

CABINET DECISION RECORDING LOG

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 21 January 2026

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday, 28th January 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, Frances Taylor

OFFICERS PRESENT

Jonathan Davies, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Jane Rodgers, Nicola Perry, Matthew Gatehouse, James Williams, Deb Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Colette Bosley, Sue Hall and Nicholas Keyse

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF DURAND PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 3-11 YEARS TO 4-11 YEARS	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to enter into a statutory consultation process as set out in the School Organisation Code (a document produced by virtue of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013) to obtain the views of consultees on changing the age range of Durand Primary School and replacing the school nursery with an approved non-maintained setting on the school site.</p> <p>That Cabinet agree and approve the attached draft consultation document (appendix 1) which proposes to change the age range of Durand Primary School from 3-11 years to 4-11 years.</p>
Additional Information:				
4	SALE OF TWO FARM COTTAGES AT LEECHPOOL HOLDINGS	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree that the two cottages are declared surplus to requirements and can be disposed of on the open market to realise a capital receipt and relieve the Council of costs associated with vacant property.</p>
Additional Information:				
5	S106 CHURCH ROAD AND CRICK ROAD ALLOCATION OF S106 OFFSITE RECREATION FUNDING	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves the allocation of £144,000 from the Church Road S106 offsite recreation contribution to the Caldicot Greenway/Multi-User Route (MUR) project.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the allocation of £167,000 from the Crick Road S106 offsite recreation contribution to the Caldicot Greenway/MUR project, subject to receipt of funds.</p>
Additional Information:				

6	DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2026/27	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the release of its draft revenue budget proposals for 2026/27 for consultation which will run until 18th February 2026.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the release of its draft capital budget proposals for 2026/27 and indicative capital budgets for 2027/28 to 2029/30 for consultation as set out in appendix 4.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the remaining revenue budget gap of £973,000 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 2026.</p> <p>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 5.</p> <p>That Cabinet recommends the use of capital receipts totalling £2,707,500 to fund revenue costs associated with organisational change that support the draft revenue budget proposals.</p> <p>That Cabinet recommends an increase in discretionary fees and charges of at least 3.8% as outlined in appendix 6, reflecting the prevailing rate of inflation in September 2025.</p>
Additional Information:				