

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

OCTOBER 2021

CABINET 5.10.21

APPROVAL BY CABINET OF THE DRAFT BUSINESS CASE FOR MID WALES GROWTH DEAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO WELSH GOVERNMENT AND UK GOVERNMENT.

Agreeing the Portfolio Business Case today does not guarantee funding for these initial set of programmes/projects. It signifies that these options are to be developed further at the cost/risk of the proposers – and that the GMW Board will review the detail of the proposals as part of their business case development. Other projects can be added to the Portfolio at a later date. The strategic growth themes are: Applied research & innovation, Tourism, Agriculture, Food & Drink, Digital, Transport Connectivity, Employment Skills.

CABINET 12.10.21

The Cabinet approved the proposal to make Ysgol Bro Hyddgen a Welsh medium school starting with reception year September 2022.

CABINET/EMT 5.10.21

A briefing on the Education Improvement including Post Inspection Action Plan progress against recommendations, Key Performance Date, Audit Monitoring Process, Headteacher perception survey and responding to Estyn – findings on leadership.

12.10.21

A budget workshop briefing on the current budget including inflation, budget pressures including loss of income and additional costs associated with Covid, transformation and service savings.

19.10.21

A briefing on Financial forecast as at 30.9.21 across all services within the authority. A review of the Audit Wales report on the authorities scrutiny arrangements, its function, role and composition.

TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD 11.10.21

An update from senior officers on the delivery of projects within Affordable Housing, Mid Wales Growth Deal, Extra Care, Digital Powys, Integrated Business Planning, Workforce Futures

HEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENT – CAEREINION HIGH SCHOOL ALL THROUGH SCHOOL

Interviews are scheduled for 1 & 2 November 2021. The new name of the dual stream school will be Ysgol Bro Caereinion.

ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT – LAUNCHED 13.10.21

The Toolkit has a simple aim: to help get more children and families walking and cycling to school. It sets out to do this by providing people who want to make a difference, be they teachers, parents, governors, local councillors or other responsible members of a school community, with the evidence and arguments needed to convince others that active travel to school is good for children, parents and the wider community. It also provides them with practical suggestions, examples of good practice and signposts to further advice and support. For more information : #activetravelschool or #ysgolteithiollesol

INTERGRATED BUSINESS PLANNING PRESENTATIONS

During October all Service areas gave presentations on Workforce, Economy & Digital, Property Public Protection and Planning, Highways Transport & Recycling, Finance, Adult Services, Housing & Community Development, Children's Services, Legal, Transformation. Each service identified their objectives, risks and financial pressures.

ECONOMY RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY 18.10.21

Highways, Transport & Recycling were scrutinized by the panel on the current and future pressures, service underspends, cost reductions, Welsh government funding, capital budget and programme completion to date. We also had a briefing on accommodation for Asylum seekers in Powys.

Total number of meetings attended = 28 All 4 community councils met either virtually or face to face.

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS
- 21/1295/FUL – Steel portal bdlg to cover manure store. Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd, SY16 3JD
- 21/1757/VAR – Removal of Section 106. Ty Newydd, Glanynant, Aberhafesp SY16 3HB.
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 21/0322/OUT- 1 dwelling, garage and assoc. works at Argae Fields, New Mills SY16 3NG
- 21/0453/RES – Single dwelling & access at land adjoining the garage, Adfa SY16 3DD
- 21/1518/FUL – Change of use of land for siting 2 Shepherd Huts. B. Lloyd SY16 3NS
- 21/1787/FUL – Vehicular access to serve dwelling, Plot 6, land adjacent to The Garage, Adfa SY16 3DD

MANAFON PLANNING

- 21/1587/RES – Reserved matters for 5 dwellings SW Tremhirnant, SY21 8BX
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TREGYNON PLANNING

- 19/1633/REM – Section 73/ Conditions at Dolycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY
- 21/1741/HH – Single storey extension, 3 Tan Y Eglwys, Tregynon SY16 3EZ (re-submitted)
- 21/1745/HH – Dropped kerb (retrospective) Tithe Barn, Tregynon, SY16 3EL

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