

**WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2023**

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

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND THE **MULTI LOCATION MEETING OF CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN, SA31 1JP AND REMOTELY AT 10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

*Wendy Walters*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**THE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED ON THE AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK:-**

<https://carmarthenshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Wendy Walters Prif Weithredwr, *Chief Executive*,  
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*County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP*

# AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.
3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (IF ANY)
5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 5 - 10
6. ESTYN INSPECTION OF CARMARTHENSHIRE'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES 11 - 34
7. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 ("THE ACT")-COMMUNITY REVIEW 35 - 54
8. POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2023 55 - 64
9. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:-
  - 9.1 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 2022-2023 65 - 80
10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 81 - 86
11. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION:-
  - 11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR LINDA EVANS AND EDWARD THOMAS

"Council notes that the fflecsi Bwcabus service has been operating for 14 years providing a vital opportunity to travel by public transport in some of the most rural areas of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

Council expresses its disappointment with the Welsh Government announcement that the service will end on the 31st October 2023, which will be a significant blow to our rural communities.

Council is dismayed that Welsh Government secured replacement buses for these services as recently as July 2023.

Council recognises the unique challenges faced by rural communities in accessing public transport and reaffirms its commitment to work to improve public and community

transport services across the county.

Council calls on the Welsh Government to review its decision, to work with local authorities in West Wales, and provide funding in order to develop a sustainable public and community transport system which can support and connect our rural communities. In the meantime we call on Welsh Government to continue with the Flexi Bwcabus until an alternative service is in operation for our rural areas.”

**12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).**

**13. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:-**

**13.1 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR RUSSELL SPARKS TO COUNCILLOR LINDA EVANS, DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES**

“Could you please advise me of the progress being made towards decarbonising our housing stock in light of the climate emergency declaration of 2019 and this council’s commitment to a better future for our children. Specifically what are your major obstacles to achieving ‘net zero’ in relation to the council housing stock which will ultimately help reduce bills for residents given the ongoing cost of living crisis?”

**13.2 QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES TO COUNCILLOR DARREN PRICE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

“Artificial Intelligence is a transformative technology that is being used throughout the Private and Public Sectors nationally and globally and is playing an improving and progressive role. My question comes in two parts:

Firstly: What steps are Carmarthenshire County Council currently taking regarding Artificial Intelligence to ensure that this Council keeps up with key trends and developments and that it draws on the best practice other Local Authorities and Public Sector Organisations in the U.K. are implementing and innovating on.

Secondly: Looking to the future; how is this Council aiming to maximise the benefits of Artificial Intelligence so that viable opportunities and practices can be engaged, whilst also recognising, and dealing with the challenges this technology will undoubtedly raise as it progresses.”

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

**14 .1 DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**14 .2 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**14 .3 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**14 .4 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023**

**14 .5 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023**