

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 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, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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 14TH JULY, 2021 7 - 14
5. CWM ENVIRONMENTAL LTD - SHORT TERM FUNDING REQUIREMENT 15 - 18
6. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
 - 6.1 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 19 - 82
7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE 26TH JULY, 2021 83 - 86
8. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-
 - 8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DERYK CUNDY

We propose that Carmarthenshire Council agrees:

In order to prevent the serious backlog of both planning applications and planning enforcements accruing in the future and to make the Planning Service fit for purpose and to prevent the acknowledged risk to our Regeneration plans that we:

1. Strengthen our Scrutiny and Risk Management Processes, Procedures and Reporting by fully implementing the recommendations from the reports from the Welsh Audit Office "Review of Risk Management Arrangements – Carmarthenshire County Council – July 2019" and "Review of Planning Services – Carmarthenshire County Council – July 2021".
2. That the Internal report into the Planning Department, "Strategic Review of the Planning Service' be made available for scrutiny by all Councillors and prior to the Audit Committee meeting of the 24th of September.
3. That a Plan to resolve the current backlog of the many hundreds of applications and even more hundreds of enforcements as well as making the Planning Department Service fit for purpose to allow us to meet our Regeneration targets in a timely manner, is presented to this Chamber at our next County Council meeting by the Interim Head of Planning.

4. That the practice of using private companies to clear the backlog of planning applications ceases and is brought in house.
5. That an adequate budget is set to provide for any change required to provide for an effective and sustainable service provision of the Planning Department.
6. Calls on the Chair of the Planning Committee to publish a monthly report indicating the current state of awaiting applications and enforcements.

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GLYNOG DAVIES

Council notes that the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 is infecting children and young people at an unprecedented rate, yet schools in Wales have reopened with no remedial mechanisms in place to protect pupils and staff.

As it's an airborne virus, ventilation and clean air is key in the battle against SARS-CoV-2, as recognised by the *Joint Union Guide to Improving Ventilation in Schools and Colleges* (Sept 2021) and the Welsh Government strategy to provide CO2 monitoring equipment. However, monitors are not a solution to poor ventilation: they just indicate that there is a problem and remedial action should be taken.

This council notes that the ozone technology proposed by the Welsh Government, for which £3.3m funding was allocated, has been put on hold following safety concern by medical experts. We also note HSE advice that the most suitable equipment for use in rooms with poor ventilation are:

- High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters which are no less than 99.97% efficient at capturing human-generated viral particles associated with SARS-CoV-2 (*Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; Ventilation in Buildings; update 2 June 2021.*) and:
- Ultraviolet-based devices

This council therefore calls on Welsh Government to urgently consider approving, tendering and funding UV-C and /or HEPA units, as recommended by the HSE and validated as being appropriate and safe for use by the WHO, The Lancet and other leading medical authorities and publications.

8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR TINA HIGGINS

“Many residents in the county have noticed the advent of the “boy racer” who not only tears along the streets of Carmarthenshire, but also have loud or popping exhausts. The problem is a multi-agency matter, not just a matter of the police holding the key to solve the problem.

Since 2019, the Department for Transport have been trialling cameras in various parts of the UK. The cameras work much like a

normal speed camera but instead of calculating speed, they use a microphone to judge the amount of noise coming from a vehicle. Should a car be too loud, it will trigger the camera to take a photo and automated number plate recognition (ANPR) will clock the registration plate and ensure that a penalty is sent to the registered address of the offending owner.

We propose that Carmarthenshire County Council investigate the possibility of installing acoustic cameras in the problem areas of Carmarthenshire.”

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).

10. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:-

10.1 QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR DAI THOMAS TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

In August Wales Audit published a report on the County Council's Planning Department. Can the Leader outline the work of this administration in relation to the response to the contents of the report?

11. TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES:-

11.1 THE INDEPENDENT GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR ARWEL DAVIES TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR ANTHONY DAVIES ON THE POLICY AND RESOURCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

12.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24TH JUNE 2021

12.2 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 29TH JULY, 2021

12.3 PLANNING COMMITTEE -19TH AUGUST, 2021

12.4 COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 1ST JULY, 2021

12.5 COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 9TH AUGUST, 2021

12.6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 2ND JULY, 2021

12.7 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 7TH JULY, 2021

12.8 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 8TH JULY, 2021

12.9 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 12TH JULY. 2021

12.10 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 13TH JULY, 2021

12.11 MEMBER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - 14TH JULY 2021

12.12 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT - 16TH JULY, 2021

**12 .13 POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 21ST
JULY, 2021**