
- The process of Welsh Government imposing houses on Monmouthshire was disappointing and was considered should be a local decision, however, recognition was given that like many other counties, Monmouthshire did have a problem with homelessness and providing a long term solution, and the addition of affordable housing should be planned.
- If the Plan was rejected, the Inspector would impose the additional housing on the Authority, which would cause a great deal of cost through appeals.
- Whilst individual concerns were empathised with, it was raised that issues could be raised at planning committee with regard to specific applications and the housing supply had been imposed on the Authority. The Planning Reform Bill by Welsh Government, if this plan was not adopted, could affect planning being under the Authority's statutory responsibility.

The Head of Planning responded to Members that officers within the Planning Department liaised closely with Education colleagues specifically in relation to the projections and there may be a need in the future for pupils from Sudbrook/Portskewett to attend an alternative Primary School away from Caldicot. The Health Board had been involved in the process and it was clear

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that additional houses could not be built without the appropriate infrastructure in place. In terms of a planning application for Wonastow Road, there would be a need to amend a current application if the LDP were adopted to take into account the changes within the Plan.

With regard to objections that had been raised from residents at Devauden, the objectors had appeared at the examination and been given a full hearing. There had been a significant amount of information presented at the hearing both for and against the site. Members had been provided with the correspondence from objectors at Devauden prior to the meeting. The Authority was purely a participant within that process, and it was a matter for the Inspector to respond, in respect to whether the residents from Devauden had received a fair hearing.

In terms of the flooding and surface water, Members were assured that no part of the flood plain was to be developed, and that all sites fell above the flood plain area. Surface water applied to all sites in Monmouthshire, and this could be overcome, as evidence at the Croft y Bwla site had shown that this was not insurmountable.

Members were informed that should they make the decision to not adopt the Plan, the Welsh Government had been clear that they would take a decision and there would be a charge imposed. This would cause a delay, which would be problematic in terms of pressure from developers as there was not sufficient housing land and additional sites to those identified could be allocated, which were sites that Members had previously successfully argued should not be developed. The consequence of not adopting the LDP by the end of March would be that the Authority would not have a five year housing land supply, with a shortfall already identified, the Authority would drop to a two year supply. This could have a devastating effect on the appeals, with developers previously refused, having another chance to submit sites and pursue through to appeal. If successful this would create a situation whereby applicants were being awarded planning by appeal with the potential of each appeal costing around £50,000. An adopted plan would protect residents against ad hoc applications.

With regard to the process, at the beginning, Elected Members received information on candidate sites in 2009 and were given the opportunity to reject some with others being chosen to move forward. For sites that were rejected, alternative sites had been put forward and the recommendation of Members had been presented to the Inspector in terms of the deposit plan which the Inspector had considered sound and acceptable. Some developers wanted 7000 houses and the Authority had successfully fought against that and kept the figure to 5000.

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There were currently 3600 registered for housing in Monmouthshire, which would be addressed through the affordable housing.

In terms of the planning application which had previously been contained within the UDP, which had been refused and decision upheld on appeal, at Llanbadoc. There had been a change of circumstances at the site, following the adoption of the UDP. This site had not been included within the LDP due to the site falling within the flood plain.

In terms of infrastructure, it was acknowledged that the shop in Mathern met daily needs and would not meet wider needs. Infrastructure was the key way forward, and it would be critical for providers such as Welsh Water and others to be a part of the forward planning process. This was a chance for those providers to ensure their infrastructure kept pace with housing needs and the Authority were reliant on Welsh Government implementing that. If they were unable to, it could not proceed and would not be developed. Officers strongly supported adoption of the Plan as this was preferable to the alternative.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor R.J.C. Hayward and seconded

Members adopt the LDP with the exception of all reference to houses at Drewen on the site adjacent to Wonastow. This amendment would still ensure that the Authority would have a five year housing supply and the LDP would validly represent the wish of the Authority.

The Head of Legal Services informed Members that it was lawful that an amendment could be proposed and seconded, and voted on accordingly, however, the report of the Inspector had considered the LDP sound and therefore Members would need to either accept or reject the Plan in its entirety and that it was not subject to amendment. If Members rejected the Plan the Welsh Government would impose the Plan on the Authority. Members were informed that the examination process had taken a comprehensive look at the whole of Monmouthshire, and that if one site was removed, another would have to be added. The Welsh Government official who attended the examination had outlined that once the housing target was set, the Plan must meet the target. The Compulsory Purchase Act outlined that the Authority may only adopt the LDP with modifications, if the Inspector recommended modifications.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor S.G.M. Howarth and at least 8 other members and the following votes were cast:

For the amendment:

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D. Blakebrough, G.L. Down, R.J.C. Hayward, S.G.M. Howarth, D.W.H. Jones, J.I. Marshall, A.M. Wintle.

Against the amendment:

D. Batrouni, G.C. Burrows, R.F. Chapman, D.L.S. Dovey, D.L. Edwards, D.J. Evans, P.S. Farley, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, L. Guppy, E.J. Hackett Pain, R.G. Harris, M. Hickman, R.J. Higginson, P.A.D. Hobson, G. Howard, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, R.P. Jordan, P. Murphy, M. Powell, J.L. Prosser, V.E. Smith, B. Strong, P.A. Watts, A.E. Webb, K.G. Williams.

Abstentions:

J.E. Crook, R.M. Edwards, F. Taylor, S. White.

The amendment was defeated.

Members further added that there was a need to ensure robust communities and following work by the affordable housing group where some changes had been suggested, the Inspector had accepted the changes for Chestow, Abergavenny and part of rural Monmouthshire with 35% being increased from 20 as a reasonable starting point. The Inspector concluded that the amounts had been robust and that credible evidence had supported this. Whilst the process had seemed disparaging, and that decisions were being made elsewhere, the contribution of Members on the affordable housing element should not be underplayed, this had created a fundamental change for the better. The only way to now achieve those numbers was through the developers.

Whilst there were many concerns raised by Members with regard to the process and the inclusion of elements within the LDP it was recognised that non-adoption of the Plan could cost the Authority a large sum of money, which was not acceptable within the current economic climate.

Councillor G. Howard proposed, and was duly seconded, that the two recommendations within the report be approved and along with eight other Members requested that a recorded vote be taken.

For the Motion:

D. Batrouni, G.C. Burrows, D.L.S. Dovey, D.L. Edwards, R.M. Edwards, D.J. Evans, P.S. Farley, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, L. Guppy, E.J. Hackett Pain, R.G. Harris, M. Hickman, R.J. Higginson, P.A.D. Hobson, G. Howard, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, R.P. Jordan, P. Murphy, M. Powell, J.L. Prosser, V.E. Smith, B. Strong, P.A. Watts, A.E. Webb, K.G. Williams.



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Against the Motion:

D. Blakebrough, R.F.Chapman, J.E. Crook, G.L. Down, R.J.C. Hayward, S.G.M. Howarth, D.W.H. Jones, J.I. Marshall, F. Taylor, S. White, A.M. Wintle.

Abstentions: None.

We resolved to:

- Formally adopt the Monmouthshire LDP 2011-2021, as amended by the Inspector's Report.
- Endorse the Monmouthshire LDP Adoption Statement, with a view to publication at the same time as the Notice of Adoption is placed in the local press.

**The meeting ended at 12.45 p.m.**

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Agenda item 4b**

**Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire County Council held  
at County Hall, Usk on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor D.L.S. Dovey (Chairman)

County Councillors: D. Batrouni, D. Blakebrough, G.C. Burrows, R.F. Chapman, J.E. Crook, G.L. Down, A. Easson, D.L. Edwards, R.M. Edwards, D.J. Evans, P.S. Farley, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, L. Guppy, E.J. Hackett Pain, R.G. Harris, R.J.C. Hayward, M. Hickman, R.J. Higginson, P.A.D. Hobson, G. Howard, S.G.M. Howarth, D.W.H. Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, R.P. Jordan, J.I. Marshall, P. Murphy, M. Powell, J.L. Prosser, V.E. Smith, B. Strong, F. Taylor, A.C. Watts, P.A. Watts, A.E. Webb, S. White, K.G. Williams and A.M. Wintle.

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. P. Matthews	Chief Executive
Mr. R. Tranter	Head of Legal Services
Mr. S. Burch	Chief Officer: Social Care and Health
Mrs. K. Beirne	Chief Officer: Enterprise
Mrs. S. McGuinness	Chief Officer: Children and Young People
Mrs. J. Robson	Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer
Mrs T. Harry	Head of Democracy & Regulatory Service
Mr. W. McLean	Head of Strategic Partnerships
Mr. P. Davies	Head of Commercial & People Development
Ms. S. Hayward	Employee Services Lead
Mr. R. Hoggins	Head of Operations
Mr. M. Howcroft	Assistant Head of Finance
Mrs. D. Hill Howells	Estates and Sustainability Manager
Mrs. S. King	Democratic Services Officer

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. M. Rooney      CSSIW

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor P.R. Clarke and J. George.

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**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND RECEIPT OF PETITIONS**

**(a) Mr. Eric Saxon**

We observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Mr Eric Saxon, who had passed away recently.

**(b) Chairman's Engagement**

Members were informed of the following Chairman's Engagements:

Community Reception for Ned Heywood MBE
Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration
The Private Viewing of the Vaughn Grylls' exhibition "Mother"
North Somerset Civic Service
Funeral Jeanette Hood
Joint Civic Heads Dinner
Gwent Young Farmers Entertainments Competition
Commonwealth Day 2014
Funeral Eric Saxon

**(c) Petitions**

The following petitions were presented:

1. Councillor R.J.C. Hayward presented a petition, objecting to the proposed retail development at Dixton roundabout in Monmouth for one or more of the following reasons:
  - Traffic and pedestrian safety issues at this very busy junction
  - Serious environmental concerns regarding air pollution and flooding
  - Negative effect on Monmouth town centre out of town retail development
  - Fast food outlet next to a secondary school (Healthy Eating concerns)
  - This is a 'Gateway to Wales' alongside an AONB and between 2 conservation areas
2. Councillor S.G.M. Howarth presented a petition in relation to Monmouthshire County Council proposals to reduce verge mowing by 50% on straight sections of A and B road, reducing to one main cut in late autumn. This will cause difficulties for overtaking especially on B roads as overhanging vegetation will create a safety hazard as vehicles move out to the centre of the road. Lack of visibility due to overhanging and tall vegetation is already a major cause of rural accidents. This exercise will not save the council money.

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3. Councillor R.J.C. Hayward presented a petition, to keep free swimming for the 60+. Concerns regarding statements in press this council paying extra revenue from charge £1.80 swimming in school hols. Reasonable charge, but members point out that it contravenes policies of keeping elder people healthy, most people swim 5 days – it's a significant amount per family.
4. Councillor P.A.D. Hobson presented a petition which supported the Monmouthshire County Council Pollinator Policy. Hope that it will be accepted and implemented as the Council's policy in time to ensure that the 2014 growing season will be more beneficial for pollinators and biodiversity. Insect pollination is vital for food production and human livelihoods and for maintaining the unique ecology of Monmouthshire. The vast majority of flowering plant species produce seeds only if pollinators move pollen between flowers. Without pollination, many interconnected species and processes functioning within our ecosystem will collapse. While issues of road safety are paramount, we very much endorse Monmouthshire's proposal to undertake less road side mowing and increased efforts to maintain biodiversity.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest are recorded under the relevant minute heading.

### **4. MINUTES**

We resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendments:

- Page 9, correction on declarations of interest:  
County Councillor R. Harris declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Park Street School Abergavenny, as a board member of Abergavenny Community Enterprise.  
County Councillor D. Edwards declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Park Street School Abergavenny, as an Abergavenny Community trust member.
- Page 22, question from County Councillor S. White, change:  
*County Councillor S. White withdrew the question to*  
Due to the lateness of the hour County Councillor S. White withdrew the question.
- Page 14, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Declaration of interests change to:  
R. Chapman – Grandson attending King Henry VIII Comprehensive School  
R.J. Higginson – LEA appointed Governor at Durand Primary School

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**5. PUBLIC FORUM ITEMS**

We welcomed Mr David Maddox, regarding opposing views to the budget mandate for the pollinator policy. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposal for reduced verge cutting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Maddox for attending and the comments were noted.

In response, members raised the following points:

- County Councillor Greenland highlighted that the proposal related to verge cutting on A & B roads (excluding trunk roads), where it was safe to do so. The plans would be submitted for Community Council consultation, prior to the start of the cutting season. The reduced cutting had been proposed in order to increase natural pollination.
- County Councillor Hobson expressed support for the policy and advised that the report would be received by Cabinet in March 2014 and comments from the Strong Communities Select Committee pre-decision scrutiny had been included and the policy would be subject to further discussion.
- Councillor Howarth confirmed that comments from the Strong Communities Select committee had been reflected in the report for Cabinet.

**6. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

We resolved that the following minutes be received:

(a) Democratic Services Committee 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013

In relation to the minutes, Councillor Down requested an update on progress regarding assisting members to go paperless by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. The Head of Democracy and Regulatory Service advised that Democratic Services would discuss IT needs with members.

(b) Standards Committee 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

(c) Internal Monitoring Board 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion received.

**8. PRESENTATION FROM THE CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
INSPECTORATE WALES**

We received a presentation from the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales in relation to the Annual Letter.

During the presentation we noted the following points:

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- **Summary**

- Strategic vision and priorities for social care services in place focusing on prevention, early intervention and supporting people to remain independent.
- Commitment to further collaboration and integration with neighbouring authorities and partners across Gwent.
- In adult services the redesigned 'front door' and the delivery of reablement services via integrated health and social care teams seemed to be having a positive impact, with more people being supported to remain independent.
- In children's services, performance against national indicators was stable or improved in a number of areas however the council struggled to maintain performance in some areas.
- Numbers of looked after children increased in 2011/12 and remained at this higher level in 2012/13 which created some resourcing pressures.
- Children's services continued to restructure and processes were redesigned to streamline and improve the effectiveness of services.
- Action taken to strengthen children's safeguarding arrangements with the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance unit taking a pivotal role in this.

- **Good practice identified**

- Clear vision for the future shape of services in order to meet increasing demand with an innovative modernisation agenda in order to achieve its vision.
- In adult services, a fully integrated model of care is supporting the delivery of reablement and the Gwent Frailty model. The number of people supported in the community is stabilising indicating that more people are being enabled to remain independent.
- People find it easier to contact adult services and receive timely and responsive services.

- **Potential Risks**

- Ability to implement change at a rate that keeps pace with increasing demand for both adult and children's services.
- Capacity to take forward and implement the modernisation agenda whilst continuing to deliver ongoing operational demands.
- Capacity to develop a quality assurance and performance management framework that will enable the council to assure itself that the service structures and new ways of working are delivering the desired outcomes.

- **Shaping Services**

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- Vision for sustainable and resilient communities set out in the Single Integrated Plan (SIP) - includes outcomes for older people and families.
- A commitment to reconfigure and co-ordinate services to meet increasing demand and needs.
- Recognition of the importance of developing strong partnerships, integration and commissioning arrangements in order to deliver against partnership priorities as set out in the SIP.
- **Areas of progress**
- People who receive services and their carers have been involved in developing strategies for future service delivery.
- Development of SEWSCB.
- Refocusing adult and children's services to prevention and early intervention.
  
- **Getting Help**
  - Information and advice available through a range of media, e.g. via the council's own website or topic based websites, leaflets, You Tube, Twitter and Facebook.
  - The council operates eligibility criteria at critical, substantial and moderate level of needs in line with its focus on prevention and early intervention.
  - **Areas of progress**
  - People find it easier to contact adult services and receive timely and responsive services via the Gwent Frailty model.
  - The safeguarding and quality assurance unit has been established to coordinate and provide assurance for child protection, independent reviewing and safeguarding arrangements in the area.
  
- **The Services Provided**
  - **Areas of progress**
  - Foster carer's payment for skills and allowances policy has been developed and agreed.
  - Improved decision making in referral and support services.
  - **Areas for improvement**
  - Understanding the profile of demand for disabled children with complex needs and develop appropriate support.
  
- **Effect on people's lives**
  - Areas of progress
  - Educational outcomes for looked after children have improved.
  - Fewer people are experiencing delays in transfer of care.
  - Reablement services are enabling people to remain independent.
  - Areas for improvement
  - Measuring outcomes needs to progress to ensure the council can assure itself that its services are achieving and improving outcomes for the people receiving services.
  - Timeliness of initial child protection conferences and core group meetings, and child protection reviews.

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- Completion of adult and children in need care plan reviews in accordance with the statutory timetable.
- Completion of statutory visits to looked after children in accordance with regulations.
  
- **Capacity**
  - **Areas of progress**
  - Increased resources in children's services.
  - **Areas for improvement**
  - Ensuring there is capacity to deliver change programmes as well as ongoing service delivery commitments.
  
- **Providing Direction**
  - **Areas of progress**
  - Increased resources in children's services.
  - **Areas for improvement**
  - Ensuring there is capacity to deliver change programmes as well as ongoing service delivery commitments.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- Members welcomed the report and thanked the Social Care and Health Team for work involved.
- Clarification was requested regarding capacity regarding management of vulnerable children and it was highlighted that there was an expectation for issues to be dealt with swiftly. In response, we were advised that the issue was unacceptable, however, the situation had improved and would be continually monitored. A review was being led by joint heads of service.
- It was suggested that the issue could be considered in further detail at Adults and Children and Young People Select Committee. Officers welcomed further discussion at Select committees.
- The CSSIW were thanked for attendance and presentation.

**9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE**

We received a report which consulted on Monmouthshire's Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2014-2017.

The WESP detailed how Monmouthshire planned to support; develop and secure Welsh language provision in schools and wider communities and how we would plan for future growth. The plan reflected objectives set out in the Government's Welsh-Medium Education Strategy.

The WESP 2014 -2017 has been developed in partnership with the local authorities in South East Wales consortium (SEWC). The plan was in draft form until the end of consultation period on 31st March 2014.



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It was recommended that Council received the report as part of the statutory consultation process.

During the debate the following items were raised:

- A question was raised regarding how Welsh Secondary education was being addressed and if there were alternative plans in place if there was no secondary provision.
- *County Councillor L. Guppy declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as she had a child in a Monmouthshire comprehensive school.*
- In response, we were advised that work was undertaken to ensure adequate solutions and a joint proposal would be submitted to the Welsh Government for secondary welsh medium provision, the target would be achieved by 2016.
- It was highlighted that some balance was required in terms of responding to an increase in demand. There would be a requirement to provide welsh education, however, various factors should be considered to avoid surplus places.
- We were advised that the report was presented to full Council as a draft and a website would be available for consultees e.g. youth service, to respond as part of the consultation. The plan would also be available translated to Welsh language.
- It was noted that there were two Welsh primary schools in Monmouthshire, therefore, there was a relatively small number in comparison to the welsh medium.

We resolved to receive the report.

It was proposed that the Report of the Chief Officer: Enterprise, regarding Pay Policy, was moved to the last item on the agenda. Upon being put to the vote the proposal was carried.

**10. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER  
SRS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

We received a report for the appointment of a member or officer as Director on the board of Shared Resource Services Business Solutions (SRS BS).

In May 2011 Cabinet agreed the establishment of a joint venture company with Torfaen CBC to take advantage of the technologically advanced resources available at the Shared Resource Centre within the private sector. The Council has two representatives on the Board of Directors. The original directors appointed were Councillor Bob Greenland and Steve Greenslade. No replacement appointment has been made since Steve Greenslade's passing and a vacancy had therefore arisen.

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It was proposed and duly seconded that the Chair of Economy and Development Select Committee, was appointed as an member Director on the board of Shared Resource Services Business Solutions (SRS BS).

Upon being put to the vote the proposal was lost.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Mr P. Davies, Head of Commercial & People Development, was appointed as an officer Director on the board of Shared Resource Services Business Solutions (SRS BS).

Upon being put to the vote the proposal was carried.

We resolved that Mr P. Davies, Head of Commercial & People Development, be appointed as an officer Director on the board of Shared Resource Services Business Solutions (SRS BS).

**11. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF IMPROVEMENT AND DEMOCRACY  
DIARY OF MEETINGS**

We considered the draft diary of meetings for 2014/15.

Councillor Councillor S.G.M. moved two amendments, which were duly seconded:

- 1) That meetings were moved from the Easter Holiday in 2015. Planning site inspections were scheduled on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Planning Committee on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and Cabinet on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and that these dates were changed to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2pm and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2pm respectively.
- 2) That planning site inspections were changed from 9.15am to 9.30am.

On being put the vote we resolved that meetings were moved from the Easter Holidays in 2015 and this became the substantive motion.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion, we agreed that planning site visits would be decided by the Planning Committee.

We resolved that the diary of meetings for 2014/15 as attached to the report be approved, subject to the following amendment:

- Planning Site Inspections changed to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- Planning Committee changed to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2pm.
- Cabinet changed to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2pm.
- Planning Committee to discuss and agree the time of site inspections.

**12. REPORTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE (SECTION 151 OFFICER)**

**a) TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

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Treasury Management was defined as “The management of the local authority’s investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.

The Authority pays due regard to CIPFA’s Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services (the “Code”) and accompanying Guidance Notes (as revised in 2011) and the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (as revised in 2011). The Prudential Code for Capital finance in local authorities outlines requirements for the manner in which capital spending plans are to be considered and approved, and in conjunction with this, the development of an integrated treasury management strategy.

During discussion we noted the following points:

- A question was raised regarding Page 166 investment strategy, investment levels were expected to reduce in the forthcoming year as the capital programme progresses. In response, we were advised that advice was received from treasury advisors, which would be information from the market place and best available at the time.
- Discussions were held regarding fair-trade and ethical investment. It was noted that a statement had been issued to members in 2013 and that it would be difficult to make caveats to the strategy because of the intrinsic nature of money markets where the onward application of cash investments is indefinite. This is because institutions lend to and borrow from a multitude of other institutions from many sectors, each of which may make further onward transactions as part of the entire money market cycle.
- A query was raised regarding strategy and borrowing implications for the future schools programme. We were informed that commitments towards 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools had been taken into account, estimates had been made and timing of investments had been considered.

Recommendations within the report were as follows:

- It is recommended that the proposed Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2014/15 (appendix 2) and proposed Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2014/15 to 2017/18 (appendix 1), including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2014/15, be approved together with the Treasury Limits as required by section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Councillor Hayward moved to approve the recommendations and this was duly seconded. Upon being put to the vote the recommendations were unanimously carried.

**b) BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX**

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The Cabinet Member for Finance, County Councillor P Murphy, outlined the main items of the budget and stated that the Council faced very challenging circumstances.

- Cabinet had tasked officers with looking at the budget and applied the cheaper, better, different principals.
- 37 ideas were received, which were subject to public consultation and scrutiny.
- 3 member seminars were held, 12 public meetings, 13 scrutiny meetings and 2 you tube videos were created. Social media was also used to ensure people were engaged. Members had access to officers and contributions were welcomed.
- Initial mandates were examined and where possible, responses had been accommodated. However, SEN post 16 transport would be reconsidered.
- The move of Tourist Information Centres (TICs) was also being reconsidered.
- Due to the reconfigured process the resulting budget would safeguard schools, vulnerable people, leisure centres, adult education and living wage.
- Low funding had been received from Welsh Government and the Authority had achievements with low expenditure. Achieving the savings was challenging but there was confidence in proposals, which would be subject to on-going scrutiny.
- Cabinet had taken note of the public contribution. A working assumption was Council Tax increase of 3%. However, proposed increase to 3.95% and use reserves to even out the remaining gaps and surpluses over the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). Increases at other authorities had been considered. Collection rate had been identified at 99%.
- Reserves were adequate going forward, however, careful monitoring was required to ensure this was maintained. Priority areas had been required to make savings.

Councillor Murphy expressed cabinet appreciation during challenging time and personal thanks to the Section 151 Officer and team for their work on the budget.

During a debate, the following issues were raised:

- Challenging times had been faced by the authority in setting the budget and cuts to the Welsh Government had been passed on to local authorities, difficult decisions had been taken during the budget deliberations.
- It was suggested that Council Tax collection was increased from 98% to 99%. In response, we noted that 99% was collected over time and it was not recommended to use reserves as it was advisable to retain a prudent minimum level.
- Significant pressures had occurred within the schools budget, it was recognised as important that the overall picture was considered.

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- Opposing views were expressed in relation to charging for swimming for 60+. It was noted that other schemes were in place to reduce costs e.g. £27 for 20 swims and the G.P. referral system was in place for people with medical issues. Swimming would be charged during school holidays but free swimming would be available in term time. During public consultation it had been highlighted that it was important to retain centres and have small charges.
- Clarification was requested in relation to switching off street lights, particularly in relation to unsafe areas. We noted that issues would be discussed with the local member and appropriate officer, so that appropriate areas would be identified.
- Discussions were held regarding support to vulnerable children and it was recognised that there could be a potential detrimental impact. Strong views were expressed that it was important for additional needs children to receive support.
- Ideas and suggestions were welcomed in terms of going forward with the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

It was moved as an amendment by County Councillor D Batrouni and seconded that the budget be modified as follows:

- **No cuts to additional learning needs children**
- **Removing contingency budget**
- **Reverse over 60 charge on swimming**
- **Delete plans to turn off street lighting**
- **Limit Council Tax to 3.5%**

Will be balanced by, capping private consultants at £25k, savings from hospitality, draw on extra reserves, plan to replace reserves. Over £700k put into reserves this year, therefore, reserves are being topped up. Need to ensure we have plans for future replenishment, important to be credible and prudent. Increase council tax on empty homes to 150% (could generate approximately £400k and may stimulate housing growth). Suggest using assets for further investments to generate revenue.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

County Councillor G. Down moved the following amendments which were duly seconded:

**1) Referendum on Council Tax Increase of over 2%.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**2) Council introduces e-billing for Council Tax.**

This was withdrawn following confirmation that part of the savings were based on the implementation of this facility in 2014/15.

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**3) Sweating assets – commercial opportunities.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**4) Subscription to WLGA, reduce contribution to European office (£7k).**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**5) Decreased Sustainability Team budget, to £50k.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**6) Participatory budget, changes to how budget would be administered.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

County Councillor D. Blakebrough moved an amendment which was duly seconded:

- **That the Council introduces a creative performance appraisal system.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

County Councillor S.G.M. Howarth moved the following amendments which were duly seconded:

**1) Delete increases on Post 16 transport.**

*Note: County Councillor D. Edwards left the meeting at 8.20pm.*

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**2) Provision of Pest Control.**

*Note: County Councillors D. Evans and B. Strong left the meeting at 8.55pm.*

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**3) Production of gazette/magazine.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

County Councillor R.J.C. Hayward moved an amendment which was duly seconded:

- **No charge for swimming for over 60's in school holidays.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

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We resolved:

That the following be approved:

- (a) The revenue estimates for the year 2014/15 as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014. (Appendix 4)
- (b) The capital programme for 2014/15 to 2017/18 as recommended by Cabinet at its meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014. (Appendix 5)
- (c) The disposal of assets at best value ( Appendix 7)

2.2 It was noted that, at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014, the Cabinet calculated the amounts set out below for the year 2014/15 in accordance with sections 32 and 33 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1992](#) ("the Act").

For information, sections 32 and 33 of the 1992 Act have been extensively amended by Schedule 12 to the [Local Government \(Wales\) Act 1994](#). Both are further amended by the [Local Authorities \(Alteration of Requisite Calculations\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002](#) (the "2002 regulations") and The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2013. Section 33 is further amended by the [Local Government Reorganisation \(Calculation of Basic Amount of Council Tax\) \(Wales\) Order 1996](#). All necessary legislative and statutory amendments have been taken into account in calculating the following amounts: -

- (a) 44,199.96 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act and The Regulations (as amended by Regulations 1999 no. 2935), as its Council Tax base for the year;
- (b) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate:

	<b>Council Tax Base for 2014/15</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Council Tax Base for 2014/15</b>
Abergavenny	4,770.94	Llanhennock	278.57
Caerwent	1,048.71	Llanover	804.04
Caldicot	3,938.97	Llantillio Croesenny	452.90

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	<b>Council Tax Base for 2014/15</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Council Tax Base for 2014/15</b>
Chepstow	5,346.93	Llantillio Pertholey	1,573.55
Crucorney	725.01	Llantrissant Fawr	261.50
Devauden	634.60	Magor with Undy	2,822.73
Goetre Fawr	1,175.92	Mathern	602.46
Grosmont	490.19	Mitchell Troy	734.32
Gwehelog Fawr	282.24	Monmouth	4,881.16
Llanarth	477.83	Portskewett	981.12
Llanbadoc	448.98	Raglan	1,061.80
Llanelly Hill	1,845.86	Rogiet	708.57
Llanfoist Fawr	1,772.90	Shirenewton	719.57
Llangattock Vibon Abel	646.58	St.Arvals	448.79
Llangwm	271.08	Tintern	484.72
Llangybi	518.88	Trellech	1,617.57
		Usk	1,370.97
		<b>Total</b>	<b>44,199.96</b>

That Council resolved:

2.3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act and sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) (as amended):

- (a) £145,287,643 being the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (d) of the Act less the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) and (c) of the Act calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year
- (b) £97,508,621 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant in accordance with Section 33 (3)



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- (c) £6,000 being the cost to the authority of discretionary non-domestic rate relief anticipated to be granted (under sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) , as amended)
- (d) £ 1,081.11 being the amount at 2.3(a) and 2.3(c) above less the amount at 2.3(b) above, all divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year
- (e) £1,669,443 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 of the Act (Town and Community Precepts)
- (f) £1,043.34 being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.
- (g) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amounts at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate:

<b>Community Council</b>	<b>Precept Band D Equivalent £'s</b>	<b>Community Council</b>	<b>Precept Band D Equivalent £'s</b>
Abergavenny	48.67	Llanover	13.06
Caerwent	38.14	Llantillio Croesenny	11.92
Caldicot	60.61	Llantillio Pertholey	25.61
Chepstow	60.83	Llantrissant Fawr	15.30
Crucorney	10.86	Magor with Undy	47.14
Devauden	12.61	Mathern	26.69
Goetre Fawr	23.39	Mitchell Troy	10.55
Grosmont	12.24	Monmouth	38.40

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Gwehelog Fawr	13.46	Portskewett	20.89
Llanarth	13.60	Raglan	28.38
Llanbadoc	22.01	Rogiet	42.77
Llanelly Hill	32.74	Shirenewton	20.81
Llanfoist Fawr	32.15	St.Arvars	20.66
Llangattock		Tintern	31.71
Vibon Abel	13.92		
Llangwm	9.96	Trellech	13.60
Llangybi	16.09	Usk	54.71
Llanhennock	14.93		

- (h) The County Council Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2.3(f) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

<b>Council Tax Band</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>
Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	695.56	811.49	927.41	1043.34	1275.19	1507.05	1738.90	2086.68	2434.46

- (i) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) and 2.3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands:-

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<b>Council Tax Band</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>
Abergavenny	728.01	849.34	970.67	1092.01	1334.68	1577.35	1820.02	2184.02	2548.02
Caerwent	720.99	841.15	961.31	1081.48	1321.81	1562.14	1802.47	2162.96	2523.45
Caldicot	735.97	858.63	981.29	1103.95	1349.27	1594.60	1839.92	2207.90	2575.88
Chepstow	736.11	858.80	981.48	1104.17	1349.54	1594.92	1840.28	2208.34	2576.40
Crucorney	702.80	819.94	937.06	1054.20	1288.46	1522.74	1757.00	2108.40	2459.80
Devauden	703.97	821.30	938.62	1055.95	1290.60	1525.26	1759.92	2111.90	2463.88
Goetre	711.15	829.68	948.20	1066.73	1303.78	1540.84	1777.88	2133.46	2489.04
Grosmont	703.72	821.01	938.29	1055.58	1290.15	1524.73	1759.30	2111.16	2463.02
Gwehelog	704.53	821.96	939.37	1056.80	1291.64	1526.49	1761.33	2113.60	2465.87
Llanarth	704.63	822.07	939.50	1056.94	1291.81	1526.69	1761.57	2113.88	2466.19
Llanbadock	710.23	828.61	946.97	1065.35	1302.09	1538.84	1775.58	2130.70	2485.82
Llanelly Hill	717.39	836.95	956.51	1076.08	1315.21	1554.34	1793.47	2152.16	2510.85
Llanfoist	716.99	836.50	955.99	1075.49	1314.48	1553.49	1792.48	2150.98	2509.48
Llangattock VA	704.84	822.32	939.78	1057.26	1292.20	1527.16	1762.10	2114.52	2466.94
Llangwm	702.20	819.24	936.26	1053.30	1287.36	1521.44	1755.50	2106.60	2457.70
Llangybi	706.29	824.00	941.71	1059.43	1294.86	1530.29	1765.72	2118.86	2472.00
Llanhennock	705.51	823.10	940.68	1058.27	1293.44	1528.62	1763.78	2116.54	2469.30
Llanover	704.27	821.65	939.02	1056.40	1291.15	1525.91	1760.67	2112.80	2464.93
Llantillio Croess	703.51	820.76	938.01	1055.26	1289.76	1524.27	1758.77	2110.52	2462.27
Llantillio Pertholey	712.63	831.41	950.17	1068.95	1306.49	1544.04	1781.58	2137.90	2494.22
Llantrissant	705.76	823.39	941.01	1058.64	1293.89	1529.15	1764.40	2117.28	2470.16
Magor with Undy	726.99	848.15	969.31	1090.48	1332.81	1575.14	1817.47	2180.96	2544.45
Mathern	713.35	832.25	951.13	1070.03	1307.81	1545.60	1783.38	2140.06	2496.74
Mitchell Troy	702.59	819.70	936.79	1053.89	1288.08	1522.29	1756.48	2107.78	2459.08
Monmouth	721.16	841.36	961.54	1081.74	1322.12	1562.52	1802.90	2163.48	2524.06
Portskewett	709.49	827.74	945.98	1064.23	1300.72	1537.22	1773.72	2128.46	2483.20
Raglan	714.48	833.56	952.64	1071.72	1309.88	1548.04	1786.20	2143.44	2500.68
Rogiet	724.07	844.76	965.43	1086.11	1327.46	1568.83	1810.18	2172.22	2534.26
Shirenewton	709.43	827.68	945.91	1064.15	1300.62	1537.11	1773.58	2128.30	2483.02
St. Arvans	709.33	827.56	945.77	1064.00	1300.44	1536.89	1773.33	2128.00	2482.67
Tintern	716.70	836.15	955.60	1075.05	1313.95	1552.85	1791.75	2150.10	2508.45
Trelech	704.63	822.07	939.50	1056.94	1291.81	1526.69	1761.57	2113.88	2466.19
Usk	732.03	854.04	976.04	1098.05	1342.06	1586.08	1830.08	2196.10	2562.12

- 2.4 That it be noted for the year 2014/15 that Gwent Police Authority has notified the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the dwellings shown above: -

<b>Council Tax Band</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>
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Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	135.67	158.28	180.89	203.50	248.72	293.94	339.17	407.00	474.83

2.5 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(i) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

**County Council plus Town/Community Council plus Police Authority**

<b>Council Tax Band</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>
Abergavenny	863.68	1007.62	1151.56	1295.51	1583.40	1871.29	2159.19	2591.02	3022.85
Caerwent	856.66	999.43	1142.20	1284.98	1570.53	1856.08	2141.64	2569.96	2998.28
Caldicot	871.64	1016.91	1162.18	1307.45	1597.99	1888.54	2179.09	2614.90	3050.71
Chepstow	871.78	1017.08	1162.37	1307.67	1598.26	1888.86	2179.45	2615.34	3051.23
Crucorney	838.47	978.22	1117.95	1257.70	1537.18	1816.68	2096.17	2515.40	2934.63
Devauden	839.64	979.58	1119.51	1259.45	1539.32	1819.20	2099.09	2518.90	2938.71
Goetre	846.82	987.96	1129.09	1270.23	1552.50	1834.78	2117.05	2540.46	2963.87
Grosmont	839.39	979.29	1119.18	1259.08	1538.87	1818.67	2098.47	2518.16	2937.85
Gwehelog	840.20	980.24	1120.26	1260.30	1540.36	1820.43	2100.50	2520.60	2940.70
Llanarth	840.30	980.35	1120.39	1260.44	1540.53	1820.63	2100.74	2520.88	2941.02
Llanbadock	845.90	986.89	1127.86	1268.85	1550.81	1832.78	2114.75	2537.70	2960.65
Llanelly Hill	853.06	995.23	1137.40	1279.58	1563.93	1848.28	2132.64	2559.16	2985.68
Llanfoist	852.66	994.78	1136.88	1278.99	1563.20	1847.43	2131.65	2557.98	2984.31
Llangattock	840.51	980.60	1120.67	1260.76	1540.92	1821.10	2101.27	2521.52	2941.77
Llangwm	837.87	977.52	1117.15	1256.80	1536.08	1815.38	2094.67	2513.60	2932.53
Llangybi	841.96	982.28	1122.60	1262.93	1543.58	1824.23	2104.89	2525.86	2946.83
Llanhennock	841.18	981.38	1121.57	1261.77	1542.16	1822.56	2102.95	2523.54	2944.13
Llanover	839.94	979.93	1119.91	1259.90	1539.87	1819.85	2099.84	2519.80	2939.76
Llantillio Croess	839.18	979.04	1118.90	1258.76	1538.48	1818.21	2097.94	2517.52	2937.10
Llantillio Pertholey	848.30	989.69	1131.06	1272.45	1555.21	1837.98	2120.75	2544.90	2969.05
Llantrissant	841.43	981.67	1121.90	1262.14	1542.61	1823.09	2103.57	2524.28	2944.99
Magor with Undy	862.66	1006.43	1150.20	1293.98	1581.53	1869.08	2156.64	2587.96	3019.28
Mathern	849.02	990.53	1132.02	1273.53	1556.53	1839.54	2122.55	2547.06	2971.57
Mitchell Troy	838.26	977.98	1117.68	1257.39	1536.80	1816.23	2095.65	2514.78	2933.91
Monmouth	856.83	999.64	1142.43	1285.24	1570.84	1856.46	2142.07	2570.48	2998.89
Portskewett	845.16	986.02	1126.87	1267.73	1549.44	1831.16	2112.89	2535.46	2958.03
Raglan	850.15	991.84	1133.53	1275.22	1558.60	1841.98	2125.37	2550.44	2975.51
Rogiet	859.74	1003.04	1146.32	1289.61	1576.18	1862.77	2149.35	2579.22	3009.09
Shirenewton	845.10	985.96	1126.80	1267.65	1549.34	1831.05	2112.75	2535.30	2957.85
St. Arvans	845.00	985.84	1126.66	1267.50	1549.16	1830.83	2112.50	2535.00	2957.50
Tintern	852.37	994.43	1136.49	1278.55	1562.67	1846.79	2130.92	2557.10	2983.28

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Trelech	840.30	980.35	1120.39	1260.44	1540.53	1820.63	2100.74	2520.88	2941.02
Usk	867.70	1012.32	1156.93	1301.55	1590.78	1880.02	2169.25	2603.10	3036.95

- 2.6 That Mrs J. Robson, Mr M. Howcroft, Miss R. Donovan, Mrs. S. Deacy, Mrs. W. Woods, Mrs. S. Knight and Mrs. J. Morgan be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to prosecute and appear on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council in proceedings before a Magistrates Court for the purpose of applying for Liability Orders in respect of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.

*Note: County Councillors D. Blakebrough, R. Hayward, M. Hickman, J. Higginson and S. Jones left the meeting at 9.45pm.,*

**13. REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER: ENTERPRISE  
PAY POLICY**

We received the Monmouthshire County Council Pay Policy, which was in accordance with the Localism Act.

During discussion it was requested that research was undertaken regarding the policy to be annually updated in line with the Living Wage pay increases.

We resolved to recommend:

That Council approve the Pay Policy for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**14. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

There were no member questions received.

**The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.**