

JOINT HOUSING AND SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
28 JANUARY 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Housing and Social and Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold on Tuesday, 28 January 2014

PRESENT: **Ron Hampson (Chairman)**

Councillors Marion Bateman, David Cox, Adele Davies-Cooke, Rosetta Dolphin, Andy Dunbobbin, Carol Ellis, Jim Falshaw, Veronica Gay, George Hardcastle, Ray Hughes, Brian Lloyd, Mike Lowe, Dave Mackie, Hilary McGill, Mike Reece, Gareth Roberts, Sharon Williams and David Wisinger

SUBSTITUTES:

Councillors: Robin Guest (for Amanda Bragg) and Clive Carver (for Hilary Isherwood)

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Peter Curtis, Ron Davies and Alison Halford

ALSO PRESENT:

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, Cabinet Member for Housing, Cabinet Member for Social Services and Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Councillors: Dennis Hutchinson, Richard Jones, Mike Peers and Arnold Woolley

CONTRIBUTORS:

Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Head of Finance, Head of Housing, Head of Adult Social Care, Corporate Finance Manager and Finance Manager

IN ATTENDANCE:

Member Engagement Manager and Overview & Scrutiny Support Officer

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were sought for a Chair for the meeting. A nomination for Councillor Ron Hampson was supported by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ron Hampson be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

No declarations of interest were made.

3. BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2014/15

The Chairman welcomed the contributors to the meeting.

The Head of Finance explained that an overview of the budget would be provided for each Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the budget proposals for the specific area covered by each Committee detailed at the meetings. An information pack including background papers had been made available prior to the meeting.

The main features of the presentation were:-

- National Context and Local Impact
- Budget Overview
- How did the budget gap reduce?
- Organisational Redesign & Change
 - Organisational Redesign: Structure and Corporate Operating Model
 - Organisational Redesign: Workforce
- Corporate VFM & Functional VFM
- Detailed proposals for this joint Committee
- Housing Services
 - Inflation
 - Efficiencies
 - Prior Years Decisions
- Social Care
 - Inflation
 - Pressures / Investments
 - Efficiencies
 - Prior Years Decisions
- Ongoing Work to finalise budget
- Next Steps

The comments and questions which were raised by Members of the Committee on the presentations, together with the responses given, are detailed in Appendix 1 (attached).

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 9.15am and ended at 10.48am)

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Chairman