

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 JANUARY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change)

SUBJECT: CONNAH'S QUAY SWIMMING POOL : CAMBRIAN  
AQUATICS OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN  
2016/18

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To agree that a revenue grant of £0.065m be provided to Cambrian Aquatics to support the operation of Connah's Quay Swimming Pool in line with the legal agreements already signed between Cambrian Aquatics and Flintshire County Council.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultations have been undertaken in a joint review meeting with Cambrian Aquatics and Connah's Quay Town Council. The Town Council expressed that they would be positively supporting Cambrian Aquatics in 2017/18.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The release of £0.065m out of the 2017/18 revenue budget to Cambrian Aquatics. The amount sits within the revenue budget for 2017/18. There are no human resource implications.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 JANUARY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)**  
**BUDGET 2017/18 & CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet Members approve and recommend to the Council, the HRA budget for 2017/18 as set out in the Business plan;
  - (2) That Cabinet Members approve a rent increase of 2.5% (plus up to or minus £2) as set out in the business plan with target rents applied for new tenancies;
  - (3) That Cabinet Members approve and recommend to the Council a garage rent increase of £1 per week and a garage rent increase of £0.20 per week; and
  - (4) That Cabinet Members approve the proposed HRA Capital programme for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix D.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The draft budget will be discussed with the Tenants Federation at their February meeting.

Detailed consultation has been undertaken with tenants and elected Members to inform the preparation of the WHQS investment programme.

Full local consultation is carried out for

each new build scheme.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The HRA is a ring fenced budget. This HRA budget and Business Plan demonstrates that the Council can achieve the WHQS by 2020, can meet service improvement plans and commitments and with prudential borrowing can continue its Council house building programme in 2017.

Additional staff have been appointed to deliver an accelerated WHQS programme. The funding for these posts is provided for in the WHQS programme.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 JANUARY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **BUY BACK OF COUNCIL RIGHT TO BUY (RTB) PROPERTIES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet to approve the implementation of a Strategic Acquisition Policy (Incorporating Right to Buy Buyback).

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**      Consultation is not applicable as this policy reflects legislation and good practice.

The report was taken to Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> December for their review and implementation was fully supported.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                It is proposed that a budget for strategic acquisitions and buyback or ex council properties is established as part of 2017/18 budget setting process which is subject to approval in February 2017.

A key factor in any decision to buyback or purchase a property would be the ability to demonstrate that the purchase represents value for money. Consideration would be given on a property by property basis and financial issues such as the following would be part of the decision making process:

- Availability of funds in the HRA business plan;
- Property price (less repayment of discount and any other deductions

- to bring up to a lettable standard);
- Costs of any repair or improvement; and
- Rent chargeable on the purchased property and consequent payback period / return on investment.

In line with best practice it is proposed that the maximum payment period be set at 30 years.

The Council already has staff employed to manage and administer the RTB scheme which includes any assessment of the buyback option. Therefore as the process of property purchase on the open market would be the same it would make sense to place this responsibility within this existing team, therefore there are no resource implications in respect of people.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **17 JANUARY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)**

**SUBJECT:**                                **LOCAL PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTES TO BE  
FORMALLY ADOPTED AS SUPPLEMENTARY  
PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approves the guidance notes as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Following consideration by Members at PSG, a public consultation exercise was undertaken, whereby developers, agents, consultants, internal council departments, adjoining authorities, town and community councils, statutory consultees and local interest groups were notified of the consultation exercise which ran from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The comments received, the officer's response and a recommendation as to whether any changes to the LPGs is considered necessary and appropriate were considered by PSG on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Further consultations were undertaken specifically on the SPG note No 23 Developer Contributions to Education from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. The comments and changes to this were subsequently considered by PSG held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

A number of comments were received from developers, Anwyl Construction, Welsh Water, consultants, local interest groups and from some internal sections of the Authority. There was also a need to

update the guidance in respect of new changes to legislation or new guidelines from Welsh Government. Most of the LPGs were the subject of comments which is indicative of the consultation carried out. Subsequent editing changes to the notes following the PSG meetings, has been agreed by the Chief Officer and the Chair of PSG (for example the newly updated version of Planning Policy Wales Nov 2016, will mean references to PPW in the notes will need to be updated).

Of the 22 LPG notes which have been updated and consulted upon there are still issues to be resolved for the following notes:

- No 13 Outdoor Playing Space and New Development
- No 19 Water Conservation and Sustainable Drainage Systems

These will need to be the subject of further consideration by officers and will be reported to a future meeting.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The adoption of the SPGNs will involve a small cost associated with making copies available on the website and publication in hard copy format. This is already catered for within budget.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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Cabinet for implementation from April 2017.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As part of the Budget build up for 2017-18, provisions have been made for the implementation of all existing or revised policies as set out in this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors: Brown, Bithell and Butler.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 17 JANUARY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change)

SUBJECT: THEATR CLWYD - COMPLIMENTARY TICKET POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet welcome the response from the Theatr Board.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The notice of motion has been considered and agreed by full Council.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Minimal resource implications.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 17 JANUARY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change)

SUBJECT: PLAY AREAS, PLAY SCHEMES AND STRATEGIC  
PLAY FORUM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To adopt the approach outlined in the report to continue to sustain play activity in Flintshire including:

- Agreement of the play area match funding schemes detailed in Appendix 1; and
- The allocation of a one off fund of £0.040m to support a Flintshire play scheme programme for 2017.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Ongoing updates to the County Forum and individual discussions with Town and Community Councils.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resource implications for the play area proposals contained in Appendix 1 can be managed within revenue budgets for 2016/17 and 2017/18. The proposals for a one off allocation of £0.040m to support play schemes would require a one off allocation from Council reserves.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **17 JANUARY 2017**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Organisational Change)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: REVIEW  
OF PERFORMANCE 2015/16**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    For Cabinet to note progress of delivery against Welsh Public Library Standards.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            No consultation carried out.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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2017/18 revenue budget to Cambrian Aquatics. This amount sits within the revenue budget for 2017/18. There are no human resource implications.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 JANUARY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODEL SOCIAL CARE**  
**LEARNING DISABILITY DAY CARE AND WORK**  
**OPPORTUNITY SERVICES**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approve a preferred provider to deliver the Learning Disability Day Care and Work Opportunity Services to proceed to a stage of further clarifications on their submitted bid prior to a final decision over whether to award a contract; and
  - (2) That a full and final report is brought back to Cabinet no later than March to inform a decision on the future model for the service and whether to award a contract.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

In the early planning stages the project engaged with all service users, families and carers, staff and trade unions at consultation events facilitated by Taith consultants in August and September 2015.

The project has maintained regular communications with all stakeholders through written and face-to-face communications. This close collaboration continued throughout the procurement process and stakeholders were represented on the project Transition Board.

North Wales Advice and Advocacy Association in conjunction with two service user representatives have carried out extensive consultations with service users from all service areas impacted during May and June 2016. They also supported users and family members to be directly involved in the evaluation process.

Representatives from key stakeholder groups – service users, families, staff, advocates and trade unions were actively involved in the evaluation and recommendation of a partner provider for the commissioned contract.

Detailed consultation with staff has taken place throughout the process. Staff and Trade Unions have been involved in the procurement process in evaluating the applicants.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Technical support on legal, contracts and contingency for challenge - £10,000 which it is estimated can be met within existing budget allocations.

The commissioned service would include a transfer of approximately 52 full-time equivalent staff (60-65 individuals) from Day and Work Opportunities to the new partner provider. This transfer would be managed under the protection of Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) regulations 2006 as amended by the “Collective redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) regulations 2014” and carried out in close consultation with all impacted staff and trade union colleagues.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Kevin Jones.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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