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Tuesday, 9 September 2025

**Dear Councillor** 

#### **CABINET**

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Steve Greenslade Room**, **County Hall**, **Usk** on **Wednesday**, **17th September**, **2025**, at **4.30 pm**.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- Declarations of Interest
- 3. HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT FUTURE PROGRAMME

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Division/Wards Affected: All

<u>Purpose:</u> To seek approval in respect of the proposed approach to reviewing and reconfiguring of the Housing Support Grant (HSG) programme, to ensure that it meets identified and future housing support needs.

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4. MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN

33 - 344

**Division/Wards Affected:** All

<u>Purpose:</u> To seek endorsement of the Local Area Energy Plan prepared by ARUP.

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COUNTY OF SANCTUARY STRATEGY

345 - 380

**Division/Wards Affected:** All

<u>Purpose</u>: To seek approval of a County of Sanctuary Strategy which is one of the requirements of the process of becoming an accredited Council of Sanctuary in line with a commitment in the Community and Corporate Plan and a motion passed by

Council.

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### 6. REAL LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION

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Division/Wards Affected: All

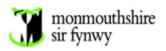
<u>Purpose:</u> To seek approval for the Authority to commit to becoming an accredited Real Living Wage Employer; ensuring that those in our supply chains are paid a wage that recognises the true cost of living.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews Chief Executive



## **CABINET PORTFOLIOS**

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward		
Mary Ann Brocklesby	Leader Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean  Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation, including DDAT Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships including CJCs. PSBs and cross boarder	Llanelly		
Paul Griffiths	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield		
	Economic Strategy Skills and Employment Replacement Local Development Plan Placemaking and the development of market and affordable housing Placemaking and Transforming Towns Car parking and civil parking enforcement Development Management Building Control			
Ben Callard	Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse  Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Revenue and Benefits Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Strategic procurement	Llanfoist & Govilon		
Laura Wright	Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders  Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement	Grofield		

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	Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport		
Ian Chandler	Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers	Llantilio Crossenny	
	Children's services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health Wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health		
	provision		
Catrin Maby	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders	Drybridge	
	Decarbonisation Transport Planning Highways and MCC Fleet Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces and parks Pavements and Back lanes Flood Alleviation Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and River health		
Angela Sandles	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Ian Saunders, Jane Rogers, James Williams  Community development, 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, communications, public relations and marketing Leisure centres, play and sport Public conveniences Electoral Services and constitution review Ethics and standards Welsh Language Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Public Protection, and Licencing	Magor East with Undy	

Sara Burch	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing & Tourism  Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders  Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture  Homelessness, Temporary accommodation, private sector housing, (empty homes leasing schemes, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive technology),  Allocation of social housing  Broadband connectivity  Active Travel  Countryside Access and Rights of Way  Tourism Development and Cultural Services	Cantref
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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.