

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**6th JANUARY 2019****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. CCBC**

With the agreement of the Chair, the meeting of the Education & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21/01/20 has been cancelled, as 2 of the reports due are for information only and therefore will be circulated electronically in the Members Briefing and the other report will be submitted to the special meeting of the Education & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14/01/20.

2. Courses/ Workshops/ Training/ Conferences

One Voice Wales will be holding its fourth Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference on Thursday 26th March 2020 at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. These awards are an opportunity for your council to showcase the services it provides for its community and an opportunity for councillors, clerks and staff to receive the recognition they deserve. The entries will be used as an evidence base to inform Welsh Government, Unitary Authorities, the Third Sector and other key partners of the good work local councils are doing in their communities across Wales and how they can possibly support the work of the local council sector in the future. Attached you will find a brochure listing the award categories and details of how you can nominate your council for these prestigious awards together with an application form. An independent panel made up from national representative bodies will undertake the judging of the entries. There will be a shortlist of three nominations in each of the ten categories. Each of the shortlisted Councils for each category will be invited to take part in showcasing their Councils initiative. The three nominated entries in each category will be required to give a 10 minute (maximum) presentation as part of a series of innovative practice sessions, to be held on the day.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in the afternoon of the Conference where the winners and the two runners up will be presented with their awards and certificates. One Voice Wales will also be publishing a post Conference report to be shared with local councils and stakeholder organisations throughout Wales. The closing date for entries is Friday 21 February 2020. A judging panel will be held after this date and the three shortlisted councils for each category will be informed in early March to allow time to prepare for the 10 minute (maximum) presentation in advance of the Conference. Should you have any queries with regard to the 2020 Awards Scheme please get in touch with Shan Bowden, South Wales Development Officer via email at sbowden@onevoicewales.wales I do hope that you will enter your council for an award/s and help One Voice Wales to highlight and promote the innovative practices that take place in local communities throughout Wales.

3. Road Closures

Church Street, entrance to St Mary's Church to parking area at rear of Red Lion House, Conwy.
Welsh Water Work - 13/01/2020, 09:00 – 17:00

4. Consultation Document - Changes to planning and related application fees

Today, a consultation has been issued which seeks views on proposed changes to planning fees.

The consultation proposes amending the existing fee levels for planning and related applications, as well as introducing a fee for Certificates of Appropriate Alternative Development. Details of the consultation can be found on the Welsh Government's consultation pages at <https://gov.wales/changes-planning-and-related-applications-fees?ga=2.233246302.1926474314.1576494937-1869591993.1570433432> Responses to the consultation paper are invited by 13 March 2020.

5. Newsletters

Planning Aid Wales Newsletter

The December newsletter is available at <https://mailchi.mp/7b262f79b158/planning4communities-4011925?e=eabf1edb86>