

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 19th June 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, Catrin Maby, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler, Ben Callard, Sara Burch and Laura Wright

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John

OFFICERS PRESENT

Peter Davies, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Nicola Perry, Matthew Gatehouse, James Williams, Deb Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Hannah Carter, Richard Jones, Stacey Jones, Mike Moran, Nicholas Tulp and Morwenna Wagstaff

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A DATA AND AI ENABLED COUNCIL	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: To approve Monmouthshire County Council's participation in the three-year SRS partnership AI programme, based on the preferred delivery route outlined in the report.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Council's share of the investment, funded by a one-off contribution from earmarked revenue reserves (specifically the Invest to Redesign Reserve), as set out in the report and summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A combined three-year contribution arising from the AI programme and Data Modernisation Phase 1 of £596,654, profiled as £462,654 in Year 1, £66,000 in Year 2 and £68,000 in Year 3; b) A contribution of £20,500 in year 1 for Microsoft Fabric, with the cost for subsequent years incorporated into the MTFP from 2027/28. c) A contribution of £34,000 in year 1 for transactional AI usage costs for the Digital Front Door, with the cost for subsequent years incorporated into the MTFP from 2027/28. d) An initial budget provision of £200,000 to support services to implement AI and Data projects to the extent that existing capacity and capability does not allow. <p>The total one-off contribution from earmarked reserves will be £851,154.</p> <p>To approve Monmouthshire County Council's participation in Phase 1 of the SRS Data Modernisation Programme, including delivery of the Single View of Child and completion of the key components of the unified data platform.</p> <p>To endorse a phased, gated approach to implementation, including formal stage gates for AI use cases and investment progression; and a pause-and-review</p>

				<p>point for the Data Modernisation Programme before any Phase 2 proposals are brought forward.</p> <p>To endorse the principle that AI and predictive analytics will be used to support professional judgement and service improvement, and not to replace human accountability for decision-making.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, to finalise implementation arrangements and release funding in line with the approved profile, subject to the governance arrangements and decision gateways set out in the report.</p>
Additional Information:				
4	STRATEGIC RISK ASSESSMENT	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet members review the strategic risk assessment and assess whether it provides a realistic and evidenced appraisal of the strategic risks facing the authority over the next three years.</p>
Additional Information:				
5	ALLOCATION OF CRICK ROAD S106 OFFSITE RECREATION FUNDING	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That capital budget of £133,000 be created in 2026/27 to fund improvements to the toilets at the Portskewett Recreation Hall, to include an externally accessible toilet unit for use in connection with the Cornfield Site and the Caldicot MUR (multi-user route).</p> <p>That a capital budget of £100,000 be created in 2026/27 to contribute towards the cost of the replacement Caldicot skatepark.</p> <p>That the above capital budgets are funded by corresponding contributions of £133,000 and £100,000 respectively from the S106 balances held by the Council from the Section 106 Agreement in relation to the Crick Road development site in Portskewett (Planning Ref: DM/2018/00696).</p>
Additional Information:				
6	LLANFOIST TO ABERGAVENNY ACTIVE TRAVEL BRIDGE – UPDATE AND CONTRACT PROGRESSION	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the full Stage 2 (construction) schedule of costs under SCAPE contract and agrees for officers to exchange the contract.</p>
Additional Information:				
7	DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE (SRB) FOR LEARNERS WITH SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet supports the strategic direction to expand local specialist provision and reduce reliance on costly out-of-county placements.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the establishment of a SEMH Specialist Resource Base</p>

	AND MENTAL HEALTH (SEMH) NEEDS			<p>at the Ysgol Y Fenni site from September 2026.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the capital costs required to adapt the site as set out in section 7.</p> <p>That Cabinet agrees to set aside the disposal of the Ysgol Y Fenni site for a period of 5 years to enable the development of the site as base for this pilot SRB provision, which will enable a determination of the suitability and feasibility of the site for this provision in the longer term.</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the staffing and ongoing revenue implications associated with the provision.</p>
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Additional Information:

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