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To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of Flintshire County Council which will be held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 27th February, 2020 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA to consider the following items

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Purpose:** To receive any apologies.

### **2 MINUTES (Pages 3 - 20)**

**Purpose:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Purpose:** To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

### **4 PETITIONS**

**Purpose:** This is an opportunity for Members of Council to submit petitions on behalf of people in their ward. Once received, petitions are passed to the appropriate Chief Officer for action and response.

## **ORDINARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **5 COMMITTEE REVIEW (Pages 21 - 34)**

Report of Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance) -

**Purpose:** To consider the recommendations from the Committee Review made by the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee.

**6 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (Pages 35 - 62)**

Report of Chief Executive -

**Purpose:** To approve the recommendations of the review of polling districts and polling places.

**7 PETITIONS RECEIVED AT COUNCIL (Pages 63 - 64)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

**Purpose:** To inform Council of the outcomes of petitions which have been submitted over the past year.

**8 NOTICE OF MOTION (Pages 65 - 66)**

**Purpose:** This item is to receive any Notices of Motion: one has been received and is attached. Officers will present on the arrangements for street homelessness provision as part of the response.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Purpose:** This item is to receive any Public Questions: none were received by the deadline.

**10 QUESTIONS**

**Purpose:** To note the answers to any questions submitted in accordance with County Council Standing Order No. 9.4(A): none were received by the deadline.

Yours sincerely



Robert Robins  
Democratic Services Manager

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of Flintshire County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**PRESENT: Councillor Marion Bateman (Chair)**

Councillors: Mike Allport, Bernie Attridge, Janet Axworthy, Glyn Banks, Haydn Bateman, Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Helen Brown, Derek Butler, Clive Carver, Geoff Collett, Bob Connah, David Cox, Paul Cunningham, Jean Davies, Robert Davies, Ron Davies, Adele Davies-Cooke, Chris Dolphin, Rosetta Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, Andy Dunbobbin, Mared Eastwood, Carol Ellis, David Evans, Veronica Gay, George Hardcastle, David Healey, Gladys Healey, Cindy Hinds, Dave Hughes, Kevin Hughes, Ray Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Joe Johnson, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones, Richard Jones, Tudor Jones, Colin Legg, Brian Lloyd, Richard Lloyd, Mike Lowe, Dave Mackie, Hilary McGill, Billy Mullin, Ted Palmer, Mike Peers, Michelle Perfect, Vicky Perfect, Neville Phillips, Ian Roberts, Tim Roberts, Kevin Rush, Paul Shotton, Ralph Small, Ian Smith, Carolyn Thomas, Owen Thomas, Martin White, Andy Williams, David Williams, David Wisinger and Arnold Woolley.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: Sian Braun, Patrick Heesom, Rita Johnson, Tony Sharps and Aaron Shotton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Senior Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer, Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Chief Officer (Social Services), Chief Officer (Education and Youth) Corporate Finance Manager, Senior Finance Managers, Revenues Manager, Democratic Services Manager, and Team Leader – Committee Services.

**86. TRIBUTES TO THE LATE PETER EVANS, FORMER DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE MANAGER**

Members across the Chamber paid tribute to the late Peter Evans, the former Democracy and Governance Manager. They commented on the way in which he worked, with dignity and respect and he had been an asset to both Flintshire County Council and the former Delyn Borough Council. He always provided welcome advice to Members, particularly at meetings of Planning Committee. They commented on his unique sense of humour and the qualities of Peter that made him a true gentleman. He would be missed but remembered with great fondness.

The Chief Executive and the Deputy Monitoring Officer also paid their respects to Mr Evans, his positivity, integrity, friendship and support that he had provided.

**87. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared personal interests:

Councillors Axworthy, Bibby, Dunbobbin, David Healey, Gladys Healey, Dennis Hutchinson, Paul Johnson and McGuill – agenda item number 9 – Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23.

Councillors Palmer and White – agenda item number 11 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Financial Business Plan.

Councillors Chris Dolphin and Rosetta Dolphin and Councillor White – agenda item number 15 – Notice of Motion.

## **89. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

In presenting her communications, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, the Chair highlighted a number of events, commenting in particular on the pantomime at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Errys, and the Mayor of Holywell's Christmas Carol Service.

## **90. PETITIONS**

None were received.

## **91. WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR TIM ROBERTS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Tim Roberts following his election at the Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor by-election on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Councillor Roberts made an appropriate response.

## **92. COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 STAGE TWO**

The Chief Executive introduced the Council Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 Stage Two report which set out the strategy for reaching a legal and balanced budget. The Provisional Settlement was out for public consultation and would be finalised on 25<sup>th</sup> February prior to the approval of the Welsh Government (WG) Budget for all public services.

The report covered:

- The latest local financial forecast for 2020/21;
- A summary of the stage one work on the budget;
- An assessment of the Provisional Settlement and the impacts and implications for the Council;
- The work in hand on the limited range of local options at stage two to contribute to reaching a balanced budget for 2020/21;
- The open risks which needed to be taken into account in setting the budget; and
- The steps to close the budget and ongoing work for the medium-term.

The report advised that there was a high degree of confidence that a legal and balanced budget could be recommended to Council at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February. A special meeting of Group Leaders was scheduled to take place prior to that Council meeting.

Since the last meeting in December, the impact of the latest changes had been to increase the budget gap to meet the expenditure requirement for 2020/21 by £0.181M to £16.355M.

The Corporate Finance Manager provided full details on the Provisional Settlement, as detailed in the report. He explained that the provisional AEF (Revenue Support Grant and share of National Rates Pool) for 2020/21 was £199.386M which, when compared to the adjusted 2019/20 figure of £192.212M represented an increase of 3.7%. The all Wales average increase was 4.3%. The provisional allocation represented a cash uplift of £10.406M over the 2019/20 allocation of £188.980M.

There were three transfers into the Settlement:

- Teacher Pension Grant (£1.978M);
- Nursing Care (£0.081M); and
- Teacher Pay (£0.608M).

There was no additional funding confirmed at this stage to support a funding 'floor'. A funding floor was a guaranteed level of funding for councils who came under the all-Wales average change in the annual Settlement. A floor had been a feature of the Settlement for many years. Given the variations in the annual uplift from council to council, a floor had been called for by a number of councils. If granted, it would be funded by WG over and above the quantum it had committed to invest in the Settlement for 2020/21 thus far. The group of North Wales Leaders had made the case for a floor to be set at 4%. If granted, that would improve Flintshire's position by 0.3%. The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) had also supported the call for a floor. A decision was awaited and there could be no assumption at this stage, prior to the finalisation and approval of the WG budget.

Details on specific grants awarded were outlined in the report. Most grants would be at the same level as 2019/20 or would be increased for indexation. There would be several significant uplifts to specific grants within Education and Social Care. The precise allocations for Flintshire were unknown, including whether the terms and conditions of grant would be sufficiently flexible for the Council to be able to allocate the funds against planned budget expenditure to assist in the closure of the remaining budget gap – further details would be made available at the Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

The full year impact of the Teacher Pensions Employer Contributions was an increase of £3.391M and would need to be included in the budget calculations and met from the uplift in funding received in the Settlement. That cost pressure had not been funded at source with the base budgets of Governments as requested. On teacher pay, the additional costs incurred in 2019/20 from the annual pay award effective from September 2018 had been part-funded by a one-off specific grant from

WG. That grant was made for the current financial year only and was not set to be continued into 2020/21. The additional cost of £0.375M would need to be included in the budget calculations and also met from the uplift. This cost pressure had also not been funded at source from within the base budgets of Governments. The option remained to share cost burden with schools, as the employers of teachers, as a fall-back position. An amount of £0.081M for Funded Nursing Care had been transferred into the Settlement for funded nursing care which was previously the responsibility of the Health Board but had transferred to the Council.

Details were also provided on the work that was ongoing on a limited range of local solutions to contribute to closing the remaining budget gap alongside the contribution to be made by an improved Local Government Settlement. These included employer pension contributions, social care commissioning and single person discount – review of entitlement.

The Chief Executive said there could be some additional benefits in the Settlement but they would need to be added to the reserve to cover the in-year risks as outlined. He provided details of the timetable for the closing stages of the annual budget setting process as outlined in the report. He also added that a full review of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy was underway which would set out the budget forecast and the requirements for 2022/22 – 2023/24. The update would be reported to Members early in the summer with early engagement planned in a series of workshops.

Councillor Roberts moved the recommendations and thanked all Members of the Council for the way in which the budget had been approached, including the work of the cross party working group which formed the basis of a lot of the WLGA submission to WG. The budget had been reported to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee and no further proposals had been put forward following those meetings. He also thanked officers for their work on the budget and the continuing work on the local solutions; he also thanked everybody involved in the work undertaken on the Clwyd Pension Fund actuarial review. He thanked WG for the improved Settlement, and UK Government for providing WG with an improved Settlement. He supported the request for a funding 'floor' which was also supported by North Wales Leaders and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). There were still substantial risks in the budget, particularly teachers' pension's contributions and teachers' pay and he said that who announced the rise, should fund the rise.

It was Cabinet's intention to propose a Council Tax rise at below 5%.

Councillor Banks seconded the recommendations. He paid tribute to the Council Tax payers of Flintshire who had stood by the Council in its battle to protect frontline services. However, they could not continually be expected to make up the shortfall from the Settlement from UK Government funding. He called for a three year forecast from WG to help provide stability and assist the Council with long term planning.

Councillor Peers welcomed the joint working that had taken place on the budget. He commented on the report where it stated '*WG might fully fund the next annual teachers' pay award*' and reiterated the remarks of the Leader in that WG

announced the award, but do not provide the funding for it. On the additional £10.406M that Flintshire would receive, once the total cost of teachers' pay and teachers' pension employer contributions had been taken out of that figure, it reduced by £3.76M to an actual increase of £6.54M so it was not an uplift of 3.7%. It had been expected that teachers' pay and teachers' pension employer contributions would have been fully funded by WG. He commented on the section of the report which stated that the Council had no choice in recent past but to set Council Tax at a higher level than had been planned in the previous two years and said this was the only way in which the budget could be balanced due to the lack of funding from WG.

On Council Tax, he said the WG had set a guideline of an average increase of 7.1% across Wales as part of its budget calculations for a sufficiency of funding for local government and questioned whether the strategy of WG was to put additional burden onto the tax payer. He also welcomed the funding as a result of the actuarial review of the Clwyd Pension Fund.

Councillor Richard Jones said UK Government had provided WG with £592M and Flintshire had expected 2% which would have equated to almost £12M, not £10.406M. He reiterated the earlier comments that WG had been expected to pay for the teachers' pay and teachers' pension employer contributions which had not happened. He also said there had been no formal meeting between the North Wales Leaders and the Minister, and no changes had been made to the funding formula. It was his opinion that UK Government had done what was expected, but WG had not.

He commented on the resolutions on the budget item from the County Council meeting in December where the Leader of the Council stated he did not wish to see a Council Tax rise above 5% and did not want cost pressures to be shared with schools for teachers' pay and pension contributions. In response to a comment on the amount of new funds available to help balance the budget being £6.54M, the Corporate Finance Manager confirmed the figure should read £6.646M. Councillor Jones asked for confirmation that the additional 0.3% on the funding floor for Flintshire's position would see an improvement of £580K, which was given. He concurred with previous views that local residents could not continue to be expected to fund the budget gap by large increases in Council Tax.

The Chief Executive said that Council Tax analysis data would be provided at the next meeting of County Council, including comparisons with other local authorities.

On being put to the vote the recommendations were carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the budget forecast for 2020/21 be re-noted, and the open risks which need to be taken into account in setting the budget be noted;
- (b) That the impacts and the implications of the Provisional Local Government Budget Settlement be noted;

- (c) That the work in hand on the remaining local options to contribute to reaching a balanced budget for 2020/21 be noted;
- (d) That the professional advice that, based on the financial strategy we have been working to be noted, and that there is a high degree of confidence that a legal and balanced budget can be recommended to Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February; and
- (e) That a full and final report with recommendations to set a legal and balanced budget be reported to the Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**93. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23**

The Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) introduced the Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23 report which covered investment in assets for the long term to enable the delivery of high quality and value for money public services.

Assets included buildings such as schools and care homes, infrastructure such as highways, IT networks and waste transfer stations and assets not owned by the Council, such as works to improve and adapt private sector homes. The proposed capital investments outlined within the report were closely aligned to portfolio service business plans and the Council Plan.

The Council had limited capital resources from Welsh Government (WG) to support Council priorities, needs and liabilities. However, it had the powers to fund Capital schemes by borrowing; this was temporary and ultimately the cost and repayment of any borrowing was charged to the Council's revenue budget. Schemes funded by borrowing were carefully considered due to the long-term impacts on the Council's revenue budget.

The report divided the Council Fund Capital Programme into three sections:

1. Statutory / Regulatory – allocations to cover regulatory and statutory works;
2. Retained Assets – allocations to fund infrastructure works necessary to ensure service and business continuity; and
3. Investment – allocations to fund works necessary to remodel services to deliver efficiencies outlined in Portfolio business plan and invest in services as outlined in the Council Plan.

The Chief Officer provided details of each of the tables within the report which were supported by explanations on each table.

In response to a question from Councillor David Healey, the Chief Officer (Education and Youth) confirmed that the works on Castell Alun High School was for a three storey extension, not two as outlined in the report.

Councillor Roberts moved the recommendations of the report, citing all of the exciting opportunities outlined in the Capital Programme. He said it demonstrated that the Council was being ambitious and showed what the aims of the Council were.



He commented in particular on the successful Hwb Cyfle adult day centre project which had recently opened in Queensferry, the investment in Marleyfield Residential Home in Buckley and the proposals for many schools in the county.

Councillor Banks seconded the recommendations of the report which he welcomed, particularly the smaller schemes of scheduled resurfacing of the all-weather pitch at Elfed High School, and the Flintshire Food Enterprise initiative.

Councillor Peers also welcomed the report which saw schemes across the county. He commented on the Council's limited capital resources and felt this needed to be brought to the attention of WG. On school building works, he asked if the £1.5M budget for the toilets in schools was part of a 15 year programme as the report stated £100K per annum. On improvements to the Standard Yard Waste Transfer Station, he hoped some money could be saved on this scheme as it had been determined that the new road initially identified was not actually needed.

On the joint archive facility, he asked if ownership was on a 50:50 basis with Denbighshire as the funding was not equal. On the County Hall campus, he asked for details on what was the huge potential for the site as outlined in the report, as there were no details in the capital receipts section of the report.

The Chief Executive said the need for increased Capital was regularly discussed with WG. On school toilets, a challenging discussion would be needed on how the schools backlog could be dealt with. On the joint archive facility – the development would be on Flintshire's land and funding arrangements would be proportionate to the size of the Councils, their budgets and the local population. Capital receipts would not show yet for County Hall as a longer term masterplan had not yet been agreed.

The Chief Officer explained that design work was still ongoing on the improvements to the Standard Yard Waste Transfer Station and any savings achieved would go back into the Capital Programme to be utilised for other schemes. On toilets, some schemes would be addressed through the Councils school modernisation programme or incorporated within other refurbishment programmes.

Councillor Richard Jones welcomed the works on Castell Alyn and Marleyfield Residential Home. On schools, he asked if the schemes in the Strategy were part of a wider strategy to remove mobile classrooms.

On the prudential borrowing for the Growth Deal, he asked what the cost of that borrowing would be, and felt this was something that could be brought to a future meeting of Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chief Executive advised that on the Growth Deal there was unlikely to be any prudential borrowing until future years and the detail would be discussed fully at a later date.

In response to a question from Councillor Jones on the cost of prudential borrowing, the Finance Manager explained that full details were provided in the Resource Implications of the report.

Councillor Palmer welcomed the report and commented on the impact that capital schemes had on communities, such as the re-opening of Holywell high Street which had been a positive impact.

Councillor Rush thanked the Council for the investment in the Glan Aber School in Bagillt which would be of great benefit to all.

Councillor McGuill asked who was leading on the Flintshire Food Enterprise and where were the hub locations. The Chief Officer explained that the scheme was in conjunction with Flintshire County Council, Clwyd Alyn Housing and Can Cook and the hubs were located across Flintshire, with some being in Clwyd Alyn Care Homes. He was the Officer leading the scheme for Flintshire.

In response to a question from Councillor Carver on the energy output at the former landfill sites in Buckley, the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) said he would provide Members with the details.

Councillor Dunbar thanked officers and the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation for the speedy remedy to the car park problem at Wepre Park. Councillor Dunbobbin expressed his thanks for the modernisation works that had taken place at Connah's Quay High School.

Councillor Ellis asked for clarification on the following wording in relation to Theatr Clwyd 'there may be a need to consider low and sustainable levels of long term borrowing to ensure the scheme is delivered but options will need to be outlined for revenue when Welsh Government confirm their level of support'. The Chief Executive explained that this was a project currently estimated at £35M; £25M had been formally requested from WG, and £5M from the Arts Council for Wales. That left an amount remaining of approximately £5M. There were substantial amounts of charitable donations that were available which would help to minimise the cost to the Council.

On being put to the vote the recommendations were carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the allocations and schemes in Table 3 for the Statutory / Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23 be approved;
- (b) That the schemes included in Table 4 for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23 be approved;
- (c) That the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2020/21 and 2021/22 in Table 5 at this point in the approval process allows flexibility, be noted. Options including a combination of future capital receipts, alternative grants (if available), prudential borrowing or the re-phasing of schemes will be considered during 2020/21, and included in future Capital Programme reports.

**94. CAPITAL STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21 TO 2022/23**

The Corporate Finance Manager introduced the Capital Strategy Including Prudential Indicators 2020/21 to 2022/23 report which provided an update on the Strategy, including why a Strategy was needed, its key aims and the content of each of its sections.

Councillor Banks moved the recommendations of the report which were seconded by Councillor Mullin.

In response to a question from Councillor Peers, the Chief Executive explained that the Council did not have any PFI schemes.

On being put to the vote the recommendations were carried.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Capital Strategy be approved; and
- (b) That the following be approved:
  - The Prudential Indicators for 2020/21 – 2022/23 as detailed within Tables 1, and 4 – 7 inclusive of the Capital Strategy; and
  - Delegated authority for the Corporate Finance Manager to effect movements between the separately agreed limits within the authorised limit for external debt and the operational boundary for external debt (Table 6 of the Capital Strategy).

**95. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30 YEAR FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN**

The Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) and the Strategic Finance Manager – Commercial and Housing, introduced the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Financial Business Plan report, which included proposed rent increases which had been considered at Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

A presentation was delivered which covered:

- 30 year Business Plan;
- Welsh Government Rent Policy 2020/21;
- Proposed Rent Uplift 2020/21;
- Other Income;
- Service Charges 2020/21;
- Revenue Efficiencies;
- Revenue Pressures;
- Capital Programme Delivery;
- Draft Capital Programme 2020/21;
- HRA Capital Funding 2020/21;
- HRA – Considering Value for Money; and
- Reserves

Councillor Attridge moved approval of the recommendation. He provided details of a comment he had made at Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the cumulative effect of rent increases and other service charges. For tenants who were struggling, including residents in sheltered housing, assurance had been given from the Chief Officer that those charges were covered by housing benefits. A lot of work had been done over recent years to ensure that tenants were getting value for money which was pleasing to see.

Councillor Dave Hughes seconded the recommendation and said he was very proud of what had been achieved and officers would seek to build on the current levels of ambition. The rent policy had been set by WG for 5 years, which was the maximum amount that could be charged and landlords should consider value for money alongside affordability for tenants, taking into account the full cost of living in a property as part of their rationale of setting rent increases.

Councillor Peers commented on the 30 Year Financial Business Plan Summary that was appended to the report and said in 2020/21, expenditure was 65% of the income, increasing in year 10 to 67% of income. He asked how this related to the Welsh average. The Chief Officer said that when that information became available it would be shared with Members.

In response to a question from Councillor Carver, the Finance Manager confirmed that the transitional uplift to tenants who were currently under target rent was £2 per week as it had been in previous years.

Councillor Richard Jones commented on the many people who struggled with car parking at sheltered accommodation properties as it was not always elderly residents that occupied such premises. He suggested that investment in car parking should be considered.

The Chief Officer said that a review of sheltered accommodation was taking place, including in the wider context. Car parking generally was also being dealt with under the WHQS and a detailed evaluation matrix had been agreed at Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee as to what was the need and how parking could be accommodated in various places.

In response to a comment from Councillor Hinds on water charges now being billed directly to residents, the Chief Officer explained that this had been a specific requirement of the water company and was out of the Councils control. Councillor Gay said she had attended a drop in session and was informed by the water company that by billing tenants direct, it would enable residents to access help via a number of schemes; if billing was to continue through the local authority those options would not be available to tenants.

Councillors Palmer and Rosetta Dolphin welcomed the works undertaken on Council properties as part of the WHQS.

On car parking, Councillor Ellis asked if colleagues in Housing and Highways worked together, citing an example of where she had been told a scheme did not

score high enough for residents only car parking spaces when the road in question was adjacent to a school and was causing issues every day.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was carried.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Financial Business Plan be approved.

**96. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2019/20**

The Corporate Finance Manager introduced the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2019/20. A summary of the key points were set out in the report.

Members of the Audit Committee received a copy of the report on 20<sup>th</sup> November and recommended it to Cabinet. Cabinet received the Mid-Year report on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and recommended it to Council for approval.

Councillor Banks moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Chris Dolphin.

Councillor Peers asked for additional information on the two new long term loans that had been taken out from the Public Works Loans Board in 2019/20. The Corporate Finance Manager explained that there was a need to borrow to fund the Capital Programme and she could provide further details if required. Interest rates from central government had been low which meant that fixing long term re-payments offered financial value to the Council.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was carried.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2019/20 be approved.

**97. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL**

The Chief Executive introduced the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill report which summarised the provisions of the Bill and details of the Council's responses. Many of the aspects in the Bill had previously been debated by Members during their draft stages.

Appended to the report were papers of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Council, as the Councils representative body.

Councillor Roberts supported the views of the WLGA and the previous position as outlined by the Council which should form the basis of the response, which was seconded by Councillor Carolyn Thomas. He said particular aspects would need to be dealt with at the time when the Bill was enacted. He particularly welcomed the provision in the Bill for voting for 16 and 17 year olds.

Councillor Bithell concurred with the comments of the Leader and said he would welcome some aspect of political education being delivered in schools.

Councillor Tudor Jones said Flintshire was a progressive local authority which had been demonstrated in the Council Chamber throughout the afternoon. However, he expressed his concern that if the report was approved today, it would prevent the Council commenting in the future on the voting system. He supported the vote being extended to 16 and 17 year olds but said they would be expected to use two different voting systems. He agreed with the single transferable vote system but commented on the system for County Council elections where the person with the majority of the votes won. However, some of those seats had very low majorities, with one example being a Councillor being elected with 24% of the vote; he felt this would be difficult to explain to young people. A single transferable vote would see the achievement of a 50% majority. He did not feel that the Council should align itself to the views of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

The Chief Executive said this was a topic which prompted a wide range of views in the Council Chamber and also at the WLGA. The WLGA and the Council believed there should be a uniform voting system for all local authorities regardless of what voting system was used which would help to avoid confusion. Councillor Jones said he disagreed with that view as people would only be concerned with the system that was in place where they resided.

Councillor Richard Jones commented on the change of name of the Audit Committee to Governance and Audit Committee and said he felt the reporting of performance measures should remain where they currently were, at Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chief Executive explained that two Committees could operate with parallel roles and further thought would be given on that element of the Bill.

Councillor Roberts said a debate would take place on a voting system once the Bill had been enacted.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was carried.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council responds to the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill, building on the positions that had previously been taken and aligning with the position and views of the Welsh Local Government Association.

**98. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the Appointment of an Independent Member to the Standards Committee report, which, following a recruitment process for a vacancy, recommended that Mr Mark Morgan be appointed.

An Independent Member could be appointed for between four and six years in their first term, and, if reappointed, for a maximum of four years in their second term. So that the retirement dates of the Independent Members was staggered, officers recommended that Mr Morgan be appointed for the maximum period in his first term and until 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Councillor Woolley moved the recommendation of the report which was seconded by Councillor Paul Johnson.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was carried.

**RESOLVED:**

That Mark Morgan be appointed to the Standards Committee until 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**99. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Prior to the Notice of Motion being introduced, the Deputy Monitoring Officer explained that a response to the Notice of Motion had been received from the Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board which he would read out once the Notice of Motion had been introduced.

Councillor Attridge explained that the Notice of Motion was in the names of himself, Councillors Brown, Ellis and Hardcastle.

Councillor Ellis introduced the Notice of Motion as follows:

“We call on Welsh Government to make BCUHB accountable in their care of patients and staff. After many years in so called Special Measures the crisis with the District Hospitals remains a worry.

A twelve hour wait at Wrexham Maelor is not unusual it’s the normal wait time. People lying on trolleys waiting to go into Majors is normal. Waiting for beds to move patients out of A and E to the Wards is impossible as there are no beds. No beds no sheets no pillows no Doctors and Nursing Staff cut.

Staff are under growing pressure and have been heard to say they are fearful of the situation getting worse as the Hospitals cannot cope with the numbers such as two Doctors to see eighty patients in A and E with a staff reduced from 15 to 12. We feel people may be put at risk due to lack of provision. Ambulance Personnel unable to sign over patients to the A and E staff as there is no room.

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She added that in 2008 many Members from across the Chamber had been against the introduction of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and had fought hard against the closure of community hospitals. The current situation proved that view was right. She said BCUHB had been in special measures for almost 5 years, that it was too big and could not be managed. She had been inundated with calls from residents across the county outlining their experiences and concerns. She commented on the reducing staff numbers, the lack of pillows and blankets, beds not being available and basic provision of food and drink not being made available to people who had been waiting for up to 24 hours. She felt the residents of Flintshire were being let down and called for a hospital within the county.

Councillors Brown and Attridge spoke in support of the views expressed by Councillor Ellis, with Councillor Attridge providing details of his own personal experiences at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer read out the response from BCUHB.

Councillor Roberts said it was distressing to hear the examples being given across the Chamber and concurred that the performance of BCUHB was getting worse. He proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion, which removed the words "In short this County needs its own Hospital" from the last sentence, and added in the following:

**In responding to this Notice of Motion, we can all recognise that these can be emotive issues. We know that all public services are under a great deal of pressure, and need support. But, there are some fundamental questions which now need to be asked.**

**Flintshire County Council should call on Welsh Government to urgently review the following issues:**

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- 5. What is the level of investment that Welsh Government will be providing for patients in North Wales to stabilise and then improve performance?**

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The amendment was seconded by Councillor McGuill. Councillor Ellis, as mover of the Notice of Motion, accepted the amendment which became the substantive Notice of Motion.

Councillors Peers, Gladys Healey, Rosetta Dolphin, Andy Williams, Richard Jones, McGuill, Butler, Bithell, Hinds, Gay and Carver all spoke in support of the Notice of Motion with many providing examples of personal experiences.

Councillor McGuill said the problems started with people not being able to access GP appointments and she suggested that BCUHB look at the provisions in the community hospitals in Mold, Holywell and Deeside and consider keeping them open from 7am – midnight, 7 days a week with X-Ray facilities being available at each one. She advised Members that there was a special meeting of Social and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> February where BCUHB would be in attendance. She urged Members to forward any questions to her so they could be considered at the meeting.

The Chief Executive explained that the primary reason for the special Social and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting was following the problems the previous year with contractual arrangements with the Countess of Chester Hospital. Since receiving the Notice of Motion, BCUHB had also been asked to address the concerns at the same meeting. For that meeting, he suggested the following for the agenda:

- (1) to provide assurance over contractual arrangements with the Countess of Chester Hospital and service continuity;
- (2) to provide a response to the Notice of Motion being considered today; and
- (3) to consider questions submitted by Members in advance of the meeting.

Social and Health Care Overview and Scrutiny could then discuss the situation over a number of meetings and then produce a report to be sent to BCUHB and the Minister.

On being put to the vote, the amended Notice of Motion, as below, was carried.

### **BETSI CADWALADER UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD (BCUHB) CRISIS**

**We call on Welsh Government to make BCUHB accountable in their care of patients and staff. After many years in so called Special Measures the crisis with the District Hospitals remains a worry.**

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**RESOLVED:**

That the Notice of Motion from Councillors Attridge, Brown, Ellis and Hardcastle, which included the amendment proposed by Councillor Roberts, be supported.

**100. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None were received.

**101. QUESTIONS**

None were received.

**102. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

There was one member of the press in attendance, and one member of the public in attendance.

(The meeting started at 2.30 p.m. and ended at 6.08 p.m.)

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**Chair**

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## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 27 February 2020
<b>Report Subject</b>	Committee Review
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive and Chief Officer (Governance)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Leader of the Council gave an undertaking that our committee structure would be reviewed during the current municipal year. This report provides details of how the review has been carried out and the recommendations arising from it.

The review was carried out by the statutory officers in consultation with Group Leaders and their deputies before a report was submitted to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee. Prior to the initial meeting with Group Leaders, the officers had prepared a range of design principles for consideration. These were supported by research work which put the current Flintshire committee structure into an all Wales context. The statistics provided from across Wales included numbers of scrutiny committees, numbers on Members on those committees, size and composition of planning committees and licensing committees and details relating to political balance.

In carrying out the review of political balance, officers were requested to ensure that all of the political groups could be represented on each of the larger committees: a solution to this was devised and subsequently supported by Group Leaders.

From the initial meeting with Group Leaders, it became apparent that the review should concentrate on:

- A reduction in the number of Overview & Scrutiny Committees(O&SCs) ;
- A reduction in the number of Members on each of those committees;
- A reduction in the number of Members on the Planning Committee. And
- A new political balance solution which achieved an overall reduction in the number of committee places whilst still making provision for all political groups to be represented on our major committees.

It is now recommended that the number of Overview & Scrutiny committees should be reduced from six to five, by disaggregating the remit of the current Organisational Change Overview & Scrutiny Committee. This was originally set up to provide scrutiny of the move to the Community Asset Transfers and Alternative Delivery Models programmes, which has been completed, so the Committee has successfully fulfilled its original objectives.

Assuming that Council accepts the recommendations made through Group Leaders and the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee, the changes will be implemented from the Annual Meeting, which is to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Council approves the following to take effect from the 2020 Annual Meeting :  (a) that the number of Overview & Scrutiny Committees be reduced from six to five and,  (b) that the new Overview & Scrutiny committee structure as detailed in the report be approved for implementation.
2	That Council agrees the reduction in Members, to take effect from the Annual Meeting, on the following committees:  (a) the five Overview & Scrutiny Committees from 15 to 12,  (b) the Planning Committee from 21 to 17 and  (c) the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee from 21 to 16.
3	That Council notes the revised political balance calculation at Appendix B.
4	That Council formally thanks all of those Members and officers who have been involved in the successful completion of the work of the Organisational Change Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

## REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE 2019/20 COMMITTEE REVIEW</b>
1.01	At the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Leader of the Council gave an undertaking that our committee structure would be reviewed during the current municipal year. This report provides details of how the review has been carried out.

	It is recognised as good practice to review committee structures from time to time. Our last review was conducted in 2014/15 and implemented from the 2015 Annual Meeting.
1.02	Group Leaders considered the initial review scoping document at their July meeting. This detailed the statutory and organisational requirements for particular committees. Following an initial briefing, the officers provided a number of details of committee size and remits from other Welsh Councils.
1.03	<p>Group Leaders indicated that they were satisfied that the review should concentrate on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number of Overview &amp; Scrutiny committees,</li> <li>• the number of Members on each of those committees and also on</li> <li>• the number of Members on the Planning Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Accordingly, officers were asked to provide a range of options for reducing the number of Overview &amp; Scrutiny committees and the number of members on those committees. At the same time, officers also considered options for reducing the number of Members on the Planning Committee and producing a new political balance calculation.</p>
1.04	At the September meeting of Group Leaders, it was agreed that the number of Overview & Scrutiny committees should be reduced from six to five, by disaggregating the remit of the current Organisational Change Overview & Scrutiny Committee. It was recognised that the committee had been established in 2015 to provide specialist and detailed scrutiny of the move to the Community Asset Transfers and Alternative Delivery Models programmes. As that work has now been carried out, the committee had already successfully fulfilled its original objectives.
1.05	It was noted that compared with other Welsh Authorities, we had amongst the highest number of Members on our Overview & Scrutiny Committees, and had done so for over 10 years. It was also noted that some groups have experienced difficulties in filling all of their committee places, and thus a reduction in numbers of Members on the committees was explored. Group Leaders agreed to recommend that each of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees within the new structure would have 12 rather than the current 15 Members.
1.06	In agreeing to reduce the number of Overview & Scrutiny committees, Group Leaders agreed the four options for balancing workloads of a five O&S committee structure should be put to Member consultation. That consultation was not conclusive. Subsequently, after discussion at Constitution & Democratic Services Committee on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January, a preferred option has been recommended to Council for adoption from the Annual Meeting.
1.07	Details of the preferred option are in appendix 1. The committees within the new structure will have the functions of the Organisational Change Overview & Scrutiny disaggregated to them and there will also be some other structural changes which are identified.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Corporate Resources</b> already has a significant monthly workload. To ease this, it will cease to be the statutory ‘crime &amp; disorder’ scrutiny committee. Those responsibilities, together with liaison with the North Wales Police and the Fire &amp; Rescue Service will be transferred to the renamed ‘Environment &amp; Economy Overview Scrutiny Committee. Theatr Clwyd has previously been reported to both Corporate Resources and Organisational Change. It will now move to a renamed Education, Youth &amp; Culture Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee. In determining a preferred option, the Constitution &amp; Democratic Services Committee also recommended that the Emergency Planning and Civil Contingencies functions be moved from the remit of Corporate Resources to that of Environment &amp; Economy.</li> <li>• <b>Education, Youth &amp; Culture</b> Overview &amp; Scrutiny committee will assume responsibility for all leisure functions and for the theatre.</li> <li>• <b>Environment &amp; Economy</b> Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee will assume responsibilities for the economic development/enterprise functions which are currently with ‘Community &amp; Enterprise’. Recognising the new committee’s workload, consideration is being given to it meeting monthly, rather than on a six weekly cycle. This committee will also be designated as the statutory ‘crime &amp; disorder’ Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>• <b>Community, Housing &amp; Assets</b> will concentrate on the Council’s housing stock and service and our Asset Strategy, including the County hall campus.</li> <li>• <b>Social &amp; Healthcare</b> will retain its existing responsibilities and also take on transferred functions from Organisational Change.</li> </ul>
1.08	<p>In the appendix, functions transferred to a committee as a result of the disaggregation of Organisational Change O&amp;SC are shown in red. Functions transferred from another committee are shown in green. The workload of committees within the new structure will monitored. If there is an imbalance, the allocation of functions can be again reviewed. For example, if Community Housing &amp; Assets were to become the ‘crime &amp; disorder’ scrutiny committee, and become responsible for community safety, liaison with police and fire and the Emergency Planning and Civil Contingencies functions, there would be a corresponding reduction in the remit of the Environment &amp; Economy Overview &amp; Scrutiny committee.</p>
1.09	<p>We currently have the legal maximum of Members – 21- on the Planning Committee (the number of Members on this committee is governed by the <i>Size and Composition of Local Planning Authority Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017</i>). The number which we have is amongst the highest in Wales. Group Leaders have agreed that this number is too large. Following consideration, they have recommended that with effect from the Annual Meeting, that number should be reduced to 17 Members. This</p>



	recommendation was also supported by the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee in January.
1.10	In order to make the political balance calculation work effectively with the reduction in places on committees and one fewer committee, it has also been necessary to reduce the number of Members on the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee from 21 to 18. A copy of the revised political Balance is attached as Appendix 2. This calculation has only been made possible by separating out the 'employment' committees which are Grievance, Grievance Appeals and Investigation & Disciplinary. Otherwise, the smaller groups would be disadvantaged by having to use part of their seat allocation on committees which seldom if ever meet. This separation requires a specific agreement from all Members of Council. If one Member objects to it, it cannot be implemented.
1.11	<p>Members will already be aware that over the five years of its existence, the Organisational Change Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee has successfully carried out the work for which it was set up. This was to provide scrutiny of the move to the Community Asset Transfers and Alternative Delivery Models programmes, which has been completed, so the Committee has successfully fulfilled its original objectives.</p> <p>Therefore, it is suggested that Council formally thanks all of those Members and officers who have been involved in the successful completion of the work of the Organisational Change Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p>

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	A reduction in the number of committees may result in the reduction of senior salaries paid.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	The report details the consultation which has already been carried out.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	Not applicable.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 – Terms of reference of the five Overview & Scrutiny Committees following the review.

	Appendix 2 – Political Balance calculation for a committee structure of five Overview & Scrutiny committees of 12 members, a planning Committee of 17 Members and a Constitution & Democratic Services committee of 16 Members.
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<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019  Report to the Meeting of the Constitution &amp; Democratic Services Committee, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 and resultant minute.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Robert Robins, Head of Democratic Services.  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702320  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:Robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk">Robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	No technical terms used.

**Appendix 1 – Committee Review – Recommended Option from the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee**

**Based on Option three of the four submitted to Constitution & Democratic Services Committee.**

<b>O&amp;S Committee</b>	<b>Scope:</b> To fulfil all of the functions of an Overview & Scrutiny committee, including Performance, Improvement and Policy Development as they relate to the following:	<b>Main Contributors</b>
<p><b>Corporate Resources</b></p> <p>12 Elected Members</p>	<p><b>Corporate Management and Governance</b>            Council strategic and improvement planning (Council Plan)            Council performance and performance systems            Customer Services and contact</p> <p><b>Finance Strategy</b>            Revenue and capital strategic planning            Revenue and capital budget monitoring</p> <p><b>Clwyd Pension Fund</b></p> <p><b>ICT and Digital Strategies</b></p> <p><b>People Strategy</b>            Organisational Design &amp; Change Programme</p> <p><b>Corporate Services</b>            Corporate Communications            Financial services            ICT Services            Information and Business Services            Procurement            HR Business Partnering            Occupational Health and Wellbeing            Employment Services            Legal Services            Democratic Services            Revenues</p> <p><b>Strategic and Partnership Working</b>            Partnership and collaborative working frameworks            Public Service Board</p>	<p>Leader of the Council;            Corporate Management &amp; Assets;            Finance.            Chief Executive;            CO (Governance)            Corporate Finance Manager            Senior Manager (HR &amp; OD)</p>
<p><b>Education, Youth &amp; Culture</b></p> <p>12 Elected Members and</p>	<p>School organisation and management            School Improvement and modernisation            School Access, planning and provision            Primary and Early years            Secondary and 14-19 education            Schools Performance Monitoring</p>	<p>Leader /Education &amp; Youth            Chief Executive            CO (Education &amp; Youth)</p>

<p>five co-opted members representing parent governors and diocesan authorities.</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education</b>  Adult and community learning  <b>Special Education</b>  Inclusion service  <b>Support to Families and Young People</b>  Families First  Youth Services  Youth Justice Service  Libraries, Culture and Heritage including archives and museums  Leisure Services, including leisure and sports centres, swimming pools and recreational facilities/activities  <b>Strategic and Partnership Working</b>  Theatr Clwyd  Aura  Holywell Leisure Centre  Cambrian Aquatics  Children and Young People’s Partnership (shared responsibility with the Social &amp; Health Care Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee)  Coleg Cambria  Glyndwr University  GwE  Welsh Government Department for Education  Estyn</p>	
<p><b>Social &amp; Health Care</b></p> <p>12 Elected Members</p>	<p><b>Adult Services</b>  First contact and localities  Adult safeguarding  Adult Independence and support services  <b>Children’s Services</b>  Fieldwork  Resources  Safeguarding  Early Years and Family support  <b>Disability, Progression and Recovery Services</b>  <b>Strategic, Commissioning &amp; Partnership Working</b>  Children and Young People’s Partnership (jointly with the Education &amp; Youth Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee)  Social &amp; Health Care Strategy Development</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Social Services.  CO (Social Services)</p>

	<p>Health Social Care and Well-being partnership and the Good Health Good Care Strategy  Dementia Commissioning Plan  Mental Health Commissioning Plan  Learning Disability Commissioning Plan  <a href="#">Double Click</a>  <a href="#">Home Farm Trust (HFT)</a>  <a href="#">Hwb Cyfle</a>  Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)  Ambulance Trust  Community Health Council.</p>	
<p><b>Environment &amp; Economy</b></p> <p>12 Elected Members</p> <p>Designated ‘crime &amp; disorder scrutiny’ committee</p>	<p><b>Planning</b>  Planning and environmental strategy, Development management and control, Conservation,  Minerals and waste planning, Countryside and the environment  Greenfield Valley Heritage Park  Public rights of way  Drainage advisory/Flood Water Management Act  Energy Services  <b>Public Protection</b>  Community protection  Health protection  Environmental protection  Bereavement services  <b>Streetscene Services</b>  Environmental and Waste Management  Neighbourhood services  Maintenance of the public realm  Environmental enforcement  Vehicle fleet  <b>Transportation</b>  Highway Strategy and Development Control  Traffic Services  Transport Services  Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity  Performance and Improvement Plan  Monitoring and Policy and Performance development within the Streetscene and</p>	<p>Cabinet Members for Planning &amp; Public Protection and Streetscene &amp; Countryside  Chief Executive  CO (Planning, Environment and Economy)  CO (Streetscene &amp; Transportation)</p>

	<p>Transportation and Planning, Environment and Economy portfolios</p> <p><b>Strategic and Partnership Working</b></p> <p>Local Development Plan  Flood Management Strategy  North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Partnership  Natural Resources Wales  Planning Inspectorate Wales</p> <p>Emergency planning  Civil Contingencies and Emergency Planning</p> <p><b>Regeneration</b></p> <p>Communities First,  Economic Development and Tourism Enterprise  Regeneration Partnership  Rural Development Plan  Visit Wales</p> <p><b>Crime and Disorder</b></p> <p>Community Safety Partnership  North Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Authority &amp; Service  North Wales Police &amp; Crime Commissioner  North Wales Police Service  North Wales Probation Service</p>	
<p><b>Community , Housing &amp; Assets</b></p> <p>12 Elected Members</p>	<p><b>Community Liaison</b></p> <p>The County Forum and the Joint Community Charter with Town and Community Councils  Flintshire Local Voluntary Council</p> <p><b>Community services</b></p> <p>Community support services  Welfare reform</p> <p><b>Public Housing</b></p> <p>Housing Strategy  Neighbourhood Housing  Housing Asset management</p> <p><b>Private Housing</b> renewal</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>Property and Design Consultancy  Valuation and Estates  Facilities Services</p>	<p>Cabinet Members for Corporate Management &amp; Assets and Housing.  Chief executive  CO (Housing &amp; Assets)</p>

	<p><b>Community Assets</b> <b>Strategic and Partnership Working</b> <b>Community Asset Transfer Programme</b> Housing Strategy Housing Asset Management Strategy <b>NEWYDD</b> <b>NEW Homes Limited</b> Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Registered Social Landlords</p>	
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**12 OSC and 17 planning**

**TABLE 1**

	Labour			Independent Alliance			Conservatives			Liberal Democrats			New Independents			Flintshire Independents			Independents			Total Councill	Cross check
<b>No.of councillors</b>	34			13			6			6			4			4			3			70	
<b>% of councillors</b>	48.57%			18.57%			8.57%			8.57%			5.71%			5.71%			4.29%			Total	
<b>Notional entitlement</b>	57.31			21.91			10.11			10.11			6.74			6.74			5.06			Seats	
<b>Allocation of seats</b>	57			22			10			10			7			7			5			118.00	118.00
Community and Enterprise OSC	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.69	0.31	0	0.51	0.51	12	12.00
Corporate Resources OSC	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	1	0.69	0.31	0	0.69	-0.69	1	0.51	-0.49	12	12.00
Education and Youth OSC	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.69	0.31	0	0.51	0.51	12	12.00
Environment OSC	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.69	0.31	0	0.51	0.51	12	12.00
Social Services and Health OSC	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	0	0.69	-0.69	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.51	-0.49	12	12.00
Planning	8	8.26	-0.26	4	3.16	0.84	1	1.46	0.46	2	1.46	-0.54	1	0.97	0.03	1	0.97	0.03	0	0.73	0.73	17	17.00
Licensing	6	5.83	0.17	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	1.03	0.03	0	0.69	-0.69	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.51	-0.49	12	12.00
Audit	3	3.40	-0.40	1	1.30	-0.30	1	0.60	-0.40	1	0.60	-0.40	1	0.40	0.60	0	0.40	-0.40	0	0.30	0.30	7	7.00
Constitution and Democratic	7	7.77	-0.77	4	2.97	1.03	1	1.37	0.37	1	1.37	0.37	1	0.91	0.09	1	0.91	0.09	1	0.69	-0.31	16	16.00
Pensions	2	2.43	-0.43	1	0.93	0.07	1	0.43	-0.57	0	0.43	0.43	0	0.29	-0.29	0	0.29	-0.29	1	0.21	-0.79	5	5.00
Joint Pensions	1	0.49	0.51	0	0.19	-0.19	0	0.09	0.09	0	0.09	0.09	0	0.06	-0.06	0	0.06	-0.06	0	0.04	0.04	1	1.00
<b>Total to Group</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57.31</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>21.91</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10.11</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10.11</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>6.74</b>		<b>7.00</b>	<b>6.74</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5.06</b>		<b>118</b>	118
Grievance	5	5.83	-0.83	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	12.00	11.00	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.69	0.31	1	0.51	-0.49	12	12.00
Grievance Appeals	5	5.83	-0.83	2	2.23	-0.23	1	1.03	0.03	1	12.00	11.00	1	12.00	-11.00	1	12.00	-11.00	1	12.00	11.00	12	12.00
Invest + Disc	5	5.83	-0.83	2	2.23	-0.23	1	12.00	11.00	1	12.00	11.00	1	12.00	-11.00	1	12.00	-11.00	1	12.00	11.00	12	12.00

If the allocations come to a total that is too high/low then the numbers along the bottom/on the right change colour

**TABLE 2**

	Labour			Independent Alliance			Conservatives			Liberal Democrats			New Independents			Flintshire Independents			Independents		
Scrutiny chairs																					
Notional	2.91			1.11			0.51			0.51			0.34			0.34			0.26		
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## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>Report Subject</b>	Review of Polling Districts and Places
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a duty to undertake a review of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places every five years. The current review had to be completed by 31 January 2020.

This report sets out the final proposals for polling districts and polling places following the review.

Any changes to polling district boundaries will now be implemented on the 1 December 2020 when the revised version of the Register of Electors will be published.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	That Council note the outcome of the review and the consultation undertaken.
2	That the final proposals detailed in Appendix 2 with regard to polling districts and polling places be approved.

## REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES
1.01	The Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a duty to undertake a review of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places every five years. The current review had to be completed by 31 January 2020.
1.02	Polling districts are, in effect, sub divisions of Electoral wards. When designating polling districts the local authority must seek to ensure that all the electors in the area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances. Responsibility for determining polling district boundaries lie with the Council itself.
1.03	<p>The following criteria has been adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The place for voting must be accessible for all electors, including those with disabilities.</li><li>• Polling places should be within the polling district, unless it is not possible to find a suitable place with the area.</li><li>• The polling station should be easy to find and as close to electors as possible.</li></ul>
1.04	The Council is responsible for designating polling places, whereas authority for determining where the polling station should be within the polling place has been delegated to the Returning Officer. Typically a school might be designated as the polling place, leaving the discretion to the Returning Officer to decide, in consultation with the school, the exact location of the polling station within the school premises.
1.05	Public notice of the review was published on the Council's website on 2 September 2019. The consultation period closed on 4 October 2019.
1.06	<p>Over 38 representations were received during the consultation period, mostly in support of the current arrangements.</p> <p>The following issues were raised through the consultation process –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The proposed closure of Bistre Methodist Schoolroom, Spon Green, Buckley (sometime in 2020).</li><li>2. Alternative venue for Holywell East and Holywell Central Electoral Wards. Holywell Town Council have suggested Ysgol Treffynnon.</li><li>3. Building works at St. John the Baptist School, Chester Road, Penymynydd. Also representations were received from the Governing body, the school and working parents that because the school is closed on polling day, this disrupts pupils and working parents are left to find alternative costly childcare arrangements.</li><li>4. The closure of Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.</li></ol>

1.07	The Acting Returning Officer Comments for the Constituencies of Alyn & Deeside and Delyn were published on Monday 7 October 2019 and can be found in Appendix 1.
1.08	The final proposals detailed in Appendix 2 have been identified for consideration. Once Council has agreed the proposals, details of the new polling districts and polling places will be published.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	There are no specific resource implications within this report.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	<p>The formal consultation period ran from Monday 2 September to Friday 4 October 2019. A public notice was placed on the Council's website and in local council offices and libraries, giving notice of the review and full details of the review. In addition the following specific consultations were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) With Members of the Council, by way of an email dated 2 September which gave details of the review and included, in particular, the Council's consultation document, schedule of existing polling districts and polling places, with their respective electorate and a questionnaire.</li> <li>b) An email to each of the Members of Parliament with the explanatory information.</li> <li>c) An email to each of the Assembly Members with the explanatory information.</li> <li>d) An email to each Town/Community Council with the explanatory information.</li> <li>e) The Acting Returning Officer for the Alyn &amp; Deeside and Delyn Constituencies with the same explanatory information.</li> </ul>

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	So far as possible venues for polling places have been selected that are reasonably central within the polling district so as to limit the need for electors to travel to them by car.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 – Acting Returning Officer's Comments Appendix 2 – Final Proposals for Consideration

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 Public Notice of Review Flintshire County Council Consultation Document

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Lynn Phillips, Team Leader – Democratic Services <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702329 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:lyn.phillips@flintshire.gov.uk">lyn.phillips@flintshire.gov.uk</a>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	<b>Polling district</b> is a geographical area created by the sub-division of an electoral area, i.e. a constituency, district ward or division into smaller parts.  <b>Polling place</b> is a building or area in which polling stations will be located.  <b>Polling station</b> is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.

**Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections)**  
**Regulations 2006**

**Acting Returning Officer's Comments on the Schedule of existing Polling Districts and Polling Places 2019**

**Argoed Electoral Ward**

<b>Polling District (inc.electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
AAD - 1634	Community Centre, Mynydd Isa	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
ABD - 530	Community Centre, Mynydd Isa	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of AAD. There are no known suitable alternative within ABD and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

**Aston Electoral Ward**

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
ACA1 – 1303	Woodside Close Community Centre, Ewloe	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
ACA2 – 1233	Aston Community Centre, Aston Park Road, Aston	This polling place is situated on the border in the adjacent polling district of SFA2. There are no known suitable alternative within ACA2 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

**Bagillt East Electoral Ward**

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
BAD -1495	Community Centre, Bagillt	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Bagillt West Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BDD1- 580	Bagillt Community Library, Bagillt	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BDD2 - 1089	Trem Afon Community Hall, Holywell Road, Bagillt	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Broughton North East Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BEA - 879	Broughton & Bretton Community Centre (No.1) Brookes Avenue, Broughton	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of BGA. There are no known suitable alternative within BEA and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place
BFA - 834	Broughton & Bretton Community Centre (No.1) Brookes Avenue, Broughton	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of BGA. There are no known suitable alternative within BFA and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place

### Broughton South Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BGA - 3377	Broughton & Bretton Community Centre (No.2) Brookes Avenue, Broughton	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed



### Brynford Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BHD - 854	St. Michael's Church, Brynford	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BID - 923	Community Centre, Pentre Halkyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Buckley Bistre East Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BJA1 - 1595	Jubilee Court Community Centre, Jubilee Road, Buckley	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BJA2 - 1036	Bistre Methodist Schoolroom, Spon Green, Buckley	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed at the moment. The building is up for sale so an alternative polling place is required.

### Buckley Bistre West Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BKA1 - 1460	Buckley Cross Community Centre, Tabernacle Street	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BKA2 - 1758	Bistre Youth & Community Centre, Nant Mawr Road	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Buckley Mountain Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BLA1 - 1186	Hawkesbury Community Centre, Mill Lane, Buckley	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BLA2 - 1384	Bistre Parish Church Hall, Mold Road, Buckley	This polling place is situated on the border in the adjacent polling district of BKA2. There are no known suitable alternative within BLA2 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place

### Buckley Pentrobin Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
BMA1 - 1078	St. Matthews Church Hall, Church Road, Buckley	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
BMA2 - 1993	Hawkesbury Community Centre, Mill Lane, Buckley	This polling place is situated on the border in the adjacent polling district of BLA1. There are no known suitable alternative within BMA2 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place
BMA3 - 1230	Methodist Church Schoolroom, Drury Lane, Buckley	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Caergwrle Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CAA - 1212	Presbyterian Church Hall, High Street, Caergwrle	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Caerwys Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CBD – 979	Town Hall, Caerwys	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CCD – 587	Berthen Chapel, Lixwm, Holywell	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CDD - 427	Village Hall, Ysceifiog	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Cilcain Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CED - 577	Village Hall, Cilcain	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CFD - 523	War Memorial Institute, Rhydymwyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CGD - 400	Memorial Hall, Nannerch	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Connah's Quay Central Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CHA1 - 1476	Community Centre, Tuscan Way, Connah's Quay	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CHA2 – 933	Bryn Deva C.P. School, Connah's Quay	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Connah's Quay Golftyn Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CIA1 - 1260	St. Mark's Church Hall, High Street, Connah's Quay	It has been highlighted that the access to this polling place is unsuitable and the polling station is not adequate. There have been no complaints received from electors. For future elections a ramp will be provided. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place, unless as part of this review a suitable alternative can be found.
CIA2 - 2391	Connah's Quay Youth Centre, Golftyn Lane	Due to the ongoing building works at Connah's Quay High School this polling place has not been used over the last two years. As the work is now complete it is proposed to designate this as the polling place as arrangements are considered satisfactory.
CIA3 - 220	Bryn Deva C.P. School, Connah's Quay	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of CHA2. There are no known suitable alternative within CIA3 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

### Connah's Quay South Electoral Ward

Polling District (in electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CJA1 - 2167	Wepre C. P. School, Llwyni Drive, Connah's Quay	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
CJA2 - 2125	St. Davids Church Hall, Mold Road, Connah's Quay	This polling place is situated on the border in the adjacent polling district of CKA. There are no known suitable alternative within CJA2 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is

		proposed to this polling place
CJA3 - 280	Bryn Deva C.P. School, Connah's Quay	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of CHA2. There are no known suitable alternative within CJA3 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

### Connah's Quay Wepre Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
CKA - 1726	Civic Hall, Connah's Quay	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Ewloe Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
EWA1 - 3236	Community Centre, Level Road, Hawarden	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
EWA2 - 1076	Ewloe Social Club, Mold Road, Ewloe	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Ffynnongroyw Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
FAD - 561	Community Wing, Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FBD - 340	Community Centre, Talacre	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FCD - 573	Canolfan, Ffynnongroyw	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Flint Castle Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
FDD1 - 568	Town Hall, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FDD2 - 940	Community Room, Castle Heights, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Flint Coleshill Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
FED1 - 568	St. John's United Reformed Church Schoolroom, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FED2 - 2453	Cilfan Community Hall, Cornist, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Flint Oakenholt Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
FFD1 - 1311	Neuadd, Maes-Y-Coed, Woodfield Avenue, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FFD2 - 1206	Oakenholt Bowling Club, Croes Atti Lane, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Flint Trelawny Electoral Ward

Polling District (in electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
FGD1 - 2209	Flint High School, Mount Pleasant, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
FGD2 - 513	St Thomas' Church, Flint Mountain, Flint	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Greenfield Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
GAD - 2001	Youth & Community Centre, Greenfield	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Gronant Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
GBD - 920	Family Centre, Nant y Gro, Gronant	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
GCD - 325	Village Hall, Gwespyr	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Gwernaffield Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
GDD - 818	Church Hall, Gwernaffield	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
GED - 835	Village Hall, Pantymwyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Gwernymynydd Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
GFD - 905	Village Centre, Gwernymynydd	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
GGD - 479	Soar Chapel School Room, Nercwys	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Halkyn Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
HAD - 389	Parish Hall, Halkyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
HBD - 311	Village Hall, Rhes y Cae	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
HCD - 700	Rhosesmor Village Hall, Rhosesmor	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Hawarden Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
HDA - 1586	Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Hawarden	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Higher Kinnerton Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
HEA - 1333	Village Hall, Higher Kinnerton	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

## Holywell Central Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
HFD1 - 732	Youth Centre, North Road, Holywell	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
HFD2 - 741	St. Peters Church, Rose Hill, Holywell	<p>Arrangements considered satisfactory.</p> <p>Holywell Town Council have suggested the following - Members feel the polling station serving Holywell East and Holywell Central should be relocated from St Peters Church to Ysgol Treffynnon. The station would then be located more centrally and enable the majority of voters to have less distance to travel to vote. The church and car park is also a little on the small side, to serve the two wards.</p> <p>This suggestion will be explored.</p>

## Holywell East Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
HGD - 1393	St. Peters Church, Rose Hill, Holywell	<p>This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of HFD2. There are no known suitable alternative within HGD and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory.</p> <p>Holywell Town Council have suggested the following - Members feel the polling station serving Holywell East and Holywell Central should be relocated from St Peters Church to Ysgol Treffynnon. The station would then be located more centrally and enable the majority of voters to have less distance to travel to vote. The church and car park is also a little on the small side, to serve the two wards.</p> <p>This suggestion will be explored.</p>

## Holywell West Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
HHD1 - 1017	Youth Centre, North Road, Holywell	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of HFD1. There are no known suitable alternative within HHD1 and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.
HHD2 - 728	Community Centre, Holway, Holywell	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

## Hope Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
HIA - 2033	Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

## Leeswood Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
LAD - 1379	Community Centre, Leeswood	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
LBD - 229	Pontblyddyn Cricket Club, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

## Llanfynydd Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
LCA - 482	C. P. School, Abermorddu	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
LDA - 346	Community Centre, Cymau	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
LEA - 467	Community Centre, Ffrith	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
LFA - 188	Coed Talon Bowling Club, Pontybodkin	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed



### Mancot Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
MAA - 2619	Mancot Village Hall, Mancot Lane, Mancot	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Mold Broncoed Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
MBD - 2132	Glanrafon Centre, Glanrafon Road, Mold	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Mold East Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
MCD -1549	St. Davids Church Hall, St. David's Lane, Mold	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Mold South Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
MDD - 2198	Daniel Owen Centre, Earl Road, Mold	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of MBD. There are no known suitable alternative within MDD and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Mold West Electoral Ward

<b>Polling District (inc electorate)</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals</b>
MED - 1982	Parkfields Community Centre, Park Avenue, Mold	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Mostyn Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
MFD - 1007	Community Centre, Maes Pennant Estate, Mostyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
MGD - 450	Community Centre, Maes Pennant Estate, Mostyn	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of MFD. There are no known suitable alternative within MGD. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

### New Brighton Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
NAD - 1500	Women's Institute, Chambers Lane, Mynydd Isa	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
NBD - 891	Community Centre, New Brighton	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Northop Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
NCD - 1055	Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
NDD - 1444	Memorial Hall, Sychdyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Northop Hall Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
NED - 1371	Community Pavilion, Northop Hall	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Penyffordd Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
PAA1 - 1896	Youth Centre, Penyffordd	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
PAA2 - 1597	St. John The Baptist School, Chester Road,	Building work is taking place at the school until March 2020.

	Penymynydd	Representations were received from the Governing body and the school highlighting that the school closes on polling day. This has a negative impact on the disruption to pupils and complaints from working parents who are require to find costly childcare. It is proposed to designate the Youth Centre, Penyffordd as the polling place in the short term.
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### Queensferry Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
QAA - 437	Queensferry War Memorial Institute, Queensferry	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
QBA - 119	Community Centre, Phoenix Street, Sandycroft	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of QCA. There are no known suitable alternative within QBA and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.
QCA - 897	Community Centre, Phoenix Street, Sandycroft	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Saltney Mold Junction Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SAA - 1083	Saltney Ferry Scout and Guide Headquarters, Bradshaw Avenue, Saltney Ferry	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Saltney Stonebridge Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SBA1 - 1216	Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Saltney	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
SBA2 - 1554	Community Hall, Douglas Place, Saltney	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Sealand Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SCA - 870	Youth & Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Sealand	It is proposed to merge the polling districts SCA and SDA. The Youth & Community Centre will continue as the designated polling place.
SDA - 1269	Youth & Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Sealand	It is proposed to merge the polling districts SCA and SDA. The Youth & Community Centre will continue as the designated polling place

### Shotton East Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SEA - 1394	St. Ethelwolds Church Hall, Shotton Lane, Shotton	This polling place is situated in the adjacent polling district of SFA1. There are no known suitable alternative within SEA and no adverse comments have been made about use in the past. Arrangements considered satisfactory, no change is proposed to this polling place.

### Shotton Higher Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SFA1 - 820	St. Ethelwolds Church Hall, Shotton Lane, Shotton	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
SFA2 - 954	Community Centre, Elmwood Close, Shotton	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Shotton West Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
SGA - 1573	Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton	The Community Centre is closing and an alternative polling place is required. In the past Ysgol Croes Atti (Shotton Site) has been used. Unless an alternative polling place can be found, it is proposed to designate Ysgol Croes Atti (Shotton Site) as the

		polling place.
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### Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
TAD - 201	Gwaenysgor Village Hall, Gwaenysgor	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
TBD - 500	Memorial Hall, Trelawnyd	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
TCD - 250	Llanasa Village Hall, Llanasa	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
TDD - 541	Community Centre, Berthengam	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Treuddyn Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
TEA - 1347	Community Centre, Hafan Deg, Treuddyn	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

### Whitford Electoral Ward

Polling District (inc electorate)	Designated Polling Place	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Alternative Proposals
WAD - 362	Ysgol y Llan, Whitford	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed
WBD - 1530	Village Hall, Carmel	Arrangements considered satisfactory – no changes proposed

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**FINAL PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1.01 The following polling places are considered satisfactory:-

Polling Place for Polling District AAD – Argoed Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Mynydd Isa

Polling Place for Polling District ACA1 – Aston Electoral Ward  
Woodside Close Community Centre, Ewloe

Polling Place for Polling District BAD – Bagillt East Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Bagillt

Polling Place for Polling District BDD1 – Bagillt West Electoral Ward  
Bagillt Community Library, Bagillt

Polling Place for Polling District BDD2 – Bagillt West Electoral Ward  
Trem Afon Community Hall, Holywell Road, Bagillt

Polling Place for Polling District BGA – Broughton South Electoral Ward  
Broughton and Bretton Community Centre, Brookes Avenue

Polling Place for Polling District BHD – Brynford Electoral Ward  
St. Michael's Church, Brynford

Polling Place for Polling District BID – Brynford Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Pentre Halkyn

Polling Place for Polling District BJA1 – Buckley Bistre East Electoral Ward  
Jubilee Court Community Centre, Jubilee Road, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District BKA1 – Buckley Bistre West Electoral Ward  
Buckley Cross Community Centre, Tabernacle Street, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District BKA2 – Buckley Bistre West Electoral Ward  
Bistre Youth & Community Centre, Nant Mawr Road, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District BLA1 – Buckley Mountain Electoral Ward  
Hawkesbury Community Centre, Mill Lane, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District BMA1 – Buckley Pentrobin Electoral Ward  
St. Matthews Church Hall, Church Road, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District BMA3 – Buckley Pentrobin Electoral Ward  
Methodist Church Schoolroom, Drury Lane, Buckley

Polling Place for Polling District CAA – Caergwrle Electoral Ward  
Presbyterian Church Hall, High Street, Caergwrle

Polling Place for Polling District CBD – Caerwys Electoral Ward  
Town Hall, Caerwys

Polling Place for Polling District CCD – Caerwys Electoral Ward  
Berthen Chapel, Lixwm

Polling Place for Polling District CDD – Caerwys Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Ysceifiog

Polling Place for Polling District CED – Cilcain Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Cilcain

Polling Place for Polling District CFD – Cilcain Electoral Ward  
War Memorial Institute, Rhydymwyn

Polling Place for Polling District CGD – Cilcain Electoral Ward  
Memorial Hall, Nannerch

Polling Place for Polling District CHA1 – Connah’s Quay Central Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Tuscan Way, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District CHA2 – Connah’s Quay Central Electoral Ward  
Bryn Deva C. P. School, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District CIA1 – Connah’s Quay Golftyn Electoral Ward  
St. Mark’s Church Hall, High Street, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District CJA1 – Connah’s Quay Wepre Electoral Ward  
Wepre C. P. School, Llwyni Drive, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District CKA – Connah’s Quay Wepre Electoral Ward  
Civic Hall, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District EAA1 – Ewloe Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Level Road, Hawarden

Polling Place for Polling District EAA2 – Ewloe Electoral Ward  
Ewloe Social Club, Mold Road, Ewloe

Polling Place for Polling District FAD – Ffynnongroyw Electoral Ward  
Community Wing, Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

Polling Place for Polling District FBD – Ffynnongroyw Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Talacre

Polling Place for Polling District FCD – Ffynnongroyw Electoral Ward  
Canolfan, Ffynnongroyw

Polling Place for Polling District FDD1 – Flint Castle Electoral Ward  
Town Hall, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FDD2 – Flint Castle Electoral Ward  
Community Room, Castle Heights, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FED1 – Flint Coleshill Electoral Ward  
St. John’s United Reformed Church Schoolroom, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FED2 – Flint Coleshill Electoral Ward  
Cilfan Community Hall, Cornist, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FFD1 – Flint Oakenholt Electoral Ward  
Neuadd, Maes-Y-Coed, Woodfield Avenue, Flint



Polling Place for Polling District FFD2 – Flint Oakenholt Electoral Ward  
Oakenholt Bowling club, Croes Atti Lane, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FGD1 – Flint Trelawny Electoral Ward  
Flint High School, Mount Pleasant, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District FGD2 – Flint Trelawny Electoral Ward  
St Thomas' Church, Flint Mountain, Flint

Polling Place for Polling District GAD – Greenfield Electoral Ward  
Youth & Community Centre, Greenfield

Polling Place for Polling District GBD – Gronant Electoral Ward  
Family Centre, Nant y Gro, Gronant

Polling Place for Polling District GCD – Gronant Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Gwespyr

Polling Place for Polling District GDD – Gwernaffield Electoral Ward  
Church Hall, Gwernaffield

Polling Place for Polling District GED – Gwernaffield Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Pantymwyn

Polling Place for Polling District GFD – Gwernymynydd Electoral Ward  
Village Centre, Gwernymynydd

Polling Place for Polling District GGD – Gwernymynydd Electoral Ward  
Soar Chapel Schoolroom, Nercwys

Polling Place for Polling District HAD – Halkyn Electoral Ward  
Parish Hall, Halkyn

Polling Place for Polling District HBD – Halkyn Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Rhes y Cae

Polling Place for Polling District HCD – Halkyn Electoral Ward  
Rhosesmor Village Hall, Rhosesmor

Polling Place for Polling District HDA – Hawarden Electoral Ward  
Tithe Barn Church Lane, Hawarden

Polling Place for Polling District HEA – Higher Kinnerton Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Higher Kinnerton

Polling Place for Polling District HFD1 – Holywell Central Electoral Ward  
Youth Centre, North Road, Holywell

Polling Place for Polling District HHD2 – Holywell West Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Holway

Polling Place for Polling District HIA – Hope Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope

Polling Place for Polling District LAD – Leeswood Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Leeswood

Polling Place for Polling District LBD – Leeswood Electoral Ward  
Pontblyddyn Cricket Club, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn

Polling Place for Polling District LCA – Llanfynydd Electoral Ward  
C. P. School, Abermorddu

Polling Place for Polling District LDA – Llanfynydd Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Cymau

Polling Place for Polling District LEA – Llanfynydd Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Ffrith

Polling Place for Polling District LFA – Llanfynydd Electoral Ward  
Coed Talon Bowling Club, Pontybodkin

Polling Place for Polling District MAA – Mancot Electoral Ward  
Mancot Village Hall, Mancot Lane, Mancot

Polling Place for Polling District MBD – Mold Broncoed Electoral Ward  
Glanrafon Centre, Glanrafon Road, Mold

Polling Place for Polling District MCD – Mold East Electoral Ward  
St. Davids Church Hall, St. David's Lane, Mold

Polling Place for Polling District MED – Mold West Electoral Ward  
Parkfields Community Centre, Park Avenue, Mold

Polling Place for Polling District MFD – Mostyn Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Maes Pennant Estate, Mostyn

Polling Place for Polling District NAD – New Brighton Electoral Ward  
Women's Institute, Chambers Lane, Mynydd Isa

Polling Place for Polling District NBD – New Brighton Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, New Brighton

Polling Place for Polling District NCD – Northop Electoral Ward  
Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop

Polling Place for Polling District NDD – Northop Electoral Ward  
Memorial Hall, Sychdyn

Polling Place for Polling District NED – Northop Hall Electoral Ward  
Community Pavilion, Northop Hall

Polling Place for Polling District PAA1 – Penyffordd Electoral Ward  
Youth Centre, Penyffordd

Polling Place for Polling District QAA – Queensferry Electoral Ward  
Queensferry War Memorial Institute, Queensferry

Polling Place for Polling District QCA – Queensferry Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Phoenix Street, Sandyside

Polling Place for Polling District SAA – Saltney Mold Junction Electoral Ward  
Saltney Ferry Scout and Guide Headquarters, Bradshaw Avenue, Saltney Ferry

Polling Place for Polling District SBA1 – Saltney Stonebridge Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Saltney

Polling Place for Polling District SBA2 – Saltney Stonebridge Electoral Ward  
Community Hall, Douglas Place, Saltney

Polling Place for Polling District SFA1 – Shotton Higher Electoral Ward  
St. Ethelwolds Church Hall, Shotton Lane, Shotton

Polling Place for Polling District SFA2 – Shotton Higher Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Elmwood Close, Shotton

Polling Place for Polling District TAD – Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Electoral Ward  
Gwaenysgor Village Hall, Gwaenysgor

Polling Place for Polling District TBD – Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Electoral Ward  
Memorial Hall, Trelawnyd

Polling Place for Polling District TCD – Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Electoral Ward  
Llanasa Village Hall, Llanasa

Polling Place for Polling District TDD – Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Berthengam

Polling Place for Polling District TEA – Treuddyn Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Hafan Deg, Treuddyn

Polling Place for Polling District WAD – Whitford Electoral Ward  
Ysgol y Llan, Whitford

Polling Place for Polling District WBD – Whitford Electoral Ward  
Village Hall, Carmel

- 1.02 The following polling places are located in an adjacent polling district. These polling places have been the designated polling places for electors for a number of years. In the past there have been no complaints and no alternative polling place has been suggested during the consultation period. It is proposed that there be no changes to the following polling places:-

Polling Place for Polling District ABD – Argoed Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Mynydd Isa.

Polling Place for Polling District ACA2 – Aston Electoral Ward  
Aston Community Centre, Aston Park Road

Polling Place for Polling Districts BEA and BFA – Broughton North East Electoral Ward  
Broughton and Bretton Community Centre, Brookes Avenue

Polling Place for Polling District BLA2 – Buckley Mountain Electoral Ward  
Bistre Parish Church Hall, Mold Road

Polling Place for Polling District BMA2 - Buckley Pentrobin Electoral Ward  
Hawkesbury Community Centre, Mill Lane

Polling Place for Polling District CIA3 – Connah’s Quay Golftyn Electoral Ward  
Bryn Deva C. P. School, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District CJA2 – Connah’s Quay South Electoral Ward  
St. Davids Church Hall, Mold Road

Polling Place for Polling District CJA3 – Connah’s Quay South Electoral Ward  
Bryn Deva C. P. School, Connah’s Quay

Polling Place for Polling District HHD1 – Holywell West Electoral Ward  
Youth Centre, North Road

Polling Place for Polling District MDD – Mold South Electoral Ward  
Daniel Owen Centre, Earl Road

Polling Place for Polling District MGD – Mostyn Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Maes Pennant

Polling Place for Polling District QBA – Queensferry Electoral Ward  
Community Centre, Phoenix Street

Polling Place for Polling District SEA – Shotton East Electoral Ward  
St. Ethelwolds Church Hall, Shotton Lane

1.04 The following proposals are being made to the following polling places:-

Polling Place for Polling District BJA2 – Buckley Bistre East Electoral Ward  
Bistre Methodist Schoolroom, Spon Green, Buckley

It is proposed that there will be no change to this designated polling place at present. The building is up for sale and it is expected to close sometime this year. Will look at the suitability of Bistre Working Men’s Club, Brook Street as an alternative polling place.

Polling Place for Polling District CIA2 – Connah’s Quay Electoral Ward  
Connah’s Quay Youth Centre, Golftyn Lane, Connah’s Quay

Now that building work has been completed at Connah’s Quay High School, it is proposed that Connah’s Youth Centre, Golftyn Lane will be the designated polling place.

Polling Place for Polling District HFD2 and HGD – Holywell Central and Holywell East Electoral Wards

To look at the suitability of Ysgol Treffynnon for polling purposes, as Holywell Town Council feel this is more central for the wards.

Polling Place for Polling District PAA2 – Penyffordd Electoral Ward  
St. John the Baptist School, Penymynydd

Building works are taking place at the school until March 2020. The Youth Centre was used as a dual station for the Parliamentary election held on 12 December 2019. It was found that the centre was not suitable as a dual station as the layout and size of room led to confusion for voters. It is proposed to revert back to the School and look for an alternative venue.

Polling Districts of SCA and SDA – Sealand Electoral Ward  
Youth & Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Sealand

It is proposed to merge the two polling districts and designate the Youth & Community Centre as the polling place.

Polling Place for Polling District SGA – Shotton West Electoral Ward  
Ysgol Croes Atti (Shotton Site), King George Street, Shotton

Following the closure of Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street is proposed to designate Ysgol Croes Atti (Shotton Site) as the polling place as no suitable alternative polling place has been identified.

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## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 27 February 2020
<b>Report Subject</b>	Petitions received at Council
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Governance)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At County Council, Members are able to submit petitions on behalf of constituents. At the October 2018 meeting, it was agreed to prepare a report showing to which portfolio petitions had been assigned and what actions had been taken as a result of those petitions.

At the February 2019 meeting, it was confirmed that a report of this nature would be made to the last scheduled County Council meeting in each municipal year. This is the last such meeting.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Council notes the report.
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### REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING PETITIONS SUBMITTED AT COUNCIL</b>
1.01	At County Council, Members are able to submit petitions on behalf of their constituents. At the October 2018 meeting, it was agreed to prepare a report showing who had submitted petitions, to which portfolio petitions had been assigned and what actions had been taken as a result of those petitions. Subsequently, it was agreed at the February 2019 meeting that a report of this nature would be made to the last scheduled County Council meeting in each municipal year.
1.02	During 2019/20 so far, there has been one petition submitted, at the June 2019 meeting. Councillor Sian Braun submitted a petition from the residents of Abbey Drive, Gronant, to introduce a 20 miles per hour speed limit along the length of Abbey Drive, Gronant, as soon as possible to reduce the risk from traffic to residents and vulnerable road users.

1.03	<p>Response from Streetscene &amp; Transportation:</p> <p>A Speed limit assessment was conducted in accordance with Department for Transport criteria. Although the 30mph criteria states that a minimum length of limit should be in excess of 600m, the existing speed limit of 30mph would appear appropriate on the density of existing dwellings even though the route is 350m. Key pedestrian generators such as the School, play park and Community Centre do not directly access on to Abbey Road. We are currently awaiting validation of accident data from North Wales Police.</p>
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<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	Not applicable for this update report.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	Not applicable for this update report.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	Not applicable.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	None.

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>Minute number 16 of the Council, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Robert Robins, Head of Democratic Services  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702320  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk">robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	Not technical terms used in this update report.



**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLORS BERNIE ATTRIDGE, HELEN BROWN,  
CAROL ELLIS AND GEORGE HARDCASTLE**

**SWEP - SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL**

We call upon Flintshire to urgently review the SWEP PROTOCOL.

Following on from severe weather conditions including a storm that placed us in high alert, Flintshire did not activate SWEP unlike all the neighbouring authorities as it was not deemed cold enough according to the protocol.

We ask that Flintshire uses its discretion in bad weather and not only when temperatures drop below zero. We must ensure that all avenues of communication are open and ensure that we reach out as much as possible.

We need to be caring and compassionate with those who are much less fortunate in our county.

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