

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2014**

REPORT BY: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2014/15**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To set out the consultation arrangements with Overview & Scrutiny for 2014/15.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The practice for holding budget consultation meetings with Overview & Scrutiny has developed and been refined over the last few years. In recognition of the challenge for 2014/15, members agreed to a change to the original process and timetable for consideration of the budget proposals. This year we shall be holding six meetings, as follows:-

Tuesday 21 January – AM	Housing (HRA)
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Joint Housing and Social & Health Care (Community Services budget – non HRA)
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Environment
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Corporate Resources (Corporate Services and Central budgets)
Thursday 30 January – PM	Lifelong Learning (budget item during the ordinary meeting)
Monday 3 February – AM	Corporate Resources (Capital Programme and revenue feedback review meeting)

The Capital Programme and revenue feedback review meeting is open for all Members to attend, as has been our previous practice.

- 2.02 In addition to the meetings listed above, Members have attended Budget Introduction Workshops which were held on 16 and 18 December, 2013.
- 2.03 A Budget Overview Workshop for all Members has also been arranged and will be held on Monday 27 January, 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 A presentation to each of the meetings will be made by the relevant Director and/or Heads of Service together with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance. The Leader and the appropriate Cabinet Members have been invited to attend each meeting.

- 3.02 The budget papers for each meeting are the report to Cabinet on 21st January, and a copy has been sent to each Member. You are asked to bring your copy of that report to each of the budget meetings which you attend.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 The Committee is advised to note the arrangements for budget consultation for 2014/15 and make comments and observations on the budget proposals to the Cabinet.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report – Housing Revenue Account 2014/15 & Capital Programme 2014/15

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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