

**CABINET  
DECISION RECORDING LOG****DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 19 November 2025****DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025***Decisions made by full cabinet and individual cabinet members are subject to “Call-in” by the appropriate Select Committee. Should a decision be subject to call-in it will not take effect as stated above and will be presented again at a later date.***CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors Mary Ann Brocklesby, Paul Griffiths, Catrin Maby, Richard John, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler, Ben Callard, Sara Burch, Laura Wright and Simon Howarth

**OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors Simon Howarth, Richard John

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Peter Davies, Paul Matthews, Nicola Perry, Matthew Gatehouse, James Williams, Morwenna Wagstaff, Colette Bosley, Craig O'Connor and Kevin Ford

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	To note the minutes from Place Scrutiny Committee	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: Noted.
Additional Information:				
3a	Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee ~ Feedback to Cabinet of Meeting held on 18th November 2025	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: Noted.
Additional Information:				
4	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2025	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet note the updated projected revenue budget shortfall of £11.5 million for 2026/27 and a cumulative shortfall of £37.4 million over the medium term period to 2029/30.  That Cabinet note the outline budget setting timetable as outlined in Appendix 1.  That Cabinet note the progress against the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) delivery plan, as detailed in Section 13 of Appendix 1.
Additional Information:				
5	2025/26 REVENUE BUDGET - FINANCIAL UPDATE	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet note a forecast revenue budget underspend of £29,000 at update 2.

				<p>That Cabinet note that this represents a £1.323 million improvement since the initial financial update, reversing a previously forecast overspend of £533,000 and restoring £761,000 of the Council's budget contingency.</p> <p>That Cabinet note that the improvement is primarily driven by changes in Social Care where the ability to maximise the impact of grant funding to meet core expenditure has benefited the forecast.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the budgetary risks that are inbuilt into this forecast, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand for high-cost services such as Social Care and Additional Learning Needs remains volatile.</li> <li>• Inflation continues to be higher than anticipated.</li> <li>• Only 90.4% of the £10.7m saving targets are expected to be met, down from the previously forecast 92.1%.</li> <li>• Debt recovery rates are declining, especially in Council Tax and Social Care.</li> <li>• The growing</li> </ul> <p>That Cabinet note the projected increase in the deficit on cumulative schools' reserves, as detailed in Appendix 4 of this report, amounting to £2,970,000, an increase of £135,000 compared to the previous forecast. School balances are expected to close the financial year at a deficit of £7,061,000, with eighteen out of thirty-five schools anticipated to have a deficit balance.</p> <p>That Cabinet note that schools which are budgeting to end the 2025/26 financial year in a deficit balance are required to bring forward recovery plans by October half term to ensure that the proposed actions to address their budget shortfalls are instigated.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the forecast Capital budget expenditure for the year of £59.79 million, alongside projected slippage of £8.14 million. No significant variances are anticipated at the current time with a minor underspend of £19k reported.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>6</b>	PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Cabinet approve the draft scope for the Panel Performance Assessment as set out in this report.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirm the appointment of Beverley Smith as Chair of the Panel, and instruct the Chief Officer for People, Performance &amp; Partnerships to finalise the remaining panel membership in consultation with the Leader and WLGA.</p> <p>That Cabinet agree the proposed timing for the assessment as the week commencing 23rd February 2026.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				
<b>7</b>	INCLUSION STRATEGY AND ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS POLICY	As set out in the report		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Cabinet give permission for publication and wider dissemination of the Inclusion Strategy and Additional Learning Needs Policy.</p>
<b>Additional Information:</b>				

8	MONMOUTHSHIRE CAR PARKING REVIEW	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To agree the strategic objectives for the Council's parking strategy as set out in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8.</p> <p>To agree the proposed MCC actions in response to the recommendations made in the Monmouthshire car parking review, as set out in table 1.</p>
Additional Information:				
9	MONMOUTHSHIRE'S DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-30	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approve Monmouthshire's Destination Management Plan 2025-2030 and proposed partnership arrangements.</p>
Additional Information:				