

# CABINET

**MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D. Price (Chair)

**Councillors (In Person):**

G. Davies	H.A.L. Evans	L.D. Evans	P.M. Hughes
A.C. Jones	A. Lenny	J. Tremlett	

**Councillors (Virtually):**

E.G. Thomas	A. Vaughan Owen
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**Observer (Virtually):**

Councillor D. Cundy

**Also Present (In Person):**

W. Walters, Chief Executive  
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services  
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services  
A. Williams, Director of Place and Infrastructure  
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services  
O. Lloyd, Director of Education, Children & Family Services  
S. Murphy, Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services  
I. Jones, Head of Leisure  
J. Jones, Acting Head of Integrated Services  
J. Martin, Social Services and Wellbeing Act Implementation Manager  
C. Higginson, Media Manager  
Ll. Jenkins, Cabinet Support Officer  
R. Morris, Members Support Officer  
J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer

**Also Present (Virtually):**

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator  
D. Hall-Jones, Member Support Officer

**Chamber - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP and remotely - 10.00 - 10.12 am**

[Note: At the commencement of the meeting the Chair referred to the Director of Education and Children's Services forthcoming retirement and extended the Cabinet's best wishes for his sterling contribution to the Council. The Chair also welcomed his successor, Mr. Owain Lloyd, to the meeting and extended their best wishes in his new role].

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interests.

## **3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be signed as a correct record.

## **4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS**

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

## **6. DIRECT PAYMENTS POLICY**

The Cabinet considered the Council's Direct Payment policy which proposed revisions to reflect changes in circumstances. The scheme enabled eligible individuals to purchase the care and support required to meet their own well-being needs and therefore offered more choice, control, and flexibility to people who would traditionally rely on others to arrange their care and assistance.

A review of the policy had commenced to reflect that the local authority had commenced its own in-house support scheme in 2021 and therefore no longer utilised Diverse Cymru to support the management of direct payments. Additional amendments were also recommended for approval in order to provide greater detail and clarity in respect of the eligibility, criteria and arrangements for the provision of direct payments, as detailed within the report.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the amended Direct Payments Policy be approved.

## **7. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972.**

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

## **8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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**9. BURRY PORT HARBOUR - UPDATE AND FUTURE OPTIONS**

**Following the application of the public interest test it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute Item 8 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as disclosure could undermine the council's positions in any ongoing and future negotiations regarding the Harbour, to the detriment of the public purse.**

The Cabinet considered a report which provided an update on the current position at Burry Port Harbour, following tenants Burry Port Marina Ltd (BPML) going into administration, and set out possible future options.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**

- 9.1 that the current position at Burry Port Harbour be noted;**
- 9.2 to progress with option 3.3 detailed within the report, whereby Carmarthenshire County Council partners with a reputable 3<sup>rd</sup> party operator (Milford Haven Port Authority) as soon as legally possible, to develop and sustain the harbour.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**

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