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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 387 – 391

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 19 March, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	J. Lovell
M. V. Davies	W. E. Skinner
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, J. P. Hart

387. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. Evans.

388. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**389. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW)
ANNUAL REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 192, members were circulated with the Annual Report 2025/26 received from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) stating the Panel's Annual Report final recommendations dated February 2025 in regard to the councillors' remuneration framework should be implemented in the financial year 2025/26. This was the Panel's last annual report before its functions transferred over to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru from 1 April, 2025.

Members' attention was then drawn to the report section confirming the contribution to costs and expenses of members of community and town councils. Members were informed that the council was categorised as a group 1 council under the IRPW's revised categorisation arrangements for the local council sector because its electorate was in excess of 14,000 electors. The Clerk led members through the range of payment options available to group 1 councils confirming both the mandatory and optional payments adopted by the council and to which Minute No. 192 referred.

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During the ensuing discussion members were reminded that the council had decided in November 2023, to discontinue the mandatory set payment of £52 for consumables in preference of members being entitled to claim full reimbursement for the costs of their office consumables on production of paid receipts as prescribed within the remuneration framework.

The IRPW confirmed in regard to Determination 7 of the remuneration framework that all councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3.00 per week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

It was a matter for every member to decide whether they wished to forego any or all the payments adopted by the council and available to them, by notifying the council's Finance Manager on an individual basis.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the final annual report recommendations in regard to the Panel's remuneration framework in relation to the community and town council sector be noted and accepted.

**390. SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN
FEBRUARY 2025**

Members considered draft transport plan documentation received from the South West Wales Regional Transport Plan Team on the future of transport in the South West Wales region and which was currently out for public consultation.

Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot Council, Carmarthenshire County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council were currently working with the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for South West Wales to develop a new Regional Transport Plan for the region. The new Regional Transport Plan would set out what they would do over the next five years to ensure the transport network was reliable, connected, affordable, convenient and accessible. Once adopted the new Plan would replace the existing Joint Local Transport Plan.

The Clerk guided members through the measures outlined in the draft plan delivery document but with particular focus on the measures affecting the Llanelli area and which covered the following areas:

- Active Travel/walking and cycling
- Multi-model schemes
- Rail
- Resilience schemes
- Roads and parking (Regional Transport Plan Delivery)
- Ultra-low Emission Vehicle Schemes
- Regional schemes
- Third Party Schemes

Following discussion of local issues, it was

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RESOLVED that members be encouraged to respond to the online consultation process on an individual basis, should any member wish to highlight any views or observations about the range of measures outlined in the plan.

**391. DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU 2026
REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES**

Further to Minute No. 297, members received correspondence from the Chief Executive, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru in regard to the final determinations for the 2026 review of Senedd constituencies.

The Commission had confirmed the 16 new Senedd constituencies which had been created by pairing the 32 UK parliamentary constituencies in Wales, ensuring that each constituency was contiguous. A new Senedd county constituency named Sir Gaerfyrddin had been created by combining the UK parliamentary constituencies of Carmarthen and Llanelli.

The constituencies would take effect automatically at the 2026 Senedd elections.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.28 p.m.

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The fore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 8 April, 2025, adopted by the Council.