CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 22 January 2025

DECSION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 31st January 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, Martyn Groucutt, Catrin Maby, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler, Ben Callard and Sara Burch

County Councillor Paul Griffiths joined the meeting at 16:55.

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John, John Crook & Frances Taylor

OFFICERS PRESENT
Peter Davies – Acting Chief Executive, James Williams – Chief Officer Law & Governance, Will Mclean Chief Officer Children & Young People, Jonathan Davies - Head of Finance, Matt Gatehouse – Chief Officer People, Performance and Partnerships , Ian Saunders – Chief Officer Customer, Culture and Wellbeing , Jane Rodgers – Chief Officer Social Care and Safeguarding, John Pearson – Local Democracy Manager

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3a	2025/26 DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves the release of its draft revenue budget proposals for 2025/26 for consultation to run until 22nd February 2025. That Cabinet approves the release of its draft capital budget proposals for 2025/26 and indicative capital budgets for 2026/27 to 2028/29 for consultation as set out in appendix 4. That Cabinet note the remaining revenue budget gap of £2.86m at draft budget stage which will need to be resolved in full by the time that the final budget is set by Council in March 2025. That Cabinet notes the implications and current uncertainties arising out of Welsh Government's provisional Local Government budget announcement as outlined in this report and agree the response to Welsh Government as outlined at appendix 3. That Cabinet recommends the use of capital receipts totalling £3.7m to fund revenue costs associated with organisational change that support the draft revenue budget proposals.
Additional Information:				
3b	IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MIDDLE TIER REVIEW	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to extending a partnership with three other local authorities in the Gwent area, namely, Newport City Council, Torfaen County Borough Council and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. This partnership will be

				an extension and deepening of the existing relationship through the Southeast Wales Education Achievement Service (EAS). That Cabinet notes that there are still ongoing discussions between the four authorities noted in paragraph 2.1 and Caerphilly County Borough Council and that these discussions, could, see Caerphilly remaining involved in the partnership in some manner. This would not materially affect the options or considerations set out in this paper.
Additional Information:				
3c	DEVELOPMENT OF A SUPPORTED ACCOMODATION PROVISION	As set out in the report	Cllr Groucutt declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for the duration of the item.	RESOLVED: To acquire and refurbish a property in Abergavenny for the purposes of developing a supported accommodation provision for care experienced young people. To acquire and refurbish the property through drawing down up to £1.35m from the £3m borrowing headroom agreed at Full Council meeting 18th April 2024 under a 10-year term, subject to an anticipated successful capital grant application. To submit an Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF) / Housing with Care Fund (HCF) application to the Regional Partnership Board for the entirety of the capital expenditure associated with the acquisition and subsequent redevelopment of the property. To enter into a contract with a suitable external provider to provide the housing-based support for young people residing at the property
Additional Information:				