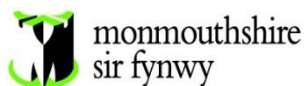


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Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Notice of meeting

Children and Young People Select Committee

Thursday, 27th May, 2021 at 10.00 am
Remote Meeting

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

AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	To note the appointment of County Councillor T. Thomas as Chair.	
2.	To appoint a Vice-Chair.	
3.	Apologies for Absence.	
4.	Declarations of Interest.	
5.	Public Open Forum.	
6.	Presentation regarding the New Curriculum for Wales - Discussion with the Education Achievement Service.	
7.	Children and Young People Select Committee Forward Work Plan.	1 - 4
8.	Council and Cabinet Work Planner.	5 - 20
9.	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.	21 - 26
10.	Next Meeting: Thursday 8th July 2021 at 10.00am.	

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY**

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Louise Brown	Shirenewton;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Martyn Groucutt	Lansdown;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Dave Jones	Crucorney;	Independent Group
County Councillor Malcolm Lane	Mardy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maureen Powell	Castle;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Priory;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jo Watkins	Caldicot Castle;	Liberal Democrats
Vacancy (Conservative Group)		

Added Members

Members voting on Education Issues Only

Vacant Seat (Roman Catholic Church)
Vacant Seat (Co-optee)
Elizabeth Thomas

Added Members

Non Voting

Fay Middleton (Trade Union)
Maggie Harris
Peter Strong NEU

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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.

Monmouthshire Scrutiny Committee Guide

Role of the Pre-meeting

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

Questions for the Meeting

Scrutinising Performance

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

Scrutinising Policy

1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least?
2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? Do they believe it will achieve the desired outcome?
3. What is the view of the community as a whole - the 'taxpayer' perspective?
4. What methods were used to consult with stakeholders? Did the process enable all those with a stake to have their say?
5. What practice and options have been considered in developing/reviewing this policy? What evidence is there to inform what works?
6. Does this policy align to our corporate objectives, as defined in our corporate plan?
7. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications been taken into consideration? For example, what are the procedures that need to be in place to protect children?
8. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified?
9. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated.

Questions for the Committee to conclude...

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

- (i) Investigate the issue in more detail?
- (ii) Obtain further information from other witnesses – Executive Member, independent expert, members of the local community, service users, regulatory bodies...
- (iii) Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report...

General Questions....

Empowering Communities

- How are we involving local communities and empowering them to design and deliver services to suit local need?
- Do we have regular discussions with communities about service priorities and what level of service the council can afford to provide in the future?

Service Demands

- How will policy and legislative change affect how the council operates?
- Have we considered the demographics of our council and how this will impact on service delivery and funding in the future?

Financial Planning

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

Making savings and generating income

- Do we have the right structures in place to ensure that our efficiency, improvement and transformational approaches are working together to maximise savings?
- How are we maximising income? Have we compared other council's policies to maximise income and fully considered the implications on service users?
- Do we have a workforce plan that takes into account capacity, costs, and skills of the actual versus desired workforce?

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2021

Children and Young People's Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
Special Meeting 11 th February 2021 2pm	EAS Business Plan 2021/2022	To consult the committee on the EAS Business Plan prior to Cabinet agreement in April.	Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Consultation
	Free School Meals Strategy	Engagement on Free School Meals ahead of drafting strategy.	Sharon Randall Smith Will Mclean	Policy Development
25 th March 2021	Young People's Mental Health	To discuss with the Youth Service children and young people's concerns around mental health.	Josh Klein Charlie Jade Atkins	Engagement and Policy Development
	Feedback from Estyn	Verbal update from the Chief Officer on the feedback from Estyn recently communicated to the Council.	Sharon Randall Smith Will Mclean	Performance Monitoring
20 th April 2021	Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People	To scrutinise the performance of the work of the directorate over the past year and the forward direction.	Will Mclean	Performance Monitoring
27 th May 2021	New School Curriculum	To invite the EAS to attend to discuss the new curriculum.	EAS Will McLean Sharon Randall Smith	Policy Development
8 th July 2021	New School in Abergavenny	Discuss the proposals for an all-through school in Abergavenny, following the close of the consultation on 22 nd June. Feedback to be provided to the committee on the responses received prior to Cabinet determining the next steps.	Will McLean	Policy Development
	Performance Reporting	Report on the performance against the 5 goals	Richard Jones Julie Boothroyd	Performance Monitoring
To be confirmed	Possible Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Social Services	TBC ~ possible Joint Scrutiny with Adults Select	Julie Boothroyd	Performance Monitoring
9 th September 2021	Free School Meal Strategy	To present the draft Free School Meals Strategy for pre-decision scrutiny following engagement in February.	EAS Will McLean	Policy Development

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2021

Children and Young People's Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
			Sharon Randall Smith	
14 th October 2021				
2 nd December 2021				
20 th January 2022				
3 rd March 2022				
7 th April 2022				

Future Agreed Work Programme Items:

Schools items:

- **Inclusion updates** – wellbeing/attitudes to learning/supporting the pupil voice
- **Post 16 education provision/Apprenticeships/Engagement and progression and support for those Not in Education or Employment**

Non-education issues:

- **Support for Foster Carers** ~ Edge of Care Team and BASE. Bringing in Foster Carers
- **Young Carers**
- **Healthy Relationships** ~ working group to be established with Engage 2 Change
- **Childcare sufficiency** – annual update
- **Well-being reporting (obesity, eating disorders etc)**
- **Family Support Services** ~ **Young People's Mental Health Support in Schools:** Chair to liaise with Chief Officer
- **Play provision**

Suggestions from the Chief Officer:

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2021

- **ADL Transformation ~ new legislation and practice early next year. Regional leads to provide and input. Readiness assessments**
- **Ongoing Transformation between health board and regional partnership boards. Intermediate Care funding and in particular, supporting wellbeing needs.**
- **Inclusion in schools (primary and secondary), Behaviour policy. CAMS support ~ early presentation.**
- **Risk areas, financial position and budgetary pressures, Schools Finance Forum work**
- **2 years' delivery plan for Children's Services ~ understanding good practice and the significant drivers on schools and social services**
- **Chief Officer Annual Reports and Corporate Parenting**

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Cabinet, Council and Individual Cabinet Member Decisions (ICMD) Forward Plan

Monmouthshire County Council is required to publish a forward plan of all key decisions to be taken. Council and Cabinet items will only be considered for decision if they have been included on the planner no later than the month preceding the meeting, unless the item is considered urgent.

Committee / Decision Maker	Meeting date / Decision due	Subject	Purpose	Author	Date item added to the planner	Date item originally scheduled for decision
Council	01/10/23	LDP for Adoption		Mark Hand	23/01/20	
Council	01/02/23	LDP submission for examination		Mark Hand	23/01/20	
Council	01/07/22	LDP Deposit Plan endorsement for consultation	Endorsement of Deposit Plan	Mark Hand	23/01/20	
Cabinet	06/04/22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 9 held on 10th March 2022		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Council	10/03/22	2022/23 Treasury Policy		Jon Davies	07/05/21	
Council	10/03/22	2022/23 Final Budget sign off including Council Tax Resolution		Peter Davies	07/05/21	
Cabinet	02/03/22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 8 held on 27th January 2022		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	02/03/22	2022/23 WCF/Treasury Fund Investments		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	

Cabinet	16/02/22	2022/23 Final Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals		Peter Davies	27/04/21	
Cabinet	16/02/22	2021/2 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report - month 9		Jon Davies	27/04/21	
Council	27/01/22	Council Tax Reduction Scheme		Ruth Donovan	07/05/21	
IMCD	12/01/22	2022/23 Community Council and Police Precepts - final		Jon Davies	07/05/21	
Cabinet	05/01/22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 7 held on 16th December 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	05/01/22	2021/2 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report - month 7		Peter Davies/Jon Davies	27/04/21	
IMCD	18/12/21	2022/23 Community Council and Police Precepts draft		Jon Davies	07/05/21	
Cabinet	15/12/21	2022/23 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals		Peter Davies	27/04/21	
IMCD	08/12/21	Council Tax Base and associated matters		Ruth Donovan	07/05/21	
Cabinet	01/12/21	Review of Monmouthshire's Destination Management Plan 2017-2020	Purpose: to approve the revised Destination Development Plan	Matthew Lewis	22/09/20	

Cabinet	01/12/21	Welsh Church Fund Working group - meeting 6 held on 4th November 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Council	04/11/21	ISA260 - MCC Accounts				
Council	04/11/2021	Final Statement of Accounts		Peter Davies	07/05/21	
Cabinet	03/11/21	2021/22 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report - month 5		Peter Davies/Jon Davies	27/04/21	
Cabinet	06/10/21	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 5 held on 23rd September 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	06/10/21	Revenue and Capital MTFP update and process		Peter Davies	27/04/21	
Cabinet	01/09/21	Welsh Church Fund Working group - meeting 4 held on 22nd July 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	01/09/21	LDP Preferred Strategy endorsement post consultation		Mark Hand	20/05/20	
Cabinet	28/07/21	2021/22 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report		Peter Davies/Jon Davies	27/04/21	
ICMD	14/07/21	Museum Object Disposal		Rachael Rogers	19/05/21	

Cabinet	07/07/21	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 3 held on 24th June 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	07/07/21	Active Travel Network Maps		Paul Sullivan	13/11/20	
Council	24/06/21	LDP Preferred Strategy endorsement for consultation		Mark Hand	21/09/20	
Cabinet	09/06/21	2020/21 Revenue and Capital Monitoring outturn	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast outturn position of the Authority at end of month reporting for 2020/21 financial year	Peter Davies/Jon Davies	27/04/21	
Cabinet	09/06/21	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 1 held on 15th April 2021 and meeting 2 held on 13th May 2021		Dave Jarrett	27/04/21	
Cabinet	07/07/21	Gilwern Site Developments		Marie Bartlett	23/05/21	
Cabinet	09/06/21	Digital and Data	To seek approval for the creation of a new Digital Design and Innovation Team, to strengthen our information governance arrangements and to broaden the remit of the existing performance team to include data analytics'.	Emma Jackson	13/05/21	
Cabinet	09/06/21	Shire Hall / Monmouth Museum – to consider the outcome of the feasibility study		Matthew Lewis/Ian Saunders	05/02/21	
Cabinet	09/06/21	Abergavenny CRC (Racecourse Farm)	CM	Mike Moran	14/10/20	
Council	13/05/21	Outside Bodies		John Pearson		

Council	13/05/21	Appointment to Committees		John Pearson		
Council	13/05/21	Political Balance		Matt Phillips		
Council	13/05/21	Freedom of the Borough		Joe Skidmore	22/04/21	
Council	13/05/21	Climate and Decarbonisation Strategy and Action Plan		Hazel Clatworthy	14/04/21	
ICMD	12/05/21	A Nation of Sanctuary - Asylum Dispersal Scheme - Moved to Cabinet	To provide Council with an progress update on the Climate and Decarbonisation Strategy and Action Plan which was developed following the passing of a motion to declare a climate emergency.	Matt Gatehouse	19/04/21	
ICMD	12/05/21	Play Action Plan	Cabinet Member Richard John Report originally on Cabi	hew Lewis/Mike Moran/Ian Saun	16/03/21	
Cabinet	14/04/21	Leisure Centre Investments		Marie Bartlett	22/03/21	
Cabinet	14/04/21	Statutory Consultation to establish 4-19 school in Abergavenny		Cath Saunders	03/03/21	
Cabinet	14/04/21	Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 6 held on 11th March 2021	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	14/04/21	Whole Authority Strategic Risk Assessment		Richard Jones	02/03/21	

ICMD	07/04/21	Strategic Procurement		Cath Fallon/P Murphy	09/03/21	
ICMD	24/03/21	SPG S106 Supplementary Planning Guidance	To Clarify how S106 contributions are calculated/ deferred from 13/1/21 and 24/02/21 deferred UFN	Phil Thomas/Mark Hand	01/05/19	
Council	11/03/21	Appointments to outside bodies	To appoint a representative to the Wye Navigation Advisory Committee	Matt Gatehouse	08/02/21	
Council	11/03/21	Council Tax Resolution Report		Ruth Donovan	02/04/20	
Council	11/03/21	Treasury Strategy report		Jon Davies	15/12/20	
Council	11/03/21	Constitution Review		Matt Phillips	14/08/19	
Council	11/03/21	The Annual Pay Policy		Sally Thomas	11/02/21	
ICMD	10/03/21	disposal of land for consideration	Awaiting notification re inclusion DEFERRED UFN	by Cllr Murphy/ Ben Thorpe	09/02/21	
ICMD	10/03/21	Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2021-26		Matthew Lewis/Richard John	10/02/21	
Cabinet	03/03/21	•EAS Business Plan		Sharon Randall Smith	21/09/20	

Cabinet	03/03/21	Final revenue and capital budget proposals		Peter Davies	21/09/20	
Cabinet	03/03/21	Social Justice Strategy Update		Cath Fallon	17/09/20	
Cabinet	03/02/21	Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 5 held on 14th January 2021	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	03/02/21	Apprenticeship Pay Rates		Gareth James	08/01/21	
Cabinet	03/02/21	Outdoor Adventure Provision at Gilwern		Marie Bartlett	30/11/20	30/11/20
Cabinet	03/02/21	Proposed Disposal of MCC Cottages		Nicola Howells	15/12/20	
ICMD	27/01/21	Approval on Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 - The Local Authorities (Precepts) (Wales) Regulations 1995	Deferred from 13/1 to 27/1	Jon Davies		
Cabinet	20/01/21	•Draft revenue and capital budget proposals for consultation		Peter Davies	21/09/20	
Cabinet	20/01/21	Chippenham Mead Play Area, Monmouth		Mike Moran	15/12/20	
Cabinet	20/01/21	Play Area Assessments and Future Play Area Policy	to advise members of play area assessments carried out last year and suggest a rationalisation of provision	Matthew Lewis	22/09/20	

Cabinet	20/01/21	BUS EMERGENCY SCHEME (BES) – REQUEST TO ALL COUNCILS TO SIGN UP TO THE BES2 SCHEME		Roger Hoggins	24/12/20	
Council	14/01/21	Council Diary 2021/22		Nicola Perry		
Council	14/01/21	Council Tax Reduction Scheme		Ruth Donovan	07/04/20	
Council	14/01/21	Annual Safeguarding Report		Jane Rodgers	21/09/20	
ICMD	13/01/21	Minerals Regional Technical Statement Second Revision (RTS2)		Rachel Lewis	17/12/20	
ICMD	13/01/21	Museum Service Collection Review	To propose the deaccessioning of and disposal actions for the proposed items in line with Section 4 of the Museums Association Disposal Toolkit	Matthew Lewis/Rachael Rogers	22/09/20	
ICMD	13/01/21	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards in the Private Rented Sector		Gareth Walters	15/12/21	
ICMD	13/01/21	Staffing Changes: Business Support	To seek approval for the voluntary redundancy of the Chief Executive's Personal Assistant, reducing the cost of administrative support arrangements for the senior management team and contribute to budget savings during the 2021-22 financial year./Paul Jordan	Matt Gatehouse	15/12/21	
Cabinet	06/01/21	Budget Monitoring Report - month 7 (period 2)	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast outturn position of the Authority at end of month reporting for 2020/21 financial year.	Peter Davies/Jon Davies	02/04/20	
Cabinet	06/01/21	RIPA Policy		Matt Phillips	21/10/20	

Cabinet	06/01/21	Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2020		Mark Hand	23/06/20	
ICMD	23/12/20	Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025	To approve the review of the Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025 Deferred awaiting new date	Matthew Lewis	22/09/2020/	
Cabinet	16/12/20	Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 7 held on 3rd December 2020	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	16/12/20	Proposal to pause work on a proposed Development Company		Deb Hill Howells	21/10/20	
Cabinet	16/12/20	Local Housing Market Assessment Update		Mark Hand	04/11/20	
Cabinet	16/12/20	Growth Options to Cabinet for endorsement for non-statutory consultation		Mark Hand	21/09/20	
Cabinet	16/12/20	Review of school places in Caldicot town		Matthew Jones	21/10/20	
ICMD	09/12/20	Shire Hall/Monmouth Museum	Paul Jordan	Matthew Lewis	deferred from 11/11	
IMCD	09/12/20	Consultation on Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 - The Local Authorities (Precepts) (Wales) Regulations 1995	To seek Member approval of the proposals for consultation purposes regarding payments to precepting authorities during the 2021/22 financial year as required by statute.	Jon Davies		
IMCD	09/12/20	Council Tax base and associated matters	To agree the Council Tax Base figure for submission to the Welsh Government, together with the collection rate to be applied for 2021/22 and to make other necessary related statutory decisions	Ruth Donovan	02/04/20	

Council	03/12/20	Corporate Joint Committee: Consultation Response'	To discuss and endorse a council response to consultation about draft regulations which will create four regional Corporate Joint Committees. These are a statutory mechanism for regional collaboration by local government.	Matt Gatehouse	16/10/20	
Council	03/12/20	Updated Asset Investment Policy		Peter Davies	21/09/20	
Council	03/12/20	Statutory Director of Social Services annual report		Julie Boothroyd	14/08/20	
Cabinet	02/12/20	InFuSe		Cath Fallon	10/11/20	
Cabinet	02/12/20	Clydach Ironworks Enhancement Scheme Revision/S106 Funding, Cae Meldon		Matthew Lewis	22/09/20	
ICMD	25/11/20	Homeseach Allocations Policy and Amendments	INCLUDED ON 11/11 AGENDA	Louise Corbett	22/10/20	
ICMD	11/11/20	WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER'S MONITORING WORK 2019-20		Matt Gatehouse		
ICMD	11/11/20	LDP Annual Monitoring Report/ and Annual Performance Report for Planning Service		Rachel Lewis/Phil Thomas	19/10/20	
ICMD	11/11/20	Housing Register Review		Mark Hand	23/06/20	
Cabinet	04/11/20	Outdoor Adventure Service		Marie Bartlett/Ian Saunders	13/10/20	

Cabinet	04/11/20	Public Service Ombudsman's annual letter	To provide Cabinet with a copy of the Public Service Ombudsman's annual letter to inform understanding of the council's performance in handling complaints	Matt Gatehouse	09/09/20	
Cabinet	04/11/20	Welsh Church Fund working group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 4 held on 22nd October 2020	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	04/11/20	Three Fields Site Magor – Lease Arrangements		Mike Moran	14/10/20	
Cabinet	04/11/20	Coronavirus Strategic Aims: Progress and Next Steps	To provide an overview of progress against the strategic aims set by Cabinet in July, and communicate an updated version of the plan on a page	Matt Gatehouse	26/08/20	
Cabinet	04/11/20	Section 106 Funding – The Hill, Abergavenny		Mike Moran	20/02/19	
Council	22/10/20	Corporate Plan Annual Report 2019/20		Richard Jones	25/08/20	
Council	22/10/20	MCC Audited Accounts (formal approval)	To notify Council of completed Audit process and resultant accounts - To go to Audit Committee	Peter Davies/Jon Davies	02/04/20	
Council	22/10/20	ISA 260 report - MCC Accounts - attachment above	Deferred from september	Peter Davies/Jon Davies	02/04/20	
Council	22/10/20	Future Data Hall and Data Hosting Arrangements		Peter Davies	16/09/20	
Council	22/10/20	LDP revised Delivery Agreement including LDP timetable and community involvement strategy		Craig O'Connor	03/07/20	

Cabinet	21/10/20	Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2020/21 Forecast Outturn Statement – Month 5		Peter Davies	16/09/20	
Cabinet	21/10/20	MTFP and Budget Process 2021/22 to 2024/25		Peter Davies	16/09/20	
Cabinet	21/10/20	Review of Garden Waste Service		Laura Carter	23/07/20	
ICMD	14/10/20	PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION - GRANTS TO LOCAL COUNCILS AND FUTURE PROVISION IN ABERGAVENTNY	DEFERRED	Roger Hoggins	25/09/20	
ICMD	14/10/20	Closure of Capita Gwent Consultancy and distribution of Reserves		Roger Hoggins	25/09/20	
ICMD	14/10/20	Extension of PSPO	To seek approval to extend three Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in respect of Bailey Park,	Andrew Mason	23/09/20	
Cabinet	07/10/20	Future Data Hall and Data Hosting Arrangements		Peter Davies	16/09/20	
Cabinet	07/10/20	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 2 held on 28th July 2020 and meeting 3 held on 10th September 2020.	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	07/10/20	Future Provision of HWRCs including the closure of Usk recycling centre		Carl Touhig	14/09/20	
ICMD	23/09/20	SCM Collaboration with TCBC Heritage Services		Amy Longford	24/08/20	

ICMD	23/09/20	SCM Collaboration with TCBC Heritage Services		Amy Longford	24/08/20	
Council	10/09/20	Audit Committee Annual Report		Philip White	11/08/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	Digital Infrastructure Action Plan		Cath Fallon	08/07/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	'Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2020/21 Forecast Outturn Statement – Month 2		Jonathan S Davies	12/06/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	Coronavirus Risk Management Update'		Peter Davies	10/07/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2020/21 - meeting 1 held on 30th June 2020	Dave Jarrett	02/04/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	Outdoor Education - Service Update		Marie Bartlett	09/07/20	
Cabinet	29/07/20	Public Toilets				
Cabinet	29/07/20	5G Rural test bed		Cath Fallon/Frances O'Brien		
Council	16/07/20	Climate Emergency Update		Hazel Clatworthy	10/06/20	

Council	16/07/20	CEx Report		Matt Phillips	18/06/20	
Council	16/07/20	Cabinet decision re Gilwern		Matt Phillips	27/05/20	
ICMD	08/07/20	Archaeology Planning Advice	Adoption post-guidance	Mark Hand	19/09/19	Deferred
Cabinet	01/07/20	COVID-19 Evaluation of Recovery Phase and Establishing Aims for Response Stage			17/06/20	
Cabinet	01/07/20	Home to School Transport Policy	Deferred		20/05/20	
Cabinet	01/07/20	Household Waste Recycling Centres	Deferred		20/05/20	
Cabinet	17/06/20	Revenue and Capital Monitoring Outturn	To provide Members with information on the outturn position of the Authority for the financial year	Peter Davies/Jon Davies	02/02/20	
Council	04/06/20	Licensing Act Policy		Linda O'Gorman		
Council	04/06/20	Estyn Report		Will Mclean		
Council	04/06/20	Safeguarding Covid19 Position Statement		Julie Boothroyd		

Council	04/06/20	Chief Officer, CYP Annual Report'		Will Mclean	11/03/20	
Council	04/06/20	Refit Programme		Ian Hoccom	28/02/20	
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Monmouthshire Select Committee Minutes

Meeting of Children and Young People Select Committee held at Remote Meeting on Tuesday, 20th April, 2021 at 10.00 am

Councillors Present

County Councillor T. Thomas (Chairman)
County Councillor (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: L. Brown, L. Dymock,
M. Groucutt and M. Powell

Officers in Attendance

Will McLean, Chief Officer for Children and Young People
Sharon Randall-Smith, Head of Achievement and Attainment
Hazel Ilett, Scrutiny Manager
Robert McGowan, Policy and Scrutiny Officer

APOLOGIES: County Councillor J. Watkins

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

3. Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People: To scrutinise the performance of the work of the directorate over the past year and the forward direction

Will McLean delivered the report and answered the members' questions.

Challenge:

The Health Service is likely to be overwhelmed by wider demands following the pandemic. If we are already not meeting with it as effectively as possible, how can better links with Health be guaranteed after the pandemic?

We had a recent Headteachers' session, in which we were joined by Dave Williams, Aneurin Bevan's 'DECLO' – dedicated lead for relationships with education, under the new ALN Act. Dave came to talk specifically about how to enhance and improve the relationships, to ensure that we are meeting all of those expectations under the new Act – so it seems that Aneurin Bevan wants to work differently with us. We concur with the pressures that the NHS is going to see. We will need to be very clear about our expectations around therapies etc. for children and young people, how they access them from their SNRB base, our expectations around frequency, attendance, etc. It is at that level that we are keen to work with Aneurin Bevan. Jacquelyn Elias is working very closely with the health board about a revised memorandum of understanding between us and them to ensure that we capture that.

A recurring issue has been the high level of fixed-term exclusions. As children come back to school, and some inevitably exhibit challenging behaviour, how will the team support schools to avoid the number of exclusions rising?

Speaking to some Headteachers, we are already seeing the change going from the very different year we've had into a more traditional setting – this change is indeed challenging for some of our young people, and we are already getting reports about challenging behaviours. We recently started a piece of work across our traditional inclusion services, educational psychology team and ALN team, to work through a clear process for our schools to understand the pathway: when children are identified with challenging behaviour, what is the root cause of that behaviour, and how can we help at that level? For example, with emotionally based school avoidance, there will be emotionally-based behaviours as well, as alluded to in the presentation.

Has the process started yet of trying to capture the brilliant new practice that has emerged?

Yes, some of the changes have been incredible. Some of the ways that schools have thought about things differently will be continued: the adaptations that have been made, the changes to curricula, changes in delivery to groups, the use of space, and more, will carry on in the future. It has been an interesting point of time: we knew the new curriculum was coming, but it was then delayed due to the pandemic, allowing schools to meet their learners' needs as locally determined, which now allows them to move smoothly from the current delivery into the new curriculum delivery. A huge amount of activities and ways of working will continue. One example is virtual parents' evenings, which will almost certainly be retained into the future, and we will work very closely with EAS to ensure those continuities.

Regarding Compass For Life, is there overlap with the Inspire programme, and will that be supported in the future?

Yes, there is a clear link between Compass For Life and the Inspire programmes. There can be a continuum. Something about which we're hopeful for Compass For Life is that the engagement in years 5 and 6 allows for the impetus to be carried through into secondary school. If that means that some of the learners working with Inspire have a language and means by which they can articulate what they want to achieve to those professionals they work with at secondary school, then that's a huge benefit. There is no news for today about future funding but given how well regarded those interventions are by our secondary schools we will look to support that in any way we can. It's also worthwhile to note that in the recent tweaks to SLT, as Chief Officer for Children and Young People I will have a closer commission and directional role with regard to some of the youth services than we've had up until now. I'm looking forward to working closely with colleagues in MonLife to ensure that what we learn and understand from schools can be acted on by those groups.

How can we best support teachers going forward, especially as they face a challenging time with re-introducing children to school?

It's important for schools to have the time to understand the scale of the challenges that they face. We know that some of the behaviours aren't where we want them to be. We need to continue being very supportive and ensuring that our interventions are proportionate and measured, and not step back into undue expectations. We need to ensure that the work we do with the schools adds value, try to lift the burden off them so that they have the time and energy to invest in their learners – which they always do – and that with the resources they now have, that they can make investments to improve things for their learners. We will work through the

effect on children of changing dynamics as a result of the pandemic in the coming months. I have upcoming visits to many of our schools scheduled – it will be very useful to see how the children have responded, and how they are doing.

A number of pupils have improved since being isolated at home. It will be interesting to see if they continue that mindset once they return to school.

We've already seen that some learners have benefitted from learning at home. For children who struggled to go to school, the recent period will have been an advantage to them – some will have felt more secure at home. We need to be careful that we don't say that is better for everyone to be back at school, categorically. In our Education Other Than At School provision (EOTAS), we are now seeing the benefits of our blended learning model, and we will see this develop over time.

Is it correct to say that not that many children are excluded but rather the same children are excluded frequently?

With the work by Richard Austin and his colleagues, we record the number of incidents, the length of the exclusions, the number of children affected, etc., and, yes, there are sometimes concentrations among a small number of children. But, as Councillor Groucott noted, in recent years we have seen rates of fixed-term exclusion in some schools that are too high.

Some children will be very thankful to return to school, as they come from disrupted or difficult homes.

It's really positive for us to have a close eye on our learners. Our biggest concern during the pandemic was, for those children that we thought might be vulnerable, we wouldn't be able to engage with them every day. Schools put a huge amount of effort into phone and video calls, to get a good sense of how the children were doing. It's only now, as the children return, that we will understand the effect of their time away. We are at the very early stages of that.

In terms of supporting pupils and teachers, would postponing the new curriculum be a good idea, while there is pressure for pupils and schools to find their feet again?

The curriculum for Wales has been passed into law now, so we are committed to enacting it. There will be significant change to education leadership in Welsh Government after the election: we know that the current minister isn't standing and there will be a new director of education in Wales. Some of our more experienced teachers have worked when they didn't have a national curriculum; that, in essence, is what we are moving back to, in that the curriculum will be designed and created at a school level. The more experienced teachers will therefore be invaluable in helping the younger members of staff to develop that, while those younger members will continue to be a support when it comes to the more technological aspects of practice, as it has developed. Those two facets will leave us in a very strong position.

Is Compass For Life tailored to a type of career guidance? Would that include looking at other options within a field in which a child states an interest?

Compass For Life is about not giving children a perspective that, very early in their lives, they might not be able to do something. It's hugely important that children are able to articulate their interests and aspirations. The compass's four cardinals need to be kept in balance. Once a child has articulated what they would like to do they then have to work through that process of understanding the steps that they need in order to get there: what they need to achieve in school, the subjects they need to study, necessary work experience, etc. 'East' on the compass provide the value set, that guides them through the journey and 'West' concerns the resilience

needed to go in search of that. Resilience includes adapting and changing a goal when necessary.

The report identifies 85 vulnerable learners. What is the nature of the difference in acceptance from schools, and what happened to the others?

I can share a detailed answer to this to all members outside the meeting. Those learners who didn't accept continue to be in close contact with their schools. School and social services colleagues continue to engage with all of the children to ensure they are being supported effectively.

The new arrangements for Centre-Determined Grades are a burden on teachers this year. What arrangements are being made to allow, where necessary, teachers time off timetable to deal with them?

Throughout the last year, we have had frequent engagement with colleagues in the Trade Unions. It was weekly at the height of the pandemic, and it is now a fortnightly meeting. I am very grateful for the way in which our Union colleagues have worked with us. Typically, the relationship is between the examination centre (the school) and the examination board, and not the local authority – the local authority doesn't have a direct relationship in that engagement. This year, the work done to establish how CDGs will be ascertained has been done through the Design And Delivery group, which includes members from Qualifications Wales and WJEC. The group has worked through this process, in which we have arrived at CDGs. Welsh Government has said that one of the Inset Days this year can be used to prepare for CDGs, but those days were to prepare for the new curriculum and other challenges, so they need to be careful about that balance. Headteachers talk to me frequently about the weight of work that is likely to fall on to schools this year. One of our schools has worked with MonLife: they are providing collapsed timetables – time for other year groups – so that teachers have time to work on the CDGs. There's no 'magic bullet' for us as the local authority but we are aware of the concern, and are working with the schools and at a national level to try to provide additional support to schools.

Regarding the standout figure for Free School Meals pupils in School 3 (p19): what are the plans for drilling down into those results, and determining what can be shared with the other schools?

We always try to capture the best practice, and make other schools aware of it. Our colleagues in EAS will look to identify that good practice, too. Sometimes, given the number of pupils, we can have quite small cohorts, and therefore volatility: one year there might be an outstanding cohort of learners entitled to FSMs, and another year it might not be the same. We will continue to work with schools to understand the cohorts and any additional needs they might have, and share good practice whenever we can.

Chair's Summary:

All members give their gratitude to everyone working in schools during this unprecedented period. Councillor Groucott's comments about linking with Aneurin Bevan are welcome, and the challenges of getting children back into school. It would be good to avoid exclusions as much as possible, given that all children have been excluded from school during the last year. The capture of good practice is very important. Compass For Life is strongly supported. Ongoing support for teachers was raised. Pupils catching up after Covid was raised; this is something we will look at in the future. Children in more challenging circumstances still concern the committee. We must focus our attention on helping them to get back to where they should be.

Councillor Dymock suggested that the committee receive an update from the Chief Officer once he has been out to schools.

4. Children and Young People Select Forward Work Plan

We would like to look at Free School Meals, probably asking Sharon Randall-Smith to update the committee, and young carers. We wish to set up a sub-group for the matters raised by the Youth Service at the last meeting, and are looking for volunteers. The other topic to consider is an update on the new curriculum; Councillor Brown would like to add the matter of whether there should be a postponement, considering Covid.

5. Cabinet and Council Work Planner

6. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

7. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as 27th May 2021

The meeting ended at **12.10 pm**

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