

To: Members of the Cabinet

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 January 2025 (copy enclosed).

5 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INTERIM STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK FOR NORTH EAST WALES (Pages 15 - 22)

To consider a report by Councillor Alan James, Lead Member for Local Development and Planning (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet approval of the draft interim statement on the authority's response to the current consultation on the National Park Proposal.

6 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2023/24 (Pages 23 - 44)

To consider a report by Councillor Julie Matthews, Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities (copy enclosed) presenting the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter for consideration and seeking Cabinet's agreement to report back to the PSOW on any considerations and proposed actions as a result of the Annual Letter.

7 UPDATE OF CONTRACT PROCEDURES RULES (Pages 45 - 124)

To consider a report by Councillor Julie Matthews, Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities (copy enclosed) detailing the changes to the Contract Procedure Rules to align with the Procurement Act 2023 to enable continuation of compliant procurement across the Council.

8 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (PPA) - REPORT AND RESPONSE (Pages 125 - 158)

To consider a report by Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet's review and approval of the Council's statutory response to the PPA report and actions it intends to take and recommendation of the same to Council for approval.

9 COUNCIL BUDGET 2025/26 (Pages 159 - 210)

To consider a report by Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet's support of the proposals to set a balanced budget for 2025/26 prior to Council on 20 February 2025.

10 FINANCE REPORT (Pages 211 - 226)

To consider a report by Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets (copy enclosed) detailing the latest financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy.

11 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 227 - 230)

To receive the enclosed Cabinet Forward Work Programme and note the contents.

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business because it is likely that exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

12 AWARD OF THE REGIONAL NORTH WALES DOMICILIARY CARE AGREEMENT (Pages 231 - 286)

To consider a joint confidential report by Councillors Elen Heaton, Lead Member for Health and Social Care and Diane King, Lead Member for Education, Children and Families (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet approval to award the Regional North Wales Domiciliary Care Agreement as set out in the report following the completion of an Open Invitation to Tender for the provision of Domiciliary Care to Adults and to Children and Young People.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Gwyneth Ellis
Councillor Elen Heaton
Councillor Alan James
Councillor Diane King
Councillor Julie Matthews

Councillor Jason McLellan
Councillor Barry Mellor
Councillor Rhys Thomas
Councillor Emrys Wynne

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