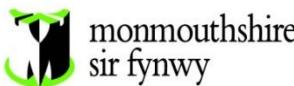


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Dydd Gwener, 2 Mai 2025

## Hysbysiad a gyfarfod

### Pwyllgor Dethol Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus

Dydd Llun, 12fed Mai, 2025, 10.00 am,  
Neuadd y Sir, Y Rhadyr, Brynbuga, NP15 1GA

Nodwch y cynhelir rhag gyfarfod 30 munud cyn dechrau'r cyfarfod ar gyfer aelodau'r pwyllgor

## AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	<p><b>Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.</b></p> <p><b>Datganiadau o Fuddiant.</b></p> <p><b>Fforwm Agored i'r Cyhoedd</b></p> <p><b>Fforwm Agored Cyhoeddus y Pwyllgor Dethol ~ Canllawiau</b></p> <p>Mae cyfarfodydd ein Pwyllgor Dethol yn cael eu ffrydio'n fyw a bydd dolen i'r ffrydio byw ar gael ar dudalen cyfarfodydd <a href="#">gwefan</a> Cyngor Sir Fynwy</p> <p>Os hoffech rannu eich barn ar unrhyw gynigion sy'n cael eu trafod gan Bwyllgorau Dethol, gallwch gyflwyno eich sylwadau <a href="#">drwy'r ffurflen hon</a>.</p> <p>Rhannwch eich barn drwy uwchlwytho fideo neu ffeil sain (uchafswm o 4 munud) neu;</p> <p>Cyflwynwch gynrychiolaeth ysgrifenedig (trwy Microsoft Word, uchafswm o 500 gair)</p> <p>Bydd angen i chi gofrestru ar gyfer <a href="#">cyfrif Fy Sir Fynwy</a> er mwyn cyflwyno'r sylwadau neu ddefnyddio'ch mewngofnod, os ydych chi wedi cofrestru o'r blaen.</p> <p>Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno sylwadau i'r Cyngor yw 5pm, dri diwrnod gwaith clir cyn y cyfarfod.</p>	

	<p>Os yw sylwadau a dderbynir yn fwy na 30 munud, bydd detholiad o'r rhain yn seiliedig ar thema yn cael eu rhannu yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor Dethol. Bydd yr holl sylwadau a dderbynir ar gael i Cynghorwyr cyn y cyfarfod.</p> <p>Os hoffech awgrymu pynciau yn y dyfodol i'w craffu gan un o'n Pwyllgorau Dethol, gwnewch hynny drwy e-bostio  <a href="mailto:Scrutiny@monmouthshire.gov.uk">Scrutiny@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a></p>	
4.	<b>Priffyrrdd Cenedlaethol - M48 a therfyn pwysau 7.5t Pont Hafren - I drafod y newidiadau arfaethedig i weithrediad Pontydd Hafren a'r goblygiadau i Sir Fynwy gyda Phriffyrrdd Cenedlaethol, y DU.</b>	
5.	<b>Cofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol a gynhaliwyd ar 7fed Ebrill 2025.</b>	1 - 6
6.	<b>Blaenraglen waith a Rhestr Camau Gweithredu'r Pwyllgor Craffu Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus.</b>	7 - 12
7.	<b>Cynllunydd Gwaith y Cyngor a'r Cabinet.</b>	13 - 18
8.	<b>Cyfarfod Nesaf: Dydd Llun 7fed Gorffennaf 2025 am 10.00am.</b>	

**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive**

# MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

### MAE CYFANSODDIAD Y PWYLLGOR FEL A GANLYN:

County Councillor Jill Bond	West End;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Steven Garratt	Overmonnow;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Meirion Howells	Llanbadoc & Usk;	Independent
County Councillor Penny Jones	Raglan;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tony Kear	Llanbadoc & Usk;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Malcolm Lane	Mardy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Dale Rooke	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Frances Taylor	Magor West;	Independent Group
County Councillor Armand Watts	Bulwark and Thornwell;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru

## Gwybodaeth I'r Cyhoedd

### Mynediad i gopïau papur o agendâu ac adroddiadau

Gellir darparu copi o'r agenda hwn ac adroddiadau perthnasol i aelodau'r cyhoedd sy'n mynchu cyfarfod drwy ofyn am gopi gan Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd ar 01633 644219. Dylid nodi fod yn rhaid i ni dderbyn 24 awr o hysbysiad cyn y cyfarfod er mwyn darparu copi caled o'r agenda hwn i chi.

### Edrych ar y cyfarfod ar-lein

Gellir gweld y cyfarfod ar-lein yn fyw neu'n dilyn y cyfarfod drwy fynd i [www.monmouthshire.gov.uk](http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk) neu drwy ymweld â'n tudalen Youtube drwy chwilio am MonmouthshireCC. Drwy fynd i mewn i'r ystafell gyfarfod, fel aelod o'r cyhoedd neu i gymryd rhan yn y cyfarfod, rydych yn caniatáu i gael eich ffil mio ac i ddefnydd posibl y delweddau a'r recordiadau sain hynny gan y Cyngor.

**Y Gymraeg** Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu cyfraniadau gan aelodau'r cyhoedd drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Gofynnwn gyda dyledus barch i chi roi 5 diwrnod o hysbysiad cyn y cyfarfod os dymunwch siarad yn Gymraeg fel y gallwn ddarparu ar gyfer eich anghenion.

## Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

i ddod yn sir ddi-garbon, gan gefnogi lles, iechyd ac urddas i bawb ar bob cam o'u bywydau.

Amcanion rydym yn gweithio tuag atynt

- Lle teg i fyw lle mae effeithiau anghydraddoldeb a thlodi wedi'u lleihau;
- Lle gwyrdd i fyw a gweithio gyda llai o allyriadau carbon a gwneud cyfraniad cadarnhaol at fynd i'r afael â'r argyfwng yn yr hinsawdd a natur;
- Lle ffyniannus ac uchelgeisiol, lle mae canol trefi bywiog a lle gall busnesau dyfu a datblygu;
- Lle diogel i fyw lle mae gan bobl gartref maen nhw'n teimlo'n ddiogel ynddo;
- Lle cysylltiedig lle mae pobl yn teimlo'n rhan o gymuned ac yn cael eu gwerthfawrogi;
- Lle dysgu lle mae pawb yn cael cyfle i gyrraedd eu potensial.

### Ein gwerthoedd

- **Bod yn agored:** anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.
- **Caredigrwydd** – Byddwn yn dangos caredigrwydd i bawb yr ydym yn gweithio gyda nhw, gan roi pwysigrwydd perthnasoedd a'r cysylltiadau sydd gennym â'n gilydd wrth wraidd pob rhwngweithio.

## Canllaw Cwestiynau Craffu Sir Fynwy

1. Pam mae'r Pwyllgor yn craffu ar hyn? (cefndir, materion allweddol)
2. Beth yw rôl y Pwyllgor a pha ganlyniad mae'r Aelodau am ei gyflawni?
3. A oes digon o wybodaeth i gyflawni hyn? Os nad oes, pwy allai ddarparu hyn?
  - Cytuno ar y drefn holi a pha Aelodau fydd yn arwain
  - Cytuno ar gwestiynau i swyddogion a chwestiynau i Aelod y Cabinet

## Cwestiynau'r Cyfarfod

### Craffu ar Berfformiad

1. Sut mae perfformiad yn cymharu â'r blynnyddoedd blaenorol? Ydy e'n well/yn waeth? Pam?
2. Sut mae perfformiad yn cymharu â chyngorau eraill/darparwyr gwasanaethau eraill? Ydy e'n well/yn waeth? Pam?
3. Sut mae perfformiad yn cymharu â thargedau gosodedig? Ydy e'n well/yn waeth? Pam?
4. Sut cafodd targedau perfformiad eu gosod? Ydyn nhw'n ddigon heriol/realistig?
5. Sut mae defnyddwyr gwasanaethau/y cyhoedd/partneriaid yn gweld perfformiad y gwasanaeth?
6. A fu unrhyw awdid ac archwiliadau diweddar? Beth oedd y canfyddiadau?
7. Sut mae'r gwasanaeth yn cyfrannu at wireddu amcanion corfforaethol?
8. A yw gwelliant/dirywiad mewn perfformiad yn gysylltiedig i gynnydd/ostyngiad mewn adnodd?  
Pa gapasiti sydd yna i wella?

### Craffu ar Bolisi

1. Ar bwy mae'r polisi yn effeithio ~ yn uniongyrchol ac yn anuniongyrchol? Pwy fydd yn elwa fwyaf/leiaf?
2. Beth yw barn defnyddwyr gwasanaeth /rhanddeiliaid? Pa ymgynghoriad gafodd ei gyflawni? A wnaeth y broses ymgynghori gydymffurfio ag Egwyddorion Gunning? A yw rhanddeiliaid yn credu y bydd yn sicrhau'r canlyniad a ddymunir?
3. Beth yw barn y gymuned gyfan – safbwyt y 'trethdalwr'?
4. Pa ddulliau a ddefnyddiwyd i ymgynghori â'r rhanddeiliaid? A oedd y broses yn galluogi pawb â chyfran i ddweud eu dweud?
5. Pa ymarfer ac opsiynau sydd wedi eu hystyried wrth ddatblygu/adolygu'r polisi hwn? Pa dystiolaeth sydd i hysbysu beth sy'n gweithio? A yw'r polisi yn ymwneud â maes lle mae diffyg ymchwil cyhoedddeg neu dystiolaeth arall?
6. A yw'r polisi'n ymwneud â maes lle ceir anghydraddoldebau hysbys?
7. A yw'r polisi hwn yn cyd-fynd â'n hamcanion corfforaethol, fel y'u diffinnir yn ein cynllun corfforaethol? A yw'n cadw at ein Safonau Iaith Gymraeg?
8. A gafodd yr holl ddatblygu cynaliadwy, y goblygiadau cydraddoldeb a diogelu perthnasol eu hystyried?

- Er enghraift, beth yw'r gweithdrefnau sydd angen bod ar waith i amddiffyn plant?
9. Faint fydd y gost hon i'w gweithredu a pha ffynhonnell ariannu sydd wedi'i nodi?
  10. Sut fydd perfformiad y polisi yn cael ei weithredu a'r effaith yn cael ei gwerthuso?

## Cwestiynau Cyffredinol:

### Grymuso Cymunedau

- Sut ydym ni'n cynnwys cymunedau lleol a'u grymuso i ddylunio a darparu gwasanaethau i gyd-fynd ag angen lleol?
- A ydym ni'n cael trafodaethau rheolaidd gyda chymunedau am flaenoriaethau'r gwasanaeth a pha lefel o wasanaeth y gall y cyngor fforddio ei ddarparu yn y dyfodol?
- A yw'r gwasanaeth yn gweithio gyda dinasyddion i egluro rôl gwahanol bartneriaid wrth ddarparu gwasanaeth a rheoli disgwyliadau?
- A oes fframwaith a phroses gymesur ar waith ar gyfer asesu perfformiad ar y cyd, gan gynnwys o safbwyt dinesydd, ac a oes gennych chi drefniadau atebolwydd i gefnogi hyn?
- A oes Asesiad Effaith Cydraddoldeb wedi'i gynnal? Os felly a all yr Arweinydd a'r Cabinet /Uwch Swyddogion roi copïau i'r Aelodau ac eglurhad manwl o'r Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb (EQIA) a gynhaliwyd mewn perthynas â'r cynigion hyn?
- A all yr Arweinydd a'r Cabinet/Uwch Swyddogion sicrhau aelodau bod y cynigion hyn yn cydymffurfio â deddfwriaeth Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol? A yw'r cynigion yn cydymffurfio â Chynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol yr Awdurdod Lleol?

### Galwadau'r Gwasanaeth

- Sut fydd newid polisi a deddfwriaeth yn effeithio ar y ffordd mae'r cyngor yn gweithredu?
- A ydym ni wedi ystyried demograffeg ein cyngor a sut bydd hyn yn effeithio ar ddarparu gwasanaethau a chyllid yn y dyfodol?
- A ydych chi wedi adnabod ac ystyried y tueddiadau tymor hir a allai effeithio ar eich maes gwasanaeth, pa effaith allai'r tueddiadau hyn ei chael ar eich gwasanaeth/allai eich gwasanaeth ei gael ar y tueddiadau hyn, a beth sy'n cael ei wneud mewn ymateb?

### Cynllunio Ariannol

- A oes gennym ni gynlluniau ariannol canolig a hirdymor cadarn yn eu lle?
- A ydym ni'n cysylltu cyllidebau â chynlluniau a chanlyniadau ac adrodd yn effeithiol ar y rhain?

### Gwneud arbedion a chynhyrchu incwm

- A oes gennym ni'r strwythurau cywir ar waith i sicrhau bod ein dulliau effeithlonwydd, gwelliant a thrawsnewid yn gweithio gyda'i gilydd i sicrhau'r arbedion mwyaf posibl?
- Sut ydym ni'n gwneud y mwyaf o incwm? A ydym ni wedi cymharu polisiau eraill y cyngor

i sicrhau'r incwm mwyaf posibl ac wedi ystyried yn llawn y goblygiadau ar ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth?

- A oes gennym ni gynllun gweithlu sy'n ystyried capaciti, costau, a sgiliau'r gweithlu gwirioneddol yn erbyn y gweithlu a ddymunir?

Cwestiynau i'w gofyn o fewn blwyddyn i'r penderfyniad:

- A gafodd canlyniadau arfaethedig y cynnig eu cyflawni neu a oedd canlyniadau eraill?
- A oedd yr effeithiau wedi'u cyfyngu i'r grŵp yr oeddech chi ar y dechrau yn meddwl fyddai wedi cael ei effeithio h.y. pobl hŷn, neu a gafodd eraill eu heffeithio e.e. pobl ag anableddau, rhieni â phlant ifanc?
- A yw'r penderfyniad yn dal i fod y penderfyniad cywir neu a oes angen gwneud addasiadau?

## Cwestiynau i'r Pwyllgor ar ddiwedd y cyfarfod ...

A oes gennym ni'r wybodaeth angenrheidiol i ffurfio casgliadau/i wneud argymhellion i'r pwyllgor gwaith, cyngor, partneriaid eraill? Os nad oes, a oes angen i ni:

- (i) Ymchwilio i'r mater yn fwy manwl?
- (ii) Gael rhagor o wybodaeth gan dystion eraill - Aelod o'r Bwrdd Gweithredol, arbenigwr annibynnol, aelodau o'r gymuned, defnyddwyr gwasanaeth, cyrff rheoleiddio...

Cytuno ar gamau pellach sydd i'w cymryd o fewn amserlen/adroddiad monitro yn y dyfodol.

# Public Document Pack Agenda Item 5

## Monmouthshire Select Committee Minutes

**Meeting of Public Services Scrutiny Committee held at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote attendance on Monday, 7th April, 2025 at 10.00 am**

### Councillors Present

County Councillor Armand Watts (Chair)

County Councillors: Jill Bond, Steven Garratt, Penny Jones, Tony Kear, Malcolm Lane, Dale Rooke, Frances Taylor

### Officers in Attendance

Hazel Ilett, Scrutiny Manager

Robert McGowan, Policy and Scrutiny Officer

Deb Hill-Howells, Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services

Carl Touhig, Head of Neighbourhood Services

**APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Meirion Howells

### 1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

### 2. Public Open Forum

None present.

### 3. Highways Responsibilities and Funding

To provide an overview on the funding for highways, the responsibilities of the Council, the South Wales Trunk Road Agency and others. Discussion on issues raised by Members in relation to the M48, A466 and the two Severn Bridge Crossings.

Carl Touhig delivered a presentation and answered the members' questions with Deb Hill-Howells:

#### **Key Questions raised by Members:**

- How is SWTRA's responsibility for roads determined, and why are some A roads not their responsibility?

*The allocation of trunk roads is complex and seems to be linked to the motorway system. For example, the A48 from Llanelli down through Chepstow is a SWTRA road, but the A4810 is not. The exact criteria for this allocation are not fully clear.*

- When SWTRA does safety cuts, should they also be picking up litter? It often looks worse after the cuts.

*SWTRA should ideally pick up litter before mowing, but this does not always happen. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 states that local authorities are responsible for litter clearance on trunk roads, which complicates the issue.*

- What is our direct labour workforce in highways?

*The maintenance side has about 30 operatives, with 24 operatives split equally between the north and south. The back office has about 10-12 people, and there are around 40 others doing various jobs within highways.*

- What is the annual spend on contractors in highways?

*The spend on external contractors for maintenance is relatively low, but larger projects like the White Bridge resurfacing, which costs around half a million, are outsourced. The total spend is around £3-4 million, with SWTRA's budget being slightly more than £5 million.*

- Is the planned highways workshop open to all members?

*Yes, the member seminar on highways will be open to all members. It will cover the BRAG system and the matrix for prioritising road works.*

- Can we raise the issue of legislation for littering with SWTRA and Welsh Government?

*Yes, it is possible to raise this issue. Currently, Wales does not have legislation to prosecute drivers for throwing litter. This is an ongoing concern, and efforts are being made to push for such legislation.*

- What would be the effect of downgrading the M4 to alleviate traffic through Magor and Chepstow when the M48 bridge is shut?

*Deb explained that the potential for a new link road on the M48 was part of the recommendations from the Southeast Wales Transport Commission. The declassification of the M48 and the construction of a new junction would substantially reduce costs and improve traffic flow. However, Welsh Government officials initially resisted the idea of declassification due to diversion implications. Monmouthshire County Council continues to promote the scheme and has included it in the regional transport plan consultation. Public support for the consultation is encouraged to help advance the project.*

- Why does SWTRA close the Thornwell Junction and then direct traffic back onto the bridge into a single lane, causing issues for local residents?

*SWTRA closes the Thornwell Junction and directs traffic back onto the bridge into a single lane to manage traffic flow and ensure safety. This approach helps to slow down traffic and prevent congestion on the bridge by merging vehicles into a single lane before they reach the bridge. However, this method can cause significant issues for local residents, particularly at the Thornwell roundabout. Carl mentioned that he would*

*discuss this with SWTRA to explore alternative traffic management solutions that could mitigate the impact on local residents.*

- When will the safety barriers that have been an issue for over a year be replaced?

*Not in this financial year. They have a schedule but we will try to get an answer back from them*

- What is the Council's view on voluntary litter picking groups operating on the roads?

*The Council is very grateful for the voluntary litter picking groups. They advise these groups to pick litter on slower roads and avoid trunk roads due to safety concerns. The Council provides high-visibility clothing and sometimes traffic management for larger litter picks.*

- What is the process for pothole repairs, and how are they prioritised?

*When a pothole is reported, the team initially uses cold tarmac for a quick fix to ensure safety. For more durable repairs, hot tarmac is used, but this requires scheduling and may involve road closures. The prioritisation considers road usage, safety, and other factors.*

- Is there a legal timeframe for pothole repairs once notified?

*Yes, there is a legal requirement to address potholes within a certain timeframe once notified to ensure road safety.*

- Can you explain the Local Government Borrowing Initiative (LGBI)?

*The LGBI allows local authorities to borrow money, with Welsh Government providing the funding to repay the loan over 20 years. This initiative helps fund road maintenance and improvement projects.*

- Who is responsible for repairing bridges over trunk roads, such as those over the A449, which are in a state of disrepair?

*Responsibility for these bridges can be complex. Generally, if a bridge goes over or under a trunk road, it is considered the responsibility of SWTRA. However, there are agreements and drawings that specify maintenance responsibilities.*

- How does Monmouthshire County Council's performance in road maintenance compare to other local authorities?

*Monmouthshire's road conditions are comparable to other local authorities. The general state of the road network across the UK, particularly in Wales, is not great, but Monmouthshire is not worse than others.*

- How is SWTRA monitoring and managing traffic flow around Monmouth with the current contraflow system and other roadworks?

*SWTRA is actively monitoring traffic flow and has improved their relationship with local authorities to better manage the impact of roadworks on local communities. They have measures in place, such as tow trucks, to address issues like breakdowns quickly.*

- Why were trees felled near the junction and the tunnel, and why weren't local members notified?

*The trees were felled because they were rotten and needed to be removed. SWTRA has acknowledged the lack of communication and agreed to improve consultation and provide additional planting to replace the felled trees.*

- What is the status of the repair work on Staunton Road and the Link Road?

*Staunton Road requires significant work, with estimated costs between £15-18 million. Design works are ongoing. The Link Road is also scheduled for repair, but specific timelines were not provided.*

- Can Monmouthshire County Council work with the Forest of Dean District Council to address the impact of heavy traffic from the quarry on Staunton Road?

*The Council recognises the impact of heavy traffic from the quarry and is open to working with the Forest of Dean District Council to address these issues.*

- Is there a way to give feedback to the local members to avoid misunderstanding, especially regarding the cherry trees?

*Carl mentioned that during the works in Monmouth, they had regular catch-ups with Monmouth members and used a Teams channel to keep everyone informed. He acknowledged the importance of communication to avoid misunderstandings and stated that they try to manage noise and control communication levels effectively.*

#### Action Items:

- **SWTRA Responsibilities:** Find out why certain roads are allocated to SWTRA and provide a detailed explanation.
- **Safety Barriers Replacement:** Determine the schedule for replacing the safety barriers on the M48 and provide a response.
- **Traffic Management at Thornwell:** Discuss with SWTRA the possibility of adjusting the traffic management to avoid using the Thornwell roundabout for up and over diversions.
- **M48 Link Road:** Promote the inclusion of the M48 link road in the regional transport plan and encourage public response to the consultation.
- **Workshop on Highways:** Set up a workshop to cover the LGBI funding, prioritisation matrix, and pothole repair methods.

- **Litter Legislation:** To write to SWTRA/Welsh Government to request legislation to prosecute littering from vehicles.
- **Communication with National Highways:** Clarify the legal basis for National Highways managing traffic on the A466 and their coordination with SWTRA.
- **Feedback on App Usage:** Work with Paul Sullivan's team to increase publicity and encourage residents to use the My Mon app for reporting potholes.

#### **4. Potholes and Road Repairs - To provide the Committee with oversight of how the recent monies allocated to Councils from UK Government will be spent in Monmouthshire**

Carl provided an update, which included the following points:

- The allocation of money for pothole repairs is still pending, so it's not possible to provide specific details on which roads will be fixed until the funding is confirmed.
- This year, more money will be allocated to pothole repairs, with an emphasis on using hot mix for more permanent fixes.
- Cold mix will still be used for emergency fixes to ensure road safety, but the goal is to follow up with more permanent repairs using hot mix.
- There is an acknowledgement that there is a need for more staff to keep up with the repairs and hopes that the additional funding will help catch up with the backlog.
- The plans for the pothole repair process will be covered in detail during the upcoming workshop, including the use of cold mix and hot mix, and the prioritisation matrix.
- The workshop will be scheduled once the funding is confirmed, likely by the end of April or beginning of May.

#### **Key Questions from Members:**

- Is there still a schedule of works for highways, and can it be used to manage residents' expectations regarding road repairs?

*Once the funding situation is confirmed, members will be provided with a list of works scheduled for this year, including bigger projects and smaller patching works. Carl emphasised that while a schedule of works will be available, emergency repairs and changes in priorities due to unforeseen events (e.g., storms) may affect the schedule. He advised the goal is to improve communication with residents and manage expectations more effectively.*

The chair thanked Carl and Deb for attending and answering questions comprehensively. He reminded the committee that the forthcoming workshop being hosted by Pace Scrutiny Committee would be open to all elected Members and encouraged attendance.

#### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th February 2025**

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Dale Rooke and seconded by Councillor Malcolm Lane.

**6. Public Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme**

The committee discussed broadening the scope of mental health services to include concerns about suicide prevention and occurrence, but agreed to that adult mental health and children's mental health should be considered separately due to the breadth of the topics.

A member suggested the changes in domiciliary care and improvements to the combined approach to care by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board should be included in the work programme.

**7. Council and Cabinet Work Planner**

Noted.

**8. Next Meeting: 12th May 2025 at 10.00am**

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.53 am.

## Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Highways Responsibilities and Funding</b>	To provide an overview on the funding for highways, the responsibilities of the Council, the South Wales Trunk Road Agency and others. Discussion on issues raised by Members in relation to the M48, A466 and the two Severn Bridge Crossings.	Carl Touhig	Policy Development
	<b>Potholes and Road Repairs</b>	To provide the Committee with oversight of how the recent monies allocated to Councils from UK Government will be spent in Monmouthshire.	Carl Touhig	Policy Development
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025  <b>All Members invited</b>	<b>National Highways – M48 and Severn Bridge 7.5t weight Limit</b>	To discuss the proposed changes to the operation of the Severn Bridges and the implications for Monmouthshire with National Highways, UK	Ian Thompson Jonathon Hill  National Highways, UK	External Scrutiny
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Adult Mental Health Services with a specific focus on adult suicide</b>	To scrutinise mental health services for adults, particularly for those at risk of suicide.	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board  Invite MIND	External Scrutiny
	<b>Care for people in the community with dementia, including support</b>	To invite the health board to outline how they deliver services in Monmouthshire.	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	External Scrutiny

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Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
	<b>available to families.</b>			
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	<b>Youth Offending Service</b>  <b>To be confirmed</b>	To consider the latest progress report on the Youth Offending Service, particularly how partners contribute and what it delivers for Monmouthshire.	Chesney Chick	Performance Monitoring
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>				
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>				
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>				
<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>Drug Related Deaths in Monmouthshire</b>	<i>To discuss drug related deaths and the impact of synthetic drugs with the Heroin &amp; Crack Cocaine Action Area Co-ordinator for Gwent Police.</i>		<i>External Scrutiny</i>
<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>VAWDASV Regional Strategy</b>	<i>To assess what the regional strategy delivers for Monmouthshire.</i>		<i>External Scrutiny</i>
<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>Pre-decision Scrutiny of the Public Service Board Annual Report</b>	<i>To undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the report and to draw agree any items for future scrutiny.</i>		<i>Pre-decision Scrutiny/Performance Monitoring</i>
<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>Integrated Services Partnership Board</b>	<i>To discuss the role and remit of the Integrated Services Partnership Board and how it delivers services in Monmouthshire.</i>		<i>Performance Review</i>

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<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>Local Flood Strategy (joint with Place)</b>	Pre-decision scrutiny of adoption of the Local Flood Strategy.		Pre-decision Scrutiny
<b>Items to consider for Inclusion: (Arising from Corporate and Community Plan)</b>				
<b>Progress the development of the new Magor and Undy Community Hub</b>				
<b>Invest in better bus infrastructure</b>				
<b>Work with the police, partners and communities to tackle anti-social behaviour</b>				
<b>To explore streams: Housing Social Grant, Substance Misuse Grants, to assess what they are delivering for Monmouthshire</b>				

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- Violence and Women ~ Scrutinize the delivery of the Gwent perpetrator assessment and the impact of inappropriate sexual behaviour among 10-17 year-olds. Address the increase in misogyny in schools, including the influence of figures like Andrew Tate.
- Flood Risk Management ~ Jointly with Place Scrutiny Committee, inviting National Resources Wales
- Public Transport and Accessibility: Assess the impact of dental service relocations on public transport accessibility for residents.
- Update on the flying start ~ Update on the collaboration between health visitors and Sure Start, including changes in reporting structures and service provision.
- Request a comprehensive health update from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) (**in progress**), covering:
  - Holistic approach to supporting older people.
  - Primary and secondary care integration.
  - Resource, nurses, doctors, sustainability and retention.
  - Communication with the public on service provision.
  - Preventative services, colon tests, jabs.
  - Updates on specific projects like the Neville Hall Velindre satellite.
  - The uptake of preventative measures like vaccinations, especially among children.
  - Adult Mental Health Services ~ adult suicide
  - Care for people in the community with dementia, family support services.
- Community Policing ~ invite Police and Crime Commissioner ~ **in progress**
- Invite the Integrated Strategic Partnership Board to discuss dentistry and the flow of funds.

## Action List for Public Services Scrutiny Committee

<u>Meeting:</u>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<u>Officer / Member</u>
<u>Minute:</u>		
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SWTRA Responsibilities:</b> Find out why certain roads are allocated to SWTRA and provide a detailed explanation.</li> <li>• <b>Safety Barriers Replacement:</b> Determine the schedule for replacing the safety barriers on the M48 and provide a response.</li> <li>• <b>Traffic Management at Thornwell:</b> Discuss with SWTRA the possibility of adjusting the traffic management to avoid using the Thornwell roundabout for up and over diversions.</li> <li>• <b>M48 Link Road:</b> Promote the inclusion of the M48 link road in the regional transport plan and encourage public response to the consultation.</li> <li>• <b>Workshop on Highways:</b> Set up a workshop to cover the LGBI funding, prioritisation matrix, and pothole repair methods.</li> <li>• <b>Litter Legislation:</b> To write to SWTRA/Welsh Government to request legislation to prosecute littering from vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Communication with National Highways:</b> Clarify the legal basis for National Highways managing traffic on the A466 and their coordination with SWTRA.</li> <li>• <b>Feedback on App Usage:</b> Work with Paul Sullivan's team to increase publicity and encourage residents to use the My Mon app for reporting potholes.</li> </ul>	Carl Touhig / Deb Hill Howells

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# Agenda Item 7

Committee / Decision Maker	Meeting date / Decision due	Report Title	Cabinet member	Purpose	Author	Date item added to the planner
Cabinet	Deferred	Pavement Café Policy	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy	To adopt the pavement café policy as the basis for making decisions on applications for licences	Carl Touhig	4-Oct-22
Council	23-Oct-25	RLDP for Adoption	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Rachel Lewis	17-Apr-25
Cabinet	15-Oct-25	Review of Monmouth Cluster and proposed statutory consultation	Martyn Groucutt - Education		Matt Jones	3-Mar-25
Cabinet	16-Jul-25	Destination Management Plan	Sara Burch & Paul Griffiths		Collette Bosley	17-Apr-25
Council	26-Jun-25	Licensing Act Policy 2025	Angela Sandles - Engagement	Policy has to be approved by Full Council and it needs to be in place by 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Linda O Gorman	10-Jan-25
Cabinet	25-Jun-25	Play Sufficient Assessment	Angela Sandles - Engagement	Play sufficiency assessment update.	Nick John	28-Mar-25
Cabinet	25-Jun-25	Shire Hall Delivery Stage - Financial Approval	Ben Callard - Resources		Tracey Thomas	25-Mar-25
Cabinet	25-Jun-25	Nature Recovery Action Plan & Green Infrastructure Strategy	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Collette Bosley	17-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Placemaking Grant 25/26 & 26/27	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Craig O Connor	29-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Marches Forward Partnership	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy		Peter Davies / Cath Fallon	1-Apr-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Active Gwent Sports Partnership	Angela Sandles - Engagement	For Monmouthshire County Council to formally enter into the Active Gwent sport partnership.	Nick John	28-Mar-25
Cabinet	21-May-25	Y Prentis Update	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones	26-Feb-25

Cabinet	21-May-25	Digital, Data and Technology Collaboration	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy	To develop proposals to build on existing collaborative arrangements in place for the provision of technology services through the Shared Resource Service. Expanding on these to include digital and data services will generate	Peter Davies & Matt Gatehouse & Sian Hayward	14-Mar-25
Council	15-May-25	SAC Membership Report	Martyn Groucott - Education	To inform Council of SAC recommendations to appoint members of SAC	Sharon Randall-Smith	16-Apr-25
Council	10-Apr-25	Constitution Review	Angela Sandles - Engagement		James Williams	25-Mar-25
Council	10-Apr-25	Senior Pay Review	Ben Callard - Resources		Julie Anthony	3-Mar-25
ICMD	09-Apr-25	PSPO Lane Closure to prevent fly tipping & off roading	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Mark Cleaver	13-Mar-25
ICMD	09-Apr-25	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 4	Ben Callard - Resources			
Cabinet	02-Apr-25	Marches Forward Partnership	Mary Ann Brocklesby - Whole Authority Strategy		Peter Davies - Lead (Cath Fallon)	3-Mar-25
Cabinet	02-Apr-25	Reponse to Boundary Commission Electoral Review Consultation	Angela Sandles - Engagement		John Pearson	12-Feb-25
ICMD	26-Mar-25	Proposal to increase the fee payments to Monmouthshire Foster Carers	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Charlotte Drury	4-Feb-25
ICMD	12-Mar-25	Highway Traffic Regulation Amendment Order No 16	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment			

Council	06-Mar-25	Appointment of Chief Officer - Head of Transport - Exempt info	Catrin Maby - Climate Change and Environment		Deb Hill Howells	21-Jan-25
Council	06-Mar-25	Publication of the Council's Pay Policy	Ben Callard - Resources	To approve the publication of Monmouthshire County Council's Pay Policy, in compliance with the Localism Act.	Matt Gatehouse / Pip Green	17-Jan-25
Council	06-Mar-25	Contract Procedure Rules	Ben Callard - Resources		Scott James	9-Jan-25
Council	06-Mar-25	2025/26 Final Budget sign off including CT resolution	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Council	06-Mar-25	2025/26 Capital Strategy & Treasury Strategy	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	Approval of a Discretionary Policy for Council Tax Premiums	Ben Callard - Resources		Ruth Donovan	27-Jan-25
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	2025/26 Final Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
Cabinet	05-Mar-25	2025/26 WCF/Mon Farm Strategy	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
ICMD	26-Feb-25	County of Sanctuary: Homes for Ukraine	Angela Sandles - Engagement	To confirm future support arrangements for Ukrainian's living in Monmouthshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme following changes to the national arrangement for both funding & visas	Richard Drinkwater/Matt Gatehouse	7-Feb-25
ICMD	26-Feb-25	Housing Allocations Policy				
Cabinet	19-Feb-25	2024/25 Revenue and Capital Monitoring Month 9	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24

Cabinet	19-Feb-25	UK Shared Prosperity Fund post March 2025 – financial implications and impact	Paul Griffiths - Sustainable Economy		Hannah Jones	10-Jul-24
ICMD	29-Jan-25	2025/26 Community Council and Police Precepts final	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	17-Dec-24
Council	23-Jan-25	Council Diary 2025/26	Angela Sandles - Engagement		John Pearson	
Council	23-Jan-25	GWENT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD (RPB) AREA PLAN AND RPB ANNUAL REPORT 23/24	Ian Chandler - Social Care & Safeguarding		Natasha Harris (Torfaen)	
Council	23-Jan-25	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025/26	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	Business case for the purchase of a property in Abergavenny to develop supported accommodation for care experienced young people	Ben Callard - Resources		Jane Rogers	7-Jan-25
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	2025/26 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	4-Jun-24
Cabinet	22-Jan-25	Education Middle Tier	Martyn Groucott - Education		Will McLean	20-Nov-24
ICMD	15-Jan-25	Decision to transfer Dixton Archive from Monmouth Museum to Herefordshire Record Office			Rachael Rogers	9-Dec-24
ICMD	15-Jan-25	Welsh Church Fund Working Group - meeting 3	Ben Callard - Resources		Dave Jarrett	13-Jun-24
ICMD	18-Dec-24	2025/26 Community Council and Police Precepts draft	Ben Callard - Resources		Jon Davies	13-Jun-24


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