

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23 – 2024/25**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) Cabinet approves and recommends the Capital Strategy to County Council; and

(2) Cabinet approve and recommend to Council:-

- The Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 – 2024/25 as detailed within Tables 1, and 4-7 of the Capital Strategy
- 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

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The Capital Strategy and the proposed Capital Programme will be referred to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment at its meeting on 11th November 2021, with their comments being fed back to Cabinet verbally before being discussed at County Council in December.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out within the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

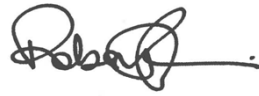
DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive, Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 – 2024/25**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To approve the allocations and schemes in Table 3 for the Statutory/Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2024/25;
 - (2) To approve the schemes included in Table 4 for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2024/25;
 - (3) To note that the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 in Table 5 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 2022/23, and included in future Capital Programme reports; and
 - (4) To consider and approve the schemes included in Table 6 for the specifically funded section of the Council Fund Capital Programme which will be funded in part through borrowing.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The proposed Capital Programme will be referred to the Corporate Resources

Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment at its meeting on 11th November 2021, with their comments being fed back to Cabinet verbally before being discussed at County Council in December 2021.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE HOUSING NEED PROSPECTUS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the content of the Flintshire Housing Needs Prospectus and provide any feedback or comments for consideration.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The prospectus has been circulated within the Council.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee who were supportive.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet support the report and the revised Disabled Facility Grant Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Review and initial consultation with an Officer Working Group undertaken to review and revise the previous policy.

The Policy was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who were supportive of the revised Policy.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **A PLAN FOR SHOTTON**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves the high level strategic plan 'A Plan for Shotton' to set the strategic direction for work in Shotton from now until 2030;
 - (2) That Cabinet endorses further work to engage wider partners and stakeholders to develop more detailed underpinning delivery plans focused around action aligned to achievement of the four strategic objectives, as detailed in 'A Plan for Shotton';
 - (3) That Cabinet notes the risks and considers and agrees the mitigating actions put forward; and
 - (4) That Cabinet supports proactive communication/publicity to coincide with this report and accompanying plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Subject to Cabinet's endorsement of 'A Plan for Shotton', it is proposed to hold a professional workshop of partner organisations (statutory, public and third sector) to consult and engage them in the development of co-produced delivery plans detailing action to achieve the strategic objectives set out in 'A Plan for Shotton'.

Alongside consultation and engagement with the partner organisations, the local community, including residents and businesses, will be consulted and engaged in the development of the delivery action plan(s). Engagement of the community will foster ownership, empowering and enabling the community to identify local priorities and plan an active role in action to address them.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There is currently no budget available for 'A Plan for Shotton', but it is anticipated that financial resources will be required to fund activities and projects. These will be reliant on budget being able to be drawn from existing funding streams or identification of, and successful applications/bids for grant funding. There may also be opportunity to pool resources or access other funding through wider engagement of partner organisations.

To date, the Council has invested in 'A Plan for Shotton' through the provision of staff, notably Officers/Managers to lead each of the Working Groups, with some interim programme management and administrative support. However, there is no identified dedicated/additional resource available to support the Steering Group, Working Groups, nor the development of the delivery plans. This means human resource and capacity to support 'A Plan for Shotton' is limited, with many Officers undertaking tasks for Shotton in addition to their substantive roles.

In September 2021 Cabinet approved urgent proposals to enhance organisational capacity in six areas of the workforce, including to support town centre regeneration and 'master planning' as a strategic priority of the Council, as contained within the Council Plan. The recruitment of an experienced Regeneration Manager and Regeneration Officer will provide the leadership,

expertise and additional capacity required to increase the number of regeneration projects the Council is able to develop and deliver.

This additional human resource will take time to become available and, given the broader scope of 'A Plan for Shotton', consideration should be given as to whether further community development resource is required to support the community resilience elements of such projects.

Given the work involved in Area Plans, such as 'A Plan for Shotton', and as demand for such Plans in other areas of the county increases, there is a recognised need to review Senior Officer Leadership roles, project capacity to undertake tasks and co-ordinate activity and funding commitments, to ensure consistency and resilience.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 (MONTH 6)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2021/22 budget.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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


RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out within the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2021/22
(MONTH 6)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Approve the overall report;
(2) Approve the carry forward adjustments; and
(3) Approve the additional allocations.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No consultation is required as a direct result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the body of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2022/23**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Approve the Tax Base of 65,194 Band D equivalent properties for tax setting purposes for the financial year 2022/23;
- (2) Continue to set a 'nil' discount for properties falling within any of the Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) and for this to apply to the whole of the County area; and
- (3) Continue to set a 50% Premium for 2022/23 on long term empty property and second homes falling into the Council Tax Premium scheme.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Setting the Tax Base is part of an annual process of determining Council Tax charges for the next financial year as part of the Councils budget preparations.

The Tax Base is also used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their new Council Tax precepts and which will be included in the bills sent to every Council Tax payer in March 2022.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

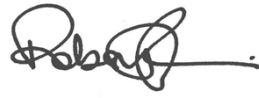
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DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON
LOCAL TAXES FOR SECOND HOMES AND SELF-
CATERING ACCOMMODATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Support the responses to the consultation as set out in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Welsh Government have published an open consultation on the discretionary powers which allow local authorities to levy a higher rate of Council Tax on second homes and long-term empty properties.

They are also asking for views and evidence on the criteria used to define a property as self-catering accommodation for local tax purposes.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 17th November 2021.

As the Council undertakes the statutory function by acting as the billing authority for the assessment and collection of Council Tax and non-domestic rates, Cabinet is asked to endorse and support the consultation response as set out in the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: If the criteria of HMRC is adopted to determine whether properties should be treated as Council Tax or business rates, there is a possibility of increasing the Council Tax yield and to use any

additional revenue granted to help meet local housing needs, in line with the policy intentions of the premium.

Should Welsh Government choose to legislate to increase the maximum level of premium from the current 100%, and the Council used their discretionary powers to increase the premium in Flintshire from the existing level of 50%, this would potentially increase the Council Tax yield.

However, there is already provision within existing legislation to increase the premium up to 100% should Cabinet and full Council decide this is appropriate. In other words, this latest consultation will not impact on the decision by Cabinet on 21st September to review the existing level of the premium charged.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: **16 NOVEMBER 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF LOCAL TOILETS STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet supports the review and notes the progress to date against the local toilets strategy action plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Cabinet Member for Streetscene has been consulted and confirmed his support.

This interim progress report has been presented to Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and their comments have been reflected in this report.

Original work to develop the strategy involved broad consultation across the County to ensure the inclusion of any disadvantaged or vulnerable groups of individuals, with an invitation sent to town and community councils to participate and statutory public consultation through www.flintshire.gov.uk

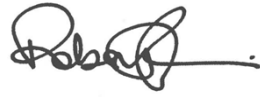
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The revenues account for the provision, maintenance and repair of public toilets is managed within Streetscene and Transportation budgets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: SCHOOL MODERNISATION – CONSULTATION ON
ENLARGEMENT OF PREMISES AT DRURY C.P.
SCHOOL AND PENYFFORDD C.P. SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves consultation through 'The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code' for an enlargement of the premises at Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Subject to Cabinet agreement, consultation will be carried out, through the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Consultation will be conducted by the School Modernisation Team.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.


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