

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **17 OCTOBER 2023**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                      **CORPORATE SELF-ASSESSMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To accept and approve the findings of the Corporate Self-Assessment 2022/23; and
  - (2) To approve the opportunities for improvement identified in Corporate Self-Assessment 2022/23.

**DECISION:**                      As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**      As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Chief Executive, Chief Officers, Senior Officers (Senior Leadership Academi), Trade Unions and the Workforce have all been consulted on the Corporate Self-Assessment along with Members from both the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Governance and Audit Committee.

Cabinet will also have the opportunity to consider and review the content of the Corporate Self-assessment and the Opportunities for Improvement (detailed within the Corporate Self-assessment).

The Corporate Self-assessment report was presented to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny committee on 14th September 2023, where they raised the importance of addressing culture, values, ethics and resilience. This is covered within Appendix A, Section 10 (Opportunities for

Improvement in 2022/23).

The Corporate Self-assessment report was also presented to Governance and Audit Committee on 27th September 2023.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no specific resource implications for this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **17 OCTOBER 2023**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**    **HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN**  
**PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                      (1)     Provide feedback and any comments on the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2019-2024; and

(2)     Note the changes outlined in the report to the following:

- The PDP process and the move to an online portal
- The removal of the 20% limitation on the budget for acquisitions
- The alignment of standards and intervention rate for acquisitions under SHG with those from TACP

**DECISION:**    As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                              As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                              Monthly FCC Development Team meetings.  
Quarterly meetings with Welsh Government and RSL colleagues.  
Quarterly and ad hoc meetings with individual RSLs.  
Consultation takes place with Members and site visits arranged when appropriate.  
The report was presented to the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                              Revenue: The Housing Strategy Action Plan is a strategic document, there are no implications for the approved revenue budget for either the current

financial year or for future financial years.

Capital: The Housing Strategy Action Plan is a strategic document, there are no implications for the approved Capital programme relating to the Strategy or Action Plan other than already approved borrowing by NEW Homes and through the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing capacity.

Human resources: The Housing Strategy team is operating with limited resources. There were some actions within the Action Plan in 2022 that referred to the potential for new posts to be recruited to assist in delivering additional services.

An additional Occupational Therapist to work across the DFG Adaptations and Housing Register Teams to work to improve opportunities for applicants on the Specialist Housing register and build links with other departments is now in post as is an additional Bond Officer.

A project post for property acquisitions has been identified and options are being explored as to how best to recruit to this post.

Challenges relating to the recruitment and retention of staff remain.

#### Agency Staff

Two Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme Delivery Managers commenced in February and March and are now embedded into the Team. A Senior Maintenance Surveyor placement continues.

#### Apprentices

Two Apprentices, subject to their achieving the required grades to access University places have been recruited and are due to commence

September 2023. The graduate trainee will also work across the Housing Asset team.

The Housing Team is currently exploring options to recruit for a Project post in relation to "Buy Back" properties.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 OCTOBER 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **FLINTSHIRE HOUSING NEED PROSPECTUS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) Cabinet to approve the content of the draft Flintshire Housing Need Prospectus; and
- (2) Cabinet note the Local Housing Strategy 2019-24 is due for review next year.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            The prospectus has been written in collaboration with Social Services, the Homelessness team and the Planning service.

The report was presented to the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Revenue: the Housing Prospectus is a strategic guidance document. There are implications for the approved revenue budget for both the current financial year and for future financial years. This includes significant additional temporary accommodation costs for accommodating homeless households and Social Services costs for care.

Capital: the FCC Housing Needs Prospectus is a strategic document, there are no implications for the approved capital programme relating to the Strategy or Action Plan.

Human Resources: The Housing Strategy team is operating with limited resources. Two Apprentices, subject to their achieving the required grades to access University places have been recruited and are due to commence September 2023.

The Housing Team is currently exploring options to recruit for a Project post in relation to "Buy Back" properties.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 17 OCTOBER 2023 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 (MONTH 5)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2023/24 budget.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None specific.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out within the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **17 OCTOBER 2023**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                      **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – ALCOHOL AND DOG CONTROL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      (1)      Cabinet approves the extension of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to cover dog control and alcohol control in Flintshire, as outlined below:

The dog control PSPO will require a person in charge of a dog to:

- (i)      Remove their dogs' waste from all public places within Flintshire
- (ii)     Prohibit taking, or permitting the dog to enter or remain in
  - All areas within schools grounds
  - The playing areas of marked sports pitches
  - The playing areas of formal recreational areas including but not exclusively bowling greens and tennis courts
  - Fenced enclosed children's play areas
  - The fenced footpath around The Rosie, Wepre Park, Connah's Quay as marked on the map in appendix 3
  - Mold Memorial Park, Maes Bodlonfa, Mold as marked on the map in appendix 4
- (iii)    Keep their dogs on a lead

- (iv) within a cemetery  
Have appropriate means on their person, at all times, to pick up their dogs' waste from all public places in Flintshire
- (v) Put their dog on a lead, when directed by an authorised officer, if the dog is loose and causing a nuisance or annoyance to any other person, bird or animal.

The alcohol control PSPO will impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in public spaces in Flintshire, at all times:

- (i) Any person who, without reasonable excuse, continues drinking intoxicating liquor in a public area within the Restricted Area when asked to stop by an authorised officer, commits an offence
  - (ii) Any person who whilst in a public area within the Restricted Area without reasonable excuse, fails to surrender any intoxicating liquor in their possession when asked to do so by an authorised officer, commits an offence
  - (iii) An authorised officer who imposes a requirement under Article 4(a) and/or 4(b) must tell the person that failing, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the prohibition and/or requirement is an offence
- (2) Subject to final Cabinet determination, the agreed Public Space Protection Orders covering dog control and alcohol control commence on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

following a notice period and publicity of the upcoming order.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

As required by the statutory guidance a public consultation has been undertaken. The final Orders will need to be publicised prior to final publication.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There will be costs associated with any signage for the new PSPOs in any areas where they may need to be displayed. These costs will be funded from current budgets.

Notice and publicity of the PSPO will need to be made prior to an Order being made.

The dog control PSPO is already enforced by Streetscene and Transportation Enforcement staff, the alcohol control PSPO is enforced by North Wales Police.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 OCTOBER 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **DISABLED ADAPTATIONS POLICY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet to support and approve the updated Disabled Adaptations policy which covers both private homes and council stock properties.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The report was presented to the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. A consultation exercise is ongoing which includes: Disability Forum; Vision Support; Older Peoples Group and Armed Forces.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**              As detailed in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                              None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **17 OCTOBER 2023**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **ELECTIONS ACT 2022 – VOTER IDENTIFICATION  
(VOTER ID) UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    (1)    That Cabinet notes the update on  
Voter ID; and

(2)    That Cabinet supports the work  
undertaken and planned  
communications to promote Voter  
ID.

**DECISION:**                            As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no implications for the  
approved revenue budget for this service  
as a grant payment has been received to  
cover the costs of this new burden from  
the Department for Levelling Up, Housing  
and Communities.

The service has undertaken this work  
using existing resources, but extra  
resources will be required closer to the  
Police and Crime Commissioner election  
to cope with the increased volume of  
applications and for the next UK  
Parliamentary election.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:** **17 OCTOBER 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

**SUBJECT:** **CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) To endorse the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Executive Summary; and
- (2) To endorse the proposed changes to be actioned under Delegated Powers to the Leader of the Council as set out in the appendix to the report.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As in the report.

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no implications for the approved revenue budget for the planning service for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

There are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Officers will have more capacity to respond directly to various stages of the DNS/NSIP proposal as time won't be spent in drafting Cabinet papers to seek delegated posers on a case-by-case basis each time this is required.


**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:** 17 OCTOBER 2023 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

**REPORT OF:** Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Social Services)

**SUBJECT:** CHILDCARE AND EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022-2025

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** Cabinet approves the proposed Childcare and Early Years capital (phase 2) programme and subsequent Business Justification Case submission to Welsh Government for capital funding.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues within Education and Youth Portfolio and the schools identified in the proposed programme.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** The capital funding for the Childcare and Early Years Capital Programme is funded 100% by the Welsh Government.

The programme can be managed within existing Council staffing resource. There are no revenue impacts on the Council.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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