

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 11 March 2025**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 13 March 2025. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 20 March 2025. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 21 March 2025.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Shelley Childs, Elizabeth Evans, Keith Evans, Raymond Evans, Rhodri Evans, Hugh Hughes, Chris James, Gwyn James and Gareth Lloyd.

(10.00am- 11.28am)

175 Apologies

- i. Councillors Ceris Jones, Chair and Amanda Edwards, Vice-Chair of the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.
- ii. James Starbuck, Corporate Director; Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer: Legal & Governance; Audrey Somerton-Edwards, Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cynnal and Alun Williams, Corporate Lead Officer: Policy, Performance and Public Protection apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

176 Chair's Announcements

The Leader extended his thanks to Councillor Keith Henson for his dedication and work as Cabinet Member since being elected in May 2022. Councillor Shelley Childs was wished well as he took on the role as Cabinet Member from April 2025 onwards. This was echoed by other Elected Members in attendance.

177 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests

- i. Councillor Keith Henson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 185 and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed and a personal interest in relation to item 192.
- ii. Councillor Keith Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 182, confirming that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on this matter by the Ethics and Standards Committee.

178 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 18 February 2025.

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

- 179 Any petitions received**
None.
- 180 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
None.
- 181 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee not otherwise on the agenda**
None.
- 182 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Sport Wales Capital Grant Award for Calon Tysul**
DECISION:
 1. To agree that the Council acts in an intermediary role as banker for the Sport Wales Grant of £128,750 in relation to Calon Tysul.
 2. To agree that the Scheme is included in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
Reason for the decision:
To enable £128,750 of capital investment to be made into Calon Tysul.
- 183 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public upon the Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-2028 and proposals for casinos**
DECISION:
To recommend that Council:
 1. consider and decide whether the Authority's "No Casino Resolution" should be retained and the decision recorded and added to the final policy.
 2. approve the revised Statement of Gambling Policy, and that the revised policy be adopted.
 3. approve the recommendation from the Licencing Committee held on 19 February 2025 that a leaflet highlighting the issues that arise from Gambling be sent to various Sports Clubs in Ceredigion, to distribute to their users.
Reason for the decision:
To fulfil statutory requirements to review and publish a Statement of Gambling Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and to improve public safety and clarity for the licensed trade within Ceredigion.
- 184 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public upon the Revision of Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators Policy 2025**
DECISION:
To recommend that Council approve the revised Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Drivers and Vehicles Policy and subsequent adoption.

Reason for the decision:

The revised Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Policy will provide an appropriate policy in line with Welsh Government and DfT standards and enable compliance with statutory requirements and to ensure proper and effective enforcement of the legislation.

185 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Older Persons Fee Setting 2025/26 Independent Sector & Local Authority fees

DECISION:

1. To approve the fees for private Care Homes in Ceredigion for 2025/26 at the following weekly levels, effective from 07/04/25:

Residential	£957
Residential EMI	£1,023
Nursing	£1,111
Nursing EMI	£1,111

2. To approve the fees for Council run Residential Care Homes in Ceredigion for 2025/26 at the following weekly levels, effective from 07/04/25:

Residential	£957
Residential EMI	£1,023

Reason for the decision:

To agree and set Older Person fees for 2025/26.

186 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Council's Insurance Tender

DECISION:

To approve the award of the new Insurance Long Term Agreement contract, which will run for a period of 3 years (with an option to extend by 1 year and then a further option to extend by 1 further year) as follows:

Lot	Purpose	Supplier
4	Engineering	Tenderer 5
6	All Other Lots excluding Lot 4	Tenderer 5

Reason for the decision:

- To ensure that the council has appropriate insurance arrangements in place.
- 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.

187 EXEMPT ITEM

The report relating to item 186 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.

- 188 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 24/25 Controllable Revenue Budget - Financial Performance - Quarter 3**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 189 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Quarter 3 Capital Programme Monitoring Report**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 190 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Quarterly Treasury Management Performance Report 2024/25**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 191 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon the Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan Consultation**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 192 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Update on the Housing Support Grant (HSG) - Programme Plan including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 April 2025

Chairman:_____

Date:_____