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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **19 DECEMBER 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30 YEAR  
FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- DECISION:**
- (1) To consider the HRA budget for 2024/25 as set out in the report;
  - (2) To approve the proposed minimum rent increase of 6.5%;
  - (3) To approve a garage rent increase of 6.5%;
  - (4) To approve the increase in service charges to full cost recovery with the exception of aerial charges which will be frozen until a new contract is negotiated;
  - (5) That the tenant hardship fund be topped up to a cap of £0.350m from any surplus reserves generated in year, if required; and
  - (6) To consider the proposed HRA Capital Programme for 2024/25 as set out in appendix B.

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    Detailed consultation will be undertaken with tenants and elected Members to inform the preparation of the WHQS 2023 investment programme.

Full local consultation is carried out for each new build scheme.

As part of the 2023/24 rent settlement, the Council gave commitment to WG around engagement with contract holders / tenants and therefore a survey was being conducted around affordability to inform rent setting for 2024/25.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The HRA is a ring-fenced budget. This proposed HRA budget and Business Plan demonstrates that the Council can achieve the ongoing WHQS, can meet service improvement plans and commitments and with prudential borrowing can continue its Council house building programme in 2024/25.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**               **19 DECEMBER 2023**               **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                           **DRAFT STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2024-28**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) Cabinet approves the draft Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28 before wider consultation with stakeholders, members of the public, and employees; and
- (2) That the draft Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28 is presented to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and review.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**               Engagement and consultation with stakeholders and services has taken place to identify potential objectives and actions for the draft SEP 2024-28.

The draft SEP 2024-28 will be released for public consultation in December 2023.

Formal consultation on the draft SEP 2024-28 will take place with Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, also in December 2023.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**               There are no significant resource implications arising from the Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28.


**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**               None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                               None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **19 DECEMBER 2023**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                      **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 (MONTH 7)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2023/24 budget; and
  - (2) To approve the transfer of a £0.500m Earmarked Reserve balance relating to Council Tax Income to the Contingency Reserve.

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

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

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

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **19 DECEMBER 2023**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                      **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW**  
**2023/24**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet recommends the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023/24 to County Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> January for final approval.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**              Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's treasury management advisors.

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**              None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                              None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **19 DECEMBER 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFFS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approves the write off of these business rate debts, amounting to £92,489 for PPA Engineering Group Ltd and £25,776 for Gibbs (Steel Fabricators) Ltd.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                All write offs must be approved by the Corporate Finance Manager, but in the case of write offs over £25k, Cabinet must be consulted before a decision is taken.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                There are no direct financial implications for the Council or local taxpayers by writing off these debts as business rates losses are picked up by the National Collection Pool for Wales. As the Collection Pool is supported by Welsh Government, non-payment of rates does though have a wider impact on the Welsh taxpayer.


Writing off the two debts amounting to a total loss of £118.2k income to the National Collection Pool, is being recommended as a last resort and only on the basis that there is no realistic chance of successfully recovering the debt from either business.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **19 DECEMBER 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    (1)    To support the methodology proposed to assess the Council's sheltered assets;

(2)    To support the communication and engagement plan proposed to assess the Council's sheltered assets;

(3)    To support future assessment work to sheltered housing assets and progress to an options appraisal stage if investment concerns are highlighted through its in-depth review.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**          To date limited consultation has been undertaken. The report proposes a communication and engagement plan to be undertaken with all stakeholders as recommendations are identified for each scheme.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**        The review and subsequent proposals shall ensure the housing stock is utilised most effectively and is sustainable over the longer term.

The options appraisal process shall involve a detailed technical assessment of schemes and whilst most of this work can be conducted in house there may be a need for some specialist support and input when

assessing potential for scheme reconfiguration or new build options.

The decision to re-designate schemes or undertake options appraisals shall necessitate a significant investment in staff time particularly from the housing management service which shall lead on any decant process which can be intensive, challenging, and sensitive work. Any decision to de-commission schemes shall present a significant challenge to the housing asset service to ensure the scheme remains safe and secure throughout the decanting process.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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