

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **COMMUNITY PROFILE & PARTNERSHIPS
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 24 JUNE 2013**

REPORT BY: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY AND ITS LINKS WITH
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To provide the committee with background to the presentation from Dr Peter Heard on Glyndwr University's links with the County Council.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 When the Overview & Scrutiny structure was revised in 2010, it was agreed that the Community Profile & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee be formed. A significant element of the responsibilities of the new committee was to engage with external organisations and partners. This was anticipating the 'scrutiny of designated persons' provisions to be found in the subsequently published Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

2.02 To date, the Welsh Government has not produced guidance as to who are the 'designated persons'. This has been a cause of frustration to members of the committee and representations have been made to the Minister.

2.03 In the circumstances, the committee has engaged with a number of partners, building up a knowledge base of their responsibilities and activities within the county. Thus when the guidance is published, the committee should be well placed to respond to its new powers.

2.04 Dr Peter Heard first attended a meeting of the committee in January 2011 with a number of colleagues and gave a presentation on Glyndwr University and the Knowledge Industry Corridor.

2.05 Following on from that meeting, Dr Heard has represented Glyndwr University on the Flintshire Local Service Board.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Dr Heard will be giving a presentation on the linkages between the university and council. The university has a site within Flintshire, at the Northop campus.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the committee receives the presentation and considers how the relationship between the university and the council could be further developed to mutual benefit.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None directly as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None directly as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None directly as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None directly as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None directly as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Publication of this report constitutes publication.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Publication of this report constitutes publication.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 None.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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