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Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Council Chamber - Council Chamber** on **Wednesday, 2nd November, 2016**, at **2.00 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Consideration of reports from Select Committees (none)
4. To consider the following reports (Copies attached):

i. **Discretionary Housing Payment Policy**

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Ward/Division Affected: All

Purpose:

The UK Government is continuing to implement its programme of welfare reform. The programme has a number of policy objectives, to encourage those on benefits to find work and to move away from dependency on benefits payments, whilst at the same time contributing a significant proportion of savings towards Governmental public spending reductions.

The report summarises the main impacts of the welfare reform programme particularly with reference to reductions in Housing Benefit and the ability of Monmouthshire households to afford their rental payments. It includes reference to a further significant reform, the lowering of the household Benefit Cap.

The main practical mitigation offered by the Council is via the administration of Discretionary Housing Payments to assist customers to meet the rent shortfall incurred due to the welfare reforms. Cabinet is asked to consider the revised Discretionary Housing Payment Policy.

Author: Richard Davies, Head of Shared Benefits Service

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- ii. **Welsh Church Fund Working Group** 19 - 30
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting 2 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 22nd September 2016.

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- iii. **Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget Process 2017/18 to 2020/21** 31 - 52
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose:

To highlight the context within which the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will be developed for 2017/18 to 2020/21

To agree the assumptions to be used to update the MTFP, and provide an early indication of the level of budget savings to be found.

To update Members with the implications arising from the provisional settlement announcement of Welsh Government.

To agree the process for developing the MTFP and budget for 2017/18.

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- iv. **Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2016/17 - Period 2 Outturn Forecast Statement** 53 - 76
Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast revenue outturn position of the Authority at the end of period 2 which represents month 6 financial information for the 2016/17 financial year

This report will also be considered by Select Committees as part of their responsibility to,

- assess whether effective budget monitoring is taking place,
- monitor the extent to which budgets are spent in accordance with agreed budget and policy framework,

- challenge the reasonableness of projected over or underspends, and
- monitor the achievement of predicted efficiency gains or progress in relation to savings proposals.

Author: Mark Howcroft – Assistant Head of Finance

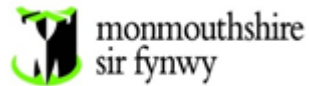
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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Partnership and External Working	Ward
P.A. Fox (Leader)	Organisational Development Whole Council Performance, Whole Council Strategy Development, Corporate Services, Democracy, Trading Standards, Public Protection, Licensing	WLGA Council WLGA Coordinating Board Local Service Board	Portskewett
R.J.W. Greenland (Deputy Leader)	Innovation, Enterprise & Leisure Innovation Agenda, Economic Development, Tourism, Social Enterprise, Leisure, Libraries & Culture, Information Technology, Information Systems, Development Control.	WLGA Council Capital Region Tourism	Devauden
P.A.D. Hobson (Deputy Leader)	Community Development Community Planning/Total Place, Equalities, Area Working, Citizen Engagement, Public Relations, Sustainability, Parks & Open Spaces, Community Safety, Environment & Countryside.	Community Safety Partnership Equalities and Diversity Group	Larkfield
E.J. Hackett Pain	Schools and Learning School Improvement, Pre-School Learning, Additional Learning Needs, Children's Disabilities, Families First, Youth Service, Adult Education.	Joint Education Group (EAS) WJEC	Wyesham
G. Burrows	Social Care, Safeguarding & Health Adult Social Services including Integrated services, Learning disabilities, Mental Health. Children's Services including Safeguarding, Looked after Children, Youth Offending. Health and Wellbeing.	Gwent Frailty Board Older Persons Strategy Partnership Group	Mitchel Troy
P. Murphy	Resources Accountancy, Internal Audit, Estates & Property Services, Procurement, Human Resources & Training, Health & Safety, Building Control, Energy.	Prosiect Gwrydd Wales Purchasing Consortium	Caerwent
S.B. Jones	County Operations Highways, Transport, Traffic & Network Management, Waste & Recycling, Engineering, Landscapes, Flood Risk.	SEWTA Prosiect Gwrydd	Goytre Fawr



Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Outcomes we are working towards

Nobody Is Left Behind

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

People Are Confident, Capable and Involved

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

Our County Thrives

- Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

