

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNTY HALL AND ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023

PRESENT

County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)

County Councillors J Berriman, J Charlton, R Church, S Cox, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, S McNicholas, P Roberts, D Selby and D A Thomas

In attendance: County Councillors J Brignell-Thorp (Cabinet Assistant) and A Davies

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors A Kennerley (Cabinet Assistant) and from the Interim Chief Executive and the Director of Social Services and Housing.

2.	MINUTES
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th April 2023 as a correct record.

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

4.	STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER REPORT QUARTER 4 2022/2023
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Cabinet considered the Strategic Risk Register report for the fourth quarter of 2022/23 which included a recommendation to de-escalate PCC0005 from the Strategic Risk Register to EMT's risk register.

The Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys acknowledged the risk in Planning non-compliance with Welsh Government planning enforcement objectives which was being dealt with at service level.

The leader of the opposition asked whether schools reserves should be included on the Strategic Risk Register and was advised that this was being dealt with at service level. Oversight was maintained by the Section 151 officer and routinely reported to Cabinet and there was also oversight by scrutiny. The Section 151 Officer had provided a response to the Governance and Audit Committee which had previously expressed concern when risks ED0022 and CS0081 were de-escalated.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the current Strategic Risk Register, and is satisfied with progress against mitigating actions for quarter 4, and approves the de-escalation of PCC0005 (detailed under point 3.5) from the Strategic Risk Register.

5.	POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD WELL-BEING PLAN
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Cabinet was asked to endorse the Powys Public Service Board Well-Being Plan prior to it being signed off by the PSB on 6th June. The plan had been considered by Scrutiny and their suggestions had been incorporated into the plan.

RESOLVED that the Well Being Plan is approved and supported by Council, ahead of formal approval at Powys Public Service Board.

6.	DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING
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The delegated decisions taken by Cabinet members since the last meeting were noted. Cabinet welcomed the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for a Fairer Powys and the Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys to transfer Gungrog Church in Wales Infant and Nursery School to Housing Services for £250,000 to enable the development of secure, affordable housing.

7.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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The forward work programme was noted.

8.	EXEMPT ITEMS
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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 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

9.	GCRE
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Cabinet considered the confidential report of the Executive Director (Economy & Environment) and Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer). Cabinet was advised that the report had been seen and supported by the Governance and Audit Committee.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation in the report.

County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)