

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL PLAN 2023-28**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To agree the proposed Priorities, Sub-Priorities and Well-being objectives of the Council Plan 2023-28.

DECISION: As in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** All Members will have the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Well-being objectives, priorities and sub-priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise targets set for 2023-28.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial review arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the Annual Performance Report 2021/22 prior to endorsement by County Council.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Member workshops were unable to take place, however, consultation with Senior Managers, Chief Officers and Members has been supported online. Consultation is undertaken throughout the year by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committees regularly reviewing performance reports.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (CJC) UPDATE REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Cabinet note and support the ongoing work to develop the regional CJC; and
- (2) That Cabinet supports the proposed secondment of the EAB Portfolio Director from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board into the CJC up to March 2023.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations, with the additional resolution of:

- (3) That the comments from Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The North Wales Economic Ambition Board was consulted on the content of the reports and appendices.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The regional local authorities to the CJC each contribute an amount (a levy) to the CJC to cover the costs of managing and running the CJC. The contribution for financial year 2022/23 is £81,150.


DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets**

SUBJECT: **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022 – 2027**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the Asset Management Plan 2022-2027 so that it can be adopted as the principal document for managing the Council's corporate property and land resource assets.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The AMP and covering report were shared with Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23rd September 2022 for comment, observations and general support.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Implications for assets and financial implications as set out within the report. Other resource implications include officer time in delivering the Strategy and associated capital programme which is not considered to be a significant change.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 OCTOBER 2022 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Communities)

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION PROGRAMME (SHARP), UPDATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet to note progress with SHARP to date;
- (2) Cabinet to note the changes in WG funding for social housing;
- (3) Cabinet to note the changes to the criterion for registration with Tai Teg for affordable rented housing;
- (4) Cabinet to note the outline development programme SHARP 2; and
- (5) Cabinet to support the re-allocation of £121K budget for scheme investigation and feasibility works to support new delivery routes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:
The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27th September 2022 where Members supported the recommendations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The SHG programme is now around £13 million per year for the next three years, so is a massive enabler for social impact across the county.

The revenue direct cost is around £120K per year together with staffing resources charged to HRA capital funding.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet support the updated DFG policy and note the ongoing work to improve the service;
- (2) Cabinet to note the amendment to Appendix 2 in the policy for removal of the means test for medium sized adaptations; and
- (3) Cabinet to note the changes to Land Charges, whereby they now only apply to large adaptations in-line with Welsh Government Revised Housing Standards, previously they applied to any adaptation over £20,000.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27th September 2022 where Members supported the recommendations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The removal of means testing for medium-sized adaptations should not have huge implications for the approved capital programme for the current year or for future financial years.

It has been calculated that we only had a few cases that were means tested and were not entitled to any assistance. These jobs equated to around £60,000, therefore going forward these cases

would be approved, but would not have an adverse effect on the capital budget limit.

Figures are included in the report for last year's spend and this years projected budgeted spend which includes providing the Discretionary grant.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 5)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As detailed in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That the requirements to develop Place Plans for the seven towns (Buckley, Connah’s Quay, Flint, Holywell, Mold, Queensferry and Shotton) in Flintshire are noted and Members agree the sequence in which the proposed work is delivered within the constraints of resource available; and

(2) That the requirement to address vacant town centre properties through an enforcement action plan is noted, and Members approve the criteria and approach to be used and give delegated authority to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) and the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy to implement the action plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** A series of public meetings and digital consultations will need to be carried out as part of the development process for each of the seven Place Plans. Local residents, businesses, internal and external colleagues will have the opportunity to participate over the next two years.

Information gathered from consultations will directly inform the content of

Flintshire's Place Plans and actions contained within future delivery plans of both the Council and its partners.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The following funding has been secured from Welsh Government to deliver town centre regeneration priorities in Flintshire:

- £510,000 revenue for use over the next 3 years which will support economic development activity including the recruitment of two new Project Development Officers;
- £680,000 capital towards town centre regeneration and property acquisition projects to be delivered in 2022-23; and
- £1,260,000 for the Council to administer as a repayable loan scheme over the next five years.

In addition to the above, the following Welsh Government funding is available for town centre regeneration from 1 April 2023:

- £2.6 million available across North Wales, with up to £250,000 available per application; and
- £150,000 allocation per annum for the delivery of small-scale property improvement projects in Flintshire.

The funding outlined above provides good opportunities for regeneration projects in Flintshire, however it is either repayable or requires significant match funding. Without capital funds the Council will not be able to take full advantage of these opportunities to regenerate town centres.

The regeneration team currently stands at four individuals. As a result of Cabinet approving extra staff resource in 2021, three appointments have been made since this approval, and two posts are currently being secured which will see the team increase to seven

staff in total from December 2022 onwards.

The additional resource brings a broader range of skills, knowledge experience to the regeneration team particularly in property-related regeneration work and the delivery of loan investments. This resource is needed to successfully deliver the regeneration priorities detailed in the Regeneration Programme including those outlined in this report and manage risks to the Council.

The proposed Place Making approach will place demands upon other teams in the Council to deliver specialist advice and support, for example property, legal services, planning and public protection. The Council has already begun to purchase specialist property and legal expertise on a consultancy basis in order to effectively survey, value properties, advise on specialist legal and conveyancing advice and to help plan viable end uses and acquisition of property for future regeneration uses, this will continue to be needed to deliver the Regeneration Programme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE COASTAL PARK**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Members note the content of the scoping study and agree to take forward the Flintshire Coast Park as a local, informal entity;
- (2) Members agree that option two would be the preferred coast park footprint to take forward; and
- (3) Members task the Access & Natural Environment Manager to establish a Flintshire Coast Park Steering Group to move forward on the next steps for implementation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Consultation with partners and key stakeholders was carried out as part of the study but as the implementation stage progresses, engagement with stakeholder will be crucial.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Currently work along the coast is funded through external grant aid and delivered in house through the Coastal Rangers.

The financial implications of a Flintshire Coast Park are currently unknown but would be identified through the implementation phase as set out in the scoping study. Investment would then be required either through external funding or from the capital programme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD (WHQS)**
CAPITAL PROGRAMME – DELIVERY REVIEW
UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to note the Capital Investment Programme in its next phase of compliance as it moves towards the updated Welsh Housing Quality Standards and requirements.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Prior to the Capital Investment Programme commencing, the team held Member workshops, where most Members attended and were actively involved in the design and delivery of the current Capital Programme.

We also held Tenant Federation workshops where we engaged with the federation with regards to what priority and which order the works should be completed, along with holding tenant consultation workshops in our FCC Connects Centres and community centres engaging with our tenants and discussing the Capital Programme along with ascertaining what order tenants would prefer to have components of their home upgraded first.

Moving forwards, and as part of the next phase of the Capital Programme and decarbonisation retrofit programme, the Capital Works Team will again be consulting with Members, tenants and tenant groups to ensure

that each is engaged with and to ensure their preferences and any concerns with regards to this next phase are considered and implemented as we have previously.

In addition to the work detailed within this report, there is a wider issue that needs to be considered around the potential to undertake regeneration schemes on some of our estates rather than continue to commit funding to assets that will be expensive to continue to maintain and run, have high numbers of voids and which are expensive to heat and run for the tenant.

Consultations will need to be held with members and tenants as the Council progresses with its investment plans and this will be completed prior to any works being procured and delivered.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 12th October 2022.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are concerns staff retention may be difficult to maintain. Given that the construction industry is an ever-changing sector, staff may seek opportunities elsewhere i.e. new build, private sector etc.

The Capital Works Team have made adjustments to the team's structure to incorporate a degree of resilience, succession planning and robustness to the delivery model and departments risk register.

When developing our delivery programme, budget estimates were made for the required upgrade works to our existing properties with contingency sums included for unforeseen work such as structural repairs etc.

Further works have been undertaken with colleagues in Finance and we have begun forecasting our budget requirements for the next tranche of works.

Procuring the various WHQS works can be challenging. The Council must ensure all contracts are measured, not only by cost but by quality. Quality forms an important part of the assessment process where the Capital Works Team interviews all contractors and assesses Quality Submission Papers before any contracts are awarded. The team have been able to secure further efficiencies by merging some contracts so that internal and external resources can be shared.

There is a risk that many contractors are opting for new build contracts rather than refurbishment contracts. Engaging with our supply chain early and sharing our Capital Investment Programme aspirations with our Contract Framework Partners assists us to procure longer term contracts and therefore reduces risk of inflated costs based on long term contract arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 OCTOBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **WHOLE HOUSE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT
2022**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the award of the contract as outlined in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: This contract replaces an existing one and creates no additional financial pressures upon the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 OCTOBER 2022 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: DATACENTRE TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT
EXTENSION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Approval is granted by Cabinet to extend the Council's Datacentre technologies contract up to 31st March 2023.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The authority's external legal partners have been consulted and provided legal advice.

The Council's Procurement Team have been consulted and are supportive of the extension request.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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