

# REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEUWEN D HULME FOR RHIWCYNON WARD AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, RCYCLING AND COUNTYSIDE SERVICES.

**JANUARY 2022**

## **CABINET/EMT 4.1.22**

A briefing on the programme of work for the Education Services for 2022. Workforce Planning and implications, which arise in 2022/23 (at a service and corporate level), to support effective decision making which takes account of the workforce implications identified by Heads of Service.. Local government procurement strategy and a campaign to get more Powys Businesses registered on Sell to Wales register. To agree the age limit when completing local authority petitions. An update on how the adults domiciliary care is being managed during a period of high demand. A campaign to recruit more carers will be escalated.

### **11.1.22**

An update on how the authority is delivering Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV). A briefing on the Community Wellbeing in Powys post pandemic and the impact it has done on all residents and communities. To consider a report post Education in Regional Working (ERW) through professional learning. To approve the updated Welsh in Education Strategy Plan for 2022/23.

### **25.1.22**

To consider a report on bringing empty properties back into the rental/sale market both in rural and urban communities and to provide smaller accommodation for single people.

### **31.1.22**

To consider a report on the tax status of second homes in the County which is currently and an extra 50% on the standard rate.

## **COUNCIL TAX SCAM ALERT**

Scam callers have been ringing some Powys residents and advising them that they have a credit on their council tax. The person being contacted is then asked to confirm their name and address. And is told they will get another call from a bank to arrange a refund to their nominated account. These calls are not being made by Powys County Council staff! If anyone needs to check if such a call is genuine, they should contact us:

- **Phone:** 01597 827463 (office opening hours 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday)  
**Email:** [revenues@powys.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@powys.gov.uk)

If you receive a cold call:

- Don't give out any of your personal details. Don't give out any of your bank details Don't let on that you live alone

You can report fraud or cybercrime to Action Fraud online, at any time:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime> Or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm.

## **BUDGET 22/23**

The first briefing of the 22/23 Council Budget has taken place and we have received an increase this year of 9.4% £18374m and the total for 22/23 is £210,257m however we have been advised that the settlement will not be as favourable for 23/24 and 24/25. The settlement is based on data e.g. population, number of pupils, free school meals, and the number of benefit claimants we have. All these stats have increased and hence the improved settlement.

## **MID WALES GROWTH DEAL**

The signing of the final deal agreement between Ceredigion and Powys County Councils was signed 13.1.22. It marks the commitment of all partners to deliver the MWGD bringing a combined investment of £110 from Westminster

and Welsh Government. This will see investment Digital Connectivity, Energy, Tourism, Food and Agriculture, Research and Development and Skills.

### **COVID 19 VACCINATION IN POWYS AS AT 11.1.22**

74% of adults in Powys have received their booster. This is the strongest performing Health Board across Wales. 66.8% of 12-15 years olds have received their first dose and 73% of 16-17 years olds have received their 2 doses.

### **TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD 17.1.22**

An update on the delivery of Independent living/extra care accommodation in Welshpool, Ystradgynlais which are on schedule and a pre application consultation is in for the Brecon site. The need for this type of accommodation has been hugely highlighted following a 56% increase in the last 20 years of residents who are 80 years +.

### **MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT – SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION 19.1.22**

A briefing to all members of council regarding post 16 education in Powys and the setting up of a North & South Powys Operational Management Boards feeding into the Strategic Management Board to provide a strategy of how we provide 6<sup>th</sup> form education in Powys through working collaboratively with more than 1 school and providing on line education as well.

### **CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING 20.1.22**

A briefing on the number of looked after children in both our own care facilities and with foster carers. We saw statistics on visits completed within statutory timescales and child exploitation with the aim of monitoring and understanding the needs of these children ensuring they are "SAFE". Also information about violence against children and young people and how we provide intervention and prevention.

### **FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS 29.1.22**

An excellent presentation by Dyfed Powys Police on company/business fraud – reviewing internal policies for fraud and crime, protecting witnesses, whistle blowers and having a stringent internal investigation process.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN JANUARY – 30 AND ALL 4 COMMUNITY COUNCILS MET.

### **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 bldg to cover manure store. Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd, SY16 3JD
- 21/1757/VAR – Removal of Section 106. Ty Newydd, Glanynant, Aberhafesp SY16 3HB.
- 21/2202/FUL – Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling and associated works. Swyn Y Gwynt, Aberhafesp, SY16 3JL
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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
- 21/2090/TEL – 15m lattice tower and 3 no. antennas – Land at Tycoch, Llanwyddelan SY16 3BT
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- MANAFON PLANNING
- 21/2082/FUL – Erection of a dwelling at Upper Glyn, Manafon SY21 8BS
- 21/2097/FUL – Erection of a gym building, Caenant, Manafon SY21 0DG
- 21/2242/FUL – Erection of log cabin, treatment plant and associated works at Lower House Farm, Manafon SY21 8BJ
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- TREGYNON PLANNING
- 19/1633/REM – Section 73/ Conditions at Dolycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY
- 21/2135/FUL – Change of land use Glebelands, Tregynon SY16 3EH

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