

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 12 November 2020

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A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><b>Membership:</b> Councillors: Clive Carver (Chair), Sean Bibby, Haydn Bateman, Geoff Collett, Andy Dunbobbin, Mared Eastwood, Patrick Heesom, Kevin Rush, Andy Williams and Arnold Woolley</p> <p><b>Substitutes:</b> Councillor: Dave Evans (for Paul Shotton) and Mike Peers (for Richard Jones)</p> <p><b>Apology:</b> Senior Manager for Human Resources &amp; Organisational Development</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader and Cabinet Member for Education), Councillor Carolyn Thomas (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Streetscene &amp; Countryside), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Corporate Management &amp; Assets), Councillor Glyn Banks (Cabinet Member for Finance), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Corporate Finance Manager, Strategic Finance Manager, Accountant, Head of Democratic Services, Civic &amp; Member Services Officer and Democratic Services Officer</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	None.
A2	Minutes	That both sets of minutes be approved as a correct record.
A3	Action Tracking	That the Committee notes the progress which has been made.
A4	Forward Work Programme	<p>(a) That the Forward Work Programme be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.</p>
A5	Emergency Situation Briefing (Verbal)	That the verbal update be received.
A6	North Wales Economic Ambition Board - Final Growth Deal	(a) That the Committee formally endorses and recommends that the Cabinet and Council approve the Overarching Business Plan as the document that sets out the arrangements to deliver the North Wales Growth Deal as the basis for entering into the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments;

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		<p>(b) That the Committee formally endorses and recommends that the Cabinet approves the provisions in Governance Agreement 2 relating to executive functions, recommends that Council approves the provisions relating to non-executive functions, and that Cabinet specifically adopts the delegations and Terms of Reference in ‘<i>Governance Agreement 2: Appendix 1</i>’ thereof as the basis for completing the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee supports the recommendation that the Cabinet formally endorses and recommends that the Council authorises the accountable body, Gwynedd Council, to sign the Grant Funding Offer letter on behalf of the Partners;</p> <p>(d) That the Committee supports the Cabinet formally endorsing and recommending that Council approves the method used to calculate the cost of borrowing notionally required to facilitate the negative cash flow for the Growth Deal, and to include a provision within the Council’s budget to pay this contribution and the established core and supplementary contributions as set out in GA2 (and in paragraphs 2.5 - 2.7); and</p> <p>(e) That the Committee supports that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, be granted delegated authority to agree minor changes to the documents with the Partners as necessary to complete the agreement.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Recovery Strategy Update	That the Committee endorses the latest updated risk register and risk mitigation actions within the corporate portfolios.
<b>A8</b>	Mid-year Performance Indicators for Recovery, Portfolio and Public Accountability Measures	<p>(a) That the Committee receives the Mid-Year Performance Indicators for Recovery, Portfolio and Public Accountability Measures to monitor areas of underperformance; and</p> <p>(b) That the Committee is assured by the explanations given for underperformance, which in the main are explained by the interruption of the pandemic.</p>

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<b>A9</b>	Budget 2021/22 - Stage 1 (Verbal)	<p>That the Committee notes the verbal update from the Chief Executive following the meetings of the five Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committees, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All of the listed cost pressures have been endorsed;</li> <li>- No proposals to review specific areas of cost efficiency/service models have been made;</li> <li>- The budget corporate efficiency target of £1-2m was noted and accepted;</li> <li>- The Council's position on Council Tax - as set out in last year's budget-setting - was reinforced by all five committees; and</li> <li>- The expectations of Government for a minimum 6% increase in RSG, and stability and indexation in specific grants was fully supported.</li> </ul>
<b>A10</b>	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2020/21 (Month 6) and Capital Programme Monitoring 2020/21 (Month 6)	<p>(a) That having considered the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2020/21 Month 6 report, the Committee confirms that there are no specific matters to be reported to Cabinet; and</p> <p>(b) That having considered the Capital Programme 2020/21 Month 6 report, the Committee confirms that there are no specific matters to be reported to Cabinet.</p>
<b>A11</b>	Capital Programme 2021/22 - 2023/24	<p>(a) That the Committee supports the allocations and schemes in Table 3 (paragraph 1.09) for the Statutory/Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2021/22-2023/24;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee supports the schemes included in Table 4 (paragraph 1.27) for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2021/22-2023/24;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee notes that the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2021/22 in Table 5 (paragraph 1.36) at this point in the approval process allows flexibility. Options including a combination of future capital receipts, alternative grants (if available), prudential borrowing or the re-phasing of schemes will be considered during 2021/22, and included in future Capital Programme reports;</p> <p>(d) That the Committee supports the schemes included in Table 6 (paragraph 1.40) for the specifically funded section of the Council Fund Capital Programme which will be funded in</p>

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		part through borrowing; and (e) That the Committee had no comments for Cabinet to consider before the Capital Programme 2021/22-2023/24 report is considered by Council.
<b>A12</b>	Capital Strategy including Prudential Indicators 2021/22 - 2023/24	(a) That the Committee recommends the Capital Strategy to Cabinet; and (b) That the Committee recommends to Cabinet:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 - 2023/24 as detailed within Tables 1, and 4-7 inclusive of the Capital Strategy, and</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>