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Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Steve Greenslade Room, County Hall, Usk** on **Wednesday, 10th June, 2026**, at **4.30 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A DATA AND AI ENABLED COUNCIL 1 - 48

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To seek Cabinet approval for the Council's participation in, and contribution towards, a phased programme of foundational investment in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Modernisation through the Shared Resource Service (SRS) partnership.

The proposals look to enhance the Council's ability to deliver better outcomes for residents, improve productivity and service resilience, support staff, and enable more informed and timely decision-making across the Council.

The report brings together two linked investment proposals:

- a three-year partnership-wide AI programme to create a secure, governed shared AI foundation, including an AI Management Hub, staff productivity tools and a Digital Front Door capability; and
- Phase 1 of the Data Modernisation Programme, including completion of the core data platform and delivery of the Single View of Child (SVoC) as the first operational use case for joined-up insight and predictive analytics.

The purpose of the report is not to introduce technology for its own sake. It is to ensure that the Council has the right foundations, safeguards, skills and partnership arrangements in place so that the Council can use AI and data analytics in a proportionate, ethical and practical way that reflects public service values and maintains public trust.

The report sets out why investment is required now, the benefits expected for residents, staff and councillors, the safeguards and governance arrangements that will apply, the options considered, the financial and workforce implications, and how success will be evaluated.

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4. STRATEGIC RISK ASSESSMENT 49 - 78

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To provide Cabinet with an overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority.

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5. ALLOCATION OF CRICK ROAD S106 OFFSITE RECREATION FUNDING 79 - 94

Division/Wards Affected: Caldicot and Portskewett

Purpose: To seek Cabinet approval for the allocation of Section 106 offsite recreation funding received from the Crick Road development in Portskewett, towards projects identified as named beneficiaries within the Section 106 Agreement.

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6. LLANFOIST TO ABERGAVENNY ACTIVE TRAVEL BRIDGE – UPDATE AND CONTRACT PROGRESSION 95 - 120

Division/Wards Affected: Llanfoist and Abergavenny

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress of the Llanfoist to Abergavenny Active Travel Bridge and to seek approval to sign the formal construction contract between Balfour Beatty and Monmouthshire County Council now final pricing has been agreed.

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7. DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE (SRB) FOR 121 - 142

LEARNERS WITH SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH (SEMH) NEEDS

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The proposal responds to a clearly identified insufficiency in local Additional Learning Provision (ALP), particularly for learners with complex autism and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs who cannot be supported within current school or SRB models and seeks Cabinet's approval to establish a new Specialist Resource Base (SRB) with a therapeutic environment for learners with complex SEMH needs at the former Ysgol Y Fenni site, and to approve the associated capital and revenue costs.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	<p>Leader Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean</p> <p>Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation, including DDAT Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships including CJsCs. PSBs and cross boarder Emergency Planning</p>	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor</p> <p>Economic Strategy Skills and Employment Replacement Local Development Plan Placemaking and the development of market and affordable housing Placemaking and Transforming Towns Car parking and civil parking enforcement Development Management Building Control</p>	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse</p> <p>Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Revenue and Benefits Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Strategic procurement</p>	Llanfoist & Govilon
Laura Wright	<p>Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Deb Hill-Howells</p> <p>Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement</p>	Grofield

	<p>Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport</p>	
Ian Chandler	<p>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children’s services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health Wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health provision</p>	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	<p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O’Connor,</p> <p>Decarbonisation Transport Planning Highways and MCC Fleet Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces and parks Pavements and Back lanes Flood Alleviation Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and River health</p>	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	<p>Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Paul Matthews, Jane Rodgers, James Williams</p> <p>Community development, inequality and poverty (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation and cost of living crisis) Citizen engagement and democracy promotion including working with voluntary organisations Citizen experience - community hubs, contact centre, and customer service and registrars, communications, public relations and marketing Leisure centres, play and sport Public conveniences Electoral Services and constitution review Ethics and standards Welsh Language Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Public Protection, and Licencing</p>	Magor East with Undy

Sara Burch	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing & Tourism Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Jane Rodgers Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture Homelessness, Temporary accommodation, private sector housing, (empty homes leasing schemes, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive technology), Allocation of social housing Broadband connectivity Active Travel Countryside Access and Rights of Way Tourism Development and Cultural Services	Cantref
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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

To become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

