

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To seek endorsement for the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy, prior to publication and implementation;
 - (2) To support a review of opportunities to work in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council, Menter Iaith Fflint a Wreccsam and other key stakeholders to develop a sub-regional forum to monitor and progress both counties' Welsh Language Promotion Strategies; and
 - (3) That an annual report is made on progress with the Strategy to include a review and refresh of the implementation action plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** A workshop was held with services. Consultation with members of the public, employees and with Welsh language organisations has been undertaken.

The draft strategy has been considered and contributed to by Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Council has already made a commitment for employees to learn Welsh

and a budget for Welsh language training is available. The main commitment will be from services to ensure that they have considered the Welsh language in their work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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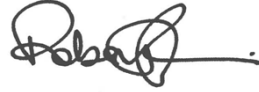
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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **BECOMING A 'DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COUNCIL'**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Cabinet to agree that Flintshire County Council move towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Organisation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** A wealth of information has been gathered through the NEWCIS Dementia Lead, Dementia Support Workers and those part of the development of the Dementia Friendly Communities Programme. This will inform the development of the work and action plan locally. This, alongside the involvement of those living with dementia in this work will mean that we will be able to truly co-produce and implement effective work streams.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: A steering group be developed to oversee the work, made up on nominated officers across portfolios who would work together and with others to co-produce and implement an action plan to achieve and sustain the accreditation.

NEWCIS Dementia Lead and Social Services Planning and Development Officer to lead on the development of the Steering Group an Action Plan.

A commitment will be needed from portfolio leads to release staff to attend sessions and to become Champions.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER 'IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT'

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the response to the Welsh Government consultation document 'Improving Public Transport' as detailed in the appendix.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: With Cabinet Members

With Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – February 2019.

With Licensing Committee – January 2019.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Staff resources may be impacted if specific duties transfer to the proposed JTA's however without full details of the final working arrangements, the full impact cannot be evaluated at this stage.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

SUBJECT: **SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) To approve eligibility criteria for all mini-groups and sheltered schemes to age 55 so as to bring them in line with our Housing Association and Local Authority SARTH Partners; and

(2) To approve the scope of the review with update reports being brought back to Cabinet and Scrutiny as the review progresses.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Any potential amendments to properties will be undertaken in consultation with current residents and local elected Members.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resource requirements will be determined following appropriate condition surveys determining potential changes to communal and individual properties.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**

SUBJECT: **LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK (LFFN)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Cabinet adopts the North Wales Connectivity Strategy;
- (2) That Cabinet agrees that the Council enters into a suitable Inter Authority Agreement with the other partner bodies in respect of the LFFN project; and
- (3) That Cabinet authorises the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Corporate Management and Assets and Economic Development, and the Leader, to agree the final terms of the Inter Authority Agreement.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation has been undertaken throughout the course of 2018 by the NWEAB with:

- Each of the other North Wales Local Authorities (ICT and Economic Development)
- Welsh Government (ICT Infrastructure Division)
- UK Government (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport)
- North Wales Economic Ambition Board
- Betsi Cadwalader University Health

- Board (NHS)
- National Wales Informatics Service (NHS)
- North Wales and Mersey Dee Business Council
- Federation of Small Businesses

The outcome of this consultation has included the North Wales Digital Connectivity Strategy, a Digital Connectivity Action Plan for the NWEAB Growth Bid and the proposed North Wales Local Full Fibre Network Programme application.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The increased connectivity to Council properties through the Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) programme will create opportunities to improve services through future-proofed technology. There is a capital cost of approximately £33,000 associated with upgrading equipment in Council premises to take advantage of the improved connectivity and an associated annual increased revenue cost of £9,500 per annum.

There will be the requirement for Flintshire's IT team to configure and install this equipment to take advantage of the increased connectivity. This will form part of the action plan associated with the delivery of the Council's Digital Strategy under the Business and Community workstream.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Governance)**

SUBJECT: **BUSINESS RATES – HIGH STREET AND RETAIL
RATE RELIEF SCHEME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To adopt the High Street and Retail Rates Relief scheme for 2019/20 and provide rate relief of up to £2,500 to eligible retail businesses.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The cost of awarding retail relief to each retailer of up to £2,500 will be fully reimbursed by Welsh Government (WG) in line with section 58A of the Government of Wales Act 2006, providing the Council follows the scheme guidance issued by WG.

It will be for local authorities to determine how the wish to administer the scheme to maximise take-up and minimise the administrative burden for ratepayers and for local authority resources. To promote take-up, especially for retailers who do not currently receive Retail Rate Relief, officers will canvass approximately 1,200 ratepayers who occupy premises with a rate liability and who occupy premises within the rateable value threshold between £6,001 and £50,000.

Of the £23.6m set aside by WG, £940k has been provisionally set aside for the Council to meet the costs of awarding

retail rate relief. If the final cost of awards exceeds this value, the Council will be fully reimbursed for all awards as part of the final grant claim providing the Council awards rate relief on a case by case basis in line with the qualifying criteria and the grant conditions and qualifying criteria.

Although the enhanced scheme is fully funded by the consequential funding that WG received from the UK Government, funding has not come directly to local government as part of the Revenue Settlement Grant, as the Council had requested, it is nevertheless benefiting local businesses in the area.

If the Council fails to strictly comply with the scheme as set out by WG, the Council is at risk of not being fully reimbursed towards the cost of all awards.

To minimise administration, all applications will be submitted to the Council through an on-line form that is already available through the Council website. All applications will then be scrutinised in line with the criteria as set out.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 (MONTH 10)

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:
- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2019;
 - (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account; and
 - (3) To approve the carry forward request included in the report.

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: **19 MARCH 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/21**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed admission arrangements for 2020/21 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation and noting that Flintshire County Council discourages (rather than 'does not encourage') moves during the school year.

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: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON
ETHICAL EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPLY CHAINS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet notes the progress in implementing the commitments under the Code of Ethical Practice in Procurement; and
(2) That Cabinet approves the statement on modern slavery.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The action plan to implement the Code can be implemented within current resources.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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