

**WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **COUNTY COUNCIL** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2021** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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# AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.
3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY 2021 5 - 16
5. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:-
  - 5.1 REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2023/24 17 - 88
  - 5.2 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (COUNCIL FUND) - 2021/22 TO 2025/26 89 - 132
  - 5.3 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2021/22 TO 2023/24 AND HOUSING RENT SETTING FOR 2021/22 REVENUE AND CAPITAL 133 - 158
  - 5.4 THE CARMARTHENSHIRE HOMES STANDARD PLUS (CHS+) BUSINESS PLAN 2021-24 159 - 228
  - 5.5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2021-22 229 - 278
6. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY 2021 279 - 284
7. NOTICES OF MOTION (NONE RECEIVED)
8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-
  - 8.1 QUESTION BY MR M. REED TO COUNCILLOR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS

“Is Councillor Campbell happy with the progress that has been made by the Dyfed Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels in accordance with the Councils motion passed at the meeting on the 9th of October 2019 calling on the Fund to divest completely from fossil fuels within two years and to reinvest in local renewable energy projects?”
  - 8.2 QUESTION BY MS. J MANSFIELD TO COUNCILLOR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS

“Please could you itemise what progress has been made this year towards the goal of Carbon Neutrality for the Authority by 2030 and also indicate what progress is in the pipeline for the coming year towards the carbon neutral goal?”

**8.3 QUESTION BY MR P. HUGHES TO COUNCILLOR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“I was so pleased to see Carmarthenshire County Council declare a Climate Emergency in 2019.

As part of the budget debate I would like to ask how much has been invested in renewable energy generation by the Council since the declaration of the Climate Emergency of 20/2/19?”

**8.4 QUESTION BY MR G. PARKER TO COUNCILLOR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“The Budget Digest 2020/21 published 1/2/21, made no mention of new renewable energy installations in the 5 year budget, which could help the Council meet its Net Zero Carbon Plan by 2030.

The entire energy requirements of the Council, 20GWh electricity and 44GWh heating per year, could be provided renewably by investing in solar panels with battery backup installed on buildings and carparks where the energy is used, for self-consumption only, at a cost of around £41m, fully funded by interest free Government Salix loans, at no cost to Carmarthenshire’s Council Tax payers.

The Salix loans would be paid back over 8 years through energy savings. Then all energy would be free of charge to the Council, saving £4.8m / year, which could be used to provide better services to the community.

Details and calculations available at:

<https://www.carmarthenshireenergy.org/YSG/PublicFiles/media/CCC/RenewableEnergyInvestment.pdf>

Question: Why is the Council not taking advantage of this ideal opportunity to become self-sufficient in renewable energy?”

**8.5 QUESTION BY MS. C. STRANGE TO COUNCILLOR C. CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Has Council considered using the "Climate Action Plan for Councils" published by Friends of the Earth as an aid to the Covid recovery programme? The guide aims to create a green, fair, equitable recovery whilst also taking into account the Climate and Ecological Emergency. It contains 46 recommendations relevant to Wales.

please see:-

<https://climate.friendsoftheearth.uk/sites/files/climate/documents/2020-06/Climate%20Action%20Plan%20for%20councils%20June%202020.pdf>”

**8.6 QUESTION BY DR T. LAXTON TO COUNCILLOR C. CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“I have been dismayed by the apparent backsliding on the commitment for the Pension Fund to divest from investment in fossil fuels:

Can you please tell me how much has been invested in the Councils' fleet of vehicles since the declaration of the Climate Emergency and how much of this has been for electric or other non-fossil fuel vehicles? Can you reassure me that with Council vehicles at least, great progress has been made and we are not being left behind other Councils such as Swansea, and also, much of Europe.”

**9. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (NONE RECEIVED)**

**10. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION (AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE)**

**10.1 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 27TH JANUARY 2021**

**10.2 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY - 28TH JANUARY 2021**

**10.3 ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 1ST FEBRUARY 2021**

**10.4 COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 2ND FEBRUARY 2021**

**10.5 POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 3RD FEBRUARY 2021**

**10.6 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 4TH FEBRUARY 2021**

**10.7 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 11TH FEBRUARY 2021**