

WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2022

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, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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A G E N D A

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 19TH JANUARY 2022. 7 - 16
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10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-
 - 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DARREN PRICE:
‘Planning Issues relating to housing developers
 Council notes that a number of developers have built housing estates within Carmarthenshire to an unsatisfactory finish. Some developers are regularly subject to planning enforcement action by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and it seems that there are always outstanding issues relating to their sites.

Issues such as unfinished roads and pavements, lack of street lighting, unsatisfactory drainage on site in breach of planning permission, poor site management and noise pollution during construction, destruction of ecology during construction, damage to public highway drainage systems and back tracking on S.106 agreements are just some examples which result in the local authority or householders facing additional costs.

Despite the significant concern and frustration of local communities, the developers concerned continue to be granted planning permission for new sites.

Council notes that LPAs are currently not allowed to take into account a developer's past record when assessing a planning application and must judge each application on its own merits.

Council further notes that Section 106 contributions play a key role in mitigating some of the pressures brought about by new housing developments. However, once permission is granted, viability reports may be put forward by developers claiming substantial increased costs or reduced estimated market value for housing. As a result it is sometimes agreed to reduce or even scrap the initial Section 106 agreement in full in order to protect the financial viability of the development. As a result, communities miss out on vital contribution to amenities and support for first time home buyers.

Council believes:

That an LPA should have the power to refuse new planning applications by a developer until all outstanding obligations and valid complaints relating to current or past sites have been discharged or resolved fully.

That an LPA should also be granted powers to refuse a planning application if it believes, based on past evidence, that a developer would be unlikely to complete a housing development to the agreed standard, as set out in the planning application.

Council calls on the Welsh Government:

1. To introduce legislative changes which would allow LPAs to take into account a developer's record as a 'material planning consideration'.
2. To prohibit developers from challenging previously agreed S.106 contributions on grounds of 'financial viability'.

10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LIAM BOWEN:

'This Council declared a Climate Emergency in February 2019 and

has made a commitment to becoming a net zero carbon local authority by 2030. Steps have been taken across our fleet, buildings and across the county to tackle climate change and we are on track to achieve our targets.

The Welsh Parliament became one of the first parliaments in the world to declare a Nature Emergency in 2021.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to further its commitment by declaring a Nature Emergency and establishing a Cross Party Advisory Panel to support this authority's approach to climate change and nature emergency and incorporate the adoption of the Edinburgh Declaration.'

10 .3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES:

'That this Council

- 1) Welcomes the increase in the Local Government Revenue Settlement which will see Carmarthenshire County Council's funding allocation increase by 9.2% in 2022/23.
- 2) Agrees with the Leader of this Council when he recently said: *"I very much welcome this settlement from Welsh Government, which is one of the best councils will have seen for a long time. It is testament to the constructive and regular dialogue which has been had with ministers and wider Members of the Senedd, which has certainly been appreciated by council leaders."*
- 3) Supports the Welsh Government's determination to protect local government services as much as possible despite its own budget being £3bn lower by 2024/25 than it would have otherwise been had it increased in line with the economy since 2010/11.
- 4) And subsequently regrets that the Conservative UK Government continues to underfund public services, in general, and those in Wales in particular, and agree that all this Council's Political Group Leaders jointly write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging him to restore funding to Welsh Government to at least the real terms equivalent of its 2010 level.'

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).

12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (NONE RECEIVED).

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

- 13 .1 THE INDEPENDENT GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR GILES MORGAN TO FILL ITS VACANT SEATS ON APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 'A' AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 'B'.**
- 14. TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO COUNCIL'S ADVISORY PANELS:-**
- 14 .1 THE INDEPENDENT GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS TO FILL ITS VACANCY ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP;**
- 14 .2 THE INDEPENDENT GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR GILES MORGAN TO FILL ITS VACANCY ON THE PAY POLICY ADVISORY PANEL.**
- 15. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION (AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE)**
- 15 .1 EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23RD DECEMBER, 2021;**
- 15 .2 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6TH JANUARY, 2022;**
- 15 .3 POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 14TH JANUARY, 2022;**
- 15 .4 SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 26TH JANUARY, 2022.**