

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the CABINET**
held via video conference on **Tuesday, 7 September 2021**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 9 September 2021. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 16 September 2021. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 17 September 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 Ceredig Davies, Hag Harris, John Roberts, Lynford Thomas and Ivor Williams

(10.00 - 11.30 am)

63 Apologies

Councillors Keith Evans apologised for his inability to attend the meeting

64 Personal matters

- i. Condolences were extended to Councillor Catherine Hughes whose father passed away over the Summer
- ii. Condolences were also extended to Councillor Ifan Davies whose mother passed away recently
- iii. Condolences were also extended to the family of Eleri Ebenezer, Chair of the former Ceredigion and Mid Wales NHS Trust
- iv. Condolences were also extended to the family of John Davies of 'T.J.Davies a'i fab', who passed away recently.
- v. Condolences were extended to the family of Richard Jones, of 'Ail Symudiad' who passed away recently.
A minute's silence was observed in their memory.
- vi. Tributes was paid to the member of the public who raised the alarm in response to the recent fire in Borth and to the excellent work of the Fire Service, Police Service and to Ceredigion County Council Staff in arranging road closures, diversions and alternative facilities for affected members of the public.
- vii. Congratulations were extended to Dion and Cara on organising a successful fund raising event raising funds for the Cancer Ward in Glangwili
- viii. Congratulations were extended to Lleucu Roberts on winning the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize and the Prose Medal at the National Eisteddfod.
- ix. Congratulations were extended to Gwenallt Llwyd Ifan on winning the Chair at the National Eisteddfod.
- x. Congratulations were extended to junior cyclist Joshua Tarling on wining gold in the Team Pursuit and Individual Omnium at the recent European Junior and Under 23 Track Championships held in Apeldoorn in the Netherlands at the end of August.
- xi. Best wishes were extended to the competitors and event organisers of the 'Tour de Britain' who would be visiting Ceredigion on Wednesday of this week.

- xii. Cabinet were notified during the meeting of the passing of William Edwards a former Councillor and extended their condolences to his family.

65 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests.

None

66 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 positive cases are increasing in the County and across Wales.

There were 123 additional cases in Ceredigion yesterday (reporting 2 days of cases) with a further 63 cases this morning, which gives a total of 3,138 cases in the County from the beginning of the pandemic. The rate of cases is currently at 364.5 per 100,000 of the population. The increase in the number of cases are now resulting in hospitalisations across the Hywel Dda University Health Board area. Work is ongoing with the rollout of the vaccine at the vaccination centres at Yr Hen Ysgol Trewen in the south, and Llanbadarn in the North of the County. The rollout now includes 16 – 18 year olds.

The Leader provided an update on Council services noting that eight care homes were in the red category due to infections among staff, however two care homes had moved to the green category yesterday. She noted that the effect of the pandemic is being seen upon staff in all service areas. All schools have re-opened however a number of cases were reported over the weekend. The importance of the work undertaken by the 'Track Trace and Prevent' Team continues to be essential to reducing the community transmission of the virus. Library vans continue to operate on a 'click and collect' basis and town libraries continue to offer an appointment system.

With regards to care for those with Learning Disabilities, Canolfan Steffan is now open and significant work is required to improve the provision at Canolfan Padarn. In the meantime, Canolfan Meugan is being utilised by staff at Yr Hafod Residential Care Home and activities also carried out at locations such as Theatr Mwldan.

Waste Services has been impacted by annual leave, the need to self-isolate as well as the effect of the national shortage of HGV drivers. The Leader apologised for the disruption noting that this should now stabilise, Air-handling units have been ordered for both Lampeter and Aberystwyth swimming pools which will re-open once the installation work is complete. She thanked Aberystwyth University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter campus for providing the use of their facilities to the community in the meantime. Cardigan Leisure Centre has been returned to the Council and work is ongoing to bring it back into use. The floor at Plascrug Leisure Centre will require further work, and Lampeter Leisure Centre will be adapted to include a wellbeing centre combining Leisure and other support. It was noted that there are also leisure facilities at Ysgol Penglais and Ysgol Bro Pedr.

The Leader noted that the road closures for the Safe Zones have now been lifted with the exception Quay Parade in Aberaeron, which has been maintained in response to a request by the local Member and the Town Council. Changes to one-way systems would remain until the end of the month, and that temporary wider pavements have yet to be removed whilst the number of visitors remains high.

The Leader reminded everyone of the Wales Government rules that masks are still required indoors and on public transport, the importance of keeping a safe distance, ensuring good ventilation and the legal obligations for businesses to prepare a risk assessments ensuring public health and safety, urging everyone to remain vigilant and to keep safe.

67 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 13 July, 2021, subject to amending the Welsh version of minute 58b) to reflect the correct title for the Cabinet Member for Porth Gofal, Intervention, Wellbeing Hubs and Culture’.

68 Any petitions received

None

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

None

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

None

71 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon: the Afghan Locally Employed Staff (LES) Relocation Scheme

DECISION

To relocate at least two families under the Afghan LES Scheme

Reason for decision:

To respond to a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan as the Taliban have swiftly gained control of the country.

72 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Culture upon: Perthyn: An exploration of how collections can create community in Ceredigion

DECISION

To approve the commitment of £250,000 from the Capital Fund as match funding towards the Perthyn project.

Reason for decision:

To protect the Museum collection for the future and to provide further opportunities for community engagement

73 To consider the report of the Corporate Leader for Finance and Procurement upon: The Controllable Revenue Budget - 2021/22

DECISION

- i. To approve the budget virements required to achieve the corporate savings as outlined in Section 2 of the report totalling £2.137m.
- ii. To note the report including the Budget Transfers outlined in Section 2 totalling £1.395m.

Reason for decision:-

To achieve the corporate savings target set as part of the 2021/22 Budget Setting process

74 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for People and Organisation upon: The Employee Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 - 2026, to include feedback from Overview and Scrutiny

DECISION

To approve the Employee Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Reason for decision:-

To support and improve the long-term health and wellbeing of employees

75 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon: Securing premises for delivery of Substance Misuse Services in Ceredigion

DECISION

To approve the acceptance of the role of Local Banker by the Local Authority in respect of the handling of Capital Funding relating to the premises at 25 North Parade, Aberystwyth and acceptance of the grant, if given.

Reason for decision:-

To support the delivery of Substance Misuse Services in Aberystwyth

76 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: a Code of Practice for Highway Safety Inspection and Response on County Roads, to include feedback from Overview and Scrutiny

DECISION

To approve the Code of Practice for Highway Safety Inspection and Response on County Roads 2021

Reason for decision:-

To refocus our resources, enhance our maintenance and improve our ability to comply with our statutory legal duties as outlined in Section 41 of the Highways Act 198 and provide a defence by virtue of Section 58 of the Highways Act 1980 through a unified all-Wales approach, and to comply with national guidance, namely the 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice 2016'

- 77 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: the Proposed Prohibition of Parking at any time on the A482 Princes Avenue Aberaeron, by the former hospital site**

DECISION

To approve advertising the proposal to the public, and should no objection be received, the making of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order and the publication of a subsequent Notice of Making in the press to this effect

Reason for decision:-

To secure appropriate visibility at a new access to be constructed at the site and so fulfil a Planning Condition

- 78 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: the adoption of Highway at Cambrian Way, Aberporth**

DECISION

To approve the proposed Adoption of Cambrian Way through the S38 Highway Act 1980 process and maintain at public expense thereafter

Reason for decision:-

To enable the road to be maintained at public expense

- 79 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: the adoption of Highway at Dolphin Court, New Quay**

DECISION

To approve the proposed Adoption of Phase 1 and 2 Dolphin Court, New Quay through the s.38 Highway Act 1980 process and maintain at public expense thereafter

Reason for decision:-

To enable the road to be maintained at public expense

- 80 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon: the adoption of Highway at Horeb Business Park Access Road, Llandysul**

DECISION

To approve the proposed Adoption of Horeb Business Park Access Road, Llandysul through the s.38 Highway Act 1980 process and maintain at public expense thereafter

Reason for decision:-

To enable the road to be maintained at public expense

- 81 **To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon: Quarter 1 Capital Programme Monitoring Report**

To note the report and the successful financial performance

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

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 October 2021

Chairman:_____

Date:_____