

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY,  
27 JULY 2021**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July as correct records.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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County Councillor Baynham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report on Transforming Prevention Services: Roll-out and mainstreaming of Home Support Services across Powys as an employee of a home support project.

<b>4.</b>	<b>TRANSFORMING PREVENTION SERVICES: ROLL-OUT AND MAINSTREAMING OF HOME SUPPORT ACROSS POWYS</b>
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County Councillor Baynham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting while it was being considered.

Cabinet considered the proposal to make the transformation of prevention services within Live Well and Age Well Commissioning a strategic priority by bringing together several overlapping and compatible workstreams/ service provision to deliver on the strategic objective to roll-out and mainstream home support services from three to all thirteen localities in Powys. Home Support was an early intervention service for citizens (50+) providing the support and practical assistance an individual may need in their day-to-day life to stay living at home, safely and independently.

Cabinet was advised that this would be managed fully within the Adult Social Care budget and would not require investment, other than that provided by partners or funded through other cost avoidance and saving measures made by Adult Social Care. Single, locality individual business cases which would be developed and brought to Cabinet for approval.

Cabinet welcomed the proposal which had the potential to transform the lives of older people in Powys enabling them to live healthy independent lives for longer in their own homes.

**RESOLVED to support the development of home support services across Powys incrementally when finance becomes available and for the Head of Commissioning to ensure that the development is fully funded, either from existing finances, cost avoidance/savings re-investment, wider grant or national government funding opportunities, or from partner investments.**

Councillor Baynham returned to the meeting.

## **5. QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Cabinet considered the performance report for Quarter 1 of 2021/22. Cabinet noted that although during the quarter there was a return to partial business as usual activity, the pandemic continued to impact on services. Overall, 72% of the 68 Corporate Improvement Plan objectives were on target, with 1.5% objectives off-target) and that 46% of the 120 CIP measures were on target with 3% of measures off target. 42% of the 24 Public Accountability Measures in quarter 1 were on target, an improvement on the quarter 4 performance at 28%.

Cabinet noted that despite the pandemic and the pressure placed on staff, services continued to deliver to a very high standard with the Adult Social Care team being shortlisted for the Municipal Journal Health and Social Care Award, Children's Services a finalist for the MJ award for Digital Transformation and the Transformation and Communications Team receiving the Laria award for Best Use of Data. Cabinet was advised that one impact of the pandemic was the increased demand on social care which may impact on performance in the next quarter.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1. To note the contents of the report.**
- 2. To approve an update to the Vision statement to: 'By 2025, Powys will be widely recognised as a fantastic place in which to live, learn, work, and play', and change the strapline to 'Live, Learn, Work, and Play in Powys' to better reflect the Council's focus and priorities approves their introduction across the Council's Vision 2025 media and branding, with immediate effect.**

## **6. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER**

Cabinet considered the Strategic Risk Register and noted the addition of one new risk: HO0031: Increasing costs of building materials to new housing developments which could impact on the council housing building programme.

Cabinet also noted that the continued unreliability of the WCCIS system remained a significant risk for Social Services putting pressure on staff. This had been raised with Welsh Government, Audit Wales and the Children's Commissioner. The service was trying to resolve the issue with the supplier and was also looking at what other options were available.

**RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the current Strategic Risk and COVID-19 Risk Registers and is satisfied with progress against mitigating actions for quarter 1 and approves the escalation of HO0031 to the Strategic Risk Register.**

<b>7.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022 (AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021)</b>
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Cabinet considered the revenue budget outturn report for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Cabinet was advised that the greatest financial risk was the ability to deliver a balanced budget over the medium and longer term. On current modelling a £38 million budget gap was projected up to 2026. The Head of Finance stressed that the support made available from Welsh Government last year was not recurring it could not be assumed that the same level of support would be available this year. Council would need to consider the continuing implications of the pandemic and how these impact on the Council and embed this into planning and new ways of working. The additional costs and reductions in income had to be considered and factored into service budgets on an ongoing basis and resources would have to be rebalanced to maintain a balanced position.

Cabinet also noted details of grants had been received during the quarter.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. That Cabinet note the current budget position and the projected full year forecast to the end of March 2022.**
- 2. That the grants set out in section 7 of the report are noted.**

<b>8.</b>	<b>CAPITAL FORECAST AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021</b>
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Cabinet considered an update on the financial position of the Council's capital programme for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The revised programme had increased to £115.30 million following the awarding of grants and the reprofiling of budgets between financial years. Actual spend amounted to £12.49 million, representing 11% of the total budget.

The report set out details of grants received during the quarter. Due to the receipt of grant of £1.59million from Welsh Government to help support the financing of public highways refurbishment, it was proposed that work already approved in the Capital Programme (HAMP) was supported by this funding and not by prudential borrowing, reducing the Council's need to borrow by £1.59 million. A virement was recommended to action this change

**RESOLVED**

1. That the contents of the report are noted.
2. To approve the virement set out above and recommend to Council for approval as per the virement rules.

<b>9.</b>	<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b>
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Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

<b>10.</b>	<b>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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Cabinet noted the forward work programme.

**County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)**