

ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
21 NOVEMBER 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Organisational Change Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held at Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road West, Queensferry, CH5 1SA, on Monday, 21 November 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Brian Dunn (Chairman)

Councillors: Clive Carver, Chris Dolphin, Andy Dunbobbin, Ron Hampson, Dave Mackie, Mike Reece, Paul Shotton, Nigel Steele-Mortimer, Carolyn Thomas and David Wisinger

APOLOGIES: Councillor Billy Mullin, Cabinet Member for Corporate Management. Councillors Brian Lloyd, Robin Guest, and Mike Reece

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Bernie Attridge, Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Chris Bithell, Cabinet Member for Education, Councillor Christine Jones, Cabinet Member for Social Services, Councillor Kevin Jones, Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure, Chief Officer (Organisational Change 1), Chief Officer (Organisational Change 2). (For minute no.37) June Brady and Shaun Darlington, representing Flintshire Local Voluntary Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinator and Committee Officer

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016 were submitted.

Accuracy

Councillor Carolyn Thomas referred to page 6 of the minutes and requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the reassurances given by the Chief Officer that after 3 years there would be protection for both employees and the service being delivered under the co-operative agreement model.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above amendment the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER – REVIEW OF EXTERNAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Chief Officer (Organisational Change) provided background information and introduced June Brady and Shaun Darlington, representatives of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, and invited them to report on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Revenue and Capital funding, Deeside Leisure Centre. A joint presentation was given which covered the following areas:

- overview
- funding opportunities – large grants
- funding opportunities – small grants
- funding opportunities – geographical grants
- social enterprise – Finance
- social Business Growth Fund – WCVA
- revenue – Income Generation
- sustainability
- charities and structure

The Chair thanked June Brady and Shaun Darlington for their presentation and invited Members to raise questions.

Councillor Andy Dunbobbin asked if all the opportunities to access funding had been explored and cited the Armed Forces Covenant as an example. Shaun Darlington acknowledged that there were many funding sources available and explained that the FLVC used a programme called 'grant finder' to identify appropriate funding schemes.

Referring to the Social Business Growth Councillor Clive Carver raised a concern around the high interest fee for the micro business loan fund. Shaun Darlington responded to the query and advised this was due to unsecured loans. Councillor Carver asked what happened to any surplus within the fund. The Officer confirmed that any surplus would be reinvested into the fund.

Councillor Chris Dolphin expressed concerns around the availability of ongoing and future funding streams. June Brady commented on Community Asset Transfers and explained that the income generated from the community use of the asset would provide investment for the future.

Councillor Carolyn Thomas raised concerns around the management fees for maintaining play areas which are paid by the residents in new housing developments. She said that the arrangements for charges and maintaining the play areas was an issue that needed to be considered by the Authority.

Councillor Bernie Attridge agreed there was a need to have funding in place to pay for the ongoing maintenance of play areas and commented on S106 agreements.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

38. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny introduced the report and drew attention to the items to be considered at the next meetings of the Committee to be held on 13 December 2016 and 9 January 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Work Programme be approved.

39. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

40. AN ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODEL FOR CHILDCARE PROVISION

The Chief Officer (Organisational Change 2) introduced the report to inform of progress in developing an innovative, modern, flexible, wrap-around childcare social enterprise which would meet the childcare needs of parents and carers from the Deeside area as well as providing new training, volunteering and work placement opportunities. He reported that the new enterprise would provide a sustainable income stream to support a broader Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) for the Flintshire Creche Service as a whole.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supported the development of a new childcare Alternative Delivery Model for the Flintshire Creche Service.

41. HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE – COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER UPDATE

The Chief Officer (Organisational Change 1) introduced a report on the Holywell Leisure Centre: Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Proposal to provide an update on progress by the community group in developing their updated strategic business plan, and to also inform of progress with the transfer of the existing library service to Holywell Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the phased Community Asset Transfer of Holywell Leisure Centre between December 2016 and March 2017 as outlined in the report.

42. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public or the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.00am and ended at 11.45am)

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Chairman