



Introduction to the Council

Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 2.00 pm



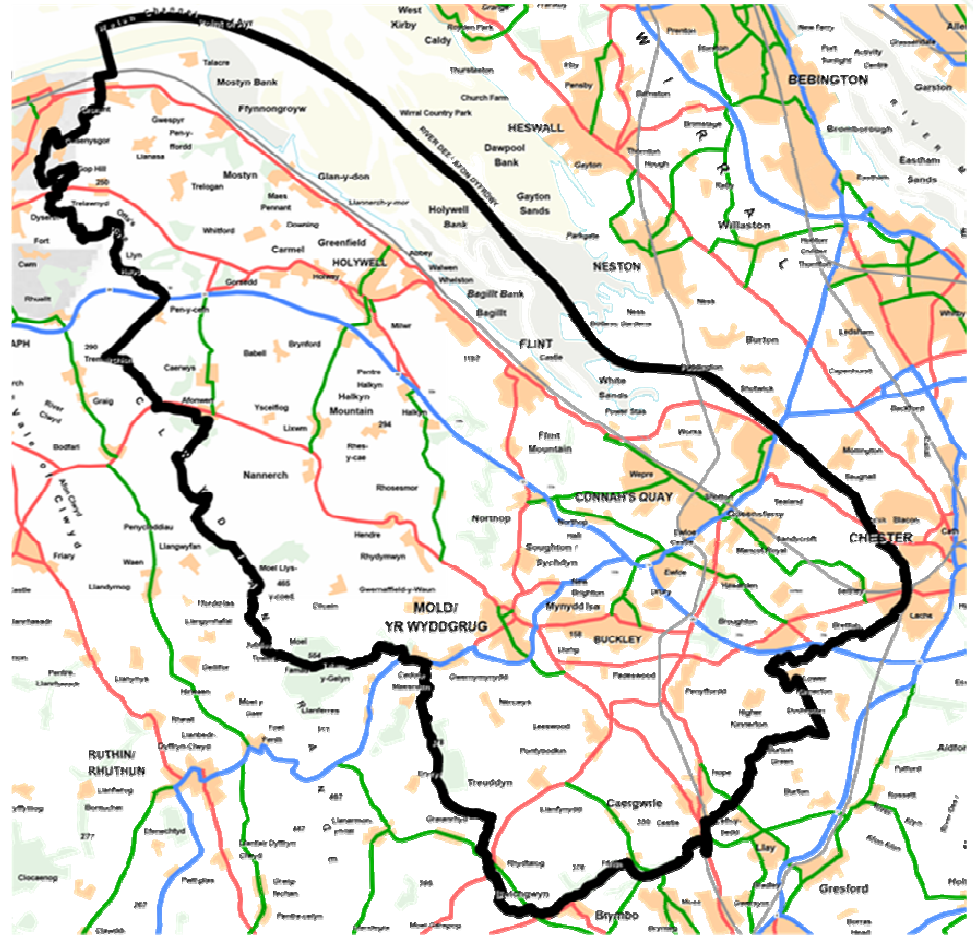


Flintshire Facts

- One of 22 Welsh unitary authorities
- 70 councillors
- Geographically small but serving the sixth largest population, at 158,000 people
- The Council has a budget of £225m, a workforce of around 6,000 people and provides around 600 services, with 2 Westminster and National assembly constituencies

History

- Historical Flintshire dates back to 1284
- The 'old' 1888 county of Flintshire covered parts of what are now in Denbighshire and Wrexham
- New Flintshire dates back to 1995, the shadow council. Since then, a combination of Labour control, Coalition and Labour led administrations
- Geographically we now cover from the outskirts of Wrexham to the outskirts of Prestatyn, bounded on one side by the River Dee and the other side by the Clwydian Range



How the Council Operates

COUNCIL

Executive

- » Cabinet
- » Overview and Scrutiny

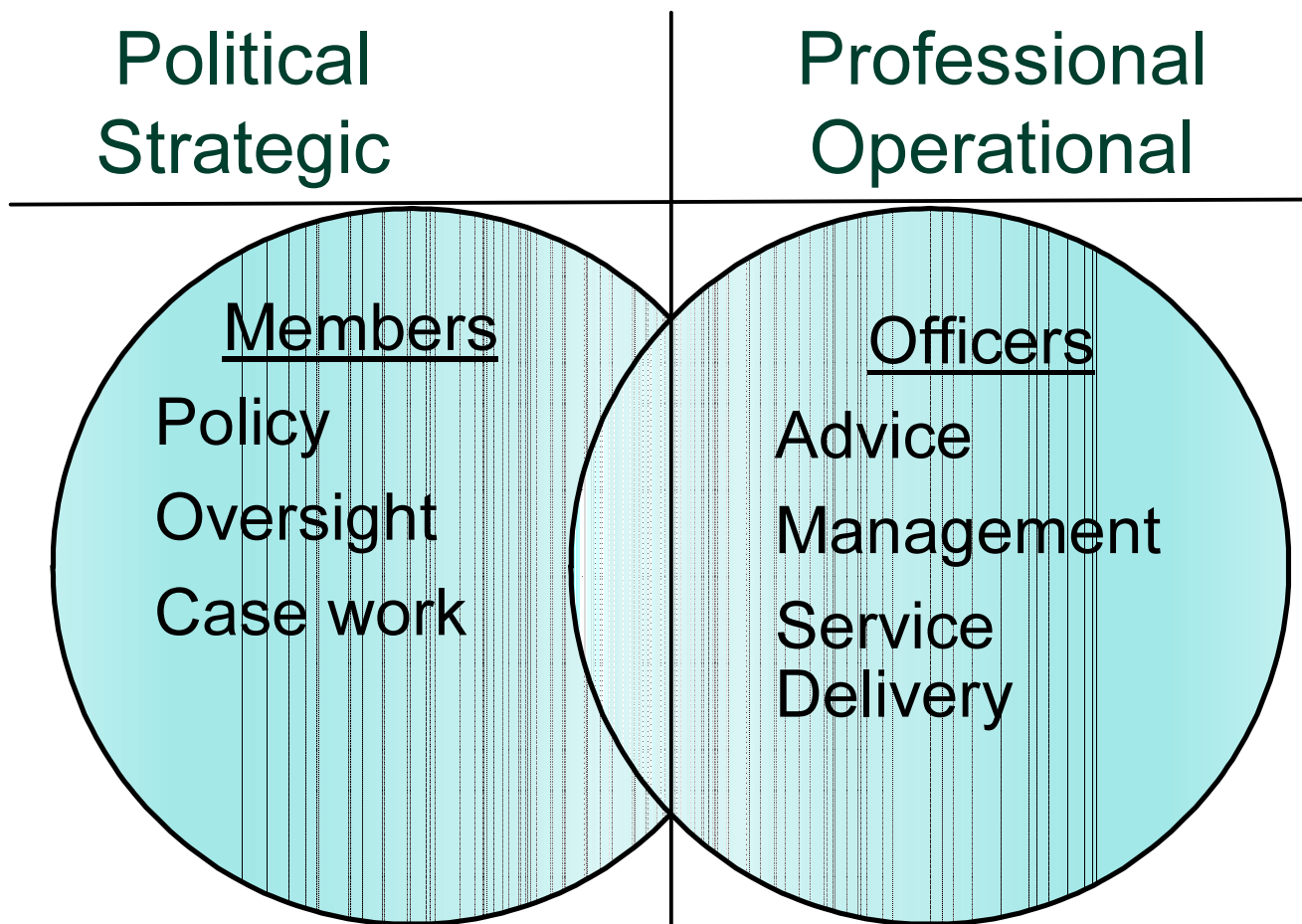
Non Executive

- » Audit
- » Constitution
- » Democratic Services
- » Licensing
- » Pensions
- » Planning

Officers



Members and Officers





Being a Councillor 1

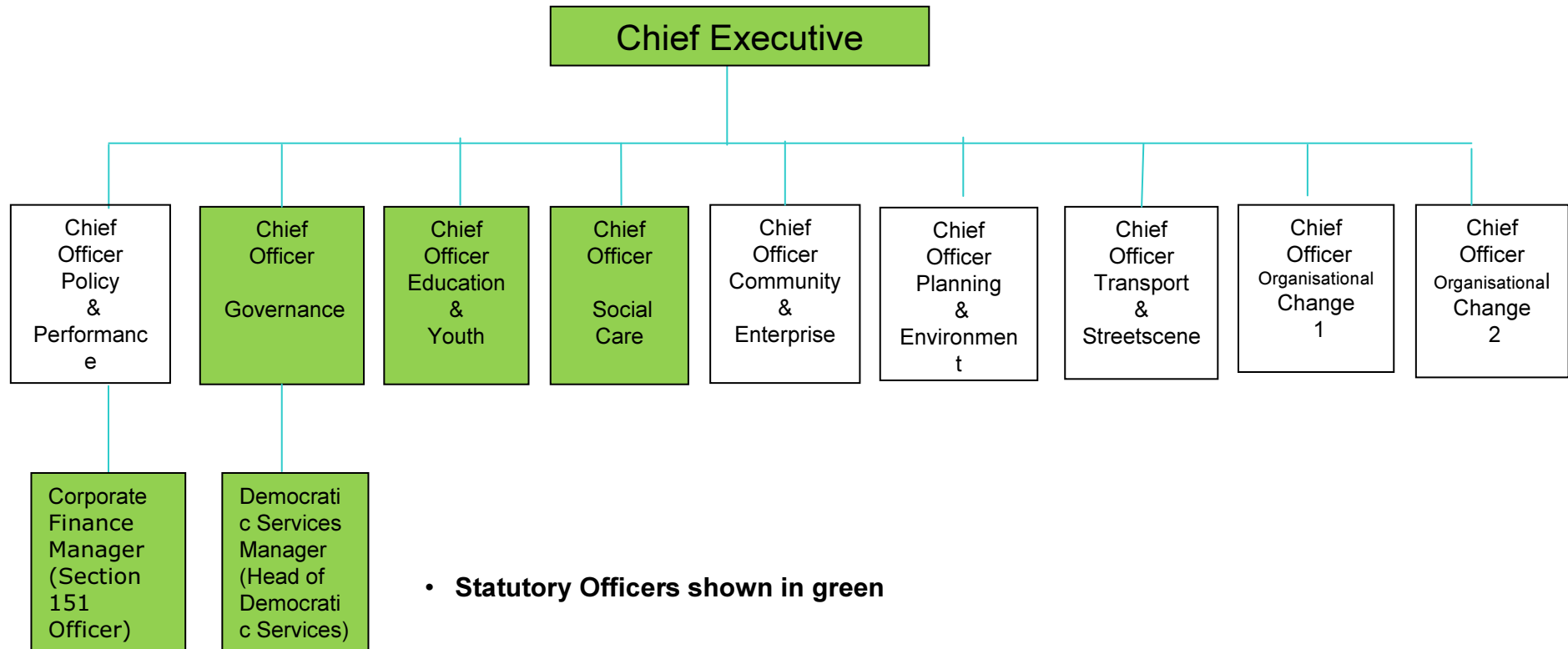
- An important, responsible but rewarding role.
- You will be a community advocate, representing your own community and the wider Flintshire community.
- You will attend meetings of the Council, around six times a year and you may be involved in meetings of committees
- The basic salary for a Councillor is set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales each year. For 2017/18, the basic salary is £13,400.

Being a Councillor 2

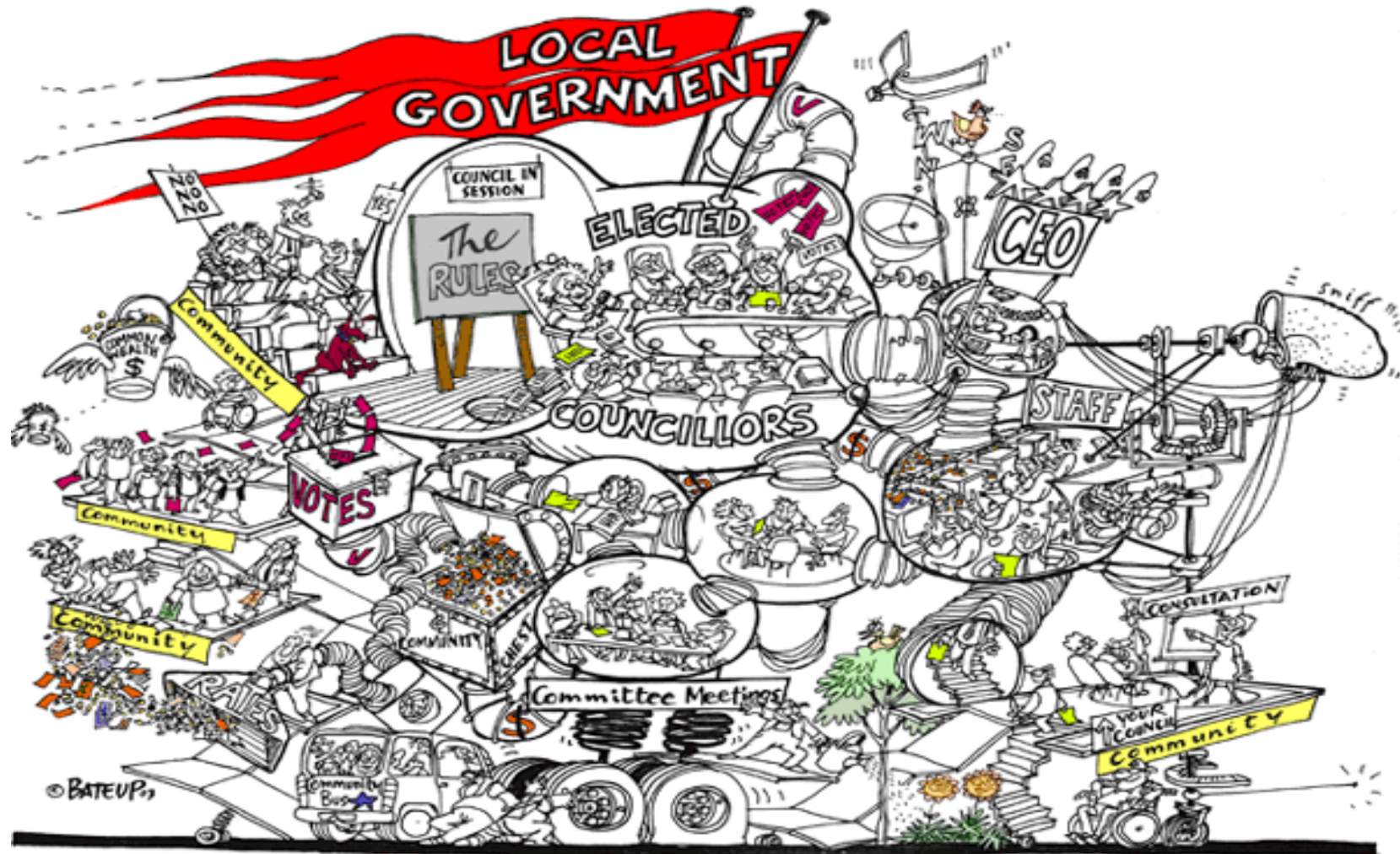
- Senior salaries (which used to be special responsibility allowances) are paid to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs.
- A civic allowance is paid to the Chair and vice-chair of Council
- Councillors who have caring responsibilities are able to make 'cost of care' claims.
- Don't be afraid to ask: more experienced councillors or any of the officers will be happy to help you.



Council's Senior Management Structure and Statutory Officers



Managing governance





Our performance profile

- » Well governed and high performing
- » Clear priorities: good record of achievement
- » Well rated by the public through feedback
- » Trusted and free of regulator interventions
- » Seen from outside as an innovative council
- » Excel at working in partnership
- » Leader of regional collaboration and reform
- » Strong social values



Our big priorities

Improvement Plan 2016/17

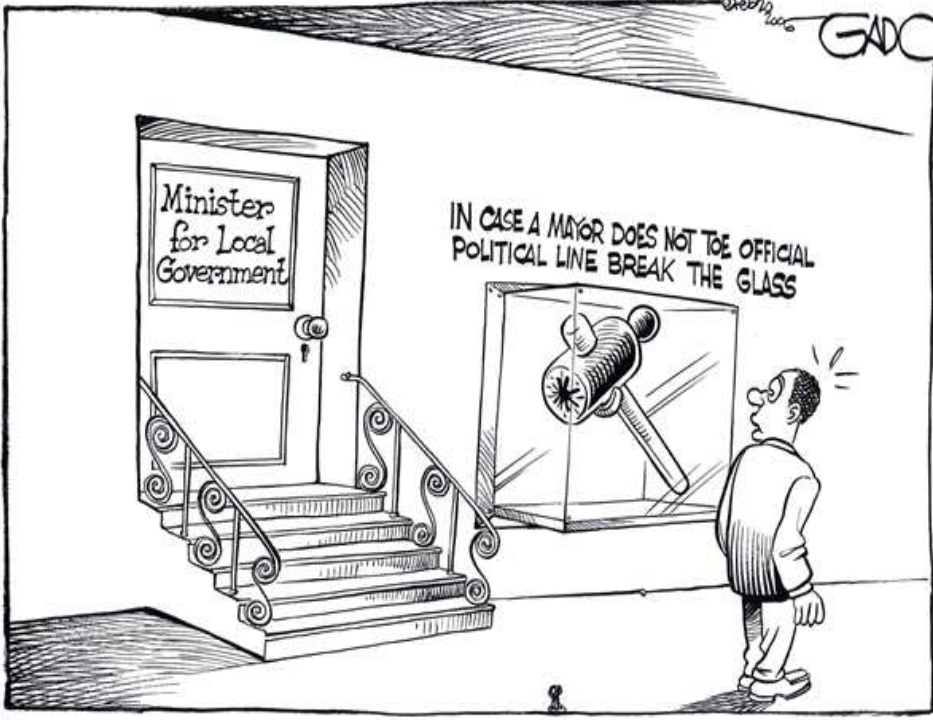




Working on a bigger stage

- » The Flintshire Public Services Board
- » Regionalism in strategic thinking, planning and commissioning, and service integration
- » Cross-border working with the Mersey-Dee Alliance and partners
- » Member of the Welsh Local Government Association 'family'
- » Working with Welsh Government: both in unity and in lobbying on policy and resources

Central-local relations





The future

- » Re-organisation is 'dead' - long live regionalism and collaborative working
- » How long can we survive austerity?
- » Financial reform for local government
- » Digitisation of services
- » Stemming service demand
- » Communities being more self-dependent
- » Working in a global economy and world