

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 4 March 2026

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 13th March 2026

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, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler, Ben Callard, Sara Burch and Laura Wright

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John

OFFICERS PRESENT

Jonathan Davies, Peter Davies, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Nicola Perry, Matthew Gatehouse, James Williams, Nikki Wellington and Debbie Graves

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	Consideration of reports from Scrutiny Committees	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: Noted.
Additional Information:				
4	CASTLEWOOD - LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP FUTURE USE	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: To agree to repurchase the property using the available LCHO capital funds. To retain the property in the council's ownership on a temporary basis before marketing the property for sale again in 2026. If a purchaser cannot be identified in Spring/Summer 2026, it is proposed that the property is used as temporary accommodation in the interim before selling at a later date. To agree to improvement works. To agree to utilise a proportion of the sale proceeds from 21 Castlewood for essential works.
Additional Information:				
5	DERI VIEW REFURBISHMENT	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: To approve a capital budget of £1,918,096, subject to confirmation of a grant from Welsh Government of 65% (£1,246,762), with Monmouthshire's contribution of £671,334 to be found from existing approved education capital schemes. That Cabinet approve a capital budget virement of up to £671,334 from the currently unallocated funding within the Abergavenny 3-19 programme. The final value of virement required will only be confirmed upon receipt of the final grant award from Welsh Government.

				That in the event that the value of funding from the Abergavenny 3-19 programme is less than required, any shortfall will be met from the unallocated budget within the 2025/26 Schools capital maintenance grant programme
Additional Information:				
6	DRAFT MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL GROWTH FUND (LGF) INVESTMENT PLAN 26/27	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves the draft local investment plan (appendix one) and projects contained within.</p> <p>That Cabinet agree that projects will formally commence upon receipt of the grant award letter and the grant award confirmation being returned to Welsh Government.</p> <p>That Cabinet agrees that to the extent that this is not achieved by 31st March, that the authority will underwrite the costs associated with staff contracts being renewed/extended from the within the existing budget framework.</p> <p>That Cabinet agree to continue working arrangements with Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC to continue to serve as Lead Authority for the region through 2026/27</p>
Additional Information:				
7	REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2026/27 - FINAL PROPOSALS FOLLOWING SCRUTINY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet considers the responses received during the budget consultation period and recommends to Council: a) The 2026/27 revenue budget as attached in Appendix B. b) The 2026/27 capital budget and indicative 2027/28 to 2029/30 budgets as attached in Appendix G.</p> <p>That a 5.95% increase in the Band "D" equivalent Council Tax is applied for County Council purposes for 2026/27.</p> <p>That Cabinet requests that efforts continue to be maximised to ensure that individuals and households eligible for council tax exemptions or reductions claim the benefit available to them.</p> <p>That Cabinet endorses the changes to the draft budget proposed within this report, updated following public consultation, scrutiny and the availability of more up-to-date information, including the introduction of additional capital investment of £2 million, phased over three years, to address potholes and improve the condition of the County's road network.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers the Responsible Financial Officer's report on the robustness of the budget process and adequacy of reserves issued under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2003 and an assessment of the current and future financial risks facing the Council.</p> <p>That Cabinet adopts the Responsible Financial Officer's recommendation for the Prudential Indicators for capital financing.</p> <p>That the Medium Term Financial Plan continues to be updated and reported regularly, using the most up-to-date information available to assess cost</p>

				pressures and risks, the underlying modelling assumptions, any service changes resulting from the programme of change, and the ongoing affordability implications of the Community and Corporate Plan.
Additional Information:				