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Tuesday, 30 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, 8th July, 2026**, at **4.30 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
- i. **Performance & Overview Scrutiny Committee - Feedback to Cabinet of Meetings held in June 2026.** 1 - 12
3. Social Partnership Duty Report 13 - 28

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To seek approval of the Social Partnership Duty Report 2026, setting out how the Council will build on existing practice, and work collaboratively with trade unions, to ensure compliance with the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023.

Author: Philippa Green, Head of HR

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4. Outcome of the statutory objection period on proposals concerning the nursery at Durand Primary School 29 - 56

Division/Wards Affected: Durand

Purpose: The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with the outcome of the statutory objection period concerning the proposals to discontinue the local authority maintained nursery at Durand Primary School. This report concludes the statutory process.

Author: Sue Hall, Early Years Manager

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5. Financial Update Report 57 - 134
- Division/Wards Affected: All
- Purpose: To provide Cabinet with information on the Authority's final financial results for the 2025/26 financial year in respect of the revenue budget, capital programme, and associated reserves position.
- To update Cabinet on the early indicative progress against the 2026/27 revenue budget.
- Author: Jonathan Davies, Head of Finance (Deputy Section S151 officer)
- Contact Details: jonathandavies2@monmouthshire.gov.uk
6. Adoption of the Charter for the Rights of the Rivers 135 - 156
- Division/Wards Affected: All
- Purpose: To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Charter for the Rights of Rivers in Monmouthshire, following the motion agreed by Council on 25 June 2026.
- The decision is intended to recognise the intrinsic value of all rivers and watercourses in Monmouthshire and to provide a clear set of principles to inform future Council policy, strategy, operational practice, partnership work and decision-making. The charter provides a clear public statement of intent and leadership on river protection and recovery.
- Author: Chief Officer – Place and Community Well-being Craig O'Connor, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Catrin Maby
- Contact Details: craiggoconnor@monmouthshire.gov.uk
7. Disposal of Land Adjacent to 40 Leechpool Holdings 157 - 176
- Division/Wards Affected: Portskewett
- Purpose: To seek approval for the disposal of land adjacent to number 40 Leechpool Holdings, Portskewett.
- Author: Ben Thorpe – Development Surveyor
- Contact Details: benthorpe@monmouthshire.gov.uk
8. Development of a Supported Accommodation Provision 177 - 224
- Division/Wards Affected: Monmouth
- Purpose: To provide details and seek approval for the acquisition and

refurbishment of a property in Monmouth for the purpose of developing a supported accommodation provision for care experienced young people (aged 16 plus), using existing borrowing headroom.

Approval is sought based on a Business Case that is attached as Appendix 1.

Author: Jane Rodgers, Strategic Director Social Care, Safeguarding & Health

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| 9. | Acquisition of plots of land for the Undy to Rogiet Severn Tunnel Junction (STJ) Links Active Travel Route | 225 - 296 |
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Division/Wards Affected: Magor with Undy, Rogiet

Purpose: To seek authorisation to proceed with the purchase of land required to provide an active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) path alongside the B4245 between Undy and Rogiet.

Author: Madeleine Boase, Active Travel Officer

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	Leader Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean 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	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor 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	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse 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	Llanfoist & Govilon
Laura Wright	Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Deb Hill-Howells Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement	Grofield

	Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport	
Ian Chandler	Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers 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	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O’Connor, 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	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Paul Matthews, Jane Rodgers, James Williams 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	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.

