

Pecyn Dogfennau Cyhoeddus

Cabinet

Man Cyfarfod
**Siambwr y Cyngor - Neuadd y Sir,
Llandrindod, Powys**

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod
Dydd Mawrth, 31 Gorffennaf 2018

Amser y Cyfarfod
10.30 am

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Dyddiad Cyhoeddi

Mae croeso i'r rhai sy'n cymryd rhan ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg. Os hoffech chi siarad Cymraeg yn y cyfarfod, gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i ni erbyn hanner dydd ddau ddiwrnod cyn y cyfarfod

AGENDA

1.	YMDDIHEURIADAU
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Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

2.	COFNODION
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Awdurdodi'r Cadeirydd i lofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd fel cofnod cywir.

(Tudalennau 1 - 10)

3.	DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB
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Derbyn unrhyw ddatganiadau o ddiddordeb a dderbyniwyd gan yr Aelodau o ran yr eitemau sydd i'w hystyried ar yr agenda.

4.	ARSYLWADAU CRAFFU I'R CABINET AR GYLLIDEB Y GWASANAETHAU PLANT
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Ystyried yr adroddiad Craffu ar gyllideb y Gwasanaethau Plant.

(Tudalennau 11 - 22)

5.	ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU CHWE-MIS Y BWRDD DIOGELU CORFFORAETHOL
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Ystyried adroddiad diweddarau chwe-mis y Bwrdd Diogelu Corfforaethol.
(To Follow)

6.	RHEOLAETH Y DRYSORFA ADRODDIAD CHWARTER 1
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Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cyngorydd Sir Aled Davies, Aelod Portffolio Cyllid, y Cefn Gwlad a Chludiant.
(Tudalennau 23 - 46)

7.	GOHEBIAETH
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Derbyn y cyfryw ohebiaeth sydd ym marn yr Arweinydd yn fater o gymaint brys nes ei fod yn teilyngu ystyriaeth.

8.	PENDERFYNIADAU DIRPRWYEDIG A WNAED ERS Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF
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Nodi'r penderfyniadau dirprwyedig a luniwyd ers y cyfarfod diwethaf.
(Tudalennau 47 - 48)

9.	BLAENRAGLEN WAITH
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Ystyried blaenraglen waith y Cabinet.
(Tudalennau 49 - 56)

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, MC Alexander, P Davies, J Evans, S M Hayes,
R Powell and M Weale

In attendance: County Councillor P Roberts

1.	MINUTES
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 June 2018 as a correct record.

2.	APOLOGIES
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There were no apologies for absence.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

4.	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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The Director of Social Services presented the report for 2017/18 noting that she had not been Director during this time and acknowledging the contributions of her predecessors. The report recognised that it had been a very challenging year for social services but also noted that thanks to the hard work of staff, corporate colleagues, partner organisations and political support some significant improvements were beginning to be delivered. The report also set out the priorities for 2018/19. advised that her next report would be co-designed with service users and partner organisations.

The Leader joined the Portfolio Holders and Director in thanking the staff for their work and in looking forward to further improvements with a stable leadership team in place.

5.	FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 31ST MAY 2018
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The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport presented the report for the period ended 31 May. This was the first report of the new financial year and included details of 3 Welsh Government grants and a number of virements.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
1. That the contents of the report are noted by Cabinet.	To monitor the council's financial performance and ensure that spending remains within approved limits and that the 3% minimum general fund reserve is maintained.
2. To approve the virements and accept the grants detailed in paragraphs 5.1.1. and 5.1.2 of the report.	

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST MAY 2018

Cabinet received details of the capital programme for 2018/19 which, after accounting for virements rolled forward from the last financial year was £106.353m. The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport asked for Finance to be kept informed of any slippage in the programme.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
That the contents of the report are noted by Cabinet.	To outline capital budget provision as at 31st May 2018.

7. SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW

The Portfolio Holder for Learning and the Welsh Language explained that the new funding formula for schools had been developed by a Formula Review Group, with support from officers in Education and Finance and an external expert. School leaders had been consulted throughout the process. Whilst the new formula would not provide any additional funds it would help establish the cost of provision and ensure that funds were distributed fairly. A consultation would run between 17 September and 26 October and would inform recommendations for the formula for 2019/20, to come to Cabinet in November.

County Councillor Pete Roberts expanded on the views of the Learning Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee as reported in the paper circulated with the agenda. The Committee had been concerned that the report lacked detail in some areas but had been reassured by the commitment given to them that there would be a further opportunity for scrutiny in September before the consultation started.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That Cabinet approves the overall design of a revised funding formula for schools.	To inform the next stage of detailed formula development.
That Cabinet delegates the decision to proceed with full consultation with all schools to the Portfolio Holders for Learning and Welsh Language and for Finance.	To ensure the project timeline provides for adequate consultation and a clear recommendation for budget setting.

8.	WELSH GOVERNMENT TARGETED REGENERATION INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
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Cabinet received details of the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRIP) that supports capital projects promoting economic regeneration in a small number of Regeneration Areas. The programme was being overseen and delivered on a regional basis through the Growing Mid Wales (GMW) Partnership. A draft Regional Regeneration Plan had been prepared to provide a framework for investment under the programme and an evaluation panel had recommended a number of schemes across Ceredigion and Powys for inclusion in the Plan.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the Cabinet endorses the draft Regional Regeneration Plan and list of initial projects recommended for prioritisation by the GWM Panel for inclusion in the Plan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maximise the opportunity of the investment and benefit that can be secured for Powys and the Mid Wales Region through the TRI Programme. 2. To enable submission of the regeneration proposals for the TRI Programme by the Growing Mid Wales Partnership to Welsh Government.

9.	CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-18 QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT
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Cabinet received details of performance in quarter 4 of 2017-18 against the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) 2016-20 which was based on the previous administration's priorities. At the end of March 2018, 75% of planned work contained within the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) and supporting plans received a BRAG status of blue or green with 25% indicating amber or red. The overall RAG status of the CIP for the year 2017-18 was amber and out of the 35 measures contained within the CIP only 32% met target. 57% were off target and 34% off target by more than 10%.

Portfolio Holders reported on the remedial actions being taken in their services in response to the missed targets highlighted in the report.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the Management Team remedial actions for the Critical Items to ensure that performance improves in these areas.	To ensure effective evaluation of progress in implementing the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan for the year 2017-18 and remedial action is understood and implemented

10. DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cabinet was asked to consider approving the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan to go out for consultation before coming back to Cabinet and then full Council for formal approval. Officers answered questions from members on the challenges of managing the largest rights of way network in the UK at a time of reduced funding and highlighted the role of volunteers.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan in Appendix 1 to be subjected to the statutory 12 week public consultation.	For the Council to uphold its statutory duty to review the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
A report will be presented to Cabinet following consultation in due course.	

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2017/18

Cabinet received and considered the Treasury Management report for 2017/18. The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport advised that in view of historically low interest rates the Council's cash reserves had been run down and the cash used to repay debts or support capital expenditure.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
To note the contents of the report.	Statutory requirement

12. SCHOOLS SERVICE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Cabinet considered the new schools safeguarding policy and safeguarding audit for schools. Cabinet was advised that the schools service was following up on any issues identified in the audit and would be providing guidance and training to the schools including on emerging risks. The service would also be producing an action plan and reality checking the audit.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
Cabinet to note the new Safeguarding Policy and the findings of the Safeguarding Audit.	Agree for the service to implement the plan and keep them updated on progress.

13. COMMISSIONING COMMERCIAL AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

Cabinet considered the Commissioning Commercial and Procurement Strategy. Cabinet welcomed the Strategy and the support it could give to developing the local economy by contracting with local companies wherever this is practicable and within the requirements of public procurement legislation and value for

money. The figure for local spending, excluding large capital projects, was approximately 37% having been at 32% for some time. It was agreed to include this figure in future performance reports to monitor the effectiveness of the policy.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the Commissioning Commercial and Procurement Strategy.	The Council's Commissioning and Procurement Strategy will play a pivotal role in the achievement of the Powys Vision 2025. This Strategy will create the framework within which the Council will work to turn its Vision into practice.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

15. DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

16. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Cabinet received details of the forward work programme.

17. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 1 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

18. IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE BOARD MINUTES

Cabinet received the minutes of the last meeting of the Improvement and Assurance Board held on 30 May 2018.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, MC Alexander, P Davies, J Evans and M Weale

In attendance: County Councillors B Davies, G Jones, J Morris, P Roberts, E Vaughan and J Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Absence for absence were received from County Councillor S Hayes and R Powell who were on other Council business.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

County Councillor M Alexander declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a governor of Llanerfyl Church in Wales Foundation School appointed by the authority.

3. BANW C.P. SCHOOL AND LLANERFYL C. IN W. (FOUNDATION) SCHOOL

County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander having declared a personal interest as a local authority appointed governor of Llanerfyl Church in Wales Foundation School advised that she would be acting as local Member and not as a member of the Cabinet for this report.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport presented the report and advised that he was proposing an amendment to the recommendation in the report so the consultation would not be specific on which site the new school would be on. He sought and received confirmation from the members of the Cabinet that they had read correspondence received including updated information on pupil numbers.

County Councillor Alexander spoke of the importance of the decision for securing Welsh language education in the Banw valley as soon as possible noting that 2020 for the establishment of a new school was as late as the community could accept. She referred to emails she had received on potential uses for the sites once a decision had been made. In response to an email from the Chair of Governors of Banw CP School referring to a £1m capital investment referenced by Councillor Alexander, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport advised that no decision on capital investment had been taken yet.

County Councillors Bryn Davies and Elwyn Vaughan spoke in favour of widening the scope of the consultation.

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To carry out consultation as required by the School Organisation Code on a proposal to close Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C. in W. Foundation School and to open a new Welsh-medium Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School on either the Banw site or the Llanerfyl site, with a target date of closing the two schools on the 31st August 2020 and opening the new school on the 1st September 2020.	To ensure the continued provision of Welsh-medium education in the Banwy Valley through the establishment of one larger school.

4.	21ST C SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - WELSHPOOL PRIMARY PROJECT AND YSGOL CALON CYMRU
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County Councillor Pete Roberts, Chair of the Learning, Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee and County Councillor John Morris, Chair of the Audit Committee presented the findings of the Scrutiny meeting held on 25th June. Scrutiny had felt that the Cabinet report had been incomplete lacking detailed costings for the Salop Road site.

Scrutiny had concluded that costs for Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng had increased due to the listing of Ysgol Maesydre part way through the Welshpool Schools Project but that this could have been foreseen.

Scrutiny had concluded that costs for Welshpool CiW Primary School had increase mainly due to contaminated land issues which could have been foreseen if the contaminated land register had been consulted at the site selection stage and to a lesser extent by changes to the specification requested by the client.

Scrutiny had concluded that the prioritisation of Ysgol Calon Cymru for newly available Band A funds was the best use of these funds because it was the condition of the school had deteriorated to C/D and as a high school the greatest number of pupils would benefit.

The Chair of the Audit Committee raised the capacity of schools noting that the Church in Wales school was being built to accommodate 360 pupils which equated to £28k (plus contingency) per place increasing to £37k (plus contingency) based on present numbers. Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng was being built to accommodate 150 pupils which equated to £41k (plus contingency) per place increasing to £77k (plus contingency) based on present numbers.

Scrutiny had made a number of recommendations

- 1. That the contingency fund for each of the Welshpool Schools be increased to 5%.**

2. That the Contaminated Land Register and Radon maps are consulted at the scoping and site selection stage for all projects in which the Council is involved including those on land owned by the authority.
3. That the money released by moving Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng to Band B is used to improve the Llandrindod site of Ysgol Calon Cymru and if any funds remain in Band A when this work has been completed then those primary schools with Condition D buildings are prioritised for improvements.
4. That further work is undertaken on pupil numbers, appropriate levels of excess capacity when building new schools, cost per pupil of new builds and impact of new schools on surrounding schools to inform the Schools Transformation programme.

The Leader and Portfolio Holder thanked Scrutiny for their work on this project. It was noted that there was already a 4% contingency for the project so an additional 1% would bring the total budget for the project to £16,972,972. The Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Education accepted the recommendation that the contaminated land register and radon maps be consulted at the scoping and site selection stage but advised that the issue of pupil numbers had been fully explored some years ago and she did not intend going over that issue again.

RESOLVED having received the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee	Reason for Decision
To approve an increase in the budget for Welshpool Schools Project to £16,972,972 to allow for a 5% contingency to be split between Band A and Band B.	To enable the two schools to be built in Welshpool therefore improving the learning environment for pupils.
To approve that any unallocated funding in Band A is invested in improvements at Ysgol Calon Cymru.	To improve facilities for pupils in a major Schools Transformation project.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

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Finance Scrutiny Panel – 4 June 2018
Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: Children’s Services Budget

The Panel met with the Portfolio Holders with responsibility for Children’s Services and Finance together with the Interim Lead, Children’s Services, Head of Financial Services and Finance Business Partner. Rebecca David-Knight of Public Governance Wales, observed the meeting as part of her review of the role and function of the Finance Scrutiny Panel.

The Panel acknowledge the position in which the Service finds itself following the CIW Inspection and note the progress that is being made in improving the service. Concerns remain regarding the financial implications of addressing these issues over the longer term and the ongoing risk to the Council’s budget.

The Panel offer the following observations:

1. The Panel felt that the papers which had been sent out to the Panel were not easily reconciled and, in some instances, appeared contradictory – this should be considered when presenting information to future meetings and is a corporate issue.
2. We discussed the position as at April 2017 to agree a benchmark – it was agreed that, at that time, there was a relatively static position regarding numbers of Looked After Children (LAC) and an adequately resourced budget. The number of LACs per 100K population had been comparable with similar Welsh authorities. (Appendix 1). It was also accepted by Children’s Services that the present figure of 208 LAC was statistically unusual for a county of our size and type. It was further noted that the service expect that the number of LACs will remain at this level for two to three years until early intervention reduces the numbers requiring services.
3. The budget was above average at April 2017 with the cost per LAC being the second highest in Wales (Appendix 2). Since then, the budget has been increased by 47%.
4. There seems to have been a lack of financial control during the period. Finance has been a low priority in the perceived urgency with which the CIW Inspection report was dealt with. Financial training has been offered to staff but there has been a poor take up. The Panel would wish to see such training being compulsory.

5. It has been identified that commissioning, procurement and contract management arrangements need to be strengthened and the Panel fully supports this and consider it to be urgent.
6. There is extreme concern that from the figures given in the Portfolio Holder's briefing report (Appendix 3), it would appear that a further substantial increase in budget will be required in the region of £3.2M in addition to the £6.1M already allocated. The Panel will need early assurance that this overspend situation is addressed as there is significant concern regarding the impact upon, and risk to, the Council's budget from 2019/20 and beyond.
7. In the Portfolio Holder's briefing report (Appendix 3), Appendix B to that report does not, in the Panel's opinion, demonstrate the impact or justification for the posts listed. It is noted that there has not yet been an assessment of the real volume of work to be undertaken against that suggested by Appendix B. It is difficult to understand the total number of posts proposed, whether they are temporary or permanent and how the new staffing structure fits with the structure included in the base budget of 17/18. We assume that the details in Appendix B were proposed to accompany the recovery plan that was sent to WAG and CIW. An urgent review of this proposed £3.5m spend needs to be carried out.
8. The Panel note that unachieved savings of £1.1m for 2017/18 and £1.2m in 18/19 are unlikely to be achieved in the current year. We have been informed in Appendix 3 that these savings will be 'refreshed' but we have little evidence to understand what 'refresh' might mean. There needs to be clarity in this regard at an early stage
9. In February 2018 The Council accepted the WAO Statutory Recommendation ***In setting a balanced budget, the Council must ensure that all savings plans are sufficiently well developed for inclusion in the annual budget. The Council must also act immediately to update its Medium Term Financial Strategy to enable the Council to live within its means going forward, and design and implement actions to address the weaknesses identified and reported by me in respect of its corporate and financial arrangements.*** The Panel remain concerned that the Authority may be in breach of this by not treating Children's Services savings in the same way as other services savings.
10. There is little evidence of challenge by the Cabinet on the increased budget allocation to Children's Service's in Cabinet papers. When the CIW report was issued it was publicised that an immediate allocation of an extra £4m was to be made available. This appeared to have been done without a fully costed business plan.

The Panel have concerns regarding the financial impact on the Council of the length of time it is predicted to stabilize this service. Financial considerations must have a greater priority in order to provide an efficient service. This is now a very well-funded service and we need to ensure that financial considerations are given sufficient priority. The service needs to demonstrate value for money rather than expecting to receive an increased spend on what was considered an adequately resourced area. The impact of this level of spend has negative implications on spend in other areas of the Council and we would welcome more evidence of Cabinet challenge.

Membership of the Finance Scrutiny Panel;
County Councillors J Morris, (Chair), M Dorrance, J Gibson-Watt, H Hulme, P Roberts, D A Thomas, E Vaughan, A Williams, GIS Williams and Mr J Brautigam

Looked After Children per 100k population

Appendix 1

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Ranking in 2017
All Welsh local authorities	91	91	89	90	95	
Torfaen	153	152	150	142	166	1
Blaenau Gwent	96	102	98	139	154	2
Rhondda Cynon Taf	124	130	124	125	138	3
Bridgend	134	142	135	131	134	4
Neath Port Talbot	176	168	156	135	124	5
Merthyr Tydfil	145	140	131	113	115	6
Isle of Anglesey	59	57	65	80	104	7
Swansea	125	114	109	108	102	8
Cardiff	78	84	89	88	97	9
Gwynedd	85	78	81	88	93	10
Caerphilly	77	71	70	72	85	11
All Welsh local authorities	83	84	83	89	84	12
Denbighshire	83	84	83	89	84	12
Vale of Glamorgan	66	68	69	72	84	13
Newport	84	86	86	88	83	14
Conwy	74	75	72	78	82	15
Monmouthshire	55	56	60	73	75	16
Wrexham	67	71	60	67	72	17
Flintshire	61	66	68	65	66	18
Powys	59	59	54	60	63	19
Ceredigion	59	61	62	63	60	20
Carmarthenshire	71	66	64	58	56	21
Pembrokeshire	59	50	47	52	52	22

Looked After Children Powys by year

2018	203 **
2017	157 **
2016	148 **
2015	136 **
2014	152 **
2013	151 **
2012	175 *
2011	170 *
2010	145 *

* Data from Stats Wales Rounded to nearest Five.

** Data from Outturn Report

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Appendix 2

	No. LAC Mar-17	Cost of LAC 2016/17 £'000s	Cost per LAC 2016/17
All Welsh local authorities	5,955	256408	43058
Cardiff	720	41551	57710
Powys	155	8557	55206
Newport	280	15107	53954
Monmouthshire	135	6848	50726
Swansea	480	23541	49044
Ceredigion	75	3661	48813
Blaenau Gwent	210	9463	45062
Merthyr Tydfil	145	6314	43545
Flintshire	210	9071	43195
Carmarthenshire	205	8835	43098
All Welsh local authorities	125	5257	42056
Neath Port Talbot	345	14188	41125
Caerphilly	330	13544	41042
Rhondda Cynon Taf	690	26876	38951
Vale of Glamorgan	225	8638	38391
Bridgend	390	14490	37154
Conwy	175	6472	36983
Isle of Anglesey	140	4969	35493
Gwynedd	220	7523	34195
Torfaen	315	10111	32098
Wrexham	210	6631	31576
Denbighshire	165	4761	28855

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Scrutiny Update
April 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell
Portfolio Holder for Young People & Culture

SUBJECT: Childrens Budget 2018/19

REPORT FOR: Information

1. Background

- 1.1 This update is provided to confirm the 2018/19 budget growth for Childrens Services and evidence how the budget will be utilised, against the original proposals in the FRM.
- 1.2 This update sets out the financial risks that the department will still have in maintaining a balanced budget through 2018/19.

2. Agreed Budget

2.1 The budget agreed by Council for Childrens Services was:

	Comments	£'000
2018/19 savings		(1,197)
Grants transferred into the settlement	This grant funding supports existing service provision, new burdens and income streams already in place – this budget does not offer any extra monies (Support for Care Leavers, Reflect, Edge of Care)	243
FRM Investment	Improvement plan, changes in responsibility and increases in Looked after Children (LAC)	6,173
Total		5,219

- 2.2 Cabinet have proposed that additional funding is only released when there is an evidence base to support it. Where financial pressures have already been realised base budget will be allocated to support these. The remaining funds will be earmarked for the service and released upon the submission of robust business case and subject to approval by the 151 Officer, and the Portfolio Holders for Finance and Adult Social Care. If the level of support is not demonstrated to be required the funding will be subject to further consideration by Cabinet as part of the ongoing financial plan.

2.3 The final Childrens FRM is shown at Appendix A. It highlighted a listed of pressures based on best known data in autumn 2017. These have been updated in March 2018, and will be used to support the draw down of some of the budget needed to fund costs that will be incurred.

	FRM £'000	Latest £'000
Service pressures in 2017/18 - full year effect (FYE) of Looked after Children (LAC)	2,972	4,135
Unachieved 2017/18 savings	1,100	1,100
Service pressures 2018/19		
Increase in LAC	510	510
IDVA's & Domestic Abuse	80	80
When I'm ready	100	100
Improvement Plan – details in Appendix B	3,530	3,530
Total	8,292	9,455
Funding available		6,173
Funding gap		3,282

3. Financial Risk

Childrens and finance are meeting weekly to ensure there is a joint plan on addressing financial pressures and savings, and ownership and understanding within the service. Discussions cover:

- Costing up the latest working position, and discussions about the potential risks that will have to be contained to ensure a balanced budget in 2018/19. The key risks are the volatility of Looked after Children (LAC) and agency numbers over and above substantive vacancies.
- The outstanding 2017/18 £1.1m savings target needs to be refreshed and more realistic objectives set.
- Likewise he 2018/19 £1.197m savings target will be refreshed. Some of those projects need to be replaced with more realisable objectives.
- The council have £17m of savings to deliver in 2019/20, Childrens will be required to manage their service demand of additional Looked after Children and other inflationary pressures from suppliers.

Appendix A

FRM CHILDRENS - 2018 / 19		
REVENUE		2018/19 Budget
Grant Transfers/Other Changes - FUNDING AGREED		
St David's Day Fund		27
Expanding Edge Care Service		137
Support to Care Leavers		45
		209
New Responsibilities - PRESSURES		
Reflect - May be covered by grants transferring to baseline		61
16+ - "When I'm ready" - change in legislation clients now responsibility of PCC until 21 years of age		100
		161
Service pressures in 2016/17 and 2017/18, Impacting on 2018/19 PRESSURES		
Looked after Children (LAC) PYE of 2016-17 pressures*		543
Looked after Children (LAC) PYE costs of additional looked after children 2017-18*		2,349
IDVA Grant Ceased 31.03.17, not transferred into RSG, and Corporate responsibility re Domestic Abuse		40
Advocacy Regional Partnership as directed by WG (WG set the tender rate higher than PCC were previously procuring at)		40
		2,972
Undelivered Efficiencies - 2017/18		
Bannau / Camlas residential/respite unit - efficiencies.		100
INCOME - Bannau and Camlas - change of usage to Residential and charging other local authorities		456
Regional adoption service - review underway re parity of resource across teams.		54
LAC Reduction in high cost residential / IFA placements		52
Fostering Team - realignment		108
New Model for delivery of Childrens Services following Strategic Review, commence November 2016		110
Further work to be undertaken when new model embedded and culture changing partnership with PTHB & Third sector		170
YJS National and local review of services underway target end date mid Aug 16		32
Grant Saving		18
2018-19 Savings per Tracker Unachieved		
		1,101
Service Pressures 2018/19		
Looked After Children (LAC) - difficult to predict due to volatility		500
Direct Payments		4
Inspection capacity (Identifying the staffing resources at the moment and creating job number to help monitor)		3,530
Shortfall Looked After Children Grant		6
Foster Care Payments for Kinship - James Munby judgement		
		4,040
TOTAL PRESSURES		8,273
Childrens Savings per Tracker (questionable on deliverability)		-1,197
		7,076

Appendix B

Recommendation on Improvement Plan	Desired Outcome	Description	Number of FTE	2018/19 one off & on going
15, C20	This is an equal pay issue ... this covers the WBO in locality and CWD teams.. Still issue whether PA's will meet the pay grade this could add a further 6 posts needing regrading in line with WBO .	Re-Grading of CSO/Wellbeing Officers from 6 to 7	28	£83,160
		Re-Grading of Personal Assistants from 6 to 7	7	£20,790
1,4,9 & 24	To reduce the backlog of work in some teams and to reduce the caseloads of staff to ensure they have manageable caseloads and reduce the likelihood of staff leaving and avoiding the turbulence that that leads to for children and families.	Social Worker Posts - Assessments (5 temp, 5 Perm)	10	£472,300
1,4,9 & 24	This workforce capacity is to manage the high risk caseloads and ensure children are seen, assessed and plans put in place to progress their plans. Also to help stabilise the workforce through reducing the caseloads across a number of teams.	Agency Social Workers over establishment due to Capacity, excludes agency covering vacant substantive posts and sickness.		£230,336
1 and 2 B2/C2	the LADO is an important role to ensure all allegation against people in a position of trust, for example teachers, scout leaders, foster carers are investigated appropriately and ensuring a level of independence and focus to resolve matters as quickly as possible.	Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)/ Principal Social Worker & Child Co-ordinator	1	£56,460
?	Senior Manager Capacity to Lead on Development of Integrated Youth Service, to include Youth Justice, 16+ and Youth Services	Lead of Youth	1	£84,750
7	The increase in the LAC population by approximately 30% and the recent rise in Child Protection registrations these posts are required to manage the workload safely.	IRO's	2	£112,920
1,9,10 &26	To address issues identified in the Csiw Inspection report and to ensure that the team has the capacity to meet demand appropriately at the single point of access.	Social Workers PPD (2 area model)	4	£188,920
1,9,10 & 26	As above but also to consider the options in the medium term for PPD by placing the team in 2 locations as has proved challenging to recruit permanent staff in Radnorshire.	Team Manager PPD (2 area model)	1.5	£92,550
4	To increase capacity in the edge of care services, preventing some children from becoming looked after as part of a LAC Strategy and reducing the numbers of challenging children entering LAC and expensive placements. This equates to one agency residential placement for 6 months . If we avoid just 2 placements in a year this will be a positive step to reducing costs. This will increase the Permanent Staffing within the Team from 3 to 5.	IFST	2	£102,640
4	To increase capacity for the edge of care services and to support children to remain at home and avoiding LAC costs and improved outcomes for the children. This post would be used to target the re-habilitation of children to their birth families.	IFST	1	£51,320
8, 11 & 13	Commissioning Third Sector organisation to provide this valuable edge of care service and to reduce the numbers of children becoming LAC and avoid further costs.	Family Group Conference (FGC)		£200,000
4, C12	To replace the management / co-ordination post for care leavers and 16+ to ensure we meet our statutory duties.	16+ Matrix Management Post	1	£56,460
12	To support the fostering service and foster carers to support Looked After Children in placement to help manage their needs and To support foster carers and looked after children to create stability and prepare them for their long term future. To reduce placement breakdown and the impact on children's development and subsequent costs and disruption. This is also part of the longer term LAC strategy and will be a helpful element in recruiting and retaining foster carers.	Psychology		£54,000
7	To ensure the Safeguarding service has capacity to meet the demands of the service and provide capacity to develop joint working with key partner agencies, Schools, Police, Health etc.	Safeguarding Manager	0.5	£42,000
12	To increase the capacity of the Fostering Service to support carers, stabilise placements and retain carers through being more responsive. These post will contribute to the development of the "Powys Intensive Placement Support Service" (PIPSS)	Wellbeing Officer Fostering	2	£66,440
12	To provide capacity for placement finding for looked after children.	Placement Officer - Fostering	1	£30,260
12	To provide capacity to assess prospective cares to increase the numbers of available carers for Powys and avoiding costs of Independent Fostering Agencies.	Independent Assessments - Fostering		£55,760

12	To increase the capacity of the Fostering Service to recruit carers and develop the capacity to meet emerging needs of children in Powys. A temporary increase would allow for significant increase in recruitment during the next 12 months to begin to meet current demand and to allow for greater placement choice and matching the needs of the child with the skills of the carers.	Marketing & recruitment Officer Fostering	1	£33,220
12	To increase capacity to recruit, support and retain foster carers for Powys and avoiding further IFA costs which have grown significantly over the past year. These additional posts would also allow the service to meet the additional demand and Court Directed timescales to undertake Assessments of Related Person's.	Fostering Social Workers	2	£94,460
12	To increase capacity to recruit and support adopters providing permanent homes for looked after children.	Social Worker - Adoption	0.5	£23,620
12	To support adopters to retain them and to support placement stability	Well Being Officer - Adoption	1	£33,220
12	To fulfil our legal responsibilities post adoption for children and families to maintain indirect contact with family members for children adopted through Powys CC. To ensure there is sufficient capacity within the Adoption Service to recruit and assess Adoptive Parents to provide homes to children with diverse and complex needs and for sibling groups. Each Adoptive placement the LA has to purchase from another Adoption Service (for a single child) costs £27,000.	Post Adoption/letterbox	2	£94,460
7 & 8	To improve the quality of practice and quality assurance in respect of casework improving outcomes for children Children's services requires a higher level of assurance improving the timeliness of assessments and plans and the overall quality of practice.	Quality Assurance Manager (Auditor)	2	£105,240
7 & 9	To ensure the authorities policies regarding children's social care are compliant with current legislation, national policy and Guidance. Many of our policies are not currently compliant.	Policy Development Officer	0.4	£21,050
	To develop capacity for commissioning of key services such as edge of care, placements and accommodation and VAWDASV (WG funding to be lost in 2018 due to regionalisation)	Strategic Commission Manager (CYPP), £80k on FRM	2	£43,400
	To develop capacity for supporting commissioning projects and strengthening contract monitoring arrangements	Commission Support Officer (CYPP)	1	£43,520
	To develop much needed capacity within the TAF to improve interface with Statutory provision and help manage effective step up/down of cases	TAFF-North (CYPP)	0.5	£28,230
	To establish IAA and Family Information Service Outreach in line with both the SSS&WB Act and the Childcare Act 2010.	FIS Outreach Event Worker (CYPP)	1	£32,190
28	To ensure that the Service runs more efficiently, proving timely reports and ensuring timelines are met.	Business Manager (Childrens)	1	£57,760
9,20,22 & 28	To increase capacity to ensure reports are accurate and senior managers are supported to ensure the teams have access to information and they are supported in preparation for Legal Proceedings.	Data Quality Clerk	2	£57,960
5,6,16,17,18,19 & 29		Specialist advice		£128,700
All	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	Programme Manager	1	£63,000
All	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	Project improvement Officer	1	£43,520
All	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	Project improvement Officer	1	£43,520
	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	Interim Lead for Child Placements - 3 mths	1	£48,900
SUPPORT SERVICES				
All		PA to Director - Permanent	1	£33,220
2,3,4,14 & 15	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	OD and Workforce - Honorary	1	£29,170
All		Personal Assistants (PA's to Managers)	4.5	£142,020
25	To investigate all stage one complaints to resolve them quickly and reduce the number of stage 2 complaints which have grown in 2017. There were a total of 9 stage 2 complaints, 2 in the first 6 months and 7 latterly. Early independent resolution of the complaints will increase the public's confidence.	Complaints officer - Stage 1 Complaints	1	£48,530
1,4,9 & 24	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	BSU - Administration - 3	3	£78,459
7	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	BSU - Safeguarding - 3	3	£78,459
1,9,10 & 26	To support the Improvement Plan and Improvement Board	Administration - 0.5 PPD	0.5	£13,077
All	To support service	Legal	1	£65,030
9,20,22 & 28	To support the development of reports and provide accurate reporting to the service.	ODPS - Business Intelligence Systems Officer	1	£45,000
		TOTAL		£3,530,000

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

AUDIT COMMITTEE
To be emailedCABINET
31st July 2018REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies
Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Treasury Management Qtr 1 Report

REPORT FOR: Information

1. Summary

1.1 CIPFA's 2009 Treasury Management Bulletin suggested:

“In order to enshrine best practice it is suggested that authorities report formally on treasury management activities at least twice a year and preferably quarterly.”

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management emphasises a number of key areas including the following:-

xi. Treasury management performance and policy setting should be subject to scrutiny prior to implementation.

1.2 In line with the above, this report is providing information on the activities for the quarter ending 30th June 2018.**2. Economic Background and Forecasts**

2.1 The economic background is attached at Appendix B.

2.2 The most recent forecast of interest rates by the Authority's advisor is as follows:

	Jun 18	Sep 18	Dec 18	Mar 19	Jun 19	Sep 19	Dec 19
Bank rate	0.50%	0.50%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	1.00%	1.00%
5yr PWLB	1.90%	2.00%	2.00%	2.10%	2.20%	2.20%	2.30%
10yr PWLB	2.40%	2.40%	2.50%	2.60%	2.60%	2.70%	2.80%
25yr PWLB	2.70%	2.80%	2.90%	3.00%	3.10%	3.20%	3.30%
50yr PWLB	2.40%	2.50%	2.60%	2.70%	2.80%	2.90%	3.00%

3. Treasury Management Strategy

3.1 The Treasury Management Strategy approved by Full Council on 8th March 2018 is at Appendix A.

3.2 The Authority's investment priorities within the Strategy are: -

- (a) the security of capital and
- (b) the liquidity of its investments.

3.3 The Authority aims to achieve the optimum return on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity. The risk appetite has been low in order to give priority to security of investments.

4. Welsh Authorities – New Regulations

4.1 The 2018 No.325 (W.61) Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 have been issued which have introduced some changes to the treatment of certain types of treasury management investments. Details of this are at Appendix B.

5. Current Investments

5.1 The current investment market is difficult in respect of earning the level of interest rates commonly seen in previous years as rates are very low and in line with the 0.50% Bank Rate.

5.2 The Authority had the following investments at 30th June 2018:-

Invested with:	Principal £000's	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date
Santander	16,070	0.50%	N/A	Deposit A/c
HSBC	175	0.25%	N/A	Deposit A/c
Total	16,245			

5.3 Higher return rates are difficult to achieve as the Authority is not in a position to invest its cash for more than a short period of time.

5.4 Redemption Penalties:
There are no current fixed investments to redeem.

5.5 Investment returns in future years:
Our advisors' current suggested earning rates for investments for budgeting purposes are as follows:-

	Suggested Rate
2018/19	0.75%
2019/20	1.00%

These are based on investments for up to three months duration.

6. Credit Rating Changes

- 6.1 There have been no credit rating changes relevant to this Authority's position during the last quarter.
- 6.2 The credit rating list for end of June is attached as a separate file to this report.

7. Borrowing / Re-scheduling

- 7.1 Effective management of the Authority's debt is essential to ensure that the impact of interest payable is minimised against our revenue accounts whilst maintaining prudent borrowing policies.
- 7.2 The Authority's Capital Position:

The Council's underlying need to borrow for capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This figure is a gauge of the Council's indebtedness. The CFR results from the capital activity of the Council and resources used to pay for the capital spend. It represents the current year's unfinanced capital expenditure and prior years' net or unfinanced capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for by revenue or other resources.

Part of the Council's treasury activities is to address the funding requirements for this borrowing need. Depending on the capital expenditure programme, the treasury service organises the Council's cash position to ensure that sufficient cash is available to meet the capital plans and cash flow requirements. This may be sourced through external borrowing or utilising temporary cash resources within the Council.

Net external borrowing (borrowings less investments) should not, except in the short term, exceed the total of CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for the current year and next two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years.

Original CFR Position:

	As at 31.03.18 Actual	2018/19 Original Estimate	2019/20 Original Estimate	2020/21 Original Estimate
	£M	£M	£M	£M
Capital Financing Requirement	318,036	382,916	416,618	434,710

Updated CFR position as at 30.06.18:

	As at 31.03.18 Actual	2018/19 Current Estimate	2019/20 Current Estimate	2020/21 Current Estimate
	£M	£M	£M	£M
Capital Financing Requirement	318,036	383,958	430,495	449,446

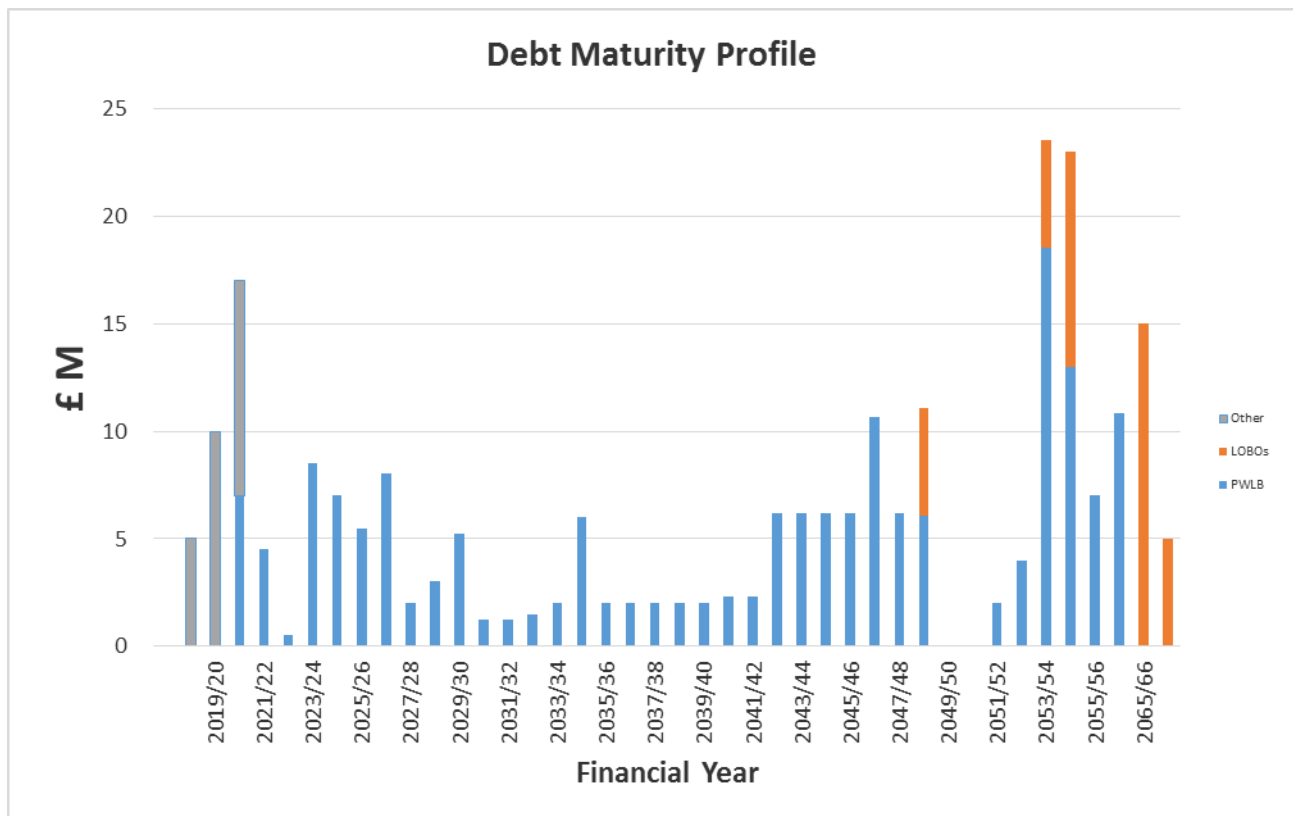
7.3 The Authority had outstanding long-term external debt of £251.4M at 31st March 2018. In relation to the CFR figure for 31st March 2018, this equated to the Authority being under borrowed by £66.6M. This is a prudent and cost effective approach in the current economic climate. However, members will be aware that internal borrowing is only a temporary situation and officers have advised that, based on capital estimates, it will be necessary for the Authority to borrow at stages over the next few years. In line with this, £10M of longer-term borrowing has taken place in the current financial year. This was a prudent approach to ensure some borrowing takes place whilst interest rates are at their low levels as opposed to borrowing at a future date at increased rates.

7.4 Capital Budget/Spend per efinancials:

Capital:	Approved Budget £	Working Budget £	Actual Capital Spend (not including commitments) £	%age spend
	85,725,189			
June		124,856,235	6,518,210	5.22%

The financing of the approved capital budget included £17.9M of Prudential borrowing in total.

7.5 *Debt Maturity Profile as at 30.06.18:*



7.6 Rescheduling:

The Public Works Loans Board released a circular regarding rates on 20th October 2010. As a result of this, rates immediately increased by 0.87-0.88 basis points across the board. The overall impact of this circular was that it is far more difficult for authorities to reschedule debt

Members are aware that officers continue to look for interest savings on a daily basis by monitoring rates that may mean the Authority can re-schedule some of its debt or prematurely repay debt if applicable. However, PWLB interest rates have not been conducive towards rescheduling.

8. Prudential Indicators

8.1 All TM Prudential Indicators were complied with in the quarter ending 30th June 2018.

9. VAT

9.1 The Technical Section of Finance act as the authority's VAT section. VAT can pose a risk to the authority hence the TM has been asked to include VAT information in these quarterly reports.

9.2 The monthly VAT returns were submitted within the required deadlines during the quarter ending 30th June 2018.

9.3 Key Performance Indicators:

The VAT KPI's for 2018/19 are attached at Appendix C.

Proposal

It is proposed that the Treasury Management quarterly report is received.

Statutory Officers

The Head of Financial Services (acting s151 officer) notes the content of the report and supports the recommendation.

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has made the following comment: "I have nothing to add to the report".

Future Status of the Report

Not applicable

Recommendation:		Reason for Recommendation:	
That the Treasury Management Quarterly Report be received		To ensure Cabinet remains informed about current Treasury Management performance	
Relevant Policy (ies):		Treasury Management Policy	
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	N/A
Person(s) To Implement Decision:		N/A	
Date By When Decision To Be		Tudalen 27	

Implemented:			
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes
 Treasury Management Policy Statement
 Advisors' Information
 WAG Guidance on Local Government Investments 2010
 PWLB circulars

Appendix A:

Approved Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19:

7.5 "High" credit quality:

7.5.1 It is proposed that the Authority continue with the following in respect of defining a "high" credit quality. If a rating is not available from any of the rating agencies then the available ratings will be used. Members will note that this proposal excludes investments with some banks off the advisors' suggested list:-

Long Term Ratings (in respect of long-term investments):

Permitted Fitch Ratings	Permitted Moodys Ratings	Permitted S&P Ratings
AAA	Aaa	AAA
AA+	Aa1	AA+
AA	Aa2	AA
AA-	Aa3	AA-

Short Term Ratings (in respect of short-term investments):

Permitted Fitch Ratings	Permitted Moodys Ratings	Permitted S&P Ratings
F1+	N/A	A-1+
F1	P-1	A-1

7.6 Country limits:

7.6.1 It is proposed that the Authority will use approved counterparties from the UK and approved counterparties from other countries with the following sovereign credit ratings:-

Permitted Fitch Ratings	Permitted Moodys Ratings	Permitted S&P Ratings
AAA	Aaa	AAA

Country	Maximum Investment per Country	Credit Rating/Other Assessment of Risk
AAA countries	£20M (held in call accounts)	As per rating list
UK	No Maximum Investment	As per rating list

7.7 Group/Institutions - Counterparty Criteria/Limits:

Specified Investments:

Institution	Maximum Investment per Group/Institution £M	Maximum Length	Credit Rating/Other Assessment of Risk
UK Banks	20 (a maximum £10M to be held in fixed term investments)	Up to 364 days	As per Link's matrices and the Authority's definition of a high credit rating
Foreign Banks	5	Up to 364 days	As per Link's matrices and the Authority's definition of a high credit rating
Other Local Authorities	25	Up to 364 days	N/A

Non-Specified Investments:

Institution	Maximum Investment per Group/Institution £M	Maximum Length	Credit Rating/Other Assessment of Risk
UK Banks	10 (£5M limit with any one institution)	Up to 2 years	As per Link's matrices and the Authority's definition of a high credit rating
Foreign Banks	2	Up to 2 years	As per Link's matrices and the Authority's definition of a high credit rating
Money Market Funds (max. of 5)	10	N/A	All are AAA rated
Other Local Authorities	10	Up to 5 years	N/A
<i>Note: Limits for Specified and Non-Specified are combined limits. The maximum limit will also apply to a banking group as a whole.</i>			

Appendix B

Regulations 2018:

The 2018 No.325 (W.61) Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 have been issued which have introduced some changes to the treatment of certain types of treasury management investments. Paragraph 9 now makes clear that the following types of investment are not to be treated as being capital expenditure: -

1. A treasury investment involving the acquisition of loan capital, through a bond issued via grant or for financial assistance for a capital purpose will remain capital expenditure;
2. An investment in a money market fund;
3. An investment in the shares of a company to which Part 12 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010(1) (real estate investment trusts) applies;
4. The acquisition of shares in an investment scheme approved by the Treasury under section 11(1) of the Trustee Investments Act 1961(2) (local authority investment schemes).

Appendix C

Economic Background

UK

Growth in quarter 1 of 2018 was disappointing although, on the first revision, the rate improved from 0.1 to 0.2% to allay fears that the economy may have started a prolonged period of very weak growth. Initial indications in quarter 2 are that growth may have picked up to around 0.4%. The main reason for weak growth during 2017 and 2018 has been due to inflation exceeding pay growth until recently, meaning that there has been negative growth in consumer disposable income when consumer expenditure is the biggest driver of the services sector which accounts for about 75% of GDP. The manufacturing sector was the bright spot in the economy in 2017 in terms of strong growth but quarter 1 2018 was the weakest quarter for 1½ years and forward indicators do not suggest a return to strong growth is likely.

During January and February, financial markets were viewing a bank Rate increase at the May MPC meeting as likely to be a near certainty after strong growth in the second half of 2017. However, the ensuing weeks before the meeting saw opinion turn right around and the MPC did not disappoint by leaving rates unchanged due to concerns as to whether the weak growth in quarter 1 was indicative of the start of a prolonged slow down or just a temporary blip, to which the bad weather had been just one contributor. Since May opinion has again turned to suggest that an August Bank Rate increase is back on the cards.

However, there remains much uncertainty around the Brexit negotiations, consumer spending levels and business investment, so it is still far too early to be confident about how strong growth and inflationary pressures will be over the next two years and, therefore, the pace of any rate increases.

EU

A recovery to strong growth in 2016 and 2017 looks as if it will weaken somewhat going forward. Despite providing massive monetary stimulus, the ECB has been struggling to get inflation up to its 2% target. However, in April, the headline Eurozone rate jumped up from 1.4% to 1.9% although the core inflation rate was still subdued in rising from 0.7% to 1.1%. At its June meeting, the ECB announced it would halve its monthly quantitative easing purchases from €30bn to €15bn and then end all purchases after December. It is unlikely to make a start on increasing interest rates until late in 2019.

USA

Growth in the American economy was volatile in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The annual rate of growth for 2017 was 2.3% and quarter 1 2018 came in at 2.0%, down from 2.9% in the previous quarter. The Trump \$1.5 trillion income tax cut package coming into effect in January 2018 is likely to boost growth to the Trump administration's 3% target. However, it is also likely to boost inflation at a time when spare capacity in the economy is minimal and unemployment, in particular, has fallen to the lowest level for 17 years at 3.8% in May. The Fed has started on an upswing in rates with seven increases since the first one in December 2015. The latest one, in June 2018, lifted the rate to between 1.75% and 2.00%. There could be a further two or more increases in 2018. In October 2017 the Fed became

the first major Western central bank to make a start on unwinding quantitative easing by phasing in a gradual reduction in respect of reinvesting maturing debt.

Chinese economic growth has been weakening over successive years despite repeated rounds of central bank stimulus and medium term risks are increasing. Major progress still needs to be made to eliminate excess industrial capacity and the stock of unsold property, and to address the level of non-performing loans in the banking and credit systems.

Japan's best economic run (positive growth for eight quarters) since the 1980s came to an end in quarter 1 2018 with a contraction of 0.6% which was blamed on weak exports. However, it is still struggling to get inflation up to its target rate of 2% despite huge monetary and fiscal stimulus with inflation falling to only 0.4% in May. It is also making little progress on fundamental reform of the economy.

VAT - Key Performance Indicators:

Creditor Invoices

VAT return for	No of high value Creditor invoices checked	No of Creditor invoices highlighted as requiring "proper" document for VAT recovery	%age of creditor invoices checked requiring "proper" document for VAT recovery
Apr-18	130	17	13.08%
May-18	108	5	4.63%
Jun-18	Not yet completed		

Cash Receipting Entries

VAT return for	No of cash receipting entries checked by formula per the ledger account code used	No of cash receipting entries needing follow up check	%age of cash receipting entries needing follow up check
Apr-18	907	15	1.65%
May-18	810	8	0.99%
Jun-18	Not yet completed		

Debtor Invoices

VAT return for	No of Debtor invoices checked (value >£5k)	No of checked debtor invoices with incorrect VAT code used	%age of debtor invoices with incorrect VAT code
Apr-18	38	7	18.42%
May-18	50	4	8.00%
Jun-18	Not yet completed		

Purchase Cards

VAT return for	No of Purchase Card transactions for previous month for which paperwork requested for checking	No of Amazon invoices included in Purchase card check	No of Purchase Card transactions for which no response received within timescale	Value of VAT potentially claimable but recharged to budget due to non-response	No of sampled Purchase Card transactions where VAT claimed incorrectly	%age of Purchase Card transactions available to be checked where VAT was claimed incorrectly	Value of VAT incorrectly claimed hence recharged to budget
Apr-18	260	13					
May-18	240	10					
Jun-18	Not yet completed						

Voluntary Declarations

Per HMRC regulations, any vat errors discovered can be adjusted in the current VAT account if they are:

- below the reporting threshold (>£10,000 or up to 1% of the VAT return Box 6 figure up to a maximum of £50,000)
- not deliberate
- for an accounting period that ended less than 4 years ago.

Any errors that do not meet these conditions have to be reported to HM Revenue and Customs and are referred to as voluntary declarations.

There are no voluntary declarations to date in 2018/19.

Chargebacks to service areas

As a result of the monthly Creditor invoice checking, Treasury Management produce a list of Creditor payments for which a “proper” vat document has not been received. Any VAT amounts on these invoices are held in the vat account and are not claimed until such time as a valid invoice is received. The relevant budget holder is emailed the details and asked to source a correct document. Failure to do this results in the relevant budget being charged with the vat amount that cannot be reclaimed due to the lack of a proper document.

Further to the above, the upload of appropriate documents to the Barclaycard purchase card system to enable vat recovery was made mandatory in September 2017 as a result of the lack of response from service areas/establishments to provide documents when requested. Where no document has been uploaded, any VAT amount input against the transaction is charged to the service area.

The total amount charged back in 2018/19 quarter 1 is £11,957.26. The majority of this is in respect of purchase card transactions. The total amount charged back in 2017/18 in respect of the two occurrences above was £71,655.28. The majority of this was also in respect of purchase card transactions.

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Delegated Decision List

2 July	Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language	Approved the appointment of Mr T Mann to the governing body of Llandrindod CP School Cefnlllys.
10 July	Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language	Approved the appointment of County Councillor Neil Morrison to the governing body of Maesyrhandir CP School and Mr A Tandy to the governing body of Crickhowell CP School
17 July	Portfolio Holder for Economy and Planning	Approved the protocol for the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance.

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Cabinet Date	Cabinet/Mana Title	Portfolio Holder	Lead	Decision Maker
18/09/18	04/09/18 Budget Outturn Report	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Jane Thomas (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Review of 3rd Sector Social Care Grants	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Dylan Owen (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Home to School Transport (post-consultation)	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)		Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Flood Risk Management Plan	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Alastair Knox (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Schools Service Asset Management Plan	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)		Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Skills & Employability Strategy	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Marianne Evans (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Child burial fees	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Nia Hughes (CSP - Environmental Health)	Portfolio Holder
18/09/18	04/09/18 Hay Town Council	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Clive Pinney (CSP - Corporate Legal and Democratic Services)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18 Digital Learning in Schools	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Eurig Towns (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
18/09/18	Update from the Chair of Improvement and Assurance Board		Caroline Evans (CSP - Strategic Policy and Performance Unit)	Cabinet

18/09/18	04/09/18	CIP Performance Reports	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Emma Palmer (CSP - Strategic Policy and Performance Unit)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Integration of Mental Health Services	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Louise Barry (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Adoption of Additional Land Drainage Bye-laws	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Alastair Knox (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Sustainable Drainage Approval Body	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Alastair Knox (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Strategic Equality Plan Light Review	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Bets Ingram (CSP - Corporate Insight Centre)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Farms Policy	Rosemarie Harris (CSP - County Councillor)	Natasha Morgan (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Corporate Car Parking Savings Options	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Natasha Morgan (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	North Office Paper Final Recommendations	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Natasha Morgan (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Regional Partnership Board Annual Report	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Dylan Owen (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet

18/09/18	04/09/18	Llanfyllin All Through School	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Marianne Evans (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Business Case for an integrated family support service for Powys	Rachel Powell (CSP - County Councillor)	Shelley Davies (CSP - Young Peoples Partnership)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	Business Case for an integrated youth support and emotional wellbeing service for Powys	Rachel Powell (CSP - County Councillor)	Shelley Davies (CSP - Young Peoples Partnership)	Cabinet
18/09/18	04/09/18	21st C Schools Programme - Band B Funding Request	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Marianne Evans (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
28/09/18		Highways Winter Plan	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Shaun James (CSP - Highways Technical)	Portfolio Holder
28/09/18		Approval of Food Safety and Health & Safety plans.	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Beverley Cadwallader (CSP - Commercial and Food)	Portfolio Holder
09/10/18	25/09/18	WHQS Completion	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Simon Inkson (CSP - Housing Solutions)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Adult Social Care Strategies	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Dylan Owen (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Schools Service Asset Management Plan	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Ian Budd (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Schools Budgets update	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Anne Phillips (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Mid Powys Welsh medium Primary Review	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Marianne Evans (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet

09/10/18	25/09/18	Supplementary Planning Guidance	Martin Weale (CSP - County Councillor)	Peter Morris (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	New SLAs - Traded and non traded	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)		Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Improvement and Assurance Board		Caroline Evans (CSP - Strategic Policy and Performance Unit)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Mark Stafford-Tolley (CSP - Countryside Services)	Cabinet
09/10/18		Prosecution enforcement policy	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Clive Jones (CSP - Trading Standards)	Portfolio Holder
09/10/18	25/09/18	Corporate Landlord	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Natasha Morgan (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Review of Pre School Provision	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Eurig Towns (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
09/10/18	25/09/18	Admissions	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Anne Wozencraft (CSP - Central Support Services Team)	Cabinet
09/10/18		Mid Wales Hospital report and LDP report	Martin Weale (CSP - County Councillor)	Peter Morris (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Portfolio Holder

06/11/18	23/10/18	Treasury Management Report for Quarter 2 2017/18	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Ann Owen (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
06/11/18	23/10/18	Homelessness Strategy	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Simon Inkson (CSP - Housing Solutions)	Cabinet
06/11/18	23/10/18	Annual Estyn Inspection Outcomes	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Ian Budd (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
06/11/18	16/10/18	Primary and Secondary School Standards, attendance and exclusions	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Imtiaz Bhatti (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
06/11/18	23/10/18	Post 16 update	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Joni Hughes (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	Budget Outturn Report	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Jane Thomas (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	Capital Programme Update	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Jane Thomas (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	Newtown Bypass De-trunking	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Shaun James (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	Fair Funding Review & Scheme for Financing Schools (post-consultation)	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Anne Phillips (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	ALN Strategic Review - Progress Report	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Imtiaz Bhatti (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
28/11/18	13/11/18	CIP Performance Data	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Emma Palmer (CSP - Strategic Policy and Performance Unit)	Cabinet

28/11/18	13/11/18	HAMP	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Alastair Knox (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
30/11/18		Traffic Regulation Orders	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Tony Caine (CSP - Highways Technical)	Portfolio Holder
30/11/18		Food Hygiene Rating System Audit by FSA	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Beverley Cadwallader (CSP - Commercial and Food)	Portfolio Holder
18/12/18		Update from the Anti-Poverty Champion		Joy Jones (CSP - County Councillor)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	Budget Outturn Report	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Jane Thomas (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	Capital Programme Update	Aled Wyn Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Jane Thomas (CSP - Finance)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	Review of Day Time Activities for Older People	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Dylan Owen (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	Corporate Safeguarding 6 monthly update	Rachel Powell (CSP - County Councillor)	Emma Palmer (CSP - Strategic Policy and Performance Unit)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	South Office Review	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Natasha Morgan (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet
18/12/18	04/12/18	Development of National Significance	Martin Weale (CSP - County Councillor)	Gwilym Davies (CSP - Development Control)	Cabinet

18/12/18	04/12/18	Gambling Policy	James Evans (CSP - County Councillor)	Beverley Cadwallader (CSP - Commercial and Food)	Cabinet
15/01/19	08/01/19	Joint Dementia Action Plan	Stephen Hayes (CSP - County Councillor)	Dylan Owen (CSP - Policy and Care Services)	Cabinet
15/01/19	11/12/18	ALN Strategic Review	Myfanwy Catherine Alexander (CSP - County Councillor)	Imtiaz Bhatti (CSP - Schools Service)	Cabinet
29/01/19	15/01/19	Toilet Strategies	Phyl Davies (CSP - County Councillor)	Alastair Knox (CSP - Highways Technical)	Cabinet
12/02/19	29/01/19	Implications of Grenfell	Martin Weale (CSP - County Councillor)	Ian Maddox (CSP - Building Control)	Portfolio Holder
30/04/19	16/04/19	Public toilets strategy	Martin Weale (CSP - County Councillor)	Peter Morris (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)	Cabinet

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