

Public Document Pack



County Hall
Rhadyr
Usk
NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Notice of meeting:

Place Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 28th September, 2023 at 10.00 am
The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with
remote attendance

AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Public Open Forum.	
4.	Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy - To scrutinise the RLDP Preferred Strategy, including any proposed changes arising from the public consultation (report to follow).	1 - 30
5.	Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme (report to follow).	31 - 34
6.	Cabinet and Council Work Planner.	35 - 48
7.	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.	49 - 52
8.	Next Meeting: Thursday 9th November 2023 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 Emma Bryn	Wyesham;	Independent Group
County Councillor Tomos Dafydd Davies	Llanfoist & Govilon;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Lisa Dymock	Portskewett;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jane Lucas	Osbaston;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maria Stevens	Severn;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jackie Strong	Caldicot Cross;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Park;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Laura Wright	Grofield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Paul Griffiths	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru

Public Information

Access to paper copies of agendas and reports

A copy of this agenda and relevant reports can be made available to members of the public attending a meeting by requesting a copy from Democratic Services on 01633 644219. Please note that we must receive 24 hours notice prior to the meeting in order to provide you with a hard copy of this agenda.

Welsh Language

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public through the medium of Welsh or English. We respectfully ask that you provide us with adequate notice to accommodate your needs.

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.

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.

Monmouthshire Scrutiny Question Guide

Role of the Pre-meeting	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p style="margin-left: 20px;">- Agree the order of questioning and which Members will lead - Agree questions for officers and questions for the Cabinet Member</p>	
Questions for the Meeting	
<p><u>Scrutinising Performance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	<p><u>Scrutinising Policy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least? 2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? What consultation has been undertaken? Did the consultation process comply with the Gunning Principles? Do stakeholders 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? Does the policy relate to an area where there is a lack of published research or other evidence? 6. Does the policy relate to an area where there are known inequalities? 7. Does this policy align to our corporate objectives, as defined in our corporate plan? Does it adhere to our Welsh Language Standards?

8. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications
9. been taken into consideration? For example, what are the procedures that need to be in place to protect children?
- 10.
11. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified?
- 12.
13. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated

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?
- Is the service working with citizens to explain the role of different partners in delivering the service, and managing expectations?
- Is there a framework and proportionate process in place for collective performance assessment, including from a citizen's perspective, and do you have accountability arrangements to support this?
- Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out? If so, can the Leader and Cabinet/Senior Officers provide members with copies and a detailed explanation of the EQIA conducted in respect of these proposals?
- Can the Leader and Cabinet/Senior Officers assure members that these proposals comply with Equality and Human Rights legislation? Do the proposals comply with the Local Authority's Strategic Equality Plan?

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?
- Have you identified and considered the long-term trends that might affect your service area, what impact these trends could have on your service/your service could have on these trends, and what is being done in response?

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?

Questions to ask within a year of the decision:

- Were the intended outcomes of the proposal achieved or were there other results?
- Were the impacts confined to the group you initially thought would be affected i.e. older people, or were others affected e.g. people with disabilities, parents with young children?
- Is the decision still the right decision or do adjustments need to be made?

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...

Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report...

This page is intentionally left blank

<p>SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) PREFERRED STRATEGY</p> <p>MEETING: PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p> <p>DATE: 28 September 2023</p> <p>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL</p>
--

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to facilitate pre-decision scrutiny on post-consultation amendments to the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Preferred Strategy, prior to it being reported to Council on 26th October 2023 to seek endorsement of the amendments as the basis for preparing the Deposit Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Place Scrutiny Committee scrutinises proposed post-consultation amendments to the Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy, prior to it being reported to Council on 26th October 2023 to seek endorsement of the amendments as the basis for preparing the Deposit Plan.

3. KEY ISSUES:

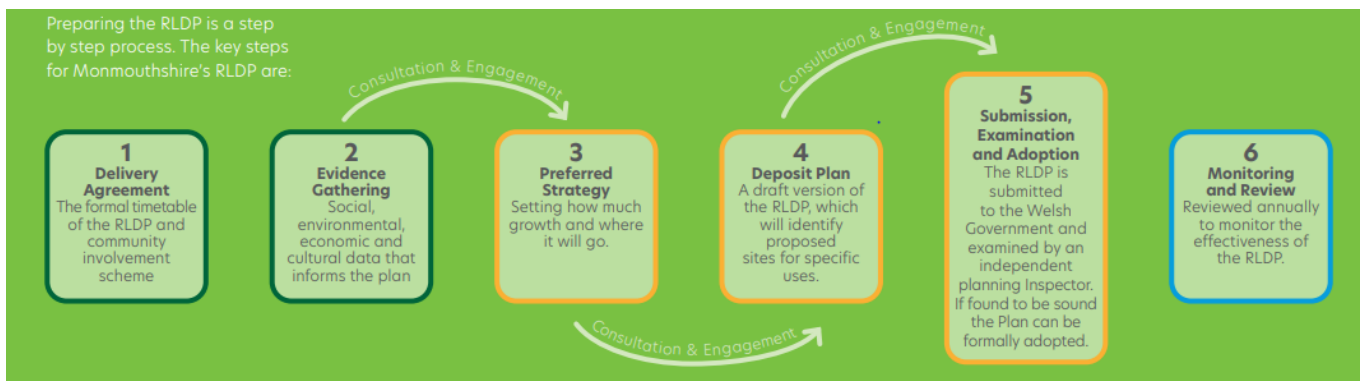
Background

- 3.1 The Council is preparing a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) for the period 2018 to 2033. The RLDP is a key Council policy document that allocates land for development, designates areas for protection and contains policies to provide the basis for deciding planning applications. It will cover the whole of the County except for the part within Brecon Beacons National Park. The current adopted LDP covered the period 2011-2021 but remains the planning policy framework for making decisions in Monmouthshire until the adoption of the RLDP.
- 3.2 The RLDP will identify where and how much new, sustainable development will take place to 2033, underpinned by a clear and robust evidence base. Early stages of the project identified 38 issues facing the communities we serve, based on a range of evidence including responses to consultation on the Public Service Board's Local Wellbeing Plan. The RLDP's issues, vision and objectives were subject of targeted engagement in January-February 2019 and were [reviewed](#) in the light of the subsequent Climate Emergency declaration by Council in May 2019. A [further review](#) in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic concluded that the Plan's strategic direction of travel remained relevant and identified a number of key messages that will require ongoing consideration as the RLDP progresses.
- 3.3 The seventeen Plan objectives are grouped to reflect the seven wellbeing goals (they are not listed in order of importance). However, as the Plan has developed, three core objectives have become apparent: delivering affordable homes to help address

inequality, rebalancing the County's demography to ensure communities are socially and economically sustainable, and responding to the climate and nature emergencies to ensure proposals are environmentally sustainable.

- 3.4 Figure 1 below shows the key steps in the RLDP process. Although the Preferred Strategy is the first statutory consultation stage in the RLDP preparation process, the Council chose to engage from the outset and consulted on the issues, vision and objectives, and the growth and spatial options stages.

Figure 1: Key Steps in the RLDP Process



RLDP Preferred Strategy

- 3.5 The Preferred Strategy provides the strategic direction for the development and use of land in Monmouthshire (excluding the area within the Brecon Beacons National Park) over the Plan period 2018 to 2033 and identifies how much sustainable growth is needed and where this growth will broadly be located. Its preparation has been guided by a framework of key inputs that includes national legislation/policy, local and regional policies/strategies and an evidence base relating to key local issues for the Plan to address. It provides the strategic context for the preparation of more detailed policies, proposals and land use allocations which will be included in the Deposit RLDP.
- 3.6 The overall purpose of the Preferred Strategy is to:
- identify key issues, challenges and opportunities for the County (see Section 3 of the Preferred Strategy);
 - set out a vision and objectives for the RLDP that respond to the key issues, challenges and opportunities (see Section 4);
 - set out the scale of future growth in population, housing and jobs and establish the spatial distribution of growth (see Section 4); and
 - set out the Preferred Strategic Site Allocations and strategic policies to deliver/implement the strategy (see Section 5).
- 3.7 At its meeting on 1st December 2022, Council endorsed the Preferred Strategy for public consultation for an eight-week period between Monday 5th December 2022 and Monday 30th January 2023). This included:
- Direct contact with statutory consultees and those stakeholders who have asked to be included on the RLDP database (1000+ contacts);
 - Members' Workshop 2nd November 2022 (hosted by Place Scrutiny Committee);
 - Place Scrutiny Committee 10th November 2022;

- Internal discussions within the Council through an officer workshop, Department Management Team and Senior Leadership Team;
- Seven RLDP Preferred Strategy Drop-in Sessions during December 2022 – January 2023;
- Two virtual events open to all during December 2022 – January 2023; and
- Virtual event for Town and Community Councils in December 2022.

3.8 The consultation resulted in approximately 220 responses to the Preferred Strategy and 650 representations on the Candidate Sites register. Of significant note, the Welsh Government Planning Division’s response is supportive (**Appendix 1**).

3.9 As a result of the consultation, it is proposed to make a small number of key changes to the Preferred Strategy as set out below and as highlighted in an updated version of the Preferred Strategy (**Appendix 2**):

- Inclusion of 2022/23 data in the spatial distribution of housing table (Table 2, page 39 of the updated Preferred Strategy);
- Identification of a strategic site in Monmouth (pages 58 and 62 of the updated Preferred Strategy) in response to Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water investment and Welsh Government advice, together with changes to how the ‘bonus sites’ (page 37 of the updated Preferred Strategy) are factored into the housing figures;
- Changing the proposed strategic site in Chepstow (pages 58 and 61 of the updated Preferred Strategy);
- Increasing the proposed flexibility level from 10% to 15% and consequential adjustments to the spatial distribution of housing table (Table 2, page 39 of the updated Preferred Strategy) from the changes above;
- Accommodating the MoD’s needs for service family accommodation for the new Caerwent Barracks.
- Enhance the sustainability credentials and energy efficiency of the homes that are constructed to be net zero carbon homes rather than net zero ready homes to ensure that homes built within Monmouthshire do not result in additional carbon emissions in the atmosphere.

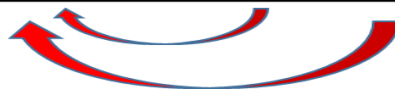
3.10 This report seeks scrutiny of the above proposed amendments prior to seeking Council endorsement of the updated Preferred Strategy as the basis for the Deposit Plan. Any proposed changes arising from Preferred Strategy consultation responses relating to the issues, vision, objectives and strategic policies will be included in the Deposit Plan for scrutiny in Spring 2024. The Deposit Plan will then be reported to Council in Spring 2024 for endorsement for public consultation.

Updated housing data

3.11 Each year, data is collected on housing completions and planning permissions. With time, homes will be completed on known sites with planning permission (existing commitments) and on small/windfall sites. As a result, homes will move left into the ‘completions’ column (red arrows). This table remains ‘live’ until the RLDP is at examination in public. NB the table below is taken from the December 2022 Preferred Strategy prior to the figures being updated.

Figure 3: Summary of Indicative Spatial Distribution of Housing Provision*

Settlement	Total Commitments		Preferred Strategy		Total Housing Provision 2018-2033*
	Completions 2018-2021	Existing Commitments	Total Allowances (Small Sites; Windfalls)	RLDP New Housing Allocations (Dwellings)	
Abergavenny (incl. Llanfoist)	426	132	245	600	1,403
Chepstow	192	267	165	145	769
Monmouth (incl. Wyesham)	264	11	0	0	275
Caldicot (incl. Severnside)	466	723	220	1,200	2609
Secondary Settlements	100	45	80	155	380
Rural Settlements	131	83	190	100	504
Total	1,579	1,261	900	2,200	5,940



Monmouth

3.12 The Preferred Strategy consultation in December 2022 and January 2023 proposed no new site allocations in Monmouth, or within the upper River Wye catchment north of Bigsweir Bridge, and also assumed no existing planning permissions or small/windfall sites can come forwards. This approach was taken due to the lack of an identified strategic solution to the treatment of phosphates at the Monmouth Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) within the Plan period.

3.13 It did, however, identify three sites as ‘bonus sites’ (not counted as part of the 5,940 homes) that would provide a small contribution to urgently needed housing, should a phosphate solution be found:

- Current LDP allocation at Tudor Road, Wyesham;
- Current LDP allocation at Drewen Farm, Monmouth; and
- Land at Rockfield Road with current planning application.

3.14 The Welsh Government’s response letter advised that new site allocations should be made in Monmouth on the basis that sufficient certainty is provided by DCWW’s planned improvements at the Monmouth Wastewater Treatment Works by 31st March 2025:

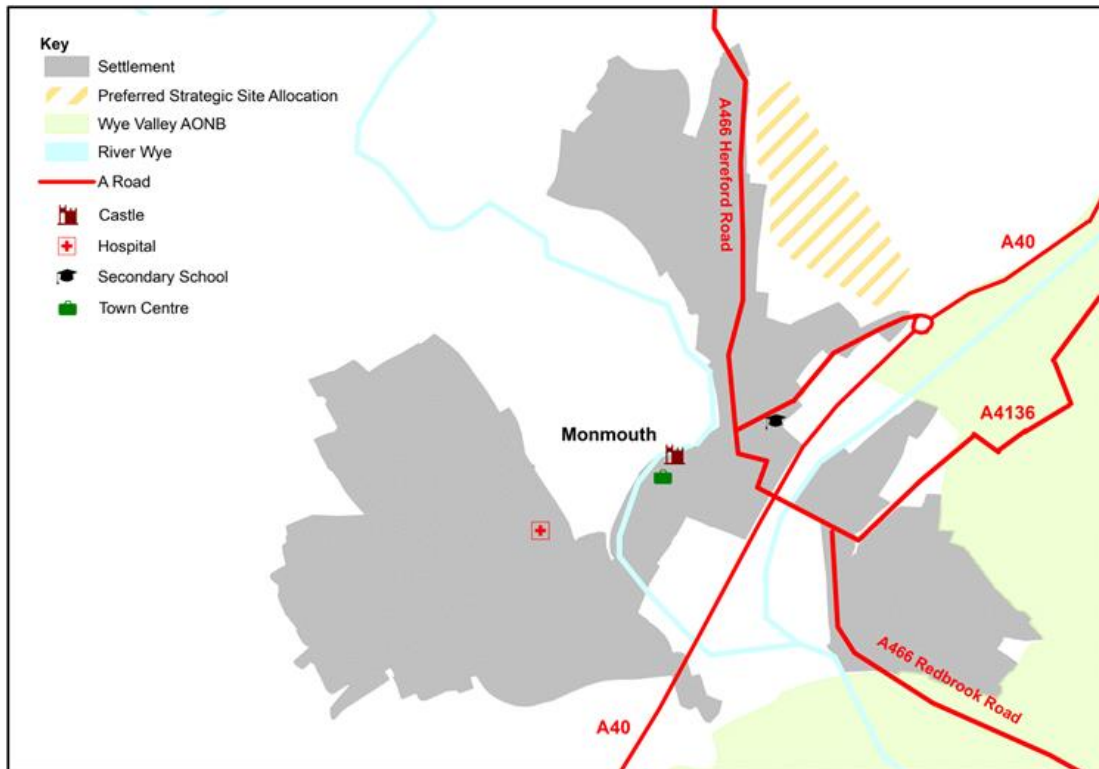
“Due to high phosphate levels in the Wye and Usk Welsh Water has made a commitment to improve the Wastewater Treatment facilities in Monmouth and Llanfoist. Improvements to both works are currently subject to design and regulatory approval. On the basis that improvement to both works to remove phosphates are planned it is appropriate to identify new affordable housing led allocations in both Monmouth and Abergavenny in the Deposit plan.”

3.15 The Welsh Government’s confidence in the removal of this spatial and environmental constraint means the RLDP can now allocate new affordable housing-led development within Monmouth. This will assist in addressing the Plan’s key objectives, including the delivery of much needed new affordable homes in the town, and allowing development that support the economic growth of the area.

3.16 In response, it is proposed to identify a new strategic site at Leasbrook, off Dixon Road in Monmouth for approximately 970 homes. This is in addition to the three

legacy sites named in paragraph 3.13 above, which can no longer be defined as 'bonus sites' but become a mix of commitments and a new allocation:

- Drewen Farm, Monmouth (adopted LDP site carried forwards) – approximately 110 homes
- Tudor Road, Wyesham (adopted LDP site carried forwards) – approximately 35 – 50 homes
- Rockfield Road, Monmouth (land with planning permission) – approximately 70 homes
- Rockfield Road, Monmouth (new allocation) – approximately 60 homes



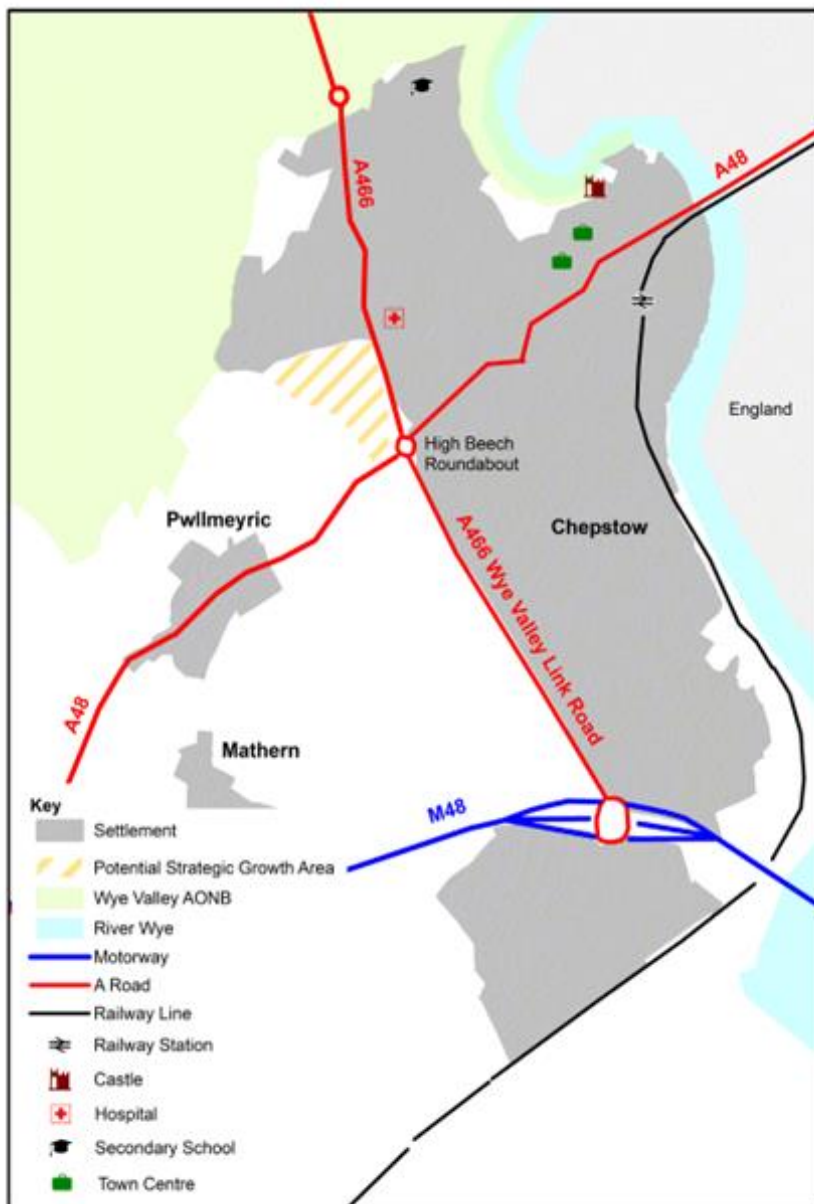
3.17 Cumulatively, this requires the redistribution of approximately 480 homes from the housing total. Part of this redistribution is achieved by reducing the scale of the Caldicot East strategic site from approximately 925 homes to approximately 735 homes. Of note, the site remains large enough to warrant an on-site primary school.

Chepstow

3.18 It is proposed to swop the strategic site in Chepstow from Bayfield, as shown in the consultation version of the Preferred Strategy, to Mounton Road in this updated version. The volume of housing would remain unchanged (approximately 145 homes). The pros and cons are summarised below.

Bayfield	Mounton Road
c.145 homes	c.145 homes plus commercial uses (scope for a hotel and care home)
c.28% best and most versatile agricultural land	c.72% best and most versatile agricultural land
Proximity to schools and leisure centre	Proximity to train station (and less steep topography) and to Bulwark local centre
Natural rounding off to the settlement boundary	Encroaches into current green wedge separating Chepstow from Pwllmeyric however sufficient buffer would remain
Adjacent to and visible from AONB	Setting of Listed Building

3.19 On balance, it is considered that the benefits of the commercial development and associated job creation outweigh the loss of higher quality agricultural land, given the absence of alternative commercial sites and the importance of Chepstow for tourism as the gateway to the Wye Valley.



Flexibility and consequential changes

- 3.20 It is proposed to increase the 10% flexibility rate to 15%. This increases the total number of homes planned for from 5,940 (5,400 + 10% flexibility) to 6,210 (5,400 + 15% flexibility), adding 270 homes to the total. This ensures the strategic sites at Abergavenny East and Caldicot East are sufficiently large to deliver the required infrastructure whilst also allowing for the allocation of a handful of smaller sites across the County to sustain and enhance existing communities. Increasing the flexibility ensures that the plan is more robust and resilient as there is delivery in the short-term term while the large strategic sites take time to be developed out. An increased flexibility will result in the Plan being able to provide a range and choice of sites and ensure that the plan is not solely reliant on the delivery of larger strategic sites which are more complicated to develop. A range of smaller sites will ensure the delivery of much needed affordable housing after the adoption of the plan to start addressing this current unmet affordable housing need.

MoD Caerwent proposals

- 3.21 The MoD proposals for Caerwent Barracks will require 100 homes on the Caldicot East strategic site to provide service family accommodation. These homes would be built or purchased by the MoD and would not be available to the general public, so would not count towards our 6,210 home total. There would be no affordable housing requirement for these 100 homes but there would be S106 contributions towards local infrastructure such as education and leisure.

Net Zero Carbon

- 3.22 Concerns have been raised regarding the use of the phrase 'net zero carbon ready' due to the potential for new homes to comply with this policy with very minimal improvements beyond Building Regulations requirements by relying on grid decarbonisation and needing retrofitted improvements in the near future. It is therefore proposed to enhance the policy requirement for the environmental credentials of the new homes to be 'net zero carbon' rather than 'net zero carbon ready'. This would result in the new homes achieving a balance between the carbon emitted into the atmosphere, and the carbon removed from it. The objective is to ensure that the new homes constructed within Monmouthshire do not increase carbon emissions in the long term. Officers are currently investigating the specific detail of this planning policy considering the viability implications and delivery mechanisms associated with the aspiration to deliver this type of development at scale. The detail of the net zero carbon policy will be outlined within the Deposit Plan which will be subject to public consultation and engagement in Spring 2024.

Summary

- 3.23 As a result of the above proposed changes, the updated Preferred Strategy:
- **Makes provision for approximately 5,400 – 6,210 homes over the Plan period 2018-2033¹** (Strategic Policy S1). This includes approximately 1,580 - 1,910 affordable homes (Strategic Policy S6). As there are currently approximately 4,085 homes in the housing landbank², **land will be allocated for approximately 1,660 - 2,125 new homes**, including 830 - 1,065 new affordable homes.
 - Sets out the planning policy framework to **enable the provision of approximately 6,240 additional jobs** (Strategic Policy S1) **by allocating**

¹ The flexibility allowance will be given further consideration and refined at Deposit stage.

² As the Plan period has already begun (2018) some of the homes in the landbank have been built, are under construction or have planning permission. The landbank figure also takes into account windfall sites and small sites.

sufficient employment land and by including policies to facilitate economic growth (Strategic Policy S12). The RLDP will be supported by an Economic Development Strategy.

- **Focuses growth in the County’s most sustainable settlements of Abergavenny, Caldicot (including Severnside), Chepstow and Monmouth** (Strategic Policy S2). **Preferred strategic sites** are identified to expand the Primary Settlements of Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow and Monmouth (Strategic Policy S7). Other detailed site allocations will be set out in the Deposit RLDP.
- Limits the impact of climate change by ensuring **new homes are net zero carbon and well connected with existing settlements**, providing attractive and accessible places to live and work.
- **Sets out strategic policies** on a range of topic areas, reflecting the four placemaking themes in Planning Policy Wales (PPW)³.

3.24 Table 2 below summarises the indicative spatial distribution of the proposed housing growth over the Plan period. There are different components that contribute towards the 6,210 homes (5,400 plus 15% flexibility) including homes already built since 2018 (1,922 homes), sites with planning permission that will realistically be built (993 homes), small sites and windfalls (1,010 homes), and new site allocations (2,125 homes). To encourage the promotion of sustainable communities where residents can live and work in the same area, housing growth will be accompanied by a commensurate amount of employment land, details of which will be provided in the Deposit Plan.

Table 2: Summary of Indicative Spatial Distribution of Housing Provision*

Settlement	Total Commitments			Preferred Strategy		Total Housing Provision 2018-2033*
	Completions 2018-2023	Existing Commitments	LDP Rollover Allocations	Total Allowances (Small Sites; Windfalls)	RLDP New Housing Allocations (Dwellings)	
Abergavenny (incl. Llanfoist)	486	77	0	240	600	1,403
Chepstow	315	170	0	165	145	795
Monmouth (incl. Wyesham)	267	81	145	86	330	909
Caldicot (incl. Severnside)	591	587	0	192	825	2195
Secondary Settlements	104	38	0	79	120	341
Rural Settlements	159	40	15	248	105	567
Total	1,922	993	160	1,010	2,125	6,210

*Figures include an indicative 15% flexibility allowance which will be subject to further consideration and refinement at Deposit Plan stage. The spatial distribution may alter following detailed site assessment work.

3.25 The exact distribution of growth will be determined following the assessment of candidate sites which will inform the Deposit RLDP. Any decisions on whether or not to

³ PPW edition 11, WG, February 2011.

allocate particular sites for development in the settlements will also depend on such issues as their impact on the physical form of the settlement, placemaking, carbon footprint, landscape setting, environmental constraints and infrastructure capacity.

- 3.26 Policy S7 identifies Preferred Strategic Site Allocations for expand the Primary Settlements of Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow and Monmouth (see Tables 3-6 in the updated Preferred Strategy).

Details of the Preferred Strategic Site Allocations

Site Name	Candidate Site Reference	Size (Ha)	Proposed Use	Approximate No. of homes within Plan period
Abergavenny East	CS0213	24.75	Mixed Use: Residential, Employment, Retail, Leisure, Education and Community Use	500
Mounton Road, Chepstow	CS0165	12.8	Residential	145
Leasbrook (land north of Dixon), Monmouth	CS0270	12.5	Residential	270
Caldicot East	CS0087 CS0251	94.57	Mixed Use: Residential, Employment, Retail, Leisure	735*

*MoD proposals for Caerwent Barracks will add 100 homes to Caldicot East to provide service family accommodation. These homes would be built or purchased by the MoD and would not be available to the general public, so would not count towards our housing total.

Supporting Documents

- 3.27 The Initial Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Preferred Strategy will be published alongside the Preferred Strategy. The ISA and HRA are iterative processes and will be updated as the RLDP progresses towards adoption. The updates to the Preferred Strategy will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Well-being of Future Generations Assessment (WBFGA), Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) and Welsh Language Impact Assessment (WLIA) as part of the Deposit Plan. The ISA assesses the extent to which the emerging proposals and policies will help to achieve the wider environmental, economic, social and cultural objectives of the RLDP. The updated Preferred Strategy will also be subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment at Deposit Plan stage.
- 3.28 The RLDP will be accompanied by an Infrastructure Plan, setting out what is needed to support the development of the allocated sites, and will sit alongside an updated voluntary Local Transport Plan and an Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy. Together, these Plans will seek to deliver on the Council's economic ambition and its core purpose of becoming a zero carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

General Conformity with Future Wales 2040: the National Plan and 'Soundness'

- 3.29 The Welsh Government response agrees that the level of growth set out in the Preferred Strategy is in general conformity with Future Wales' overall strategy. Although Monmouthshire is not within the national growth area identified in Future Wales 2040: the National Plan, our evidence shows that the proposed level of growth is essential to deliver our local evidence-based issues and objectives and to ensure the RLDP is 'sound'. It is supported by Future Wales policies 3, 4, 5 and 7, which support public leadership and the use of public land to deliver on ambitious affordable housing targets, demographically balanced rural communities, the rural economy and the delivery of affordable homes. The growth strategy will assist in addressing our core issues without harming or compromising Welsh Government's objectives for the wider South East Wales region. The updates do not change this position.
- 3.30 The updated Strategy continues to meet the key 'Tests of Soundness' of ensuring that the Plan is locally specific, addresses key issues, is supported by robust, proportionate and credible evidence, and the Plan's vision and strategy are positive and sufficiently aspirational.

Consultation responses

- 3.31 A summary consultation report is attached at **Appendix 3** (response to the Preferred Strategy) and **Appendix 4** (response to the Candidate Sites register). The consultation resulted in approximately 220 responses to the Preferred Strategy and 650 representations on the Candidate Sites register. Any proposed changes arising from Preferred Strategy consultation responses relating to the issues, vision, objectives and strategic policies will be included in the Deposit Plan for scrutiny in Spring 2024. The Deposit Plan will then be reported to Council in Spring 2024 for endorsement for a statutory six-week public consultation.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

- 4.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) sets out the requirement for all LDPs to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA). All formal stages of the RLDP will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment (ISA) (including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Well-being of Future Generations (WCFG), Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), and Welsh Language Impact Assessment (WLIA)). The ISA findings have informed the December 2022 Preferred Strategy and will be used to inform detailed policies and site allocations in the Deposit Plan, in order to ensure that the Plan will promote sustainable development. The Initial ISA Report was published alongside the December 2022 Preferred Strategy. The next iteration will be at Deposit Plan stage.
- 4.2 An Equality and Future Generations Evaluation (including equalities and sustainability impact assessment) is attached to this report at **Appendix 5**.

Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting

- 4.3 There are no safeguarding or corporate parenting implications arising directly from this report. The RLDP will provide affordable homes, delivery and allocation of which should be cognisant of the needs of children leaving care.

Socio-economic Duty

- 4.4 The RLDP seeks to tackle inequality, specifically by seeking to address house price unaffordability, which currently prevents some of our communities accessing suitable homes within the County. This is likely to benefit younger people, who in turn will make our ageing communities more socially and economically balanced and more sustainable. Good quality and affordable homes are important in achieving poverty reduction and equitable prosperity, and supporting the best start in life. Good spatial planning helps to build cohesive communities. The provision of affordable homes combined with policy interventions in relation to the requirement of a mix of market housing will increase opportunities for those in poverty to access safe, secure and suitable homes. In accordance with the WBFGA, the RLDP also seeks to prevent future problems and will therefore continue to avoid new development in flood risk areas and will seek net zero carbon ready development to help address the climate and nature emergency and also tackle issues such as fuel poverty.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Option	Benefit	Risk	Comment
Place Scrutiny Committee consider and comment, as appropriate, on the updated RLDP Preferred Strategy.	This provides the Place Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the updated Preferred Strategy and comment accordingly. Any feedback received will be noted and reported to Council on 26 th October 2023.		This is the preferred option. The updated Preferred Strategy, as drafted, is considered to promote an appropriate level and spatial distribution of housing and employment growth for the County to 2033, which will assist in delivering the Council's objectives and addressing the core issues of delivering essential affordable homes, responding to the climate and nature emergency. It responds to consultation responses.
Place Scrutiny Committee does not comment on the updated RLDP Preferred Strategy.		The option of not commenting on the Preferred Strategy would result in the Place Scrutiny Committee missing a key opportunity to shape the Deposit RLDP.	

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Officer and consultant time and costs associated with the preparation of the revised Preferred Strategy will be met from the Planning Policy budget and existing LDP reserve.
- 6.2 Delivery of the RLDP, once adopted, will need to be accompanied by a range of infrastructure provision including transport, education, health care, leisure and affordable housing. The infrastructure requirements will be identified in the Infrastructure Plan and updated Local Transport Plan accompanying the RLDP. Although it is expected that most of this infrastructure would be funded via S106 planning contributions (or possibly a Community Infrastructure Levy), there may be a requirement for Council expenditure to assist in providing some infrastructure or in bringing some sites forwards. This might include the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and/or potential commercial investment to provide 'shovel ready' sites or business premises. There may also be grant funding available. The Council's commitment for 50% affordable housing provision on new site allocations may require Welsh Government policy position changes on use of Social Housing Grant or other public sector funding. This commitment could have financial implications for the Council of reduced land sale receipts and the potential need to CPO sites to bring them forward. This approach is supported by Future Wales 2040 Policy 3 which supports public leadership and the use of public land to deliver on ambitious affordable housing targets.

7. CONSULTEES

- Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy, Deputy Leader
- SLT
- Communities and Place DMT
- Community consultation and engagement from Monday 5th December 2022 and Monday 30th January 2023
- Member workshop 12th July 2023

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- RLDP Preferred Strategy (December 2022)
- Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report (AECOM, December 2022)
- HRA of the Monmouthshire RLDP Preferred Strategy (AECOM, December 2022)
- RLDP Delivery Agreement (December 2022)
- Monmouthshire RLDP Demographic Update Report (Edge Analytics, November 2021)
- Sustainable Settlements Appraisal (December 2022)
- Growth and Spatial Options Paper (September 2022)
- Housing Background Paper (December 2022)
- Employment Land Review (BE Group, October 2022)
- Issues, Vision and Objectives Paper (Updated December 2022)
- Monmouthshire 2040: Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement (November 2019) and supporting MCC Economies of the Future Reports (2018)
- Candidate Sites Register (February 2022)
- Candidate Sites High Level Assessment (August 2022)
- Local Housing Market Assessment 2020-2025
- LDP Annual Monitoring Reports (2014-2021)

9. AUTHORS:

Mark Hand
Head of Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways and Flooding

Craig O'Connor
Head of Planning

Rachel Lewis
Planning Policy Manager

10. CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel: 07773478579
markhand@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Tel: 07816175737
craigoconnor@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01633 644827
rachellewis@monmouthshire.gov.uk

APPENDICES:

APPENDIX 1: Welsh Government Planning Division's response to revised Preferred Strategy 26th January 2023

APPENDIX 2: RLDP Preferred Strategy with post-consultation updates highlighted

APPENDIX 3: Summary of consultation responses relating to the Preferred Strategy

APPENDIX 4: Summary of consultation responses relating to the Candidate Sites register

APPENDIX 5: Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

This page is intentionally left blank

Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2018-2033

Place Scrutiny Committee: Update on Replacement Local
Development Plan 2018-2033

Thursday 28th September 2023



Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Progress to date

- December 2022/January 2023 – Public consultation on the preferred strategy
- Paper to Council on 26th October paper to agree post –consultation amendments to the RLDP
- Deposit Plan Spring 2024 – Draft version of RLDP with full policy framework and sites goes out to public consultation.

Page 16



The RLDP Process

Preparing the RLDP is a step by step process. We are currently at the Preferred Strategy stage of the process. The key steps for Monmouthshire's RLDP are:



*Consultation on the Preferred Strategy and Candidate Site Register December 2022 - January 2023

The Preferred Strategy we consulted on

Between 2018 and 2033 the revised Preferred Strategy will:

Grow Monmouthshire by 5,400 – 5,940 homes * including approximately 1,580 – 1,850 affordable homes

Enable the provision of 6,240 jobs

Focuses growth on exemplar, well-connected sites in most sustainable settlements of Abergavenny, Caldicot (including Severnside) and Chepstow

Identifies three Strategic Development Site Allocations

Limits the impact of climate change by ensuring new homes are net zero carbon ready and well connected with existing settlements, providing attractive and accessible places to live and work.

The updated Preferred Strategy

Between 2018 and 2033 the revised Preferred Strategy will:

Grow Monmouthshire by 5,400 – **6,210** homes * including approximately 1,580 – **1,910** affordable homes

Enable the provision of 6,240 jobs

Focuses growth on exemplar, well-connected sites in most sustainable settlements of Abergavenny, Caldicot (including Severnside) and Chepstow **and Monmouth**

Identifies **four** Strategic Development Site Allocations

Limits the impact of climate change by ensuring new homes are net zero carbon **ready** and well connected with existing settlements, providing attractive and accessible places to live and work.

The proposed changes to the RLDP following the consultation

1. Add a strategic site within Monmouth by allocating Candidate Site CS0270 Leasbrook off Dixton Road for approximately 270 homes and factor in legacy sites
2. Amend the site allocation within Chepstow by allocating Candidate Site CS0165 Mounton Road for approximately 145 homes and commercial development (hotel and possibly a care home)
3. Increase the flexibility allowance from 10% to 15% (5940 (5,400 + 10% flexibility) to 6210 (5,400 + 15% flexibility))
4. Make allowance within the plan for 100 Ministry of Defence (MoD) homes to provide service family accommodation
5. Amend policy requirement from 'net zero carbon ready' to 'net zero carbon'

Changes arising from comments on the vision, objectives and strategic policies will be incorporated into the Deposit Plan.



1. Allocation of a Strategic site in Monmouth

Welsh Government Planning Division's response :-

*“Due to high phosphate levels in the Wye and Usk Welsh Water has made a commitment to improve the Wastewater Treatment facilities in Monmouth and Llanfoist. Improvements to both works are currently subject to design and regulatory approval. **On the basis that improvement to both works to remove phosphates are planned it is appropriate to identify new affordable housing led allocations in both Monmouth and Abergavenny in the Deposit plan.**”*

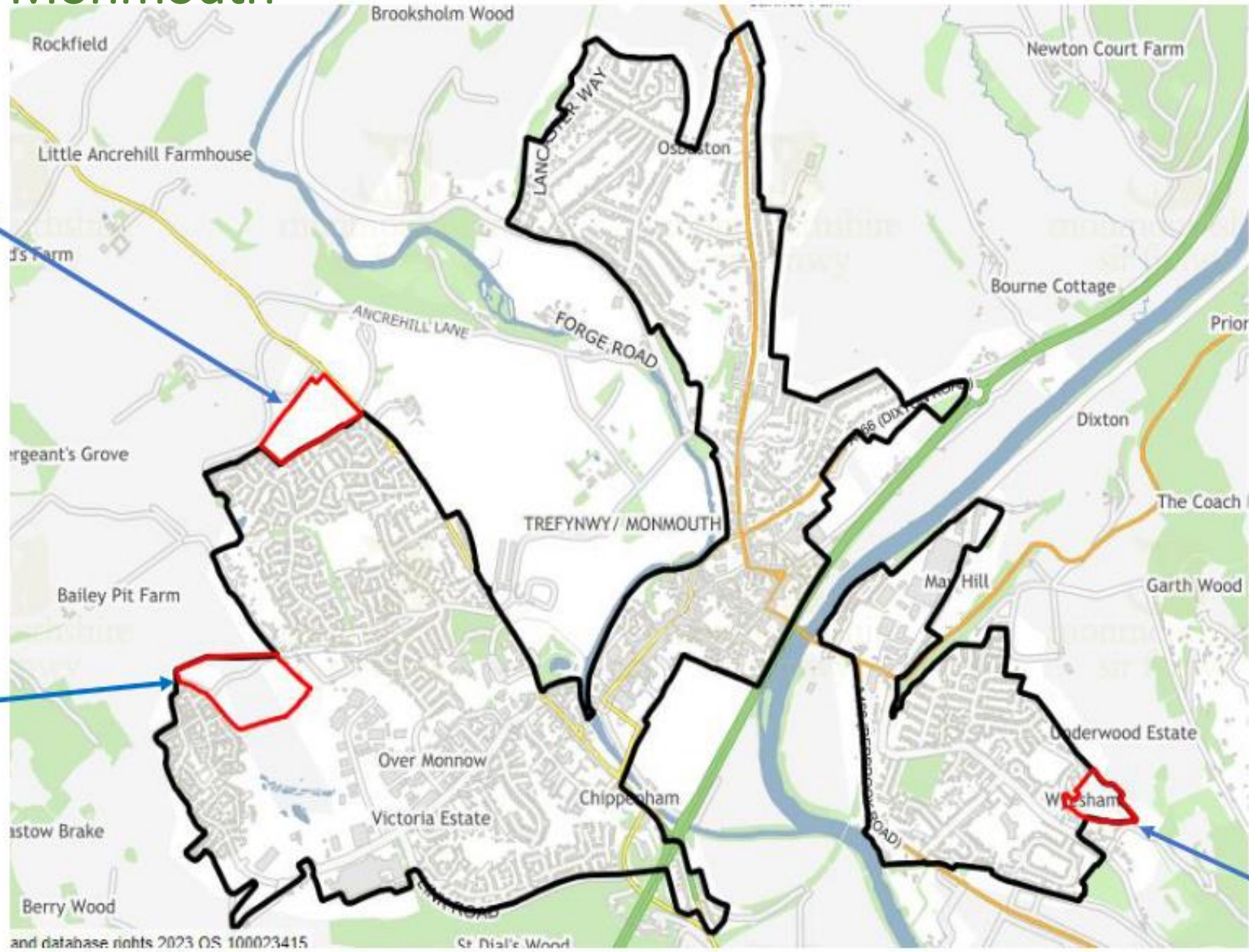
Page 20

The RLDP can now allocate new affordable housing-led development within Monmouth which will assist in addressing the Plan's key objectives, including the delivery of much needed new affordable homes in the town, and allowing development that support the economic growth of the area.



Legacy Sites in Monmouth

Page 21



c) Rockfield Road
Approximately
130 homes

a) Drewen Farm
Approximately
110 homes

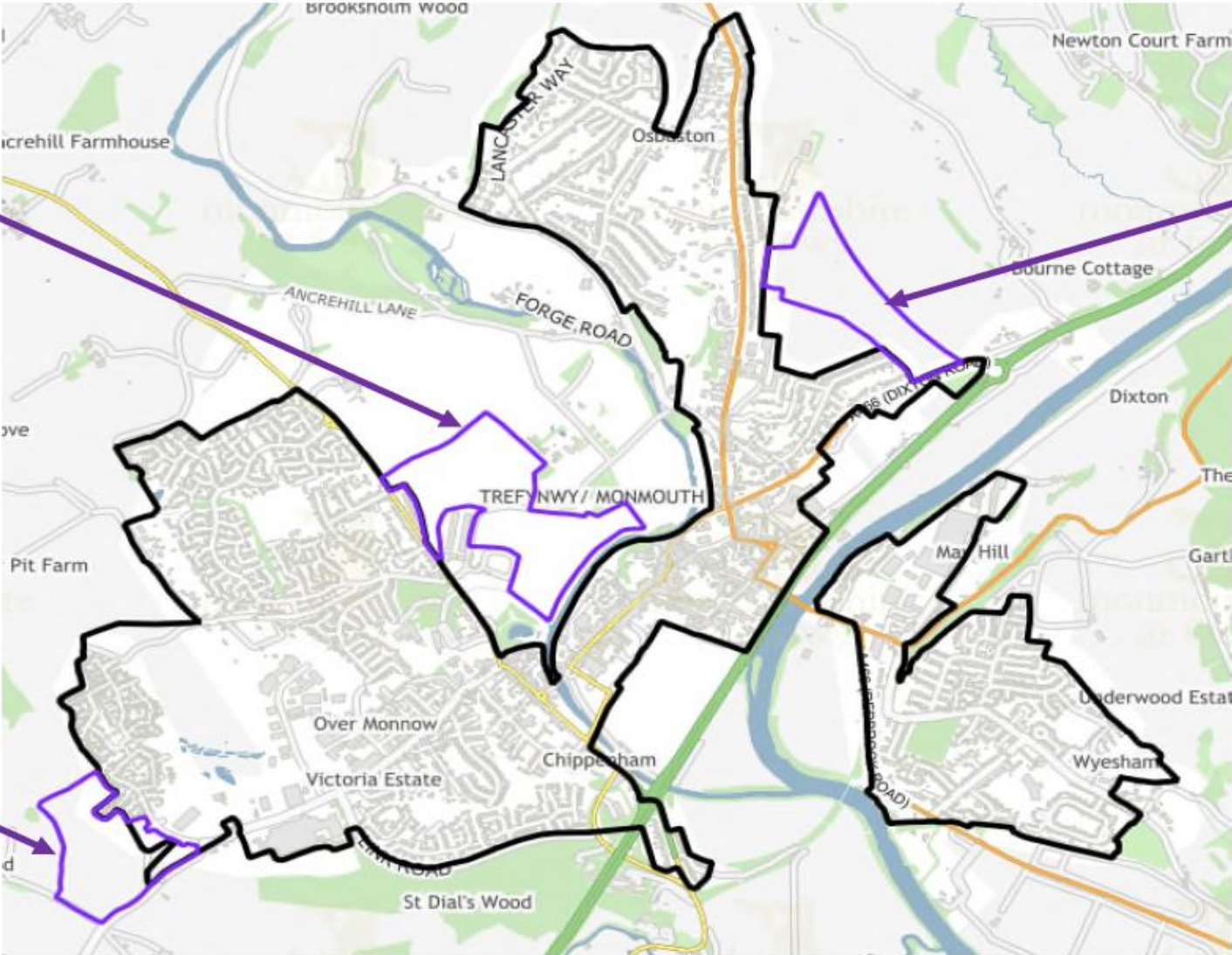
b) Tudor Road
Wyesham 4
Approximately 35
– 50 homes

Options for a Strategic Site in Monmouth – Preferred option is Dixon Road

Land at Vauxhall Fields
Mixed use Resi led scheme :
179 residential units
Care home, car park,
community park & hub

Land at Wonastow Road
Mixed use: 175 residential
units
2.6ha employment land

Land at Dixon Road
270 residential units

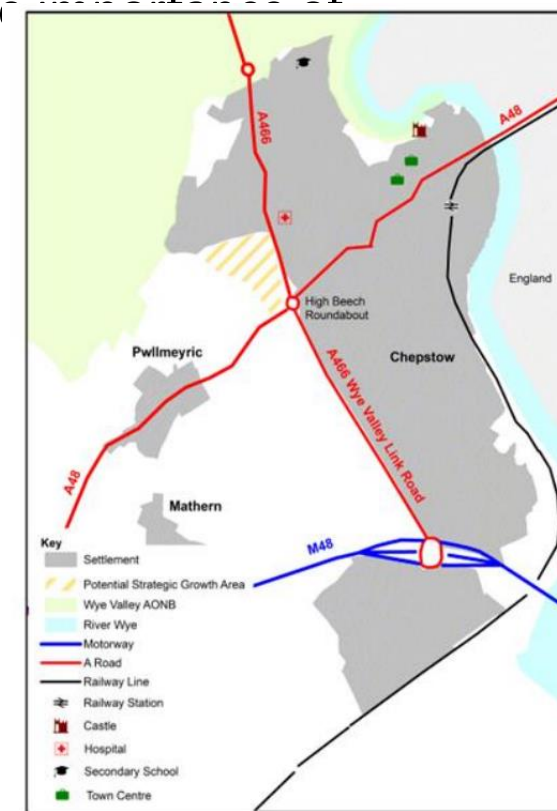


2. Amendment of strategic site in Chepstow

Amendment of strategic site in Chepstow from Bayfield to Mounon Road – number of homes remain unchanged – approximately 145 homes.

Benefits of the commercial development and associated job creation outweigh the loss of higher quality agricultural land, given the absence of alternative commercial sites and the importance of Chepstow for tourism as the gateway to the Wye Valley.

Bayfield	Mounon Road
c.145 homes	c.145 homes plus commercial uses (scope for a hotel and care home)
c.28% best and most versatile agricultural land	c.72% best and most versatile agricultural land
Proximity to schools and leisure centre	Proximity to train station (and less steep topography) and to Bulwark local centre
Natural rounding off to the settlement boundary	Encroaches into current green wedge separating Chepstow from Pwllmeyric however sufficient buffer would remain
Adjacent to and visible from AONB	Setting of Listed Building



3. Increase Flexibility allowance

Increase the flexibility allowance from 10% to 15% slightly increasing the total numbers of homes planned for from 5940 (5,400 + 10% flexibility) to 6210 (5,400 + 15% flexibility)

Benefits : -

- Ensures strategic sites are sufficiently large to deliver the required infrastructure
- Allows for smaller sites across the county to sustain existing communities
- Ensures plan is more robust and resilient
- A range of smaller sites will ensure delivery of much needed affordable housing after the adoption of the plan.



3. Increase Flexibility allowance

Settlement	Total Commitments			Preferred Strategy		Total Housing Provision 2018-2033*
	Completions 2018-2023	Existing Commitments	LDP Rollover Allocations	Total Allowances (Small Sites; Windfalls)	RLDP New Housing Allocations (Dwellings)	
Abergavenny (incl. Llanfoist)	486	77	0	240	600	1,403
Chepstow	315	170	0	165	145	795
Monmouth (incl. Wyesham)	267	81	145	86	330	909
Caldicot (incl. Severnside)	591	587	0	192	825	2195
Secondary Settlements	104	38	0	79	120	341
Rural Settlements	159	40	15	248	105	567
Total	1,922	993	160	1,010	2,125	6,210



3. Increase Flexibility allowance

Details of the Preferred Strategic Site Allocations

Site Name	Candidate Site Reference	Size (Ha)	Proposed Use	Approximate No. of homes within Plan period
Abergavenny East	CS0213	24.75	Mixed Use: Residential, Employment, Retail, Leisure, Education and Community Use	500
Mounton Road, Chepstow	CS0165	12.8	Residential	145
Leasbrook (land north of Dixton), Monmouth	CS0270	12.5	Residential	270
Caldicot East	CS0087 CS0251	94.57	Mixed Use: Residential, Employment, Retail, Leisure	735*

*does not include 100 MoD homes for service families



4. **Make allowance within the plan for 100 Ministry of Defence (MoD) homes to provide service family accommodation on Caldicot East Site.**

- Homes to provide service family accommodation on Caldicot East Site
- Built or purchased by the MoD not available for the general public and therefore not part of the housing requirement figure of 6,210

5. **Net Zero Carbon Homes**

- Move from 'net zero carbon ready to 'net zero carbon'
- New homes would achieve a balance between the carbon emitted into the atmosphere, and the carbon removed from it.
- Officers currently investigating the specific details of this planning policy considering the viability implications and delivery mechanisms.



The Vision for our Strategic Sites

Exemplar well connected, affordable housing led developments that enhance towns and provide highly sustainable homes for future generations

- 50/50 Affordable housing provision across sites
- Net Zero Carbon Homes – Highly energy efficient
- Excellent active travel connections to encourage movement away from private motor vehicle
- Housing mix
- Access to Green open space and integration of green infrastructure
- High standard of design for built environment



Other key pieces of work to inform the Deposit Plan

- Ongoing work on the Infrastructure Plan
- Updated Local Transport Plan
- Economic Development Strategy
- Integrated sustainability appraisal
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Gypsy and Traveller site search
- Renewable Energy Study
- Green Wedge Review



Questions and discussions



Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2023-24

Place Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
28 th September 2023	Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy	To scrutinise the RLDP Preferred Strategy, including any proposed changes arising from the public consultation.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
Workshop	Economic Development Strategy Update	To consider progress ahead of Cabinet decision in October.	Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
Workshop	Local Transport Plan Update	To consider progress ahead of Cabinet decision in October.	Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
Tuesday 10th October - Workshop	RLDP update	To consider progress ahead of an informal Cabinet paper.	Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
9 th November 2023	Community Improvement Team	To scrutinise the team's operations and organisation.	Carl Touhig Nigel Leaworthy Catrin Maby	Policy Development
	Economic Development Strategy	To scrutinise the Monmouthshire Business Growth & Enterprise Strategy and action plan in setting the economic ambition for the county.	Hannah Jones James Woodcock Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Local Transport Policy	To scrutinise the Local Transport Plan.	Deb Hill Howells Catrin Maby	Pre-decision Scrutiny
14 th December 2023	School Meals Procurement	Scrutiny of the council's school meals procurement and its contribution to deforestation. (Osbaston Primary)	Deb Hill-Howells Scott James	Policy Development

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2023-24

Place Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
	Pavement Café Policy	To scrutinise the pavement café policy as the basis for making decisions on applications for licences.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Policy Development
Special Meeting – 11th January 2024	Climate and Nature Emergency Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the strategy prior to Cabinet decision.	Hazel Clatworthy Catrin Maby	Policy Development
	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the strategy prior to Cabinet decision.	Deb Hill-Howells Ian Hoccom Catrin Maby	Pre-decision Scrutiny
1st February 2024	Scrutiny of the Budget Proposals	Scrutiny of the budget mandates relating to the committee's remit.	Peter Davies Jonathan Davies Rachel Garrick	Budget Scrutiny
	Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Controls	To scrutinise the latest report.	Huw Owen David Jones	Policy Development
14th March 2024	Local Flood Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny of adoption of the Local Flood Strategy.	Mark Hand Catrin Maby	Pre-decision Scrutiny

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2023-24

Place Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
10 th April 2024	Scrutiny of STEAM	Scrutiny of 2022 Monmouthshire STEAM (tourism volume and value) figures.	Nicola Edwards Matthew Lewis	Policy Development
	Replacement Local Development Plan	To scrutinise the RLDP Deposit Plan prior to Council endorsement for public consultation.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
To be confirmed (moved from 9th Nov)	Destination management Plan	To conduct pre-decision scrutiny.	Matthew Lewis	Pre-decision Scrutiny
September 2024	Monmouth Placemaking Plan	To conduct pre-decision scrutiny.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Magor Placemaking Plan	To conduct pre-decision scrutiny.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Abergavenny Placemaking Plan	To conduct pre-decision scrutiny prior to adoption of Plan by Cabinet.	Mark Hand Paul Griffiths	Pre-decision Scrutiny
To be confirmed (pending WG Road safety Strategy expected November 2023)	Road Safety Strategy	To scrutinise the Road Safety Strategy.	Mark Hand Catrin Maby	Pre-decision Scrutiny

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2023-24

Place Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
To be confirmed	Monlife Heritage Strategy		Tracey Thomas	
To be confirmed	Active Travel Plans	Across Highways and MonLife		
November Workshop	Affordable housing		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
December Workshop	Climate Change and Net Zero ready homes		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
January Workshop	Renewables		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
February Workshop	Retail		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
March Workshop	Tourism		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop
April Workshop	Deposit Plan		Craig O'Connor	Scrutiny Workshop

Committee / Decision Maker	Meeting date / Decision due	Report Title	Responsible Cabinet Member	Purpose	Author	Date item added to the planner
Council	01-Jul-25	RLDP for Adoption	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the RLDP following receipt of the Inspector's report, making it the County's Development Plan as defined by S38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	23-Aug-22
Council	01-Sep-24	RLDP submission for examination	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To endorse the submission of the Deposit RLDP to the Welsh Government for examination by an independent Inspector. By agreeing, Council will be saying it wants this document to be the adopted RLDP for Monmouthshire.	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	23-Aug-22
Council	18-Apr-24	RLDP Deposit Plan endorsement for consultation	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To endorse the Deposit RLDP for public consultation and engagement.	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	5-Jan-23
ICMD	17-Apr-24	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 4 held on 7th March 2024	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Dave Jarrett	30-Mar-23
Cabinet	10-Apr-24	Adoption of Abergavenny Placemaking Plan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the Abergavenny Placemaking Plan, co-produced with Abergavenny Town Council, to inform future regeneration priorities and grant bids	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	3-Oct-22
Cabinet	10-Apr-24	NEET Reduction Strategy			Hannah Jones	4-Sep-23
Cabinet	06-Mar-24	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Monitoring - Month 9	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Jon Davies	27-Apr-23
Cabinet	17-Jan-24	Sustainable Communities for Learning Strategic Outline Programme update	Martyn Groucutt - Education	To provide members with details of the revisions to the Strategic Outline Programme for the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme which will inform the development of projects within the rolling programme of	Debbie Graves	12-Sep-23
Cabinet	17-Jan-24	Adoption of Magor Placemaking Plan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	gyp	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	3-Oct-22
Cabinet	17-Jan-24	Adoption of Monmouth Placemaking Plan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the Monmouth Placemaking Plan, co-produced with Monmouth Town Council, to inform future regeneration priorities and grant bids	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	3-Oct-22

Cabinet	10-Jan-24	Monmouthshire Destination Management Plan			Matthew Lewis	10-Feb-22
ICMD	03-Jan-24	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 3 held on 7th December 2023	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Dave Jarrett	30-Mar-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Economic Development Strategy		REFRESHING THE MONMOUTHSHIRE BUSINESS GROWTH & ENTERPRISE STRATEGY and action plan in setting the economic ambition for the county and providing a strategic framework that guides future economic	Hannah Jones	9-Jan-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Local Transport Plan	Catrin Maby	To adopt the Local Transport Plan	Debra Hill-Howells / Christian Schmidt	4-Oct-22
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Community & Corporate Plan performance update	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To provide cabinet with the latest performance report of commitments in the Community and Corporate Plan	Richard Jones	5-Sep-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Whole Authority Strategic Risk Assessment	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority and to seek approval of the strategic risk assessment	Richard Jones	5-Sep-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Local Flood Strategy	Catrin Maby	To adopt the Local Flood Strategy Plan	Mark Hand / Ross Price	4-Oct-22
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Monitoring - Month 6	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Jon Davies	27-Apr-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Pavement Café Policy	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the pavement café policy as the basis for making decisions on applications for licences	Mark Hand / Paul Keeble	4-Oct-22
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	consultation on the relocation of Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni			Matthew Jones	23-Aug-23
Cabinet	13-Dec-23	Road Safety Strategy	Catrin Maby	To adopt the Road Safety Strategy	Mark Hand / Paul Keeble	4-Oct-22

Council	07-Dec-23	DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT		to provide Council with an overview of SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH directorate with a focus on year 2022 – 2023.	Jane Rodgers	31-Jul-23
Council	07-Dec-23	SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL EVALUTION REPORT		To provide Council with the annual self-evaluation of safeguarding from a whole authority perspective.	Jane Rodgers / Diane Corrister	31-Jul-23
ICMD	15-Nov-23	A012 Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order			Mark Hand	18-Sep-23
ICMD	15-Nov-23	A013 Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order			Mark Hand	18-Sep-23
Cabinet	08-Nov-23	Primary catchment review			Matthew Jones	23-Jun-23
Cabinet	08-Nov-23	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Monitoring - Month 5	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Jon Davies	
Council	26-Oct-23	Monmouthshire County Council Self- assessment 2022/23		to seek Council approval of the Self-Assessment report 2022/23 in line with requirements outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and to ensure that members have a clear and transparent assessment of the	Richard Jones	4-Jul-23
Council	26-Oct-23	RPB Area Plan			Jane Rodgers	4-Jul-23
Council	26-Oct-23	Appointment of Monmouthshire Local Access Forum		To secure the appointment of members to the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum for its next 3 year period.	Matthew Lewis	18-Jan-23
Council	26-Oct-23	RLDP Preferred Strategy consultation report	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To endorse the RLDP Preferred Strategy including any proposed changes arising from the public consultation.	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	3-Oct-22
Council	26-Oct-23	Financial Strategy			Jon Davies	

ICMD	25-Oct-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 12	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - parking/waiting restrictions at Justins Hill and Wyesham Avenue, Wyesham; Main Road & Castle Way, Portskewitt; Lane leading to Sugarloaf Llanwenarth car park; Wonastow Road/Drybridge Street Monmouth including removal of resident permit parking loading restrictions Monmouth	Mark Hand	25-Aug-23
ICMD	25-Oct-23	LDP Annual Monitoring Report	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To endorse the LDP Annual Monitoring Report for submission to WG	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	16-Jan-23
ICMD	25-Oct-23	Planning Annual Performance Report	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To endorse the Planning Department Annual Performance Report for submission to WG	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	16-Jan-23
ICMD	25-Oct-23	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 2 held on 21st September 2023	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Dave Jarrett	30-Mar-23
Cabinet	11-Oct-23	Disposal of Land at Natgavenny Lane	Rachel Garrick - Resources	To seek Cabinet approval for the disposal of a parcel of land adjacent to the Nantgavenny Lane Business Park, Mardy, Abergavenny	Nick Keyse	
Cabinet	11-Oct-23	RIPA Review	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To review RIPA strategy and arrangements	Geraint Edwards	25-Aug-23
Cabinet	04-Oct-23	Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Consultation			Cath Fallon	4-Sep-23
ICMD	27-Sep-23	Extending Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPOs) to tackle Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)		To seek approval to extend three Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in respect of Bailey Park, Abergavenny; Lower Abergavenny (including Castle Meadows) and Monmouth Town (including Chippenhams)	Andrew Mason	31-Aug-23
Council	21-Sep-23	REPORT ON JOINT SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES			Hazel Ilett	4-Sep-23
Council	21-Sep-23	Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To inform Council of the work and conclusions of the Governance and Audit Committee from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023	Chair of Governance and Audit Committee, Andrew Blackmore	27th July 2023
Council	21-Sep-23	Standards Committee Annual Report		This report is the first annual report from the Standards Committee to Council as required by the change in law set out in the Local Government and Elections Act 2021. It has to report on the discharge of the Committee's	Matt Phillips	10-Oct-22

ICMD	13-Sep-23	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 12 MOVED TO 25TH OCTOBER 2023	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	'Agreement to make the traffic order - parking/waiting restrictions at Justins Hill and Wyesham Avenue, Wyesham; Main Road and Castle Way, Portskewett; lane leading to Sugarloaf Llanwenarth car park; and Wonastow	Mark Hand	
ICMD	13-Sep-23	Proposed Changes to the Membership of the School Budget Funding Forum	Martyn Groucutt - Education		Nikki Wellington	
ICMD	13-Sep-23	'Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 12 deferred to September 13th		Agreement to make the traffic order - parking/waiting restrictions at Justins Hill and Wyesham Avenue, Wyesham; Main Road and Castle Way, Portskewett; lane leading to Sugarloaf Llanwenarth car park; and Wonastow	Mark Hand	24-May-23
Cabinet	06-Sep-23	Respite review for people with learning disabilities			Jane Rodgers	31-Jul-23
Cabinet	06-Sep-23	Home to School Transport Policy 2024/25		To consider the adoption of the proposed Home to School Transport Policy for the academic year 2024/25	Deh Hill Howells	
Cabinet	06-Sep-23	Proposal to establish a Welsh medium seedling school in Monmouth		Cabinet to consider objection report and make final determination on how to proceed.	Debbie Graves	27-Mar-23
ICMD	16-Aug-23	Castle Wood Usk Low Cost Home Ownership Future Use	Sara Burch - Inclusive and Active Communities			
ICMD	16-Aug-23	electric vehicle charging rate for public and staff at EV	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Deb Hill Howells	20-Jul-23
ICMD	16-Aug-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 11	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - Exception Orders to identify those restricted roads that will remain 30mph in September 2023 instead of defaulting to 20mph	Mark Hand	
ICMD	16-Aug-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 10	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - prohibition of driving Pwll Du, Llanelly Hill and Belmont Close/Belmont Road Abergavenny	Mark Hand	
ICMD	02-Aug-23	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 1 held on 22nd June 2023	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Dave Jarrett	

ICMD	02-Aug-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 10 deferred to August 16th	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - Exception Orders to identify those restricted roads that will remain 30mph in September 2023 instead of defaulting to 20mph	Mark Hand	3-Oct-22
Cabinet	26-Jul-23	Implementation of the My Day My Life review recommendations			Ceri York	
Cabinet	26-Jul-23	Gypsy and Traveller Site Identification			Ian Bakewell	12-Jul-23
Cabinet	26-Jul-23	•Review of the Respite Opportunities Service			Ceri York	14-Mar-23
Cabinet	26-Jul-23	2023/24 Revenue budget progress – early update			Jon Davies	8-Jun-23
Cabinet	26-Jul-23	S016 Funding Castle Park and Arch Bishop Rowan Williams Schools.			Cath Saunders	13-Jun-23
Council	20-Jul-23	Gifts & Hospitality Report			Matt Phillips	12-Jun-23
Council	20-Jul-23	Freedom of the Borough Presentation			Joe Skidmore	5-May-23
Council	20-Jul-23	Recruitment of Local Access Forum		To agree arrangements for the recruitment of the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum for the next 3 year period of appointment	Matthew Lewis	21-Jun-23
ICMD	12-Jul-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 10 DEFERRED TO 16TH AUG	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - prohibition of driving Pwll Du, Llanelly Hill	Mark Hand	19-May-23
ICMD	12-Jul-23	transfer the school balances for both Deri View and King Henry VIII School to the new King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School.	Rachel Garrick - Resources	Both King Henry VIII school and Deri View Primary school are closing on 31 st August 2023 and the new King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School will open on 1 st September 2023, under a statutory closure of schools the financial balances transfer to the Local Authority,	Nikki Wellington	4-Apr-23

	05-Jul-23	Reopen Monmouth Cemetery for new burials			Rhian Jackson	
Cabinet	05-Jul-23	RESERVATION OF GRAVE PLOTS		To seek cabinet approval to cease the provision of reserving grave spaces (not incl cremated remains plots) in Llanfoist Cemetery	Rhian Jackson	7-Nov-22
Cabinet	05-Jul-23	2022/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring - Outturn Report	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Jon Davies	27-Apr-23
ICMD	28-Jun-23	Highway Traffic Regulation Order	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - making permanent the part-time prohibition of driving on Cross Street and Market Street Abergavenny	Mark Hand	6-Jun-23
Council	22-Jun-23	Gwent Public Services Board Well-being plan		To approve the Public Services Board's Well-being Plan that sets out the steps being taken collaboratively by public services to improve wellbeing in Gwent ahead of approval by the Gwent Public Services Board.	Richard Jones	20-Jan-23
Council	22-Jun-23	Chief Officer Children and Young People's Report 2023			Will McLean	14-Feb-23
Cabinet	07-Jun-23	Adoption of Transforming Chepstow Masterplan	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the Transforming Chepstow Masterplan, co-produced with Chepstow Town Council, to inform future regeneration priorities and grant bids	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	3-Oct-22
Cabinet	07-Jun-23	Transforming Towns Strategic Grant regeneration priorities and LUF3 bid	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To agree the priority projects for bids for WG Strategic grant funding to 24/25 and the submission for round 3 of Levelling Up Funding	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	3-Oct-22
Cabinet	07-Jun-23	Proposal to establish a Welsh medium seedling school in Monmouth		Cabinet to consider the results of the consultation, recommendations and decide whether to publish statutory notices.	Debbie Graves	27-Mar-23
Cabinet	07-Jun-23	Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy	Rachel Garrick - Resources	To endorse the Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy	Scott James	22-Aug-22
ICMD	24-May-23	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 9	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - including Llantrisant 20mph village lane, 40mph through road, possibly Llantrisant (Usk to Wentwood) 50mph; 20mph Gilwern and surrounding villages	Mark Hand	14-Apr-23

Council	18-May-23	Political Balance Report		The Council is required to review at, or as soon as practicable after, the Council's annual meeting, the representation of different political groups on the bodies to which the Council makes appointments.	Matt Phillips	2-Feb-23
Council	18-May-23	Outside Bodies Report		To appoint representatives to serve on outside	Matt Phillips	2-Feb-23
Council	18-May-23	Appointments to Committees		To appoint committees together with their membership and terms of reference in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	Nicola Perry	2-Feb-23
Council	18-May-23	Constitution update		For the Monitoring Officer to bring proposed amendments and highlight changes made over the previous 12 months	Matt Phillips	2-Feb-23
Council	18-May-23	Corporate Parenting Strategy			Diane Corrister	24-Aug-22
Cabinet	17-May-23	Review of Home to School Transport Policy 24/25.	Martyn Groucutt - Education	The purpose: Is to seek approval to commence consultation on proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy for the academic year 2024/25.	Deb Hill Howells	12-Apr-23
Cabinet	17-May-23	Monnow Street public realm improvements	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To agree how we proceed with proposals for Monnow Street public realm following consultation	Mark Hand / Dan Fordham	6-Mar-23
ICMD	10-May-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 9 MOVED TO 24TH MAY	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - including Llantrisant 20mph village lane, 40mph through road, possibly Llantrisant (Usk to Wentwood) 50mph; 20mph Gilwern and surrounding villages	Mark Hand	3-Oct-22
Council	20-Apr-23	Motion for the Rivers and Oceans update		Deferred - new date to be advised	Hazel Clatworthy	10-Jan-23
Council	20-Apr-23	Community and Corporate Plan		To seek approval of a new Community and Corporate Plan that sets the direction for the council and county of Monmouthshire, articulating the authority's purpose and priorities alongside the steps we will take to deliver these, the	Matt Gatehouse	6-Feb-23
ICMD	12-Apr-23	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 4 held on 9th March 2023	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Dave Jarrett	

Cabinet	05-Apr-23	Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan	Sara Burch - Inclusive and Active Communities	To agree a plan to transition the delivery of homelessness that minimises the use of and the time homeless applicants spend in temporary accommodation	Rebecca Cresswell / Ian Bakewell	24-Jan-23
ICMD	22-Mar-23	Non Domestic Rates application for Hardship Relief - RESTRICTED	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Ruth Donovan	
ICMD	22-Mar-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 8	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - including Monmouth Road, Raglan no right turn onto A40; resi permit parking at Exmouth Place, Chepstow and Ross Road, Abergavenny; 3T weight restriction on Old Wye Bridge Chepstow; waiting	Mark Hand	
Council	09-Mar-23	Pay Policy		To approve the publication of Monmouthshire County Council's Pay Policy, in compliance with the Localism Act."	Sally Thomas	1-Feb-23
Council	09-Mar-23	Council Tax Premiums			Peter Davies	18-Jan-23
Council	09-Mar-23	Capital Strategy & Treasury Strategy			Jon Davies	17-May-22
Council	09-Mar-23	Youth Council			Jade Atkins	7-Dec-22
ICMD	08-Mar-23	Proposed amendment to primary school catchment area – Llandenny Village	Martyn Groucutt - Education		Debbie Graves	10-Jan-23
ICMD	08-Mar-23	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 8 DEFERRED TO 22 MARCH	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order - including Monmouth Road, Raglan no right turn onto A40; resi permit parking at Exmouth Place, Chepstow and Ross Road, Abergavenny; 3T weight restriction on Old Wye Bridge Chepstow; waiting	Mark Hand	
Council	02-Mar-23	Final Budget Sign Off including Council Tax Resolution			Jon Davies	
Cabinet	01-Mar-23	2023/4 Final Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals			Jon Davies	17-May-22

Cabinet	01-Mar-23	2023/4 WCF/Trust Treasury Fund Investments			Dave Jarrett	17-May-22
Cabinet	01-Mar-23	Month 9 budget monitoring report			Jon Davies	6-Feb-23
Cabinet	01-Mar-23	Monmouthshire ECO Flex 'Joint Statement of Intent and Memorandum of Understanding'			Steve Griffiths	16-Nov-22
Cabinet	01-Feb-23	Tudor Street				9-Jan-23
ICMD	25-Jan-23	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order No 7	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order	Mark Hand	15-Dec-22
ICMD	25-Jan-23	Community Council and Police Precepts - final	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Jon Davies	17-May-22
Council	19-Jan-23	'To determine the name for the new 3-19 School in Abergavenny		'To determine the name for the new 3-19 School in Abergavenny	Cath Saunders	28-Nov-22
Council	19-Jan-23	Council Diary		To confirm the Council Diary 23/24	John Pearson	14-Dec-22
Council	19-Jan-23	Appointments		A report for Council to appoint or ratify a number of appointments to bodies and positions	Matt Phillips	
Council	19-Jan-23	Community and Corporate Plan				
Council	19-Jan-23	Tudor Road Call-In			Nicola Perry	3-Jan-23

Council	19-Jan-23	Council Tax Reduction Scheme			Ruth Donovan	31-May-22
Cabinet	18-Jan-23	Garden Waste			Carl Touhig	21-Dec-22
Cabinet	18-Jan-23	Draft Revenue & Capital Proposals			Jon Davies	
Cabinet	18-Jan-23	Council Tax Premiums Consultation - Long Term Empty Properties and Second Homes			Ruth Donovan	
Cabinet	18-Jan-23	Proposal to establish a Welsh Medium Seedling school in Monmouth		To seek cabinet approval to commence statutory consultation processes to establish a Welsh Medium seedling provision in Monmouth.	Debbie Graves	23-Sep-22
ICMD	11-Jan-23	Clydach Ironworks Enhancement	Sara Burch - Inclusive and Active Communities	To seek approval for the transfer of land associated with the Clydach Ironworks Enhancement Scheme	Matthew Lewis	8-Dec-23
ICMD	11-Jan-23	Welsh Church Fund Working Group			Dave Jarrett	17-May-22
ICMD	14-Dec-22	Council Tax Base report			Ruth Donovan	31-May-22
ICMD	14-Dec-22	2023/4 Community Council & Police Precepts - draft			Jon Davies	17-May-22
Cabinet	07-Dec-22	Regional Integration Fund		To consider the financial liabilities and implications of the Regional Integration Fund and its tapered funding model.	Jane Rodgers	21-Nov-22
Cabinet	07-Dec-22	National Adoption Services and Foster Wales Joint Committee			Jane Rodgers	9-Nov-22
Cabinet	07-Dec-22	2022/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report - Month 6			Jon Davies	17-May-22

Council	01-Dec-22	Corporate Safeguarding Policy.		For Council to endorse the revised Corporate Safeguarding Policy.	Jane Rodgers	10-Nov-22
Council	01-Dec-22	Governance & Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22			Andrew Wathan	18-Oct-22
Council	01-Dec-22	RLDP Preferred Strategy	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To seek Council endorsement of the new Preferred Strategy for eight week consultation	Mark Hand / Rachel Lewis	25-Jul-22
ICMD	30-Nov-22	TUDOR STREET		To seek a decision regarding the Council's forward use of the property located in Tudor Street ahead of the outcome of the wider review of MonLife	Jane Rodgers	14-Nov-22
ICMD	30-Nov-22	Govilon Section 106 Funding for Recreation & Play	Rachel Garrick - Resources		Mike Moran	8-Nov-22
ICMD	30-Nov-22	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 5	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Mark Hand	3-Oct-22
ICMD	30-Nov-22	Planning Annual Performance Report (APR) Deferred to 30-Nov-22	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Mark Hand Phil Thomas	3-Oct-22
ICMD	30-Nov-22	Highways Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 6	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment	Agreement to make the traffic order	Mark Hand	23-Aug-22
Cabinet	09-Nov-22	Implementing Sharepoint online		To secure funding to implement the project	Sian Hayward	13-Oct-22
Cabinet	09-Nov-22	A County of Sanctuary		To set out the reasons why an earlier decision is required due to time restrictions associated with TAN 15	Matt Gatehouse	20-Sep-22
Cabinet	09-Nov-22	SPF Update Report			Hannah Jones	12-Sep-22
Cabinet	09-Nov-22	Revenue & Capital MTFP update and process			Jon Davies	17-May-22
Cabinet	09-Nov-22	MonLife Heritage Strategy (or ICMD)		DEFERRED	Matthew Lewis	10-Feb-22
Council	27-Oct-22	RESPONSE TO URGENT NEED FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION		To present a proposal to enable Council to respond flexibly and promptly to the urgent need for housing accommodation to address the	Cath Fallon	10-Oct-22
Council	27-Oct-22	Community and Corporate Plan		To seek endorsement of the new Community and Corporate Plan setting out the purpose, values	Matt Gatehouse / Paul Matthews	3-Oct-22
Council	27-Oct-22	Outside Bodies Appointment			John Pearson	3-Oct-22
Council	27-Oct-22	Annual Safeguarding Report			Kelly Turner	24-Aug-22
Council	27-Oct-22	Social Care & Health: Directors Report 2021/22			Jane Rodgers	6-Jul-22
ICMD	26-Oct-22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group			Dave Jarrett	14/7/22
Cabinet	19-Oct-22	PSOW annual letter		Present the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales' annual report as required by the letter	Matt Phillips	28-Sep-22
Cabinet	19-Oct-22	Regional Partnership Board - Gwent Market Position Statement		To provide a Market Stability Report produced by the Regional Partnership Board setting out a high	Phil Diamond Head of Regional Partnership Team	22-Sep-22
Cabinet	19-Oct-22	Community and Corporate Plan		To seek endorsement of the new Community and Corporate Plan setting out the purpose, values	Gatehouse / Paul Mattf	20-Sep-22
Cabinet	19-Oct-22	22/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report - Month 4			Jon Davies	17-May-22

Cabinet	19-Oct-22	Land adjacent to Caldicot Comprehensive School - Housing Development Opportunity		To seek approval of the disposal of land at Caldicot Comprehensive School for the	Nick Keyse	
ICMD	12-Oct-22	Local Development Annual Monitoring Report (AMR		DEFERRED TO 26 OCT	Rachel Lewis/Cllr Paul Griffiths	23/08/22
ICMD	12-Oct-22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group		DEFERRED TO 26 OCT	Dave Jarrett	14/07/22
ICMD	12-Oct-22	Ending Library Fines		enabling more people to enjoy reading without the worry of incurring a fine if they are unable to return	Cheryl Haskell/Fookes?	20-Sep-22
ICMD	28-Sep-22	Transport Policy			Deb Hill Howells - MG	22-Aug-22
ICMD	28-Sep-22	B4245 speed limit		DEFERRED TO 26 OCT	Mark Hand	18-Jul-22
Council	27-Sep-22	Tackling poverty and inequalities			Nick John	24-Aug-22
Council	27-Sep-22	RLDP Options Report			Rachel Lewis	25-Jul-22
Council	27-Sep-22	Rivers and Ocean			Hazel Clatworthy	9-Jun-22
Council	27-Sep-22	Monmouthshire County Council self - assessment report 2021/2			Richard Jones	23-May-22
ICMD	14-Sep-22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 2 held on 21st July 2022 (no meeting/no report -			Dave Jarrett	17-May-22
Cabinet	07-Sep-22	Transport Policy Consultation Update.			Deb Hill Howells	22-Aug-22
Cabinet	07-Sep-22	Cost Of Living			Matt Phillips	25-Jul-22
ICMD	31-Aug-22	MY DAY, MY LIFE SERVICE EVALUTATION			Ceri York	15-Aug-22
ICMD	31-Aug-22	Homeseach Policy & Procedure - Amendments & Welsh Translation Requirement			Ian Bakewell	
ICMD	03-Aug-22	Additional Resources in Educations Strategy		Resources required to develop and maintain schools education systems and the implementatin	Sian Hayward	14-Jun-22
ICMD	03-Aug-22	Designation of Secondary Catchment Areas			Matthew Jones	6-Jun-22
ICMD	03-Aug-22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 1 held on 23rd June 2022 - Moved to ICMD 3rd Aug 2022			Dave Jarrett	
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Wye Valley Villages Future Improvement Plan			Mark Hand	1-Jul-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Regen Three Year Programme			Mark Hand	1-Jul-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Review of Chepstow High Street closure			Mark Hand	1-Jul-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Home to School Transport Policy 2023-24.			Deb Hill Howells	27-Jun-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	MUCH (Magor & Undy Community Hall) report			Nick Keys	9-Jun-22

Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Shared Prosperity Fund Local Investment Plan and Regional Lead Authority Arrangements			Hannah Jones	23-May-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 1 held on 23rd June 2022 - Moved to ICMD 3rd Aug 2022			Dave Jarrett	17-May-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	2021/22 Revenue and Capital Monitoring outturn			Peter Davies/Jon Davies	17-Feb-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan 22/23			Matthew Lewis	10-Feb-22
Cabinet	27-Jul-22	Housing Support Programme Strategy (Homeless Strategy)			Ian Bakewell	
Cabinet						

Monmouthshire Select Committee Minutes

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr USK on Thursday, 25th May, 2023 at 10.00 am

Councillors Present

County Councillor Lisa Dymock (Chairman)
County Councillor Jane Lucas (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: Emma Bryn, Tomos Davies, Jane Lucas, Su McConnel, Maria Stevens, Jackie Strong, Rachel Buckler, Meirion Howells, Laura Wright, Ann Webb and Paul Griffiths

Also in attendance County Councillors:
Rachel Buckler, Ann Webb and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Economy
County Councillor Paul Griffiths

Officers in Attendance

Hazel Ilett, Scrutiny Manager
Robert McGowan, Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Mark Hand, Head of Place-making, Housing, Highways and Flood
Ian Saunders, Chief Officer Customer, Culture and Wellbeing.
David Jones, Head of Public Protection
Sadie Beer, Town Centre Engagement Project Officer
Claire Sullivan, Regeneration Project Manager

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Louise Brown

1. Election of Chair

Councillor Dymock was nominated by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Lucas.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

Councillor Lucas was nominated by Councillor Dymock, seconded by Councillor Davies.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dymock declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as the former Cabinet Member for Social Justice and Community Wellbeing, which covered Levelling Up.

Councillor Howells declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Chair of the Steering Group for the Usk Improvement Plan.

4. Public Open Forum

None.

5. Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Controls

Paul Griffiths introduced the report. Huw Owen and David Jones answered the members' questions.

Key points raised by Committee members:

- Clarifying where and when this PSPO would be enforced, and whether ground staff will receive letters informing them that they're able to enforce it.
- Whether dogs will be allowed on multi-use fields for events such as fetes, and asking what steps the Council would take to ensure that all residents are informed of the change.
- Understanding how exclusion areas will fit with an active travel route such as the links from Caldicot Leisure Centre, and how the areas cordoned off for artificial pitches in the Caldicot proposals will affect families wishing to take their dog to see games.
- Whether the route from Deepweir towards Denny View can be separated, and noting the need to balance reducing dog fouling with overall well-being, given the possible implication for dog owners exercising along footpaths.
- Asking how wide the consultation has been and how it would take shape if conducted over the summer.
- Asking if overflowing dog bins can be addressed, and how people can be made to take responsibility for dog mess.
- Clarifying whether rural commons, rural footpaths and bridleways will be included, and the definition of a 'lead'.
- Understanding exactly what enforcement officers will be able to carry out, and how they would stop someone who has no intention of adhering to the rules, even when confronted on the matter.
- Whether it would be possible to have clearer graphics, and fewer words, on signs.
- Asking if a registration number could be sent to an enforcement officer, and if that would count as 'intelligence'.
- Clarifying how many officers there would be, and whether they would be mobile across the county.
- Asking if the Monmouth sports field could be fenced off, or a dog exercising area be provided.
- Asking whether, in the future, dogs could be registered and their DNA recorded.
- Noting the need to ensure that the authority knows the June and July dates of the Community Council meetings to ensure that their views are sought.
- Asking how many fixed penalty notices were issued for dog fouling across the county in the last 12 months.
- Asking if Cabinet will be encouraged by officers to reflect again on the current fixed penalty level, and whether a fixed penalty notice of £100 will be a sufficient deterrent to make progress.

Chair's Summary:

Thank you to officers for the report and members for their contributions.

- Concerns about law-abiding dog owners being negatively affected by the exclusion zones, especially with regard to families wanting to include their dogs on family days, attending fetes and the different events that take place around the county.

- We need to encourage better dog ownership.
- How rural commons footpaths and bridleways are incorporated is very important.
- Overflowing dog bins are a huge concern and we need to raise awareness that if there is a dog bin overflowing residents need to be encouraged to take their waste home.
- We would welcome more collaborative work with Welsh government in tackling puppy farms and irresponsible backstreet dog breeders.
- Where the two metre lead leaves dog owners in relation to extension leads and dangerous dogs.
- More simple signage is needed.

6. Regeneration priorities and funding

Cabinet Member Paul Griffiths introduced the report. Daniel Fordham answered the members' questions with Paul Griffiths and Mark Hand.

Key points raised by Committee members:

- Asking if there has been feedback as to why the previous bids last year were unsuccessful
- Noting the importance of access to toilets for disabled residents, and if a changing space could therefore be incorporated into the former Store 21 building
- Asking about the resource implications in developing these schemes, and how their cost is being factored in
- Raising concerns about how long Monnow Street, and therefore its businesses, will be out of action if the bid is improved, and given the engineering required, the overall effect on the town
- Noting that some Monmouth residents felt let down by not being consulted about the changes to Monnow Street, and the need for members and residents to understand the timescales involved
- Clarifying the plans for regenerating the rural economy, and asking how smaller towns and hamlets can be reflected in future priorities for funding
- Asking if the lanes leading from the car park to Monnow Street will be part of this bid

Chair's Summary:

The committee supports the recommendations. We have heard valid comments about disability-friendly projects and more accessible provisions. There were questions about resource implications, and while this work is about regenerating towns, we can't neglect our rural economy.

7. Transforming Chepstow Masterplan

Cabinet Member Paul Griffiths introduced the report. Daniel Fordham answered the members' questions with Paul Griffiths:

Key points raised by the Committee Members

- Asking how ideas to relieve the traffic volume problem in Chepstow are progressing e.g. the bypass, and what implication bidding for Transforming Town Centres will have for the Transforming Chepstow funding bid?
- Proposing that consideration needs to be given to car use given the county's rurality
- Noting the volume of traffic that comes down Hardwick Hill in Chepstow but doesn't go into the town centre; that the future of Barclays Bank will be critical, and that despite there being excellent small shops there isn't a big draw such as a cinema or large market
- Asking whether the flexi transport idea could include an on-demand minibus, as used in Bristol
- Noting that Grassroots is restrictive, and therefore flexibility is needed

Chair's Summary:

Members have raised questions and concerns about traffic issues that need to be resolved around the Chepstow area, in order for the masterplan to be successful. Flexible public transport to allow residents to visit the town centre was stressed, and there were queries regarding funding allocation and whether the bid for the Monmouth project would affect Chepstow being successful.

8. Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme and Action List

Noted.

9. Cabinet and Council Work Planner

Noted.

10. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 19th April 2023 were approved as an accurate record, proposed by Councillor Lucas and seconded by Councillor Davies.

11. Next Meeting: 6th July 2023

Members agreed that this meeting should be cancelled given that items have moved, if no other business comes forward.

The meeting ended at **12.07 pm**.