

Notice of the Decisions of the **Special Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Thursday, 21 December 2023**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 3 January 2024. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Thursday, 4 January 2024.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Alun Williams (Chair), Councillors Catrin M S. Davies, Clive Davies, Gareth Davies, Keith Henson, Wyn Thomas and Matthew Vaux.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Elizabeth Evans, Raymond Evans, Wyn Evans, Gareth Lloyd and Ann Bowen Morgan.

(10.15am- 10.39am)

**131 Apologies**

Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of the Council apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

**132 Personal matters**

None.

**133 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests**

There were no disclosures of personal/ prejudicial interests.

**134 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 previous Meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 December 2023.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**135 Any petitions received**

None.

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

None.

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

None.

**138 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Council Tax Base and Precept Payment Dates**

DECISION:

1. To approve the Council Tax Base for Council Tax setting purposes of 33,768.51 in accordance with the calculations as set out in Appendices 1 & 2.

2. To note the Council Tax Base for Revenue Support Grant purposes of 32,622.36.
3. To approve the schedule of instalments for Dyfed Powys Police Authority Precept payments in 2024/25 as being - 12 equal instalments paid on the last working day of each month commencing April 2024.
4. To approve the schedule of instalments for Ceredigion Town and Community Councils Precept payments in 2024/25 as being - 3 equal instalments on the last working day of April 2024, July 2024 and October 2024.

*Reason for the decision:*

The Council has a legal obligation to set its tax base for the forthcoming year.

**139 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon the Amendment of the Fees and Charges 2023-2024 in relation to Sections 37, 38 and 278 Highways Act 1980**

**DECISION:**

To APPROVE the amendment of the Fees and Charges 2023 – 2024 as follows:

- 1) Section 37, and 278 Supervision & Administration Fees for Highways & Environmental Services:

S37 and 278:

Works up to £500,000		£6,000
Works in excess of £500,000	First £500,000	8% of value of works
	Next £500,000 value in excess of £0.5m	7% of value of works
	Next £2,000,000 value in excess of £1m	6% of value of works
	Remainder of works value in excess of £3m	5% of value of works

Both effective from 1/1/24

- 2) Section 37 charge for Legal Services:  
 1% fee on up to the first £5000,000 worth of work  
 Minimum £1050-Maximum £5,250  
 Variation £622

Effective from 1/1/24.

*Reason for the decision:*

To ensure that the Council can fully recover costs for responding to Section 37 notices and requests under s.38 and s.278 of the Highways Act 1980.

**140 Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet**

The Chair extended his thanks to Elected Members, Officers and the residents of Ceredigion for their work over the year. He wished a Merry Christmas to all.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 January 2024**

**Chairman:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_