

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 3 December 2024**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 5 December 2024. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 12 December 2024. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 13 December 2024.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Shelley Childs, Euros Davies, Marc Davies, Meirion Davies, Rhodri Davies, Amanda Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Eryl Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Raymond Evans, Rhodri Evans, Wyn Evans, Hugh Hughes, Gwyn James, Gareth Lloyd, Ann Bowen Morgan, John Roberts and Carl Worrall.

(10.00am- 1.12pm)

101 Apologies

- i. Councillor Keith Henson, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.
- ii. Councillor Ceris Jones, Chair of the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee apologised for her inability to attend the meeting.
- iii. James Starbuck, Corporate Director apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

102 Chair's Announcements

Thanks were extended to all involved in the three meetings held last week between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils.

103 Disclosure of Personal / Prejudicial Interests

There were no disclosures of personal/ prejudicial interests.

104 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 November 2024.

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

105 Any petitions received

None.

106 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committees

None.

107 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees not otherwise on the agenda
None.

108 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Lifelong Learning upon the Ceredigion Welsh Language Strategy 2024-29

DECISION:

- i. To note the responses received during the Public Consultation.
- ii. To approve the Ceredigion Language Strategy subject to the changes highlighted in the strategy (appendix 2).
- iii. To note the content of the Integrated Impact Assessment (appendix 3).

Reason for the decision:

Ensure compliance with a statutory duty in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards, (Standard 145 and 146) to develop and publish a Welsh Language Strategy.

109 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Lifelong Learning upon the LA Representative on Governing Bodies

DECISION:

To confirm the nomination outlined in the report as LA representative on the Governing Body of the relevant School.

Reason for the decision:

To nominate representatives of the LA on Governing Bodies.

110 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Lifelong Learning upon the Reorganisation of Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa, Ysgol Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, Ysgol Llangwryfon and Ysgol Syr John Rhys

DECISION:

1. To note that the Cabinet decision 3/9/24 is not capable of implementation.
2. To approve that Cabinet 3/9/24 decisions C50, C51, C52 & C53 are amended as follows:
“the statutory consultation process to cease to maintain the provision at Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa, Ysgol Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, Ysgol Llangwryfon and Ysgol Syr John Rhys with effect from 31 August 2025”, shall instead be treated as an informal consultation on the reorganisation and future of the schools”.

Reason for the decision:

Ceasing to maintain the schools as from 31 August 2025 is not an option as the timetable is deemed not to be achievable.

111 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Gofal upon the Direct Payments Policy including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DECISION:

- i. To approve the Direct Payments Policy (Appendix 1).
- ii. To note the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for the decision:

The policy will enable the Council to discharge its duties in relation to the provision of direct payments.

112 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Withdrawal from the Innovate Managed Social Work Team Contract

DECISION:

To approve the ending of the Innovate contract to pursue other options to service the Planned Care Children's Specialism.

Reason for the decision:

The reason for the decision is to end the contract and implement more cost-effective alternatives, in light of a proposed increase, for the continued delivery of a safe service.

113 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Corporate Parenting Charter including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DECISION:

- i. To recommend that Council adopt the Corporate Parenting Charter.
- ii. To note the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for the decision:

To ensure that all officers, commissioners, Elected Members and partners of the local authority understand their corporate parenting responsibilities. We want to deliver sensitive, high-quality services that promote fairness and equity for looked after children and care leavers. We want these children to have all the life opportunities we would have for our own children. This group of people need to grow up without stigma.

114 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the All Wales Sustainable Catering Packaging Products Framework

DECISION:

To award places on the All Wales Sustainable Catering Packaging Products Framework, which will run for a period of 3 years (with an option to extend for a further 1 year), as follows:

Lot	Purpose	Supplier	Zone(s)
1	Standard Requirements Core List	Rank 1 st : Tenderer 1	All 24 Zones
1	Standard Requirements Core List	Rank 2 nd : Tenderer 2	All Zones with the exception of Zones 7, 8, 9 & 22.
2	Small Product Range	Tenderer 3	All 24 Zones
3	Innovation Partner	Tenderer 1	All 24 Zones

Reason for the decision:

An Open tender process compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations has been undertaken and all received bids being evaluated in a fair and transparent manner. This is an important National Framework on which Ceredigion has taken the lead. Through the Framework's alignment with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, it will help achieve a more sustainable Wales through public sector procurement.

115 EXEMPT ITEM

The report relating to item 114 on the agenda, Appendix 1, is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. If, following the application of the Public Interest Test, the Council resolves to consider this item in private, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration, in accordance with Section 100B(2) of the Act.

Members were requested when dealing with the item, to consider whether the item should remain exempt and whether to exclude the public and press from the Meeting.

DECISION:

Having considered the public interest test, that the item should remain exempt.

Not to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

Reason for the decision:

The document was not discussed in public.

116 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 34,421.81 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 32,663.32.
3. To approve the schedule of instalments for Dyfed Powys Police Authority Precept payments in 2025/26 as being - 12 equal instalments paid on the last working day of each month commencing April 2025.
4. To approve the schedule of instalments for Ceredigion Town and Community Councils Precept payments in 2025/26 as being - 3 equal instalments on the last working day of April 2025, July 2025 and October 2025.

Reason for the decision:

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

- 117 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 24/25 Controllable Revenue Budget - Financial Performance - Quarter 2**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 118 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Quarter 2 Capital Programme Monitoring Report**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 119 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 120 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report Quarter 1 2024 - 2025**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 121 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group Safeguarding Report - Quarter 1 2024/25**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 122 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (18.10.24)**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 123 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for People and Organisation upon the Gender Pay Report 2024 and Workforce Equality Report 2024**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 124 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon the Local Access Forum (LAF) Annual Report**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 125 **Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet**
None.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 January 2025

Chairman:_____

Date:_____