

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 20 MARCH 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR BATCH 3 STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION PROGRAMME (SHARP) SCHEMES

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:
- (1) Cabinet is asked to approve:
- The development of 92 new social and affordable homes at Llys Dewi, Penyffordd, Nant y Gro, Gronant and the Former Council Depot, Dobshill;
 - The use of prudential borrowing to the value of £9.823m (subject to final approval and verification) to fund the proposed development of the new Council homes; and
 - The use of affordable housing grant of £1.903m and shared equity reserves, shared ownership receipts and commuted sums of £1.722m in total to contribute to scheme costs
- (2) Cabinet is asked to note proposals by NEW Homes to develop 17 affordable properties across the three sites (subject to NEW Homes Board approval).

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Each of the schemes have been discussed in depth with planners, highways officers and local elected Members which have informed the current proposals.

A Community Consultation Event has been held for the Gronant development at which concerns about the proposed scheme were raised, in particular the road accessibility. These concerns are being considered by officers prior to Planning Committee consideration

Consultation events are planned for the Dobshill and Penyffordd developments as part of the statutory formal consultation process prior to a scheme being submitted to the Council for planning approval.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

£11.8m HRA borrowing approval is available during 2018/19 for a council house building programme. The Financial Appraisal shows the combined HRA borrowing requirement of Batch 3 schemes at £9.823m.

All schemes continue to be reviewed in order to achieve best value for the Council. This has involved appointing Savills to undertake a mid-term review of the SHARP to ensure the Council continues to receive value for money for the Council in terms of construction costs, scheme design and layout and quality of the final product. The final report will be presented to Council Cabinet during the Spring for its consideration.

The three sites identified for development in the report have a restricted value for social and affordable housing of nil. The provision of social and affordable housing is one of a number of key strategic priorities for the Council, and it should be noted that, in the case of the former Dobshill depot site, this is identified as an exception site and therefore would only be considered for affordable and social housing.

In addition to the above, the provision of social and affordable housing also fulfils a wider strategic social need and mitigates the requirement to provide bed and

breakfast accommodation where necessary, through the provision of such housing and the delivery of affordable units of accommodation for those families genuinely struggling to access housing.

Appendix 5 to the report detailed the projected total combined total annual Council Tax yield on each of the proposed schemes would be in the region of £117k.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: **BUDGET STAGE 2: REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGES**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves the revised car parking charges as detailed in Appendix 1;
 - (2) That Cabinet keeps under review the impacts of the new charging arrangement; and
 - (3) That Cabinet approves the commencement date for charges in Flint as detailed in Appendix 1.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations with the amendment to the 30p charge for 30 minutes being extended to a 30p charge for 1 hour instead.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The new charges will be displayed at all car parks, within local newspapers and via documents for deposit in Council buildings during April before their introduction in May 2018.

Consultation has already been undertaken with an open meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee will further discuss the matter at their joint meeting with Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on March 15th. Feedback from that meeting will be provided verbally at the Cabinet meeting.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The projected income from the new

charges is shown in Appendix 1 and it meets the £450k income figure stated in the Stage 2 Budget setting process.

The approach is in line with the Council's Fees and Charges Policy in that it seeks to maximise revenue generation with full cost recovery wherever possible and compares our own sector with that of the surrounding market adopting a differential pricing approach for some specific services where they are warranted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **INVITATION TO PREPARE A STRATEGIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet endorse the proposed response to the Cabinet Secretary as set out in Appendix 2.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Discussions have been undertaken with the North Wales Heads of Planning Group and the Project Management Group of the North Wales Growth Board.

There is also potential that the North Wales Growth Board may want to respond as a single entity.

The invitation has been the subject of discussion at Planning Strategy Group on 22nd February 2017. That Group endorsed the response in Appendix 2.


RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None at this stage. However, should an SDP be progressed without additional resource being made available it could have serious implications of the delivery of the Local Development Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **URBAN TREE AND WOODLAND PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members agree the vision, objectives and actions set out in the Urban Tree and Woodland Plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The document has gone through an internal consultation with key officers, including the Chief Officer Team. National Resources Wales, which undertook the urban canopy cover study, on which the Plan is based, have also provided detailed comments and fully support it. The document was reviewed at Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th January 2018, who supported the vision, aims and objectives.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Capital funding, through planning obligations, has been secured to carry out a programme of tree planting in the first three to five years of the strategy, in accordance with the strategy target and Objective 1. The capital funding is ring fenced and cannot be used for the ongoing management of the Council's existing trees. The resources required to plan, consult and implement planting will be met using existing staff resources.

The various options for additional capital funding have been explored in Chapter 9 and could be met through grants and/or sponsorship. At the time of the Plan being in its final draft the Welsh

Government has announced funding under the Green Infrastructure Capital Fund for the period 2017-2021.

Ongoing maintenance will be met under the Council's existing grounds maintenance budgets. The resource implications of managing young and early mature trees are comparable to managing mown grass, and in the case of woodland are lower.

Objectives 2 and 5 are policy orientated and do not require capital funding to be achieved although there will be resource implications for officers that will be met using existing resources.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 (MONTH 10)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2018;
 - (2) To approve the transfer of £0.250m from the contingency reserve to an earmarked reserve to use as a contingency against any financial issues arising as a result of implementing different service delivery methods; and
 - (3) To 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.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** None required.

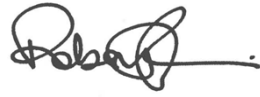
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Revenue Budget Monitoring Report reflects the planned use of the financial resources of the Council for the current financial year and details the variations in the first four months and the risks as known.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **A PLACE TO CALL HOME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To advise of the content of the Flintshire's 'A Place to Call Home?- Impact Analysis' report;
- (2) To provide details of ongoing actions and initiatives underway within Social Services to continue to enhance the quality of life of residents in Flintshire care homes; and
- (3) To approve the letter of response to the Older People's Commissioner and undertake to write to the Commissioner following the meeting to provide her with an update on any further actions agreed.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** An extensive period of consultation and co-productive work with providers and residents was undertaken during the design and development of the Creating a Place Called Home, Delivering What Matters.

Providers and residents have been engaged in the Creative Conversations Research Programme in particular around the skills and competencies of all staff and including domestic and auxiliary staff require when supporting people living with dementia.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

An initial investment of £0.050m was made from the Integrated Care Fund in 2015 to design and develop the Creating a Place Called Home, Delivering What Matters programme.

All managers and direct care staff within each of the residential homes engaged in the programme have received training and the Contract Monitoring Team are working with homes to develop practice and achieve Bronze accreditation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE STREET MARKETS REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Cabinet considers and supports the closure of Flint Street market;
- (2) That Cabinet agree the transfer of the operation of the Connah's Quay street market to Connah's Quay Town Council, subject to confirmation from the Town Council and agreement of terms; and
- (3) That Cabinet supports the continuation of the operation of the Holywell street market on an interim basis, and to consider discussions with Holywell Town Council on future cost saving options.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** In undertaking the review, the Council has consulted market traders in Flint and Holywell and Connah's Quay Town Council, Flint Town Council and Holywell Town Council.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Implementing the recommendations in this report would reduce the operating deficit for markets by £21,000 each year.


DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Education and Youth)**

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2019/20**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed admission arrangements for 2019/20 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** All statutory consultees have been consulted in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Numbers of appeals will continue to be monitored to ensure sufficient capacity to present and clerk appeals in a timely manner.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Bernie Attridge, Derek Butler, Christine Jones, Billy Mullin and Aaron Shotton.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNTY HALL DEMOLITION, RELOCATION AND MASTER PLANNING – BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To approve the use of the negotiated financial sum received upon expiry of the lease as part of the unconditional dilapidations payment;
 - (2) To note the allocation of funding within the Council's Capital Programme for the demolition of phases 3 and 4 of County Hall when sufficient capital receipts become available;
 - (3) That approval be given to progress the appointment of a development partner for the redevelopment of the County Hall campus, with further reports being brought back to Cabinet as this process makes progress; and
 - (4) That joint delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer (Organisational Change) and the Chief Officer (Governance) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development to complete the appointment of a contractor, named in the confidential appendix, for the design and development and construction works at Theatr Clwyd in line with this report and subject to being

satisfied that the specific actions required and identified in this report are satisfied prior to the completion of the appointment and the procurement process.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

With workforce and Trade Union colleagues through the workforce consultation group.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Funding options are set out in the following paragraphs of the report:

- 1.02.1 – Unity House, use of the dilapidations settlement;
- 1.02.2 – Demolition of Phases 3 and 4 and, use of the Council's own Capital Resources;
- 1.03.3 – Theatr Clwyd, use of the Council's Capital own resources and funding from other sources.

Moving workforce to Unity House will create a number of financial efficiencies for the Council.

Further and more detailed analysis has been undertaken on the costed options relating to the rationalisation, demolition and redevelopment option. Within the current efficiency programme for financial year 2018/19 is a £300k efficiency target, this relates to business rate mitigation strategies on Unity House and Phases 3 and 4, County Hall partly using provisions set out in S44a of the Local Government Finance Act prior to demolition of Phases 3 and 4 of County Hall and the phased re-commissioning of Unity House during the fourth quarter of 2018/19. Thereafter there will be a £90k projected recurring budget efficiency which is likely to increase when running costs for Unity House are more fully understood.

This efficiency will increase further at the

end of year five following the redevelopment of the Mold campus site to £717k pa.

The Council received a financial sum from the previous tenant as an unconditional dilapidations payment upon expiry of the lease. Although the dilapidations payment does not need to be applied to renovation of the building it is fitting that it should be used in this manner.

The dilapidations payment is the subject of a confidentiality agreement to protect Unilever's position in future property negotiations. Revealing that sum would open the Council to risk of legal action for breach of that confidentiality agreement and a potential claim for damages.

Preparatory work will take place with the Human Resource and Learning and Development teams to ensure workforce are ready and maximise the benefits of working in a modern and open plan building.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **REVISION OF THE CORPORATE OPERATING
MODEL**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That the revised Chief Officer Team structure as proposed by the Chief Executive be endorsed for implementation;
 - (2) That the advice of the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service that this revised model will be sufficient for the management of the Council, its functions and its duties be noted and accepted as an assurance;
 - (3) That the Council embark of the recruitment for the appointment of a permanent Chief Officer (Education and Youth) through the established recruitment process involving a Member Appointments Panel;
 - (4) That the roles and delegations of the current post of Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise) be realigned according to the revised model;
 - (5) That a single post of Chief Officer leading strategic and organisational change be created in the revised model;
 - (6) That the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to make immediate adjustments to the supporting portfolio management

structures beneath the Chief Officer positions, as is expedient to ensure service performance and continuity, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the respective Cabinet Members; and

- (7) That the above changes be reflected in an amended version of the Constitution as necessary.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Consultation has been undertaken with the members of the Chief Officer Team and with the Cabinet. The process has been guided throughout by the expert advice of the Human Resources and Organisational Development Team.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no cost implications from the proposals. The efficiency saving from the non-appointment of the post of Chief Officer (People and Resources) has already been taken and built into budget plans. A new efficiency saving will be created from the deletion of the position of Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise). The salaries of the remaining Chief Officers will not be reviewed and will remain the same.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **NEWYDD CATERING AND CLEANING REVIEW OF PROGRESS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Members approve the NEWydd Business Plan for the financial year 2018/19; and
- (2) That the progress of NEWydd in having a strong first year of trading be noted and welcomed.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations with the following addition:

- (3) That NEWydd attend and present to future Cabinet meetings when the item is on the agenda.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Reports have been submitted to Cabinet and Scrutiny at regular intervals and presentations made to staff and the Board.


RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The new financial system is functioning effectively, however, there will be a need to review some progress issues not solely restricted to the financial system so as to make NEWydd more effective within the commercial markets that it needs to operate within.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 MARCH 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

SUBJECT: **AURA LEISURE AND LIBRARIES REVIEW OF
PROGRESS**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To formally agree the Aura Leisure and Libraries Business Plan for the year 2018/19 and provide delegated authority to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education, that only if the financial projections cannot be achieved, to implement one or all of the three contingency projects as outlined in the report; and
 - (2) To agree the release of revenue funding to Aura Leisure and Libraries for the year 2018/19 totalling £3.773m.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations with the following addition:

- (3) That Aura attend and present to future Cabinet meetings when the item is on the agenda.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Partnership Board meetings have taken place in October 2017 and February 2018 to ensure proper consultation between the Council and Aura Leisure and Libraries Ltd.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

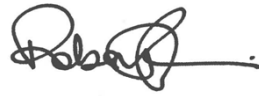
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