SUBJECT: OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEMES

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ALL

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR P. MURPHY

PURPOSE

To appraise Members of two new rate relief schemes funded by the Welsh Government and To seek confirmation that Members accept the conditions of the grant offer made by the Welsh Government.

DECISION:

That the Cabinet Member endorses the decision to accept the grant offer and conditions of two new rate relief schemes announced by Welsh Government.

REASONS:

The Welsh Government has recently announced two new business rate relief schemes, effective from 1st October 2013.

The first scheme, “Open for Business” is focussed on bringing long term empty properties back into use and the second, “The New Developments Scheme” is intended to be an incentive to encourage construction and development in Wales. Councils are urged to implement these schemes as promptly as is practical.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Authority is reimbursed in full for any relief given under these schemes. No grant will be paid to cover the administrative costs of implementing the schemes but it is anticipated that the number of applications will be low so the costs will be minimal and manageable within current budget.

CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team, Cabinet Members, Head of Legal Services, Head of Finance.

INTEREST DECLARED:

Nil.

AUTHOR:

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SIGNATURE:

In taking this decision, I declare that I have no personal interest as defined under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members

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County Councillor P. Murphy

Date: 15th January 2014
SUBJECT: CORPORATE ACCOUNTANCY & BUSINESS SUPPORT TEAM STAFFING REVISIONS

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: N/A

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR P. MURPHY

PURPOSE

1. To agree the £100,000 savings from Corporate Accountancy and Business Support function, as part of 2014-15 budget setting mandate 29 – CEO Efficiencies and Restructuring £595,000.

2. The proposal requires deletion of posts RFN15 and RFN31.

3. Original proposals also involved the deletion of RFN30, on the basis that there would be economies of scale in the financial support of ex-CEO functions consequential to them being absorbed within other structures. Presently, given a better understanding of proposals, it is felt more prudent to derive the extent of this saving from vacancies than from formal deletion of this position, until the new structures are bedded in and the situation can be evaluated more fully.

DECISION:

That the posts be deleted from the structure from 1st April 2014 as part of the requirements to establish a balanced budget for 2014-15 onwards.
REASONS:

1. The team has committed to finding £100,000 savings, as part of 2014-15 budget setting mandate 29 – CEO Efficiencies and Restructuring £595,000.

2. The proposal to delete the positions RFN015 and RFN031 will achieve savings of circa £64k, the remaining £36k saving will be found from £7k miscellaneous costs and the part vacancy savings from keeping either RFN030 (£32k pa.) or RFN016 (£28k pa.) vacant, depending upon the upshot of wider Chief Executive Office restructures.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

1. The budget saving of £100,000 will be achieved by deleting 2 posts and not funding a third post.

2. The two individuals whose substantive posts will be affected have been notified, as has the third potential person whose substantive post is RFN30. There may be a potential redundancy cost to consider however redeployment opportunities will be sought and staff affected will be given the necessary support and encouragement to apply for the vacant roles in the team that they have been acting up into.

CONSULTEES:

SLT
Cabinet
Head of Personnel
Head of Finance
Finance Managers – Corporate Accounts
Finance Manager – Directorate Accounts
Directorate Accounts Team
Individuals affected

INTEREST DECLARED:

Nil.
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Signed: .................................................................
County Councillor P. Murphy

Date: 15th January 2014
SUBJECT: POST RE-EVALUATION – IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT OFFICER

DIVISION/WARD AFFECTED: NONE

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR P.A. FOX

PURPOSE
To seek approval to implement the re-evaluated salary for post id CPP25, to reflect the permanent increase in role and responsibility.

DECISION:
The executive member, responsible for performance, approves the implementation of the re-evaluated salary for post id, CPP25 improvement support officer, to reflect the permanent change to role and responsibility.

REASONS:
Monmouthshire County Council operates a job evaluation scheme and protection of employment policy that provides the process for permanent changes to job roles and responsibilities to be managed. These processes will be followed to implement the required change to the establishment.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The grade of the role being undertaken has already been subject to job evaluation and equates to SCP 37 – 41.

The resource implications equate to £7,972, the difference between existing salary point and revised salary point, and this additional cost will be funded from the remaining improvement budget.

DECISION DETERMINED ON: 15TH JANUARY 2014

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 24TH JANUARY 2014

(Subject to “Call-in” by appropriate Select Committee)
CONSULTEES:

Chief Executive, Human Resources.

INTEREST DECLARED:

Nil.

AUTHOR:

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County Councillor P.A. Fox

Date: 15\textsuperscript{th} January 2014
SUBJECT: 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT - LLANFAIR KILGEDDIN

DIVISION/WARD AFFECTED: BRYN Y CWM, LLANOVER

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR S.B. JONES

PURPOSE

To consider the proposed Order subsequent to representations received following advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1994.

DECISION:

Not to hold an inquiry into the proposal and to approve the proposed Order as consulted and advertised upon to implement the Order.

REASONS:

The new Traffic Regulation Order is desirable to provide a more appropriate speed limit through Llanfair Kilgeddin and enhance the level of road safety for all highway users.

Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 enables the Council to hold a public inquiry into the proposal if there are unresolved objections. The purpose of such an inquiry would be for the proposal to be explained and subjected to examination; and for the public to be given the opportunity to make their views known. Should a public inquiry be held then it would not be possible for it to be implemented for at least six months.
Officers consider that in view of the fact that no objections have been received as set out in the report, that the Council’s proposals do not warrant the holding of any inquiry.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The costs of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, road markings and signage are being funded by Monmouthshire County Council and are included in the current road safety and traffic management programme.

**CONSULTEES:**
Senior Leadership Team
County Councillor B Jones, Cabinet Member for County Operations
County Councillor Mrs S Jones.

**INTEREST DECLARED:**
Nil.

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Signed: 
County Councillor S.B. Jones

Date: 15th January 2014
SUBJECT: 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT B4598 AT LLANFAIR KILGEDDIN

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: BRYN Y CWM LLANOVER

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR S.B. JONES

PURPOSE

To consider the proposed Order subsequent to representations received following advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1994.

DECISION:

Not to hold an inquiry into the proposal and to approve the proposed Order as consulted and advertised upon to implement the Order.

REASONS:

The new Traffic Regulation Order is desirable to provide a more appropriate speed limit on the B4598 adjacent to the school at Llanfair Kilgeddin and enhance the level of road safety for all highway users in particular those using the main junction of the B4598 with Llanover Road (R53).

Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 enables the Council to hold a public inquiry into the proposal if there are unresolved objections. The purpose of such an inquiry would be for the proposal to be explained and subjected to examination; and for the public to be given the opportunity to make their views known. Should a public inquiry be held then it would not be possible for it to be implemented for at least six months.
Officers consider that in view of the fact that the objections received have been considered and addressed as set out in the report, that the Council's proposals do not warrant the holding of any inquiry.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The costs of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, road markings and signage are being funded by Monmouthshire County Council and are included in the current road safety and traffic management programme.

CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team, County Councillor B Jones, Cabinet Member for County Operations, County Councillor Mrs S Jones, Llanover Community Council.

INTEREST DECLARED:
Nil.

AUTHOR:

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County Councillor S.B. Jones

Date: 15th January 2014
SUBJECT: SALE OF OPEN SPACE LAND AT FORMER ROGIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIVISION//WARD AFFECTED: ROGIET

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISION: COUNTY COUNCILLOR P. MURPHY

PURPOSE

To seek approval to sell open space land for development at the former Rogiet Primary School, Rogiet.

DECISION:

That the open space land at the former Rogiet Primary School, Rogiet, as shown edged red on the plan attached to the report at Appendix 1, be sold for development pursuant to section 233 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

REASONS:

The Land is no longer required for Education purposes and it is regarded as surplus land. The sale of the Land will facilitate the development of the Land and the generation of a capital receipt.

It is anticipated the sale will enable housing including some affordable housing to be developed on the Land.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost to the Authority in undertaking this process other than legal fees and the placement of advertisements. These are estimated at less than £2,000.

CONSULTEES:

Strategic Leadership Team, Cabinet Members, Select Committee Chair, Local ward member – Councillor Linda Guppy, Head of Legal Service, Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of Education, Estates and Sustainability Manager.

INTEREST DECLARED:
Nil.

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   County Councillor P. Murphy

Date: 15th January 2014