

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Executive, Chief Officer (People and Resources), Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **DRAFT COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members are asked to endorse the initial budget proposals and ongoing work to close the budget gap, and refer them to Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Formal consultation is required with Overview and Scrutiny. Meetings of Overview and Scrutiny have been arranged as follows:

- 22 January: Corporate Resources
- 23 January: Housing
- 23 January: Environment
- 26 January: Social & Health Care
- 26 January: Lifelong Learning
- 30 January: Corporate Resources – Open to all Members (to take an overview of budget based on feedback from other scrutiny meetings) and also to consider Capital

Formal consultation is required with the Schools Budget Forum. Consultation is ongoing.

Statutory consultation is required with Business Ratepayers. This will be undertaken in writing after the Cabinet meeting with the largest businesses within Flintshire and the representative trade

and business organisations.

The budget proposals are shared with the Flintshire Joint Trades Unions Committee. Consultation is ongoing.

Formal consultation on workforce proposals will be set out in the detailed plans and timescales of the workforce programme and in accordance with statutory requirements and Council policy.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

The developing financial position and the strategy to meet the projected budget gap was shared at two Member workshops, open to all Members in late October and early November.

The Big Budget Conversation provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide comments and views and the consultation process was undertaken between 18 August and 12 September 2014.

Updates to meetings of the Schools Budget Forum have been made on an ongoing basis.

Dialogue and information sharing is part of an ongoing process with Trade Unions and FJTUC.

**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:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **COUNCIL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet is recommended to:

- (a) Note the report
- (b) Approve the allocation of funding to the core capital programme in 2015/16, as shown in appendix 1 (and note the indicative funding available for future years), subject to input by Overview and Scrutiny

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**        As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**        All Members through Overview and Scrutiny.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**    Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2015.

**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:**                    **16 DECEMBER 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                **QUARTER 2 IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING  
REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet Members are invited to determine if enough action has been taken to manage delivery of the Improvement Priority impacts.

To note the following:

- The levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of key activities which seek to deliver the impacts of the Improvement Plan
- The performance against improvement plan measures and the predicted level of performance for year end; and
- The current (net) risk levels and targeted risk levels for the risks identified in the Improvement Plan and the arrangements to control them

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                The Improvement Priorities are monitored by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**            All directorates have been consulted with regarding the reporting of relevant information.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no specific financial implications for this report. However the

Council's Medium Term Financial Plan is aligned to resource the priorities of the Improvement Plan and the monitoring will help to inform future intentions.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                        **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE MID  
YEAR REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Members note the progress made in the mid year reports and endorse the commitments for the current year.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Consultation with the Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is planned.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        All Local Service Board partners and respective delivery boards and partnerships have contributed to the development of the mid year reports.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan is aligned to resource the Council's contribution to these partnership priorities.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 DECEMBER 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE AUDIT OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To advise Members of the positive Certificate of Compliance from the Auditor General for Wales in respect of the audit of the 2013-14 Annual Performance Report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Senior officers have had input into the findings of this audit.


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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **16 DECEMBER 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**REPORT OF:**                                **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                    **2014/15 MID YEAR CHIEF OFFICER REPORTS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet consider the mid year Chief Officer performance reports and recommend any specific issues which may require management action and / or referral to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

To note the following:

- Areas of positive performance;
- Areas of concern;
- The progress updates for the Council Improvement Priorities that are not set as an in-year priority;
- Progress updates for key projects and collaborative areas of work;
- The risks highlighted (including operational, project and collaborative risks);
- The assessment of any regulatory reports; and
- Performance against the NSIs and PAMs

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                      As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      Overview and Scrutiny Committees will receive the reports relevant to their areas of work as part of their forward work programme alongside the appropriate Improvement Plan monitoring reports.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      The reports are being shared with Portfolio holders prior to being presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committees.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no specific financial implications within this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 (MONTH 6)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet is requested to:

- Note and approve the report
- Approve the rollover adjustments in the report

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None as a direct result of this report.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None as a direct result of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        As set out in Sections 2 and 3 of the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (MONTH 6)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members are recommended to:

- (a) Note the overall report
- (b) Note the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31 March 2015
- (c) Note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None.

**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:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Social Services)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS (SPOA)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet support the local development and implementation of the Single Point of Access which is aligned to the Regional vision.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            A Communication Plan has been developed to ensure that we communicate and engage with local stakeholders and citizens throughout the life of the project.

The citizen's perspective is the foundation of the new model and therefore continuous consultation will take place with the general public through existing groups and networks at appropriate times throughout the project.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Consultation and engagement is taking place with stakeholders, such as health and social care colleagues, GPs / GP practices, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and citizen representatives, and will continue to take place throughout the development process.

A stakeholder event was held on 2 April 2014 whereby key messages from stakeholders regarding the new Single Point of Access were gathered and have informed the discussions going forward.

A Flintshire & Wrexham 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Event

was held on 3 July 2014, arranged by Flintshire Local Voluntary Council. It was an opportunity to discuss with 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations the benefits of the Single Point of Access and the role that they can play. The outcome from this event has been the creation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> sector working group to discuss operational matters further.

An introductory information sheet has been circulated to professionals and existing groups and networks to raise awareness of the Single Point of Access and explain the reasons for the proposed change as detailed in Appendix 4.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no immediate financial implications for FCC or BCUHB, as the Programme Manager and Project Manager is 100% funded by the Welsh Government's Regional Collaboration Fund.

The Flintshire Single Point of Access aims to be developed with a cost neutral model. This will be achieved by utilising existing resources, infrastructure and equipment, where possible. It is an overarching aim of the programme that the new service is developed in a sustainable way to ensure long term viability in a climate of continuous financial pressures for both organisations.

There may be small scale capital and revenue costs associated with the set up of the new Single Point of Access, such as additional IT cabling, network points, equipment and refurbishment costs. The full set up costs will not be known until the location has been agreed. However, these costs will be off-set by the programmes Pilot Fund, which is a fund to support set up costs or to trial new ways of working.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Social Services)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS**  
**IMPLICATIONS FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

To undertake these assessments on an ongoing basis the Council needs to consider increased funding to manage this unexpected and unfunded significant new responsibility. It is recommended that the following resource is required as a minimum to deal with the first years' work:

- 3 Social Workers with approved mental health qualification or substantial knowledge and experience of mental health / mental capacity and safeguarding legislation
- 1 Solicitor
- Section 12 Doctor costs
- Court of protection costs

Total cost: £290k

It is recommended that the following be identified as an ongoing resource requirement for future years whilst the judgement remains in force.

2 Social Workers  
0.5 Solicitor  
Section 12 Doctor costs  
Court of Protection costs  
Total cost: £216k

Recognise the increased workload for Social and Legal Services in arranging and authorising significant numbers of legal deprivations of liberty.

Acknowledge that as for every authority, there has inevitably been a short term “waiting list” for DoLS referrals and associated work until resources can be found to meet new demand.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Negotiate with S12 Doctors direct regarding block cases eg one Doctor has agreed to undertake a number of assessments in one home for a smaller percentage of cost.

Work with other local authorities on a regional basis to seek regional solution eg health employment of 2 x FTE S12 Doctors cost to be shared across region. Paper proposal being prepared. Regional procurement and contract for Doctors will deflect from the need to engage with FCC contract procedure rules that would arise from engaging S12 Doctors for so many assessments.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

As above.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

In order to clear the current backlog of assessments as outlined in paragraph 4.01 of the report, the additional costs of 3 x Social Workers and 1 x Solicitor are £0.180m. A further £0.060m is required to fund the services of Doctors qualified under Section 12. A further budget of £0.050m is required for Court of Protection applications, inclusive of additional costs of £0.101m to cover the more complex cases where an additional fee of £500 per hearing will apply.

The total additional budget requirement in Year 1 is therefore estimated at £0.290m for dealing with all assessments, including those which must be carried out by S12 qualified Doctors, and the costs of Court of Protection applications and hearings.

After the first year when the current



backlog of assessments has been cleared, the additional staffing capacity can be reduced to 2 x Social Workers, plus 0.5 FTE for a Solicitor. The ongoing annual budget requirement would therefore be £0.216m.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **REVISED BLUE BADGE & ENFORCEMENT OF THE SCHEME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet Members are asked to:

- (a) Note the content of this report and the new arrangements for assessing / issuing Blue Badges
- (b) Agree to the introduction of a fee of £10 for issuing replacement badges
- (c) Agree to fully adopt enforcement of Blue Badge parking within the remit of the Civil Parking Enforcement service

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                      As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      None.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                Changes to the Blue Badge Scheme have been implemented across England and Wales.

Consultation on the toolkit for Wales has been undertaken by Welsh Government with all Welsh Councils and dedicated working groups and sessions have taken place and forums for feedback are still in place.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**                      The budget held by Social Services for the administration of the Blue Badge Scheme has transferred to Flintshire Connects. The transfer of the service area has realised an efficiency of circa £15,000 in administrative costs. Potential

income generation through introduction of a £10 fee for the issue of replacement badges.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 DECEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (People and Resources)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **WORKFORCE INFORMATION QUARTER 1 AND 2**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members note the Workforce Information Report for quarters 1 and 2.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        Increased accuracy for reporting of the employed workforce and agency workers will allow the Council to better understand and therefore both plan and manage the largest single cost of service delivery.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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