FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

<u>REPORT OF:</u> 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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: As detailed in the recommendation.

As in the report.

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. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT:COUNCIL FUND BUDGET 2017/18 – PART 3CLOSING STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Note the details and the implications of the Welsh Local Government Final Settlement; and

(2) Review the limited options for closing the remaining 'gap' of £2m for consultation with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting on 20 January)

As detailed in the recommendations.

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: As in the report.

Consultation with Group Leaders, Overview and Scrutiny Committees, senior officers and service teams, and external partners have been held in the development of the business plans, budget proposals and resilience assessments.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)</u>

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

 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.

As detailed in the recommendations.

As in the report.

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

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

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: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)</u>

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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

Consultation is not applicable as this policy reflects legislation and good

As detailed in the recommendation.

As in the report.

practice.

The report was taken to Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15th 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.

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> 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 in the report.

As detailed in the recommendation.

<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> <u>REQUIRED/CARRIED</u> OUT:

REASON FOR DECISION:

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 aroups were notified of the consultation exercise which ran from 18th December 2015 to 12th 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 25th February 2016. Further consultations were undertaken specifically on the SPG note No 23 Developer Contributions to Education from 10th June 2016 to 22nd July 2016. The comments and changes to this were subsequently considered by PSG held on 15th 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. 18th January 2017 DATE PUBLISHED: (Proper Officer) SIGNED

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 (MONTH SUBJECT: 8)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1)

- To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2017 and continue to support the work on actions and options for mitigating action; and
- (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account.

As detailed in the recommendations.

As in the report.

None required.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring report reflects the planned use of the financial resources of the Council for the current financial year and details the variations in the first eight months and the risks as known

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

CONSULTATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)</u>

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATE STATUTORY POLICIES 2017/18

- **RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** (1) Adopt a policy of not awarding Council Tax discounts on second and long term empty homes in 2017-18. This will enable the Council to raise a Council Tax premium, in certain circumstances, at the rate of 50% above the standard rate of Council Tax as already agreed through the introduction of the Premium scheme from 2017-18 (i.e. a 150% charge);
 - Continue with the current policy to only consider Discretionary Council Tax discounts in cases of civil emergencies and natural disasters;
 - Note the implementation of the new Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy Framework for 2017-18 as previously agreed by Cabinet; and
 - (4) Continue with the current policy in 2017-18 of not awarding 'top-up' Discretionary Discounts to businesses already qualifying for Small Business Rate Relief.

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

As in the report.

The Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief scheme has been approved by

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.

Councillors: Brown, Bithell and Butler.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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<u>17 JANUARY 2017</u>

DATE OF MEETING:

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change)

SUBJECT:

THEATR CLWYD - COMPLIMENTARY TICKET POLICY

As in the report.

and agreed by full Council.

Minimal resource implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

That the Cabinet welcome the response from the Theatr Board.

As detailed in the recommendation.

The notice of motion has been considered

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Organisational Change)</u>

SUBJECT:PLAY AREAS, PLAY SCHEMES AND STRATEGICPLAY 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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the recommendation.

As in the report.

Ongoing updates to the County Forum and individual discussions with Town and Community Councils.

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: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Organisational Change)</u>

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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

None.

None.

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As in the report.

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As detailed in the recommendation.

No consultation carried out.

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DATE OF MEETING: 17 JANUARY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)</u>

SUBJECT: THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT UNIT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

That Cabinet approves the new procurement model for the Transportation contracts, detailed within the Procurement Commissioning Form; and

(2) That Cabinet approves the extension of the existing Transport contracts until 4th September 2017, in order to coincide with the commencement of the new procurement arrangements.

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As in the report.

With the Cabinet Member.

The existing contract operators have attended a number of 'drop in' sessions with staff from the ITU and have been fully consulted on the proposed changes to the procurement arrangements.

The new procurement arrangements will assist the service to deliver the savings identified by the Business Partner and detailed in the Business Planning proposals for 2017-18.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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Robert .

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Organisational Change.)</u>

SUBJECT: CONNAH'S QUAY SWIMMING POOL : DETAILED BUSINESS PLAN 2016/18

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) 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; and

(2) That release of the grant be subject to a number of conditions as follows:

- An updated full profit and loss breakdown to be provided before release of the grant;
- A full year review document to be provided after the end of May 2017 and before the end of July 2017; and
- Audited accounts to be received before the end of 2017.

As detailed in the recommendations.

As in the report.

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.

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The release of £0.065m out of the

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: <u>17 JANUARY 2017</u> AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Officer (Social Services)</u>

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That (provid

-) 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.

As detailed in the recommendations.

As in the report.

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.

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

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:

DISPENSATIONS

None.

Councillor Kevin Jones.

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Robert .