

County Hall Rhadyr Usk NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Notice of meeting

# **County Council**

# Thursday, 21st June, 2018 at 2.00 pm, Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA

# AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 1.55pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

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13.	Notices of Motion:	
13.1.	From County Councillor T. Thomas	
	MCC resolves to endorse Abergavenny Just Food's document Towards a Manifesto for Food Justice for Wales and to commend it to WLGA and WG.	
	The Council agrees to ask officers to report on ways in which MCC is already contributing to the aims of the manifesto and on changes in policy and/or practice that are needed to achieve more.	
13.2.	From County Councillor D. Batrouni	
	<ul> <li>Council notes:</li> <li>The lack of genuinely affordable housing is a serious issue in Monmouthshire.</li> </ul>	
	• There are thousands of residents on the social housing register.	
	<ul> <li>House prices are rising steeply and will continue to do so when Severn Bridge tolls end.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Most local young people are being priced out of ever owning their own home.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Local authorities in England are helping meet this demand via Local Housing Companies (LHC).</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>It is projected that over 50% of local authorities would have an LHC by 2020.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Council resolves to:</li> <li>Immediately draw up plans to establish a Monmouthshire LHC, facilitated through our Asset Management strategy, via the Investment committee.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Establish the primary objective of the Monmouthshire LHC as being to build affordable homes for local people.</li> </ul>	

## 14. Members Questions:

### 14.1. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor R. John

In light of the growth of house building across Severnside. which could be upwards of 1000 houses in the foreseeable future, with a longerterm potential of even more houses with the implementation of a reviewed LDP. What actions will the Cabinet Member for Education be taking to cater for the expected increased need for school places across Severnside?

## 14.2. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor P. Jones

In light of the growth of house building across Severnside. that is upwards of potentially 1000 houses in the foreseeable future, with a longer-term potential of even more with the implementation of a reviewed LDP. What actions will the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health be considering together with the ABUHB to cater for the Health and Social Service needs of the Severnside Communities? Particularly as the ABUHB did not foresee any Service Delivery concerns at the time of the current LDP consultation?

## 14.3. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor B. Jones

With the envisaged growth of house building across Severnside, which will increase traffic movements and pose problems for the Highways infrastructure. What actions will the Cabinet Member for County Operations be taking to address the needs for a realistic Strategic Transport policy for pedestrian, cyclists and drivers across Severnside.?

## 14.4. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor P. Fox

Following on from my earlier questions, can you as Leader of this council, and also with your position on the City Deal Project ,bring your influence to bear to ensure that the Metro system and associated projects ,are implemented to the full benefit of the Severnside Communities, (and in this response should include Chepstow and beyond). A projected population of close on 50000 people divided by motorways, deserves better transport connectivity with the rest of the south Wales and the borders.

## 14.5. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor S. Jones

In view of the expected house building across Severnside over the next few years, which could increase the population by up to 4000, does the Cabinet Member for Community Development have a long term vision and plan to create a positive experience for Caldicot Town Centre to attract the new arrivals into the Community?

## 14.6. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor R. Greenland

As a result of building of over 1000 houses and growth in the population across Severnside does the Cabinet Member for Innovation, Enterprise and Leisure believe that there will be sufficient Leisure facilities for this growth in the population? What actions will be required to ensure continuity of leisure pursuits?

## 14.7. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor P. Jordan

In view of the radical changes to the electorate as a result of the planned and ongoing house building across Severnside, would the Cabinet Member for Governance consider that it is too early at this point in time to implement Community Boundary changes, particularly in Caldicot and Portskewett?

## 14.8. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor P. Murphy

This projected increase in the population across Severnside will impose greater pressures upon Monmouthshire County Council's resources. How does Cllr Murphy intend to address the financial pressures on Monmouthshire's budgets to realise the difficulties expected and aspirations of the Communities of Severnside in this time of growth, and what will be your priorities, and how will you deal with them?

# Paul Matthews

# **Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

# MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

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# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

# Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

#### Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

# **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.