

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold on Tuesday, 28 January 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Matt Wright (Chairman)

Councillors Haydn Bateman, Peter Curtis, Chris Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, Veronica Gay, Ray Hughes, Joe Johnson, Colin Legg, Nancy Matthews, Paul Shotton and Carolyn Thomas

SUBSTITUTES: Councillors Andy Dunbobbin (for Cindy Hinds) and Mike Lowe (for Ann Minshull)

ALSO PRESENT:

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection & Leisure

Councillors: Clive Carver, Adele Davies-Cooke, Rosetta Dolphin, Robin Guest, Ron Hampson, Dennis Hutchinson, Richard Jones, Richard Lloyd, Mike Peers and Arnold Woolley

CONTRIBUTORS:

Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Head of Finance, Corporate Finance Manager, and Finance Manager

IN ATTENDANCE:

Member Engagement Manager and Overview & Scrutiny Support Officer

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

No declarations of interest were made.

61. ENVIRONMENT BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2014/15

The Chairman welcomed the contributors to the meeting.

The Head of Finance explained that an overview of the budget would be provided for each Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the budget proposals for the specific area covered by each Committee detailed at the meetings. An information pack including background papers had been made available prior to the meeting.

The main features of the presentation were:-

- National Context and Local Impact
- Budget Overview
- How did the budget gap reduce?
- Organisational Redesign & Change
 - Organisational Redesign: Structure and Corporate Operating Model
 - Organisational Redesign: Workforce
- Corporate VFM & Functional VFM
- Detailed proposals for this Committee Housing
- Inflation
- Pressures / Investments
- Efficiencies
- Procurement
- Prior Years Decisions
- Ongoing Work to finalise budget
- Next Steps

The comments and questions which were raised by Members of the Committee on the presentations, together with the responses given, are detailed in Appendix 1 (attached).

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

62. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.55am and ended at 11.58am)

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Chairman