

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME FOR RHIWCYNON WARD AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT & RECYCLING.

FEBRUARY 2020

CARE INSPECTORATE WALES VISITS

Tuesday/Wednesday February 4th/5th

CIW is linking up with the Health Inspectorate Wales to carry out an inspection of the Community Mental Health teams at Newtown Hospital. This two-day visit will include interviews with staff, service users and carers as well as reviewing documentation related to this service. It will look at Patient experience, delivery of safe and effective care and management and leadership.

Monday February 17th

CIW Improvement Conference - This is a half day conference at County Hall, which will allow CIW, the council and its partners and stakeholders to discuss identified concerns and ensure the council is planning for improvement appropriately.

URDD COOKERY COMPETITION

I was delighted once again to judge the school Urdd Cookery Competition. The pupils who took part were articulate, with some excellent food preparation, clean work stations, presentation skills and attention to detail.

Congratulations to all who took part and good luck to the worthy winner going forward to the Nationals.

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COUNCIL RENT INCREASE - It is therefore recommended that with effect from April 2020 the average rent in Powys will increase by 2.7% (£2.42 per week) for all 5375 Council owned homes. This is considerably lower than last year's average increase of £4.25 per week.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AS AT 31.12.2019 - This report presents the forecast outturn on the 2019-20 revenue budget as at 31st December 2019. The forecast shows an improved position with the projected overspend now reported at £0.57 million by year end (down from £1.77 million reported in November). The improved position reflects the delivery of additional savings with £14.58 million achieved by December 31st.

Further delivery of savings is expected in the last quarter of the year which will further improve the Outturn position, a prudent forecast of £0.62 million surplus is anticipated.

The position remains dependent on whether Adult Social Care and Highways are able to continue to manage service pressures particularly relevant at this time of year.

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & RECYCLING OVERVIEW AS AT 31.12.19 – Net Budget £29.08m, Forecast £31.20m, Variance (2.12m) – (7.3%).

£1.5m of the forecast overspend relates to cost reductions not yet been delivered in 19/20. However, £0.31m due to be delivered by 31.03.20.

Waste & Recycling Operations show steady improvements to reduce the overspend of last year.

Transport remains the highest area of overspend. Latest weather forecast predicts a relatively mild winter, which could influence the forecast position in the final quarter.

POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD – Podiatry Services

PTHB are seeking views on the way it delivers Podiatry Services in Powys in the future. You can have your say to help them make the best decisions on their website www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/podiatry-engagement

POWYS/SHROPSHIRE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS

We had a joint meeting on 18 February to discuss the future projects and pressures that each authority faces. We discussed major road projects i.e. Pant/Llanymynech Bypass, Rail links, Bus Services, Ash die back.

CHILDREN SERVICES RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

A new recruitment campaign to promote job opportunities in Children's Services is now live. If you're on social media help us spread the word by sharing and retweeting our social media posts, so we can reach as many potential applicants as possible. You'll find a host of job adverts and video clips during the campaign on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. So, please get sharing! Facebook - [@PCCJobs](https://www.facebook.com/PCCJobs) Twitter - [@PowysCC](https://twitter.com/PowysCC) LinkedIn - [Powys County Council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Powys-County-Council) You can view the jobs online at www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

STORM DENNIS

Over 120 properties and 30 businesses have been flooded with an average cost to put right estimated at £30000 each. After 3 consecutive weekends of heavy rainfall, there have been numerous landslides and the impact on roads and bridges has resulted in major damage right across the county. The total cost of repairs is still being calculated but we anticipate some damage is still to be identified. All bridges have been visually inspected with further inspections to take place when the water levels recede. The out of office on call officers have worked tirelessly to ensure every call was dealt with by the local operatives from the 9 depots around the county. The Welsh Government has promised funding to support PCC to help with the repairs to the highways network, however we have to spend £500,000 first before we can apply for further funding.

PLANNING IN RHIWCYNON WARD

ABERHAFESP PLANNING

19/1825/FUL – 4 Shepherd Huts for holiday accommodation, Bronfynnon, Bwlch Y Ffridd. SY16 3JA
19/1954/RES – Reserved matters for 10 dwellings, Beechcroft, Aberhafesp SY16 3HW
19/1861/HH – Demolition of shed, erection of single storey extension, Sunnyview, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JF
19/2084/FUL – Erection of a steel portal building, Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd, SY16 3JD
20/0157/REM – Section 73 Design and layout changes, Bwlchcahaidd, SY16 3JB

DWYRIW PLANNING

19/1475/FUL – Egg production unit at Tyn Yr Wrta, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT
19/1211/FUL – Agricultural building and access at Mount Pleasant, Adfa SY16 3DR
19/2011/FUL – Erection of a manure store, Tyn Yr Wtra, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT
19/2070/FUL , 19/2071/FUL, 19/2106/FUL, 19/2107/FUL – Pant Farm, Adfa, SY16 3DF
20/0216/FUL – Installation of a flue, Plas Coch, Cefn Coch, SY21 OAE
20/0295/VAR – Discharge of S106, 5 Mellionydd, Adfa SY16 3BF
20/0191/HH – Single storey extension, 10 Mellionydd, Adfa SY16 3BF

MANAFON PLANNING

19/1391/RES – Agricultural Workers dwelling at Caenant, Llanfair SY21 ODG
19/1523/FUL – 3 pods, Tan Yderwen, Llanfair SY21 ODG

TREGYNON PLANNING

P/2018/0580 – 76K Poultry Rearing Shed, Red House, Tregynon
19/1532/RES – Reserved matters for 4 affordable houses, Ty Perllan, Tregynon SY16 3EH
19/1633/REM – Section 73/ Conditions at Dolycod, Tregynon SY16 3PY
19/1939/FUL – Change of use of Agriculture bldg/wedding venue, Gwaentrebeddau, Tregynon, SY16
20/0117/FUL – erection of an Equestrian Manege, Porth Maen, Tregynon, Sy16 3PF
20/0133/DIS – Removal of condition 11, hedgerow, Lane Farm, Tregynon SY16 3PT

ABBREVIATIONS:

CIW – Care Inspectorate Wales
PCC – Powys County Council