

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

SEPTEMBER 2020

CABINET 1.9.20

Annual report on Adults Social Services incorporating Residential Care, Care Staff, impact of Covid 19, Trace and Trace. Re-opening schools has been well supported by Welsh Government and included school transport, shielding for staff and children and face coverings.

BUDGET WORKSHOP 1.9.20

Due to the impact Covid-19 has had on the authorities finances each service has been asked to review their capital strategy and reduce the capital spend for the remainder of this financial year. This is partially due to staffing resources.

SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME 3.9.20

A briefing on the development of all through schools across the county.

CABINET/EMT 8.9.20

Home to school transport, WEPCO special partnership agreement for new schools. Consultation decision for long term empty properties and council tax increases. Revised Highways Capital schemes. Machynlleth Gypsy and traveller site, Transfer of Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool. Automobile Palace in Llandrindod Wells, Community Library Partnership and Treasury Management Annual Report.

GLOBAL CENTRE FOR RAIL EXCELLENCE (GCRE) 8.9.20

A briefing on the proposed rail excellence testing and training facility neighbouring between South Powys and Neath. Currently in negotiations for the site acquisition. Much work has been done with interested parties, train operators and Universities Engineering department. Testing is currently done in EU or USA so we need a facility in UK and to work on an open market approach across the UK rail network.

CARE INSPECTORATE WALES (CIW)

CIW will undertake a monitoring visit with Adult and Children's Services in Powys week commencing 14.09.20. This is concentrate on the Improvements Board already identified areas in both services and to look at our response to COVID-19 as to how we responded to some of our most vulnerable in our communities.

THRIVING & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY IN POWYS

9.9.20 – Update on the Eat Out Help Out initiative which has been well supported and some bars and restaurants have continued to offer discounted meals for a further month. Environmental Protection – continue to offer support and guidance to ensure shops/bars/restaurants can open safely and maintain social distancing. Rural Development Fund was launched by WG on 8.9.20 to support the rural food and drink industry.

16.9.20 - Kickstart is another government incentive aimed at 16 – 24 year olds to get into employment, on minimum wage for 6 months with effect from October 2020. The employer will need to offer 30 placements to qualify.

PCC & CCC – The WG have awarded £2.5m for Mid Wales & Ceredigion to support economic growth and recovery projects. Focus needed on digital connectivity which has been highlighted as a weakness in parts of Powys during Covid-19. Trading Standards have provided a lot of data to WG on improvement notices issued due to non compliance, immediate closure notices or further enforcement action taken, known scams, guidance to market traders as our street markets start to re-open.

30.9.20 – UPDATE ON VARIOUS RECOVERY FUNDS AND GRANTS AVAILABLE, TOWN CENTRES PROJECTS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY BENEFITS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS AND HOW ENFORCEMENT GOING FORWARD WILL BE KEY TO ENSURING PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY.

ECONOMIC, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITIES, GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14.9.20 – briefing to the scrutiny committee on the Global Centre for Rail Excellence as attended on 8.9.20

11.9.20 COVID – 19 BRIEFING

Due to a surge in numbers across Wales and with neighbouring counties work continues with PTHB & PHW and a particular focus on TTP. We are extending the operational hours to 8am – 8pm to assist with contacting residents.

15.9.20 CABINET

Financial Update – All services have been asked to identify savings. My own service area, Highways, Transport & Recycling have identified savings of £2.6m for this financial year but that will be rolled over towards next year's budget due to available resources and seasonal weather conditions.

School Transformation – A briefing on North Powys High Schools and Primary Schools

Home to School Transport –

Consultation for Empty Properties in Powys to get empty properties back into the housing stock.

Community Library Partnership – a lot of work is being done to retain our libraries but with a focus on co-working with our communities.

Adult Care – a consultation to take place to look at nursing care and residential care going forward and post Covid-19 requirements.

17.9.20 DYFED POWYS POLICE BRIEFING ON COUNTY LINES AND CUCKOOING.

I have posted the briefing via my cllr.heulwen Hulme facebook page but if you would like an emailed copy please let me know.

18.9.20 TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD

All 8 areas have continued during Covid-19 albeit slowed down: Education, Adult Extra Care, Mid Wales Growth Deal, North Powys Wellbeing Programme, Digital, Workforce, Affordable Housing, Integrated Business Planning. We now need to look at the deadlines and continue with Vision 2025.

CABINET 29.9.20

TO APPROVE A DETAILED PAPER ON OUR 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS. THESE INCLUDED USGOL BRO HYDDGEN, MACHYNLLETH, LLANFAIR CAEREINION PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL, LLANFYLLIN CATCHMENT, BRECON CATCHMENT AND YSGOL CALON CYMRU, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PUBLIC HEALTH WALES

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND BOOK YOUR FLU VACCINE IN PLENTY OF TIME.

ABBREVIATIONS:

CCC – CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

PCC – POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

PHW – PUBLIC HEALTH WALES

PTHB – POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD

TTP – TRACK TRACE & PROTECT

WG – WELSH GOVERNMENT

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
- 20/1106/FUL – Change of use to Campsite, Gethin waen, Aberhafesp SY16 3LR.
- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 20/1302/RES – Reserved matters for 5 dwellings at The Garage, Adfa, SY16 3DD
- 20/1296/RES – Reserved matters for 5 dwellings at Minffordd, Adfa SY16 3DB
- 20/1285/FUL – Steel Portal Frame Building, Pant Farm, Adfa SY16 3DF
- 20/1488/FUL – ROOF OVER MANURE STORE, TYCOCH, LLANWYDDELAN SY16 3BT

MANAFON PLANNING

- 20/1448/RES – RESERVED MATTERS FOR 5 DWELLINGS, TREMHIRNANT, MANAFON SY21 8BX
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TREGYNON PLANNING

- 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
- 20/0501/HH – Erection of an extension at Glebelands, Tregynon, SY16 3EH

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