

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance, Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet makes the following recommendations to County Council on 1 March 2013:-

1. That the 2013/14 Council Fund Revenue Budget Requirement be set at £258,284,539 (which is £1,720,145 below the calculated Standard Spending Assessment) (4.01).
2. That there be a 2.9% increase in Council Tax at Band D and an assumed 97.5% collection rate (4.02).
3. The inclusion of the Outcome Agreement Grant of £1.467m in the budget (4.03).
4. The levels of inflation assumed in the budget (4.05-4.07).
6. That items of non-standard inflation are only allocated out to services when the actual increase in cost is known (4.06).
7. The amounts included in the budget relating to transfers into and out of the settlement (4.08).
8. The inclusion of £3.261m of pressures in the budget (Appendix 5 a-d).

9. That the Council's adopted practice continues that resources to fund new pressures be approved for the purpose set out. Any proposals to vary the use of the sums allocated are to be the subject of a further report to Cabinet (4.09).
10. The inclusion of estimated one-off costs totalling £0.297m in the budget (Appendix 6), to be funded from the contingency reserve.
11. The inclusion of efficiencies of £5.437m in the budget (4.11 and Appendix 7 a-e).
12. That if it should become apparent that achievement of any of the savings (in full or part) is proving to be not as anticipated that this is dealt with corporately, with the Corporate Management Team bringing alternatives to Cabinet for consideration (4.11).
13. That additional income derived from the anticipated collection fund surplus be utilised to fund welfare reform costs and increase the base level of reserves (3.20).

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

Overview and Scrutiny, Business Ratepayers, School Budget Forum, Flintshire Joint Trades Union Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Overview and Scrutiny as set out in the report.

School Budget Forum and Flintshire Joint Trade Union have been updated throughout the process.

No responses received to the formal consultation with business ratepayers.

No objections received from proposals shared with Local Service Board and Regional Partners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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NOTE: In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, this decision is not subject to call in.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance, Director of Community Services,**
Head of Housing

SUBJECT: **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2013/14 AND**
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to approve and recommend to Council:

- I. The proposed HRA budget for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix 1, incorporating the proposals for Service Improvements and Efficiencies in Appendix 2.
- II. The level of rent charges for 2013/14 as set out in paragraphs 3.02 and 3.05.
- III. The level of projected balances at 31st March 2014 at 3.20% of total expenditure.
- IV. The proposed HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation with all tenants over any rent increase must take place and must be at least 28 days before any rent increase is due to come into effect.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation with tenants on the draft budget and proposed rent increase was undertaken at the tenants' conference on 15th January 2013. The Housing Scrutiny committee considered the draft budget proposals at their meeting on 22 January

2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Council has a statutory duty to review the income and expenditure of the HRA, and to set a budget for the forthcoming financial year which avoids a deficit closing balance position. This report sets out how this can be achieved for the Council in 2013/14. The key financial assumptions on which this is proposed are set out in Appendix 2. The proposed budget estimates a closing balance of 3.20% to total expenditure.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance, Chief Executive, Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2022/23**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Taking account of the detail contained in the report to Cabinet on 18th December 2012 and the positive response from Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny, Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council on 1st March that they:

- (a) Note the work that has been undertaken (and continues) to develop a Council Fund Capital Strategy and 10 year capital programme.
- (b) Note the estimated capital funding available over the 10 year period 2013/14 to 2022/23 (as shown in Appendix 1).
- (c) Approve the inclusion in the programme of the core service allocations to the maximum levels shown for 2013/14 (as detailed in Appendix 2), which takes account of the second year funding requirement (and funding through to completion in 2015/16) in respect of those schemes funded from 'headroom' as part of the approved 2012/13 Capital Programme.
- (d) Approve the allocation of resources on the basis of a two year programme (2013/14/15), which provides a net £0.106m available

to meet minor contingencies, as necessary.

- (e) Note the total Council Fund Capital Programme for 2013/14 (as set out in Appendix 3) which includes those schemes funded from specific grants, unsupported (prudential) borrowing and LGBI, over and above the general funding detailed in Appendix 1.
- (f) Note the indicative core programme details for 2014/15 to 2022/23 (as set out in Appendix 2).

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

All Members and Overview & Scrutiny.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

An initial workshop on capital was held on 22nd November 2012 for all Members. A public consultation survey was open between 21st December 2012 and 20th January 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

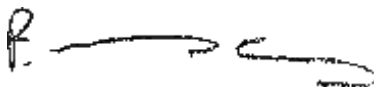
DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2013/14,**
TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT
2013-2016 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES 2013-16

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves and recommends to the Council the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 for approval in conjunction with:-

- Draft Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 – 2016
- Draft Treasury Management Practices 2013 -16.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Arlingclose Limited.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Arlingclose Limited.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

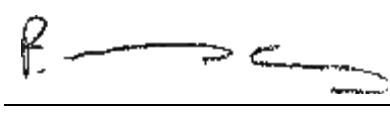
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None directly as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2013/14**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That members approve and recommend to the County Council on 1st March 2013:-

- Option 1 (Regulatory Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2013/14 for all supported borrowing; this represents a continuation of the approved and adopted policy for 2012/13.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2013/14 for all unsupported (prudential) borrowing; this represents a continuation of the approved and adopted policy for 2012/13.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The 2013/14 Council Fund revenue budget provides for the minimum revenue provision in respect of all supported borrowing, on the basis of Option 1 – Regulatory Method calculation.

Any planned use of unsupported (prudential) borrowing, will need to take account of the revenue consequences of the Option 3 – Asset Life Method calculation, as part of the overall options

appraisal and budget setting processes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 FEBRUARY 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LETTER FROM THE
AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To advise Members of the Council's Improvement Assessment letter received from the Auditor General for Wales.

Members to note the report and agree the Council's Executive response.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Senior officers have had input into this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The letter has no direct implication in relation to finance.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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meetings and reporting back to their respective sectors as outlined in 10.00.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are significant financial consequences from the report, and there will be further work carried out to develop a full analysis of the issues.

Payment of future bus revenue grants to TAITH will have implications for TAITH and for the workload of Flintshire County Council, as the host authority. This will be quantified and a revised management charge will be applied to cover management costs.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members:

Approve the list of Contravention Codes and Policies on Residents Permits and Disabled Parking Bays shown in Appendix '1' (Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C').

Approve the 'Off-Street' Parking Policy shown in Appendix '4' and grant delegated authority to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to review the Policy annually and implement any changes, following appropriate consultation.

Approve the Summary Business Case shown in Appendix '5' for submission to WG, as a formal request for CPE powers to be conferred upon Flintshire County Council.

Approve the use of Wales Penalty Processing Partnership {WPPP} to process all Parking Contraventions Notices (PCNs).

To grant delegated authority to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to finalise all detailed aspects of the process, including the matters listed in paragraph 2.09.

Approve the Cabinet Member for Environment, or their nominated substitute, as the Council's representative

on the Adjudication Joint Committee outlined in paragraph 2.07.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

Key stakeholders and Members is an ongoing activity.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Initial report into Executive March 2010.

Update report to Environment Scrutiny Committee, 17 November 2010.

Meetings with staff and other key stakeholders, such as Town & Community Councils.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Civil Parking Enforcement has specific resources of £186k allocated to the project.

Based on Appendix '4' (revised Policy to be introduced on 1st July 2013), and the implementation of CPE on 1st October 2013, the Summary Business Case is set out in Appendix '5'.

Should Members decide to withdraw charges from all of the Council owned car parks, it would leave a £194.75k pressure on the 2013-14 budget proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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NOTE: This matter has already been called in. Following reconsideration of the issue in light of the comments made by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, this is the final decision and is not subject to call in.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

REPORT OF: **Head of ICT and Customer Services, Head of Housing**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE CONNECTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve:

- Progressing Phase 1 of the Flintshire Connects programme;
- That a Flintshire Connects Centre is located on the ground floor of County Offices, Flint, with a proposed opening to the public of February 2014;
- The modular extension to Connah's Quay Library and Learning Centre to deliver a Flintshire Connects Centre, opening to the public in October 2013 and enabling closure of the Connah's Quay Office;
- Authorises lead officers to proceed to design approval and conclude negotiations with North Wales Police and Jobcentre Plus on their proposed occupation of County Offices, Flint;
- Authorises lead officers to proceed with the migration of cash collection services into the Flintshire Connects Centres;
- Authorises lead officers to undertake a consultation period with the local community and stakeholders on proposals for Flintshire Connects Centre at both Flint and Connah's Quay;

- That Cabinet receive an update report on final working arrangements with partners and resulting financial implications.

That Cabinet authorise lead officers to proceed with key activities to explore proposals for Phases 2 and 3 of the Flintshire Connects programme.

That Cabinet authorise lead officers to develop options for Flintshire Connects Customer Service Advisors to offer Flintshire Connects services in outlying and rural areas.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

Subject to Cabinet approval, a Communications Plan will be jointly developed with partner organisations and local stakeholders in both Connah's Quay and Flint to raise awareness of the services and information which will be delivered through the Connects Centres. The feedback received will be considered when developing service delivery options from each of the Connects Centres.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

A regular update on progress with the Connects programme is given to the County Forum, which is the representative forum for Town and Community Councils.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Flintshire Connects Centres, County Offices, Flint

The projected financial implications for Connects Centres at County Offices, Flint and Connah's Quay Library and Learning Centre are summarised in Appendix 5.

It is anticipated that the provision of a Connects Centre at County Offices will be delivered within a cost envelope of £330K capital expenditure. As the

section is to be occupied jointly by the Connects Centre and JobCentre Plus, it is proposed that capital refurbishment costs will be shared between both organisations.

Subject to County Council approval, it is anticipated that the County Council's element of the refurbishment works of County Offices, Flint would be met from the Capital Programme Budget for 2013/14 which has a capital allocation of £500,000 for the provision of Connects Centres.(subject to approval).

North Wales Police will meet the entire capital refurbishment costs of the ground and first floor areas of County Offices they will use solely.

The inclusion of the vacant hair salon as part of the Connects Centre would necessitate re-designation from a non-operational unit, and a loss of rental income of £11,250 per annum; however this is more than offset by partner contributions to revenue costs in County Offices which will provide an overall net efficiency on current running costs.

The County Council will work closely with its partner organisations on the tenure arrangements for County Offices, Flint. It is proposed that the County Council will charge an occupation fee to JobCentre Plus on a pro rata basis determined by the amount of space occupied overall. The County Council will sub-let the ground and first floor areas solely occupied by North Wales Police, who will be responsible for the rent and running costs.

It is anticipated that revenue costs for the ground floor of County Offices, Flint will be circa £16,000 per annum, with revenue contributions from North Wales Police and JobCentre Plus totalling £30,000 per annum. This will represent an annual efficiency saving in the

running costs for the ground floor of County Offices, Flint of circa £14,000.

Modular extension to Connah's Quay Library and Learning Centre

It is anticipated that the modular extension to Connah's Quay Library will be delivered within a cost envelope of £250K capital expenditure.

Subject to County Council approval, it is proposed that the County Council's element of the refurbishment works will be met from the Capital Programme Budget for 2013/14 which has a capital allocation of £500,000 for the provision of Connects Centres (subject to approval).

The anticipated revenue costs for the modular extension to Connah's Quay Library and Learning Centre will be £12,000 per annum. The on-going revenue costs will be apportioned with the Library. The establishment of a Connects Centre in Connah's Quay will facilitate the closure of Civic Offices, generating annual revenue saving of £92K.

Welsh Government Invest-2-Save Fund

In order to increase the pace and scale of the implementation of the programme a joint expression of interest has been made with North Wales Police and JobCentre Plus to the Welsh Government's "*Invest-2-Save Fund*" for the capital works and initial start-up costs for the proposed Connects Centres at Flint and Connah's Quay. The Invest-to-Save Fund is available to Welsh Government funded public service organisations to assist them transform the way that they work. In particular, the Fund target's strategic projects which;

- lead to the release of significant cash-releasing savings;
- deliver citizen-focused services; and,
- support key aspects of the Welsh Government's public service efficiency and wider improvement agenda.

Investments made from the Fund are fully repayable but there are no interest charges and there is flexibility on the payback period. This approach ensures that the Fund is sustainable and available for investment in new projects in the future.

The joint expression of interest made has been warmly received by the Welsh Government, progressing to the second stage of the Invest-2-Save assessment process. This will take place on the 11th February 2013. The final outcome of the Invest-2-Save funding round will be announced by the Welsh Government's Finance Minister in early March 2013. The attainment of Invest-2-Save Funding will reduce pressure on the County Council's Capital Programme budget, and enable the Connects programme to be implemented to Flint and Connah's Quay in the timescales identified.

Flintshire Connects Revenue Costs and Efficiencies

A business plan for securing revenue efficiencies to meet the staffing and on-going revenue costs of Phase 1 of the Connects Programme (the first three Connects Centres at Holywell, Flint, and Connah's Quay) from 2013/14 is well developed, with £150,000 efficiency savings already identified. This includes a £100K contribution from Housing and a £50K from Corporate Services.

It is proposed that each Directorate will make an equal contribution of £50K from each County Council Directorate from


identified efficiency savings achieved through elements of service delivery being devolved to the Connects programme.

There is also a £100,000 staff cost efficiency in each of the next three years, totalling £300,000 as the programme develops.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING SERVICE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

That the Council adopts the final business plan to join a regional emergency planning service on the basis that:-

- the new service will be established on a cost neutral basis and will aim for annual savings of 5% – 10% on existing costs (£35-£75,000 per annum)
- the service will be commissioned by a management board accountable to the constituent councils with regional oversight provided by the North Wales Safer Communities Board
- Flintshire will host the new service and lead the transition to the new service
- the cost of the new service will be recovered from the partners on the basis of population
- implementation will include transitional arrangements to ensure that no authority pays more than the current cost of the service
- the employment model will be decided as part of the transition plan
- current employees will be given prior consideration for posts in the new structure and the new service will be implemented in such a way as to maximise staff retention and

redeployment.

- the Implementation Team will protect competition for the senior posts within the framework of prior consideration.
- each Local Authority will nominate to an Implementation Team. The Implementation Team to assist in the appointment of the temporary Project Manager.

Authority to approve the detailed transition arrangements to the new service and undertake all necessary tasks to establish the new service is delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio /Cabinet Member.

The project works to the following timeline:-

- councils agree to join a regional service by end March 2013
- commencement of briefing and consultation of staff on the business case and proposals – February 2013
- each Council to nominate to an Implementation Team by February 2013
- appoint a project manager to deliver the project by end March 2013
- appoint Regional Manager and Deputy by June/July 2013
- employment model agreed by June/July 2013
- creation of operational structure, operating processes, development of the detailed budget and identification of accommodation by September 2013
- development of Service Level Agreement and Partnership agreement by September 2013
- employee selection and transfers made by September 2013
- new service operational from October 2013.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations which would be subject to consultation

with Overview & Scrutiny with any resultant comments brought back to Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

There will be consultation with Trade Unions in each local authority on the implementation of the new service and potential TUPE transfers, with Trade Unions regionally and with each affected employee.

Flintshire County Council will co-ordinate consultation with employees and trade unions.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

The North Wales Police and Fire Services and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Boards have been consulted on this proposal.

The Chief Executive of each of the six North Wales Local Authorities was consulted on the Business Case.

The Business case was developed with the Heads of the Emergency Planning Services.

The Business Case has been shared with the Public Service Leadership Group which oversees the national Compact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The implementation of the service will be designed to be cost neutral to all partners and will endeavour to deliver savings to each of the partners in a range of a 5% - 10% reduction in gross costs regionally £35,000- £75,000 per annum.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **EQUALITY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: It is recommended that Cabinet approve the Diversity and Equality policy before publication and wider promotion.

Cabinet endorse the 2011/12 Annual Equality Report.

Cabinet note the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Strategic Equality Plan 2012/16.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: No further consultation is required on the Diversity and Equality Policy. Consultation is included within relevant actions in the SEP.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation on the Diversity and Equality Policy has been undertaken with a range of stakeholders including employees, members of the public, Town and Community Councillors and other public bodies. Directorates were consulted in order to update the Strategic Equality Plan and provide information for the 2011/2012 Annual Equality Report.

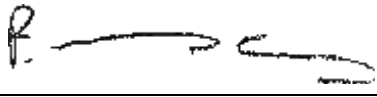
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There will be costs to promote the policy both internally and externally; these will be met from in - year budgets.

Costs for training employees will be met from in - year budgets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

On the basis of a continuation of existing policies, costs will be contained within the current budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13 (MONTH 8)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

Members are recommended to :-

- a) Note the overall report
- b) Note the Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st 5.02)
- c) Note the projected final level of balances on the H (paragraph 6.03)
- d) Approve that the financial impact of the triggering Arrangement be reflected in future budget monitor (paragraph 3.08)
- e) Approve the requests for carry forward of un detailed within paragraphs 3.10 to 3.13

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications are as set out in Sections 3.00 - 6.00 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE - TRIGGER OF
SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are requested to:-

- a) Note the significant financial risks associated with the trigger of the Scheme of Arrangement by MMI.
- b) Approve an allocation of £0.770m from the contingency reserve to provide for the estimated future costs arising from the levy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The potential levy is estimated to be in the range £0.577m - £0.962m for Flintshire with a recommendation to provide for a mid range figure of £0.770m by way of an allocation from the Contingency Reserve.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet members are asked to endorse the change in project timeline for the Schools Funding Formula review.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation with schools, unions, members, Schools Budget Forum.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Schools, unions, Schools Budget Forum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The application of a new formula could result in a redistribution of funding across schools. Transition arrangements will need to be considered to minimise the impact on schools.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: A personal interest was declared by Councillors Shotton, Attridge, Brown, C.M. Jones and R.K. Jones.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF POST-16
PROVISION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet approves the commencement of consultations with the relevant schools in relation to sustainability of post 16 provision and opportunities to reduce inefficiencies in accordance with the requirements of the 21st Century Schools Programme and the agreed Strategic Outline Case.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultations will be undertaken in accordance with Welsh Government statutory guidance.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation has been undertaken in the areas surrounding all secondary schools with more than 25% surplus places in Flintshire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications as a result of this report as the report commissions consultation with school communities.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: A personal interest was declared by Councillors Shotton, Attridge, Brown, C.M. Jones and R.K. Jones.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 22**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2014**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed admission arrangements for 2014/15 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: No further consultation is required.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: All statutory consultees and Flintshire's Schools' Admission Forum have been consulted regarding the admission arrangements for 2014/15.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: A personal interest was declared by Councillors Shotton, Attridge, Brown, C.M. Jones and R.K. Jones.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 24**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT ON**
PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ESTYN ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to consider progress with implementation of the Estyn Action Plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The Action Plan has been consulted upon with school and service partner representatives.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Financial options and implications from specific projects will need to be considered as part of developing revenue and capital programmes for future years.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 25**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance, Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: It is recommended that:-

- (i) Cabinet support the view of the Audit Committee for the Management of the Internal Audit Service to be delivered in-house.
- (ii) The Head of Finance be given delegated authority to extend the contract with RSM Tenon for a sufficient period to allow time for whichever option is chosen by Cabinet to be implemented, initially three months.
- (iii) The Head of Finance be given delegated authority to arrange for the management of the Internal Audit service to be delivered in-house.
- (iv) The Head of Finance report back to Cabinet and Audit once the arrangements have been finalised.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Audit Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Wales Audit Office, Audit Committee on 30th January 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is a potential saving of around £15,000 per annum from having an internal management arrangement.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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The Regional Leadership Board and the TAITH Board have received periodic updates on progress with the Project.

Finance, legal and HR groups across North Wales have been invited to comment on the draft report prior to its circulation to Local Authorities for approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Work on developing the proposals to date has substantially been funded by the WLGA using a budget provided by the Making the Connections fund. In late 2012, TAITH submitted a bid through the WLGA for ESF funding for project management support to develop the Final Business Case. The funding has been approved and the project capacity should be sufficient to develop the Business Case and the early work associated with implementation, if the case is ultimately approved.

The project has required substantial time commitment from the Passenger Transport Managers and the TAITH core team, and some element of this will continue to be required as the project progresses.

The Final Business Case will detail the potential cost savings for the Preferred Option.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 FEBRUARY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 27**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **RESTRUCTURE OF LIFELONG LEARNING**
DIRECTORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is invited to confirm implementation of the proposed changes to the Lifelong Learning Directorate Management Team structure.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: A designated 30 days consultation with Trade Unions and affected staff is required. The Corporate Management Team, the Directorate Management Team have also been fully consulted and the Cabinet Members linked with the Directorate.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: See above section 10.1

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The total budget available for investment in the Lifelong Learning structure after allowing for the RSEIS charge of £788k per annum is £485k. The costs of the proposed structure are £442k, yielding a small efficiency of £43k.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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