

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNTY HALL - COUNTY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, G Breeze, A Davies, P Davies and R Powell

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Evans and H Hulme.

2.	MINUTES
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 5th November 2019 as a correct record.

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

4.	COUNCIL TAX BASE
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Cabinet considered the Council Tax base for 2020-21. Cabinet was advised that the increase in the number of properties may not be reflected in the population figures which had not been formally published yet but which were a key part of the RSG calculation.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
1. That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2020-21 of 62,396:70 be approved,	To meet the legal requirement of the Council to set a Council Tax Base for 2020-21
2. That the calculation of the Tax Base for each Town & Community Council contained within section 3.2 of the report, be approved.	

5. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 31ST OCTOBER

Cabinet considered the financial overview and forecast report for the period ended 31st October. The savings delivered to date had increased by £1.068m to £13.589m, 63% of the total. Assurance had been provided that a further £2.784m could be delivered but £5.318m savings were considered to be unachievable in the current financial year and the Senior Leadership Team had been tasked with bringing forward proposals to bridge the gap.

Cabinet also considered budget virements of £185,630 from the Proceeds of Crime Act into the specific Proceeds of Crime Act reserve, £327,620 to fund the budget shortfall in the joint ICT budget with PTHB, an increase in grant to the Estate Agency budget from £221,550 to £877,730 and £150,000 for a grant from the Regional Tourism Engagement Fund for marketing and project management of the Discover the Cambrian Way project.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the budget position is noted. 2. That the virements proposed in the report are approved. 3. That the virements over £500k are recommended to Council for approval. 	<p>To report on the Capital Outturn position for the 2019/20 financial year.</p> <p>To ensure appropriate virements, are carried out to align budgets and financing requirements.</p>

6. CAPITAL FORECAST AS AT 31ST OCTOBER

Cabinet considered the Capital Programme update for the period ended 31st October 2019. The Leader asked for an end of year report highlighting the capital projects delivered.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
That the contents of the report are noted.	To report on the Capital Outturn position for the 2019/20 financial year.

7. DIGITAL POWYS STRATEGY

Cabinet considered the Digital Powys Strategy which set out how the Council would take full advantage of new digital tools and technologies to transform how it engaged with residents, businesses and communities and give 24/7 access to services. The strategy was a critical element of the transformation programme and supported the delivery of the Vision 2025 Corporate Improvement Plan. The impetus behind the strategy was improving customer experience. It was recognised that not all residents would have access to digital services so the Council would therefore continue to offer face to face services. Over £908k funding had been secured from Welsh Government for the strategy which would help speed up implementation. The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance and Engagement and the Leader thanked the Director of Transformation and the

Head of Digital Services and their team for their work in bringing forward this key strategy for the Council. The Leader also thanked Welsh Government for the funding provided.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the Digital Powys Strategy as set out in Appendix A to the report is approved as the level of ambition for digital transformation for the Council.	To enable responsive, consistent and excellent public services through transformed digital delivery.

8. CHILDREN'S PLEDGE

Cabinet welcomed the Pledge to Children and Young People that had been officially launched by the Council and Powys Teaching Health Board on 20th November. The Pledge listed promises to all children and young people in Powys based on what they said was important to them including providing access to information, listening to views, providing safe environments and treating all children equally. The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People was thanked for organising the Member development session on the UN Convention on Rights of the Child the previous week. Cabinet asked that publicity be given to the council's role as an equal opportunities employer.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

10. DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

11. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Cabinet noted the forward work programme.

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