

**CABINET  
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

**DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 19 January 2022**

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

*Decisions made by full cabinet and individual cabinet members are subject to "Call-in" by the appropriate Select Committee. Should a decision be subject to call-in it will not take effect as stated above and will be presented again at a later date.*

**CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors P.Pavia, L.Dymock, R.John, P. Jones, S. Jones, P. Murphy, J.Pratt,

**OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors S. Howarth and T.Thomas

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Matt Phillips, Peter Davies, Roger Hoggins, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Jane Rodgers, Nicola Perry, Jonathan Davies, Cath Fallon and Jane Lee

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3a	DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2022/23	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Cabinet approves the release of its draft budget proposals for 2022/23 for consultation purposes.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves that the consultation period, including the opportunity to present alternative proposals that have been assessed for Future Generations and equality implications, commences for a four-week period ending on 16 th February 2022.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms that the draft budget proposals and the revenue budget for 2022/23 are wholly aligned with the priorities set out in both the Corporate Plan and latest iteration of its strategic aims and that looks to maintain focus on the longer term challenges facing communities, and calls on the Council's partners and partnerships to maintain such similar focus.</p> <p>To update Cabinet on the implications arising out of the provisional settlement announcement of Welsh Government and to agree its proposed response as outlined in the letter shown in appendix 5.</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises unavoidable service pressures of some £10.41 million and further pay pressures of £4.96 million that need to be provided for within the 2022/23 budget.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms its intention fund pay related pressures insofar as they impact schools and up to a threshold of a 3% pay award, and to accommodate significant demand pressures caused, in particular by increasing numbers of looked after children and pupils with additional learning needs.</p> <p>That Cabinet proposes a Council Tax rise of 3.95% for modelling purposes for financial year 2022/23 and over the medium term</p>

				<p>That Cabinet acknowledges the financial risks and uncertainties that remain and that unless mitigated through other means will result in further budget pressures needing to be managed.</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises that whilst the draft budget proposals are presenting a balanced budget this includes a one-off contribution of £863k from the Council's limited general reserve (Council Fund). Efforts are to continue to mitigate as much as possible the level of reserve contribution supporting the budget proposals for 2022/23.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3b</b>	DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2025/26	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approves the release of its draft capital budget proposals for 2022/23 and indicative capital budgets for 2023/24 to 2025/26 as set out in appendix 5 for consultation purposes.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the reduction in core general capital grant of £762,000 highlighted in the provisional settlement received from Welsh Government that creates a funding shortfall and will require an assessment of the affordability of the existing programme prior to final capital proposals being presented.</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the capital bids put forward in appendix 1 that would require additional funding over and above that contained in the existing programme, and requests that further scrutiny is carried out of these bids prior to them being considered for inclusion in the final budget proposals.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms that the draft capital budget proposals for 2022/23 are wholly aligned with the priorities as set out in the Capital strategy, the Corporate Plan and the latest iteration of its strategic aims, and that looks to maintain focus on the longer term challenges facing communities.</p> <p>That Cabinet reaffirms the principle that new capital schemes can only be added to the capital programme if the business case demonstrates that either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they are self-financing</li> <li>• the scheme is deemed a higher priority, utilising the priority matrix in the Capital Strategy, than current schemes in the capital programme and displaces them</li> <li>• they do not compromise the core principles of affordability, sustainability or prudence</li> </ul> <p>That Cabinet considers whether the draft budget proposals are reasonable and appropriate in light of the backlog capital pressures identified in appendix</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the capital receipt receipts forecast in appendix 8 (exempt), and the prudence not to anticipate further significant additional receipts over this next 4-year MTFP window.</p> <p>That Cabinet specifically approves the use of £2.65m of capital receipts, using Welsh Government guidance on the flexible use of capital receipts to fund revenue costs associated with service reform, to support the draft revenue budget proposals for 2022/23.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers and re-affirms its agreement to the prudential indicators</p>

				supplied in appendix 9 that are based on the current draft revenue and capital budgets.
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3c</b>	USK (& WOODSIDE) IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the draft Usk (&amp; Woodside) Improvement Masterplan be approved, and that the action plan be subsequently amended by the Steering Group as appropriate.</p> <p>That the process to deliver the Action Plan set out in the Next Steps section is approved, subject to the amendment that the Partnership Group recommendation is not taken forward (see paragraph 3.7).</p> <p>That a Steering Committee is established and that the Steering Committee agrees a terms of reference, including the ability to revise and amend the Action Plan.</p> <p>That the Chief Officer for Enterprise and the relevant Cabinet members be regularly briefed on the actions of the Steering group and refinement of the Action Plan.</p> <p>To facilitate early occupation, that options for the use of the vacant HWRC site In Maryport Street car park be developed and implemented in advance of the wider masterplan action plan revision and any such proposals be approved by the deputy chief executive in consultation with the relevant cabinet member</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3d</b>	MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - OUTCOME OF STATUTORY OBJECTION PERIOD TO ESTABLISH AN ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL (3-19) IN ABERGAVENNY	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To agree to proceed to implement the below school reorganisation proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an all-through School with specialist centre for pupils with complex neuro-developmental needs between the ages of 3-19 on the site of King Henry VIII Comprehensive School, Abergavenny, with effect from 1st September 2023</li> <li>• Cease to maintain both Deri View Primary School and King Henry VIII Comprehensive School, with effect from 31st August 2023</li> <li>• Enable officers to take the necessary steps to establish a temporary governing body in advance of September 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3e</b>	UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND/UPDATE ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME/FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To consider the benefits that the approval of the UK Community Renewal Fund will bring to the County alongside the potential impact of the loss of the Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>To approve the delivery of the additional rural economic development programmes in line with confirmation of funding being received.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				

3f	WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2020	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: To receive the Monmouthshire WESP 2017-2020 Plan</p> <p>To agree to the actions, targets and timescales contained within Monmouthshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022-2031, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expansion of Welsh medium primary in the North East of the county and the co-creation of a new secondary school</li> <li>• A School Transport Review to ensure all learners within the county have a realistic option of choosing a Welsh-medium education</li> <li>• The development of ALN Welsh-medium provision and the delivery of wider ALN services through the medium of Welsh</li> <li>• An increase in the proportion of Welsh speakers in the school and local authority workforce</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
3g	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That the grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.</p>
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