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CABINET DECISION RECORDING LOG

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 3 February 2016

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 12 February 2016
(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)**

DECISION 1

SUBJECT: Revenue & Capital Monitoring 2016/16 Month 9 Outturn Forecast Statement

PURPOSE:

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast revenue outturn position of the Authority at the end of reporting period 3 which represents month 9 financial information for the 2015/16 financial year.
2. This report will also be considered by Select Committees as part of their responsibility to,
 - assess whether effective budget monitoring is taking place,
 - monitor the extent to which budgets are spent in accordance with agreed budget and policy framework,
 - challenge the reasonableness of projected over or underspends, and
 - monitor the achievement of predicted efficiency gains or progress in relation to savings proposals.

DECISION:

1. That Members consider the position concerning the third period of revenue monitoring in 2015/16 (£162,000 overspend), and seek assurance that Chief Officers will continue to work on delivering the £1.6 million Recovery Plan reported to December 2015 Cabinet.
2. That Senior officers follow the requirement of the Protection of Employment Policy which requires that all redundancy and pension costs must be reported to and agreed by Cabinet before final approval.
3. Members consider the position concerning period 3 (Month 9) Capital Monitoring 2015/16 of an estimated £23.8million spend against a net budget of £23.9million, after proposed slippage of £37.7 million, notes the improvement in a need for slippage reported by managers (after excluding 21c schools), and the reservation that this necessitates managers incurring £12.5million expense during the last quarter, when collectively they only spent £11.3 million in preceding periods this year.
4. Requests the addition of two wholly funded section 106 funded capital schemes to

the capital programme, which managers report will be fully utilised by the end of March 2016:

- A capital budget of £40,000 to allow for the construction of a Puffin crossing in the vicinity of the development at Saw Mill house funded from S106 contributions from the development at Saw Mill house, Little Mill.
- A capital budget of £6,800 to continue the implementation of the Monmouth Links Connect 2 walking and cycling network funded from Section 106 contributions received from the development at the Almshouses, St James' square Monmouth.

REASONS:

To improve budget monitoring and forecasting information being provided to Senior Officers and Members.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The forecast overspend and use of earmarked reserves, requires action to be taken to ensure that the budget is kept on track and earmarked reserves are maintained at an adequate level for the MTFP.

CONSULTEES:

Strategic Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
All Select Committee Chairman
Head of Legal Services
Head of Finance

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 2

SUBJECT: Proposed changes to the funding formula for schools

PURPOSE:

1. To provide members with an update on the proposed changes to the school funding formula.
2. To provide members with details of any consultation responses received in relation to these proposals.

DECISION:

To approve the following changes for the school funding formula;

- (i) Threshold funding for teachers
- (ii) Top Up funding for primary schools
- (iii) Funding for free school meals
- (iv) Funding for the residential element of Mounton House Special School.

REASONS:

To ensure that the funding for schools is distributed on the fairest method.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resource implications. However the funding reduction for Mounton House Special School could place the school in a deficit budget. The school is currently facing a deficit budget of £142,391 and is working closely with the Local Authority to develop a recovery plan. It is anticipated that further reductions will need to be made, and the Governing Body are aware of this.

CONSULTEES:

All Head teachers of Monmouthshire Schools
Chairs of Governing Bodies of Monmouthshire Schools
The Schools Budget Forum
The Senior Management Team
The Departmental Management Team of the Children and Young People Directorate
Diocesan Directors of Education
All Elected Members
CYP Select Committee.

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 3

SUBJECT: Monmouthshire Local Development Plan Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance

PURPOSE:

1. To advise Cabinet of the results of the recent consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Affordable Housing to support the policies of the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP).
2. To seek Cabinet's endorsement of the SPG, with a view to it being formally adopted as SPG in connection with the Monmouthshire LDP and to recommend to Council accordingly.

DECISION:

To defer the decision to 3rd March 2016, subject to further consideration by the Planning Committee.

REASONS:

Under the Planning Act (2004) and associated Regulations, all local planning authorities are required to produce a LDP. The Monmouthshire LDP was adopted on 27 February 2014 and decisions on planning applications are now being taken in accordance with policies and proposals in the LDP. The Affordable Housing SPG provides further explanation and guidance on the way in which the affordable housing policies of the LDP will be implemented.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

1. Officer time and costs associated with the publication of the SPG document. These will be within the existing Planning Policy budget.
2. A new funding stream will arise from processes introduced in association with the Affordable Housing SPG. LDP Policy S4, Affordable Housing, makes provision for financial contributions to be required to assist in funding affordable housing in the County where residential developments do not meet the thresholds for providing such housing on site. In addition, a process is set out in the SPG for requiring financial contributions in the exceptional circumstances where it is not appropriate or feasible to provide affordable housing on site.

CONSULTEES:

Head of Planning

Senior Strategy & Policy Officer, Housing & Communities
Strong Communities Select (16 July 2015)
Cabinet
SLT
Planning Committee (2 February 2016)

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 4

SUBJECT: Monmouthshire Local Development Plan Community Infrastructure Levy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of the results of the recent consultation on a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) and to seek endorsement of a Draft Charging Schedule (DCS), with a view to issuing for consultation purposes and to recommend to Council accordingly.

DECISION:

Cabinet notes the contents of this report and endorses the DCS, with a view to issuing for consultation purposes and to recommend to Council accordingly.

REASONS:

It is necessary for the Council to establish its position with regard to implementation of CIL to ensure that the potential for meeting infrastructure needs of communities through the implementation of the CIL Regulations is fully explored.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Officer time and costs associated with developing CIL. These will be carried out by

existing staff and within the existing budget, except for the likelihood that consultants will also be required as the CIL implementation process raises complex legal and technical issues (which will be subject to a formal public examination) that requires specialised assistance from experts in this field. It is envisaged that these additional costs will be met from the existing Development Plans Professional and Technical Fees budget line. New funding streams will arise from CIL if it is introduced as it will replace and supplement Section 106 funding in a number of areas.

CONSULTEES:

Head of Planning
Section 106 Working Party
Economy & Development Select (15 October 2015 and 26 November 2015)
Cabinet
SLT
Planning Committee (2 February 2016)

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 5

SUBJECT: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

PURPOSE:

To consider the attached draft Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment report which details the potential accommodation needs for Gypsy and Travellers in Monmouthshire.

DECISION:

To agree and adopt the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment.

REASONS:

The Council needs to comply with its statutory duty under Part 3 of Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no implications with regards to the Assessment itself. However, should the Council decide to develop site provision there could be capital costs associated with developing provision. It is worth noting though that Welsh Government grant assistance is currently available. However, this may be limited and access would be through a bidding process.

CONSULTEES:

Cabinet; Senior Leadership Team; Chair Adults Select; SE Wales Regional Equalities Council; MCC Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment Steering Group

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 6

SUBJECT: Croesonen S106 Funding

PURPOSE:

To decide on the allocation of grants to specific projects from the Section 106 funding available from the Croesonen Section 106 Agreements.

DECISION:

1. That the projects set out below and as detailed in **APPENDIX A** to this report be approved:

Project Amount	£
01 Development of new allotments at Nantgavenny Lane	18,900.00
02 Installation of play equipment at Community Centre	14,527.00
03 Provision of audio visual equipment at Llanddewi Skirrid Hall	444.00
Unallocated Balance	6,129.00
Total	40,000.00

2. That grant offers be made to each of the successful applicants subject to the standard terms and conditions of grant set out in **APPENDIX B** to this report.

REASONS:

The panel assessed each application in turn to make sure that it was measured accurately against the assessment criteria.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resource implications, as the expenditure recommended in the report will be met in full from the S106 contributions paid to the authority by the developers.

CONSULTEES:

Local County Council Members for Croesonen and Mardy
Members of the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee
Goetre Fawr and Llanbadoc Community Councils
Cabinet Members
Strategic Leadership Team
Head of Legal Services Monitoring Officer
Assistant Head of Finance/Deputy S151 Officer

INTEREST DECLARED

None

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DECISION 7

SUBJECT: Capital Budget 2016/17: Section 106 Funding

PURPOSE:

1. To recommend the setting up of a Capital Budget in 2016/17 for the Gilwern and Little Mill Off Site Open Space/Recreation Funding; and
2. To decide on the allocation of grants to specific projects from the Section 106 funding available in 2016/17.

DECISION:

1. That we create a capital budget necessary to bring the recommended proposals forward.
2. That we confirm proposals in relation to Little Mill sites as below:

Little Mill S106 Funding

02 Upgrade Little Mill village playground	12,095.00
05 New cricket wicket and changing rooms	20,000.00
06 Install floodlights at Goytre playing field	14,285.00
08 Establish section of Usk-Little Mill cycleway	28,100.00
Total	74,480.00

3. That we ask the allocation panel to reconvene as a matter of urgency and reconsider the original proposals and confirm whether they are still minded to stay with recommending the following original proposals or to amend:

Project	Amount
Gilwern S106 Funding	£
03 Upgrading of canal towpath in Gilwern	18,000.00
04 Extension/improvement of Gilwern Scooter Park	21,555.00
05 Install fitness equipment at Gilwern Playing Field	7,065.00
06 Construct petanque terrain in Gilwern	3,960.00
08 Heaven Scent Garden/Learning Zone, Ty Mawr	12,000.00
09 Clydach Playing Field Spectator Barrier	5,940.00
10 Gilwern OEC – toilets/kitchen/glazing	56,802.00
11 Upgrade Gilwern bowling green/pavilion	26,751.00
12 Gilwern Playing Field Improvements	34,391.00
13 Clydach – additional junior playing pitches	53,000.00
14 Incredible Edibles Llanelly Hill food project	1,215.00
15 Llanelly Hill Welfare Hall car park	22,441.00
Unallocated Balance	44,873.00
Total	307,993.00

REASONS:

1. The funding needs to be included in the Council's Capital Budget for 2016/17 to enable the grants to be paid when the works are in progress or have been completed.

2. The panel assessed each application in turn to make sure that it was measured accurately against the assessment criteria.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

1. The expenditure recommended in the report will be met in full from the S106 contributions paid to the authority by the developers. Sufficient funding has already been received to proceed with all of the emboldened schemes in para 2.3 (£165,857). The further £216,616 is anticipated within the next six months, at which stage the other six schemes can proceed, subject to the match funding being in place.
2. There is an issue about the timing of some projects being carried out in that a number of the projects recommended for approval will need to obtain certain permissions before the projects can proceed, e.g. planning approval, landlords/landowners consent, etc.

CONSULTEES:

Local County Council Members for Llanelly Hill, Goetre Fawr and Llanbadoc
Members of the Bryn y Cwm and Central Monmouthshire Area Committees
Community Councils of Llanelly, Goetre Fawr and Llanbadoc
Cabinet Members
Strategic Leadership Team
Head of Legal Services Monitoring Officer
Assistant Head of Finance/Deputy S151 Officer

INTEREST DECLARED

County Councillor S.G.M. Howarth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to being a member of the applicant, Clydach Juniors Football Club, at item 13 on the list for Gilwern funding.

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