

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 4
MAY 2021**

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors MC Alexander, G Breeze, A W Davies, P Davies, H Hulme,
R Powell and I McIntosh

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from the Corporate Director (Economy and Environment).

2.	MINUTES
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th April 2021.

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

4.	SCHOOLS SERVICE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET 2021-22
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Cabinet considered the Schools Major Improvement budget of £5,042,738 for financial year 2021/22. Cabinet noted that the works represented a significant boost for the local economy with local contractors able to bid for the work.

RESOLVED that Cabinet gives delegated authority to the Interim Head of Education, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Property, to allocate the spending of the overall budget of £5,042,738 for financial year 2021/22 for the Schools Major Improvement Programme in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the report and the criteria outlined in the Schools Asset Management Plan 2018 and set out in Cabinet report C48-2015 to ensure that the school's estate is safe and fit-for-purpose.

5.	REVISION OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO IMPROVE DELIVERY OF ECO-3 LA FLEX IN POWYS
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Cabinet considered a change in the Powys eligibility criteria for the ECO-3 LA Flex scheme to embrace a wider client group and increase take-up of the scheme. The main changes recommended to the Powys Statement of Intent were:

- A means tested income cap of £34,500 for vulnerable applicants will be applied, which will make sure that the scheme targets a wider range of low-income households. The current cap is dependent on household size and does not differentiate by reference to vulnerability.
- Income thresholds for adults without vulnerabilities are increased from £9,300 (net) to £14,000 (gross). This will be comparable to other Welsh authorities operating ECO-3 LA Flex and should avoid disadvantaging Powys residents compared to those living in other parts of Wales.
- Remove vulnerability requirement for occupiers of properties with an 'E' rated Energy Performance Certificate.

Cabinet noted that there would be a review of the scheme by Warm Wales and asked for a report back on take up and whether the new income cap affected whether multi-generational households were able to apply and also, the amount of carbon being saved because of the scheme.

RESOLVED to adopt the revised Statement of Intent for the delivery of ECO-3 LA Flex by Warm Wales.

6.	DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING
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Cabinet considered the delegated decisions taken by Portfolio Holders since the last meeting.

7.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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Cabinet noted details of the forward work programme.

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