

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 1 May 2018
Report Subject	Budget Consultation Process
Report Author	Chief Officer (Governance)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the meeting of the Constitution & Democratic Services which was held on 26th April, the attached report was considered. The officers will provide a verbal update.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Staged Budget Process as set out in the appendix to the report to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee be approved for Budget Consultation purposes.
2	That section 16 of the Constitution be amended to the suggested wording set out in paragraph 1.04 of the attached report.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REPORT
1.01	The attached report was considered by the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 26 th April 2018. The officers will provide Council with a verbal update from that meeting.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>This report is intended to amend the current budget process as defined within the Constitution. It is acknowledged that the more extensive process which has been developed over the past three years is more resource intensive but that this has also promoted greater transparency and accountability.</p> <p>There would be significant resource implications in terms of licence costs and staff time if every meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee was to be webcast.</p>

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The original report to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee was published for consultation purposes. Consideration of this report by Council concludes the consultation process with a decision.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	The Council's budget decision making process has developed further than current Constitutional requirements and thus needed the review which has been carried out by the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Report of the Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance) and the Democratic Services Manager on the Budget Consultation Process to Constitution & Democratic Services Committee 26 th April 2018.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes of the 'All Member' meeting of Corporate Resources O&SC, 6th December 2017. 2. Report of the Democratic Services Manager to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee, 31st January 2018 – Budget Process, together with resultant minute. <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Budget: a statement expressing the Council's policies and service levels in financial terms for a particular financial year. In its broadest sense it includes both the revenue budget and capital programme and any authorised amendments to them.</p> <p>Constitution: a document which sets out how the various elements within the Council must act and interact to support effective decision making.</p>