

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the CABINET**
held in the on **Tuesday, 5 October 2021**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 7 October 2021. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 14 October 2021. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 15 October 2021

PRESENT; Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Councillors Dafydd Edwards, Rhodri Evans, Catherine Hughes, Gareth Lloyd, Catrin Miles, Ray Quant MBE and Alun Williams

Also in attendance: Councillors Bryan Davies, Ceredig Davies, Keith Evans, Rowland Rees-Evans, John Roberts and Lynford Thomas

(10.00 - 11.35 am)

83 Apologies

None

84 Personal matters

None

85 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests.

None

86 A verbal update by the Leader of the Council in relation to COVID-19

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn, provided a verbal update in relation to COVID-19. She noted that 46 positive cases were reported yesterday, with 19 this morning.

The rate of cases in Ceredigion is currently at 365.9 per 100,000 of the population, with a positivity rate of 11.9%. Cases are most prevalent among 10 to 19 year olds. It was noted that students had returned to the County but that they weren't currently a cause for concern but this will be monitored. Although there has been some disruption to education, none of the schools in Ceredigion have had to close. The Leader noted that during a meeting with the Minister for Education, there was a suggestion that there is Framework in place that allows local measures to be introduced where required.

There has been an increase in the number of cases in the Tregaron area recently, with the number of cases remaining high in the Cardigan area. There are currently 8 cases at Bronglais Hospital. The rollout of the vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds started yesterday and appointment letters are being issued. It was also noted that anyone that has received an appointment for a booster vaccine should attend their nearest centre at Llanbadarn or Cwmcou at the time and date specified on the appointment letter, and that they do not need to travel to further afield.

The Leader provided an update on Council services noting that three care homes were in the red category due to cases amongst staff, which means

that the care homes are unable to receive new admissions. She also noted that there are problems with recruiting care workers, both in public and private and public providers, and encouraged everyone to promote these opportunities.

The Leader reminded everyone that masks are still required in indoor public places and reiterated the importance of hand sanitising and ensuring good ventilation. It was also noted that events can now take place but, subject to appropriate risk assessments and noted that staff are available to advise event organisers.

87 To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet and any matters arising from those Minutes.

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 September 2021

Matters Arising:

None

88 Any petitions received

None

89 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

None

90 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee not otherwise on the agenda

None

91 To consider the report of the Chief Executive upon: the Draft Portfolio Business Case for the Mid Wales Growth Deal

DECISION

- i. To approve the draft Portfolio Business Case for the Mid Wales Growth Deal for approval to submit to UK and Welsh Governments, as set out in the following appendices of the report:
 - Appendix 1: Portfolio Business Case (v1)
 - Appendix 2: Programme Outline Summary - Digital (v 1 draft)
 - Appendix 3: Programme Outline Summary – Land and Property (v1 draft)
 - Appendix 4: Applied R&I Study (v1 final)
- ii. In the event that the draft Portfolio Business Case is approved, to give authority to submit the draft Portfolio Business Case to the UK and Welsh Governments:
 - To be formally reviewed through the Accounting Officer Review (AOR), on behalf of the Welsh Cities and Growth Deals Implementation Board (WCGIB) – the Joint Board between UK and Welsh Governments that govern Welsh City and Growth Deals.
 - To be utilised as a basis for drafting the Final Deal Agreement – that will be negotiated with both Governments and brought back to the

GMW Board and to the Cabinets of both Authorities for review and final approval.

- To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer (along with corresponding officers at Powys CC) to make minor amendments to the Portfolio Business Case that may be required prior to submission to the UK and Welsh Governments.

Reason for decision:

To ensure that the submission of the Portfolio Business Case is undertaken in a timely manner to achieve FDA within the 2021 calendar year.

- 92 To consider the report of the Corporate Director upon: the Through Age & Wellbeing Strategy 2021 - 2027 and Action Plan with feedback from the Healthier Communities and Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

DECISION

To recommend the Through Age and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2027 and Action Plan for approval by Council

Reason for decision:

To recommend that the Through Age and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2017 is approved by Council

- 93 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon: the Wellbeing and Improvement Objectives Annual Report with feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee**

DECISION

To agree the draft Well-being and Improvement Objectives Annual Report 2020-21

Reason for decision:

To progress with publishing the Well-being and Improvement Objective Annual Report 2020-21

- 94 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon: the Strategic Equality Plan Monitoring Report with feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee**

DECISION

To receive and endorse the Strategic Equality Plan (SEP) Monitoring Report April 2020 to March 2021 and to approve that the report is published on our public website.

Reason for decision:-

It is a requirement under the Equality Act that we produce an Annual Strategic Equality Plan (SEP) Monitoring Report for 2020-21 and publish this on our public website by the 31/3/22

- 95 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon: the Phosphates position paper for the Local Development Plan**

DECISION

- i. To recommend that Council agrees a temporary but as yet unspecified length pause for the adoption of the replacement local development plan, and
- ii. To write to Welsh Ministers Julie James, Vaughan Gething and Leslie Griffiths highlighting concerns.

Reason for decision:-

To allow for further work to be undertaken around the phosphate situation for evidence and data gathering and for mitigation solutions to be devised, and to ensure the replacement plan meets the tests of soundness, is deliverable and fit for purpose.

- 96 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: the prohibition of parking and speed limit on the B4548 Gwbert Road**

DECISION

To approve the making of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders and the publication of a subsequent Notice of Making in the press

Reason for decision:-

The proposed Traffic Regulation Orders form part of an Active Travel Grant and Road Safety Grant funded scheme

- 97 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Culture upon: representatives on School Governing Bodies**

DECISION

To confirm the nomination of Jeremy Holmes as LA representatives on the Governing Bodies of Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi.

Reason for decision:-

To nominate representatives of the LA on Governing Bodies

- 98 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for People and Organisation upon: the Gender Pay Report and the Workforce Equality Report**

Cabinet noted the report

- 99 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon: the Care Inspectorate Wales Assurance Check Letter**

Cabinet noted the report

- 100 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Democratic Services upon the actions and decision log of the Cross Party Transformation and Efficiency Consultative Group**

Cabinet noted the report

101 Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet
None

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 November 2021

Chairman: _____

Date: _____