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Tuesday, 9 January 2024

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Steve Greenslade Room, County Hall, Usk** on **Wednesday, 17th January, 2024**, at **5.00 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024/25 1 - 110

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To set out draft revenue and capital budget proposals for financial year 2024/25.

To commence a period of consultation on draft budget proposals for a four-week period ending 15th February 2024.

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4. COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE UPDATE 111 - 146

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To provide Cabinet with an update on the progress that has been made to deliver the commitments set out in the Community and Corporate Plan 2022-28.

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5. RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENTS PHASE 2 CONSULTATION ON A FAIRER COUNCIL TAX SYSTEM 147 - 158

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of Monmouthshire County Council's response to the Welsh Governments Phase 2 consultation on a fairer council tax system.

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6. REVISED COUNTER FRAUD, CORRUPTION & BRIBERY POLICY 159 - 190

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To receive, consider and approve the Council's updated and revised Counter Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy.

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7. STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF YSGOL GYMRAEG Y FENNI 191 - 242

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of the report is to seek Members' permission to consult with stakeholders on the Council's intention to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni to 420 places through its relocation to the site previously occupied by the former Deri View Primary School.

Members will be aware of their previous commitment to relocate Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni to the Deri View site as part of the band B proposals that involved the establishment the 3-19 School in Abergavenny. This report is to agree the school organisation route that will allow for the relocation and associated increase in capacity.

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8. REPURPOSING OF ACCOMMODATION IN THE COUNTY FARMS
PORTFOLIO TO SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER POLICY
OBJECTIVES

243 - 274

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To seek approval for the repurposing of vacant cottages held within the County Farms Portfolio to support policy objectives such as alleviating pressures with homelessness and to address the reliance on unsuitable temporary accommodation.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	<p>Leader Lead Officer – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation Promoting localism within regional and national frameworks Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships with City Regions and Public Service Board Strategic Procurement Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture</p>	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien</p> <p>Economic Strategy Local development plan and strategic development plan including strategic housing sites Homelessness, affordable housing delivery and private sector housing (empty homes, leasing scheme, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive tech) Supporting Town Centres including car parking and enforcement Development Management and Building Control Skills and Employment Broadband connectivity Car parks and civil enforcement trading standards, environmental health, public protection, and licencing</p>	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Rachel Garrick Ben Callard	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources (Job Share) Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Frances O’Brien, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Benefits Digital and information technology Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Emergency planning</p>	Caldicot Castle Llanfoist & Govilon

<p>Martyn Groucutt</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport</p>	<p>Lansdown</p>
<p>Ian Chandler</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children’s services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health and wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health provision</p>	<p>Llantilio Crossenny</p>
<p>Catrin Maby</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Decarbonisation Transport planning, public transport, highways and MCC fleet Active travel and Rights of way Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces, and parks Pavements and back lanes Flood alleviation, management and recovery Countryside, biodiversity, and river health</p>	<p>Drybridge</p>
<p>Angela Sandles</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Frances O’Brien,, Matthew Gatehouse, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Community inequality and poverty (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation and cost of living crisis) Citizen engagement and democracy promotion including working with voluntary organisations Citizen experience - community hubs, contact centre, and customer service and registrars Leisure centres, play and sport Tourism Development and Cultural strategy Public conveniences</p>	<p>Magor East with Undy</p>

	Electoral Services and constitution review Communications, public relations and marketing Ethics and standards Welsh Language	
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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

To become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

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.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

