

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

JUNE 2020

2.6.20 CABINET MEETING

The authority has reviewed its business critical activities:

Responding to Covid-19

1. Adult Services – implementation of Social Services Business Continuity Plan
2. Homelessness Service
3. Public Protection (Enforcement, Contact Tracing, Temporary Body Storage Facility)
4. Childcare Hubs and Early Years provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children
5. Continuity of Learning Plans
6. Keeping our communities safe and resilient
7. Supporting Extremely Vulnerable residents
8. Support for Businesses
9. Household Waste - Refuse Collection
10. Housing – emergency repairs and maintenance
11. Highways – essential repair and emergency response
12. Children’s Services – all services, including Safeguarding
13. Corporate – running the Council
14. Financial Management and Reporting
15. Corporate Support Services (including Customer Services, Communications, Workforce, Business Intelligence, ICT, including support for WCCIS)

Preparing for the next stage of recovery - Reopening of key Services:

- Household Waste Recycling Centres Phased re-opening of Libraries Phased Reopening of Schools
- Planning to safely reopen key Services Outdoor Sports Courts Outdoor Markets
- Reopen the Housing market (Trading Standards) Public Transport Safely reopening High Streets
- Preparing for Recovery phase Property – Ensuring Safe PCC premises Retention of Good Practice and new ways of working

3.6.20 CABINET/EMT – COUNCILS RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC AND HOW IT WILL INFLUENCE THE RECOVERY.

This meeting allowed us to note the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

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4.6.20 SOUTH EAST WALES CABINET MANAGEMENT – Recycling and Waste Management

9.6.20 CABINET MEETING

We received an update on the authorities Cyber Security and the considerable threats that are out there. Also how we report Cyber fraud and how home working has created additional concerns.

The Financial accounts for 2019/20 were approved and will now be sent to WG.

Contact Tracing – the numbers in Powys are very low – only 3 so far and are mainly around care homes and the staff.

Re-opening Schools – The unions have been consulted and we are awaiting further WG guidance regarding transport, cleaning and catering arrangements.

10.6.20 WORKSHOP – TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS IN LINE WITH THE WG REPORT IN ADULTS, CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SERVICES

11.6.20 WORKSHOP – TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE IMPROVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CABINET MEMBERS INPUT INTO THE CORPORATE AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT BOARDS.

12.6.20 MEETING WITH MP’S AND AM’S – TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON BUSINESS CRITICAL ACTIVITIES, PREPARING THE RECOVER, TEST, TRACE AND PROTECT AND THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

16.6.20 CABINET/EMT – Finance Update and Quarter 4 Performance Update, Papers for consideration on Draft Welsh Language Bill and choice of Adult Social Care Accommodation.

17.6.20 WORKSHOP – HOWPS – compliance update on our Residents and Corporate Properties. Which includes testing of smoke alarms, heating systems, electrical work and gas testing.

17.6.20 WORKSHOP – Post Covid-19 Recovery Plan

18.6.20 SHORTLISTING FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & RECYCLING HEAD OF SERVICE

22.6.20 BRIEFING with North & Mid Wales Truck Road Agency on overtaking opportunities in Powys

22.6.20 CORPORATE PARENTING – update on Children’s Social Services

23.6.20 CABINET – Papers on Special Education Needs and Additional Learning Needs and Welsh Language Bill

23.6.20 WORKSHOP – Contracts/Tendering process at Powys County Council. Sell 2 Wales

24.6.20 WORKSHOP – Recovery Co-ordinating Working Group

25.6.20 BRIEFING – River Severn Partnership Working Group (Environment Agency, PCC & SCC)

25.6.20 FULL COUNCIL BRIEFING – Reopening our town centres, # Support Local Powys, Re-opening Schools and provision for child care hubs. Business Grants, Test, trace and protect.

29.6.20 BRIEFING WELSH GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC HEALTH WALES – CHANGES TO OUR STREET SCENES.

Following the re-opening of non essential shops 14 of the larger Powys towns will see changes to their street scenes to ensure traders and residents can shop safely and adhere to the 2m social distancing guidelines. This is a very ‘fluid’ development and a flexible approach is essential as we will see certain restrictions lifted. We will continue to work with our local town county councillors, town councils and traders to ensure it works for all.

30.6.20 CABINET – to receive an update on the budget and finances for 20/21 and the need for all services to continue their programme of savings and efficiencies.

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/0157/REM – Section 73 Design and layout changes, Bwlchcahaidd, SY16 3JB
- 20/0430/VAR – Remove Section 106, 5 Tan Y Bwlch, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16
- 20/0137/FUL – Extension to Poultry unit, Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JD
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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
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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 Dolycod, 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