

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **20 FEBRUARY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                      **COUNCIL FUND BUDGET 2024/25 – FINAL**  
**CLOSING STAGE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet notes and approves the revised additional budget requirement for 2024/25;
  - (2) That Cabinet approves the final proposals for the cost reductions that will contribute to the budget;
  - (3) That Cabinet recommends to Council a legal and balanced budget based on the calculations and two options set out within the report;
  - (4) That Cabinet notes the significant open risks which remain to be managed in the 2024/25 financial year;
  - (5) That Cabinet recommends an overall annual increase in Council Tax for 2024/25 based on the two options provided;
  - (6) That Cabinet invites Council to pass the formal Council Tax resolution now that we have had notification of the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner and all Town and Community Councils within Flintshire; and
  - (7) That Cabinet notes the medium-term forecast as a basis for the next revision of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Overview and Scrutiny Committees – all cost pressures and cost reductions have been subject to relevant scrutiny and a summary of feedback has been considered in the preparation of final proposals and is included as appendix 8.

Chief Officer Team, the Finance Team, Cabinet Members, Group Leaders and Scrutiny Committees, School Forums. Workforce conferences have been held for employees.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The revenue implications for the 2024/25 budget are set out in the report.

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

Any implications for increased/reduced capacity within portfolios are as set out in the report. Any implications for schools would be a consideration for each individual school based on the funding received through the Schools Funding Formula.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

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**Democratic Services Manager**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 FEBRUARY 2024**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet recommends the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 to County Council for approval.

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

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

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**        Financial implications are set out within the report and supporting appendices; there are no other resource implications directly as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 FEBRUARY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - 2024/25 POLICY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members approve and recommend to County Council for Council Fund (CF) outstanding debt that:

- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in financial year 2024/25 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing fixed as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2024/25 for all capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2024/25 for all capital expenditure funded from unsupported (prudential borrowing) or credit arrangements, including MIM. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.

That Members approve and recommend to the County Council for Housing

Revenue Account (HRA) outstanding debt:

- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2024/25 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from debt fixed as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 50 years.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2024/25 for all capital expenditure funded from debt from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.

Members approve and recommend to County Council that MRP on loans from the Council to NEW Homes. The Council's MRP will be equal to the repayments made by NEW Homes. The repayments made by NEW Homes will be classed, in accounting terms, as capital receipts, which can only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt. The capital repayment / capital receipt will be set aside to repay debt, and is the Council's MRP policy for repaying the loan.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

In changing the Council's MRP policy during 2017/18 and 2016/17 detailed discussions took place with the Council's Treasury Management advisors, senior internal officers and key Cabinet Members.

The revised MRP policy was considered by Council as part of setting the 2018/19

budget in March 2018.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The 2024/25 Council Fund and HRA budgets provide for the MRP charges in accordance with the calculations set out in the report.

There are no other resource implications as a direct result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 FEBRUARY 2024**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

**SUBJECT:**                      **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 (MONTH 9)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2023/24 budget; and
- (2) To support the carry forward requests included in paragraph 1.10.

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

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

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                      As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                      None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 FEBRUARY 2024**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Social Services)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **SERVICE RESILIENCE PROPOSALS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Proposals to extend a managed agency team until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 are supported to ensure that we can sustain an effective service provision. Funding implications will be contained within the portfolio.

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

**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:**                    **20 FEBRUARY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **COMMUNITIES FOR WORK**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    (a) That Members review and approve the proposed new structure for the service; and

(b) That Members agree to provide delegated authority to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) to complete the restructure process, amending the structure as needed following consultation with Trade Unions and employees.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations, with the inclusion of the following words at the end of recommendation (2): or that, depending on the scale of the exit costs, it will be the subject of Full Council consideration following the consultation period.

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Consultation on the proposed new structure will need to be carried out with employees and Trade Unions.

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 FEBRUARY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **NORTH EAST WALES (NEW) HOMES BUSINESS PLAN 2023/2052**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    To approve the NEW Homes Business Plan 2024-2053.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**    The Business Plan was presented to NEW Homes Board on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The report will be presented to Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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