

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

JULY 2020

1.7.20 CABINET/EMT – MID WALES GROWTH DEAL WORKSHOP

Part of a working group to confirm Powys' needs as part of this deal. Connectivity i.e. Road, Rail and Broadband, Energy i.e. clean, green energy, hydrogen and low carbon. Tourism and our food industry, Advanced research (R&D), Employment skills and opportunities.

2.7.20 ECONOMY, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITIES & GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To review business funding during Covid-19 with emphasis on business eligibility. Recovery post Covid-19 and the futures of our town centres. Town Centre Action Group and its input into WG.

Briefing on the success of Test, Trace and Protect. This has been very successful, excellent tracing of residents and we are constantly analysing the data so that we can be reactive to a spike.

6.7.20 TraCC BOARD MEETING

A forum that looks at road and rail connectivity in Powys and our neighbouring links with Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury including an update from WG officer on funding, town centre initiatives, road safety and improvements.

7.7.20 TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD

Briefing on School transformation for the 21st Century. Extra Care and the changing landscape for Adult Social Care. North Powys Wellbeing Programme and the need to bring this back to the agenda post Covid-19. Integrated Business Plan and once again it is back on the agenda post Covid-19. Digital Powys and how the authority has designed systems at very short notice and provided digital services to both PTHB and other LA's. Workforce Planning – recruitment of apprentices and looking at leadership development to assist with succession planning. Affordable Housing – we now have 360 units in the pipeline and our vision was for 250 by 2025.

7.7.20 CABINET/EMT

A briefing on the Vision 2025 and strategic Equality Plan. This included The Economy, Health and Care, Learning and Skills and Residents and Communities.

Shovel Ready Projects – WG are very keen to push forward projects that we can get off the ground quickly to provide contract opportunities within Powys.

8.7.20 CABINET WORKSHOP – FINANCE

Briefing on Capital Governance Framework, Capital Expenditure, Accounting Practices, Capital Expenditure defined by regulation, Capitalisation Fraud, Capitalisation Direction, Borrowing, Budgets,

14.7.20 CABINET/EMT

Presentation by PAVO and the wonderful work by many powys residents who have become volunteers in our community. Welfare Monitoring Calls during COVID-19 lockdown. Rent Smart Wales, Brynllawarch School (new build), Quarter 1 Financial Report.

14.7.20 CABINET

Discussions on the Annual Corporate Improvement Plan, Re-opening playgrounds, free car parking, Scrutiny meetings

15.5.20 BRIEFING ON FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Cabinet Portfolio Holder to obtain clarity from the service to identify areas whereby we can stop services in order to bridge with projected deficit.

16.7.20 ECONOMY, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY.

Scrutiny briefing on Growing Mid Wales which is a 15 year programme to develop Productivity, Population, Economic Structure, Future Employment, Labour market and Rural Economy.

20.7.20 SOUTH EAST WASTE CABINET MEETING

A forum of 10 LA's to discuss WRAP and the restart of the campaign suspended during COVID -19 and the need to adapt national campaigns to suit local needs. Circular Economy Strategy and how to restart and embrace the environmental benefits. How we can retain recycled products in Wales so that we manufacture a by-product i.e. park seats from plastics.

21.7.20 CABINET

Following legislation on 5.5.2019 to approve a paper to grant powers to Cardiff City Council to take enforcement action on our behalf. To approve a paper for 2 hours free car parking from 25.7.20 until 31.08.20 and in recognition of #Support local Powys. A briefing on Cyber Security and Data Protection.

21.7.20 CABINET/EMT

Briefing on a new school at Brynllawarch, Kerry, Housing and Contract Procurement.

22.7.20 CABINET/EMT

Briefing on the Financial Report, Quarter 1 Performance Report, Adult Social Care

22.7.20 NORTH POWYS BULKING STATION

Meeting with Cllr. Gareth Pugh and Russell George AM

22.7.20 THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP

Briefing on Economic Recovery Plan, Town Centres re-opening, Funding update, Tourism,

23.7.20 MID WALES GROWTH DEAL

Agreement for the Heads of Terms, WG and private sector investment. Appointment of key officers to strategic roles.

27.7.20 CORPORATE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY APPRAISAL.

27.7.20 ECONOMY, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY

Scrutiny working group on property development.

27.7.29 WORKING GROUP – CAR PARKING CHARGES REVIEW

Working group to look at the charging structure of all council owned car parks in Powys.

28.7.20 CABINET

Further update on the current financial position, and Quarter 1 Performance Report. Choice policy for Adults Social Care going forward, Local Sourcing and Procurement of Powys Businesses.

29.7.20 THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP

Briefing on the financial assistance to businesses so far. WG announced a further £150m for tranche 3 in October 2020 to assist with recovery, Brexit and to look at sectors worse hit. Town Centre re-openings to move towards Stage 2 replace cones and barriers with a more permanent structure. Also a further £200K for Mid Wales to support adaptations to our high streets, however work must be complete by 31.3.2021. Tourism and the need for Powys to "Open Up Safely". Many of our beauty spots are causing policing and enforcement issues and this has now been discussed with Dyfed Powys Police. Contracts and Procurement – many contracts have been awarded recently and the need for the successful contractors to use local sub contractors.

30.7.20 SOUTH WEST WALES CABINET MEETING

A forum of South West Wales Councils to Waste & Recycling and targeted projects such as Litter Picking, Circular Economy for manufacturing products from our own recycling materials i.e. plastic benches. Impact Brexit will have on the foreign recycling markets.

30.7.20 FULL COUNCIL

A review of our Corporate Improvement Plan Annual Performance Report 2019/20 and Strategic Equality Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2019/20. Welsh Language Standards Report 2019/20, Members Allowances and Expenses, Appointments onto boards by the political groups. Post Improvement and Assurance Board Arrangements.

ABBREVIATIONS:

LA – Local Authority (ies)

PTHB – Powys Teaching Health Board

WG – Welsh Government

WRAP – Waste & Resource Action Programme

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/0157/REM – Section 73 Design and layout changes, Bwlchcahaidd, SY16 3JB
- 20/0137/FUL – Extension to Poultry unit, Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JD
- 20/1054/HH – 2 storey extension and demolition of garage, Tan Y Coed, Aberhafesp SY16 3JL
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 19/1475/FUL – Egg production unit at Tyn Yr Wrta, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT
- 20/0453/FUL – Agricultural Building & Associated works, Plas Coch, Cefn Coch SY21 0AE

- MANAFON PLANNING
- 20/0587/FUL – Change of use of land to Equine, Hill View, New Mills, SY16 3NW
- 20/1010/FUL – Agricultural Building at Bron Heulog, Manafon SY21 8BW
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- 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 Dolycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY
- 20/0556/FUL – Re-use of abandoned dwelling & Associated works, Brynheulog, Tregynon SY16 3PP
- 20/0748/FUL – Agricultural building for storage of feed/machinery, Lower Cwm Harri, Tregynon SY16 3ES

- 20/1035/VAR – Remove Section 106, 12 Par Hafod, Tregynon SY16 3EQ

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