

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

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EU CITIZEN SETTLED STATUS UPDATE

Rhiwcynon have a number of EU citizens within the ward and the UK Government have published an EU Settled Status Community Leaders Guide aimed at Elected Members in order to ensure that clear and consistent messages are shared about the EU Settlement Scheme. This guide contains a fact sheet and briefing pack that explains who is eligible, and the process of applying for the scheme. Further information can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

CABINET 7.1.20 – EDUCATION

A review and transformation of our education services continues at pace, both in children numbers in all schools, school buildings, and the standard of education provision and school results. Meanwhile it is business as usual, providing the best education for each child within the service. Further update 21.1.20.

POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

LLANFAIR CAEREINION HEALTH HUB – Funding has now been secured. A contractor has been appointed and the new facility is scheduled to open Mid 2021.

ESTYN CONFERENCE UPDATE

The key areas of concerns were highlighted as, School organisation, financial management, school governance. Recommendation 1 – Improve standards in secondary schools and especially the performance of more able learners. Recommendation 2 – Improve the evaluation, planning and coordination of provision for learners with special educational needs and other pupils who may require extra support. Recommendation 3 – Improve the consistency and impact of senior leaders in improving the quality of education services and continue to strengthen the rigour, scrutiny and challenge about performance of the authority's services. Recommendation 4 – Ensure that the organisation of provision for non maintained post 16, Welsh medium education and secondary education meets the needs of the children and young people of Powys. Recommendation 5 – Continue to improve the quality of financial management in schools and take appropriate action to address schools with significant deficit budgets.

BUDGET 20/21

The provisional Revenue Settlement is £184.3m an increase of £9.5m (5.4%). The Welsh average was 5.6% but we need to adjust by £3m due to a revised teachers pay and pension agreement and funded nursing care. The real increase is 4.2%. That ranks us 14 out of 22. In the past we have been ranked 22.

CORPORATE PARENTING 16.1.20

At the end of December the number of looked after children was 239 (of which 6 are disabled with specific care needs). 1/3 of these are children aged between 10 – 15 years. The gender split is almost 50/50.

Children looked after as a result of Police Protection as at 31.12.19 = 0

No of children seen within the statutory timescale = 97%

AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGISTER

Powys County Council has partnered with Tai Teg - an Affordable Housing Register hosted by Grwp Cynefin Housing Association covering Local Authority areas across North Wales and Powys. The Council is promoting the use of Tai Teg as a way of connecting people with housing opportunities in the area.

An Affordable House is one that is provided at less than market value, either for rent or purchase, and where there are secure planning mechanisms in place to ensure the future availability and affordability of the housing to those in local need. Tai Teg is a register for households who are in need of **intermediate** affordable housing. Households in need of **social** housing should go to the following Council Housing website -

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/applyforhousing>. Tai Teg includes the following types of housing schemes:

- Intermediate Rent, Rent to Own, Homebuy, Shared Equity, Shared Ownership, Affordable Housing for Sale
- Affordable Self-build

CABINET MEETING 21.1.2020

FINANCE SERVICE - A presentation on the Draft 20/21 Budget was discussed in depth incorporating the Corporate Improvement Plan, Integrated Business Plan, Proposed cost reduction by service department and a summary of the Welsh Government Settlement.

HOUSING SERVICE– Transfer of assets from Countryside Services, Education and Economic Development for the development of affordable housing in Powys. 9 sites have been identified.

PLANNING SERVICE – To approve the provision of planning guidance for conservation areas and residential designs.

EDUCATION SERVICE – To consider and support a strategic review of schools incorporating engagement, consultation and supporting the need to transform and modernise Powys Education Service.

LIBRARY SERVICE – To support the programme of transformation within the library service where libraries have relocated, transformed into significant community hubs and acknowledging the contribution of partners and volunteers.

ENFORCEMENT POLICY – to approve revised enforcement policy covering Trading Standards, Environment Health, Licensing, Food Safety & Standards and Health and Safety.

CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING – To consider a 6 monthly update on Domestic Violence, Modern Slavery, Safe Places, Child Sexual Exploitation and Home Educated Visits.

VISION 2025 UPDATE

Key areas – Economy, Health & Care, Learning and Skills, Residents and Communities.

Affordable Housing – to build a minimum of 250 by 2023

Digital Powys – to transform the delivery of services via the use of technology

Extra Care – to develop 6 new schemes across the county. Similar to Llys Glanyrafon, Newtown

Mid Wales Growth Deal - £55m over 15 years to maximise economic growth in the County

North Powys Wellbeing Programme – Develop a new Health & Care Hub in Newtown for North Powys Residents

School Transformation – to develop more efficient schools & ensure the provision of Welsh medium/bilingual schools

Workforce – to re model staffing structures

PLANNING IN THE 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

DWYRIW PLANNING

19/0995/OUT – Agricultural dwelling, garage and assoc. works, Argae Fields, New Mills, SY16 3NG

19/1475/FUL – Egg production unit at Tyn Yr Wrtá, 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

MANAFON PLANNING

19/1391/RES – Agricultural Workers dwelling at Caenant, Llanfair SY21 0DG

19/1523/FUL – 3 pods, Tan Yderwen, Llanfair SY21 0DG

19/1803/ELE – Upgrade Electricity Supply to 3 phase – Hillview, New Mills SY16 3NW

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 Dolycloed, 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

ABBREVIATIONS:

PRH – Princess Royal Hospital

PTHB – Powys Teaching Health Board

RSH – Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

SATH – Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital