

**CABINET  
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

**DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 20 January 2021**

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*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.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, R.John, P. Jones, S. Jones, P. Jordan, P. Murphy, J.Pratt

**OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors D. Batrouni and S. Howarth

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Matt Phillips, Peter Davies, Roger Hoggins, Paul Matthews, Nicola Perry, Frances O'Brien, Jonathan Davies, Matthew Lewis, Mike Moran and Richard Cope

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3a	Chippenham Mead Play Area Capital Budget	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That a capital budget of £111,421 be included in the 2020/21 capital budget to fund the construction of a new play area at Chippenham Mead, Monmouth and that this is funded by a corresponding capital contribution from the S106 balances held by the Council from the Croft-y-Bwla development at Rockfield, Monmouth (Finance Code N563).
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
3b	Fixed Play Assessments and Future Action	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: Subject to consultation, the council  Rationalises the number of fixed play areas in the county and re-provisions those that are recommended for closure – the opportunities for rationalisation are more likely to occur in the four main settlements;  Replaces the current Fields in Trust (FiT) classification in favour of a two-tier classification of Neighbourhood and Doorstep Play Areas and that this is used to rationalise the number of urban-based play areas in the four main towns;  Uses this revised classification when assessing layout plans for new residential developments in the county;  Carries out a rationalisation of fixed play provision in the town of Monmouth as an initial pilot, which can then be rolled out to the other

				<p>main settlements;</p> <p>In future moves towards the provision of play equipment constructed of more natural materials such as sustainable hardwoods (e.g. robinia), with a greater proportion of accessible equipment.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3c</b>	Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) - Request to all Councils to sign up to the BES2 Scheme	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To set out the wider context, background and reasons for the Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) and to seek Cabinet approval for Monmouthshire County Council to sign up to the BES2 scheme. It also sets out Welsh Governments (WG) proposed reform of bus services in Wales and seeks Cabinet support in calling for a further report on proposed bus reform relating to future management of bus services in Wales.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>3d</b>	DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2021/22	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Cabinet approves the release of its draft budget proposals for 2021/22 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</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 pressures of some £10.070 million that need to be provided for within the 2021/22 budget.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms its intention to fully fund all pay related pressures insofar as they impact schools 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 4.95% for financial year 2021/22.</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises that whilst the draft budget proposals are presenting a balanced budget this includes a one-off contribution of £749k from the Council's limited general reserve balances (Council Fund). Efforts are to continue to mitigate as much as possible the level of</p>

				reserve contribution supporting the budget proposals for 2021/22.
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
3e	DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2021/22	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the release of its draft capital budget proposals for 2021/22 for consultation purposes.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers whether draft budget proposals are reasonable and appropriate in light of the capital pressures identified in Appendix 1.</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 notes the capital receipt receipts forecast in appendix 6 (exempt), and the prudence not to anticipate further significant additional receipts over this next 4-year MTFP window, until the uncertainties identified in paragraph 3.8 have been resolved.</p> <p>That Cabinet specifically approves the use of £1.7m 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 2021/22.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers and re-affirms its agreement to the prudential indicators supplied in Appendix 7 and its interpretation in paragraph 3.14 of this report.</p> <p>That Cabinet issues its draft capital budget proposals for 2020/21 and indicative capital budgets for 2022/23 to 2024/25 for consultation purposes as set out in Appendix 3.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				