

**CABINET**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

**PRESENT: Councillor Ian Roberts (Chair)**

Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Mared Eastwood, Dave Healey, Dave Hughes, Paul Johnson and Christine Jones.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Chief Officer (Social Services), Corporate Finance Manager, Corporate Manager – Capital Programme and Assets, Corporate Manager, People and Organisational Development, Community and Business Protection Manager, Service Manager, Enterprise and Regeneration, and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Billy Mullin.

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Bernie Attridge.

Councillor Roberts welcomed Councillor Eastwood to the meeting which was her first meeting of the Cabinet since being appointed at the Annual General Meeting as Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

**3. ADOPTION OF SKIN PIERCING BYELAWS**

Councillor Bithell introduced the report and explained that the adoption of byelaws in relation to skin piercing was being recommended, in accordance with provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Part VIII, sections 14 to 17.

The adoption of the byelaws would ensure there was greater regulation with respect to activities such as ear piercing, tattooing, acupuncture, and electrolysis. The byelaws helped to safeguard the public and improve compliance.

The Community and Business Protection Manager added that a thorough consultation exercise had been undertaken with stakeholders regarding the requirements of the byelaws and no adverse responses were received. In addition, the content of the proposed byelaws had been reviewed by the Constitution and Democratic Services Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the changes requested had been incorporated.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the byelaws relating to skin piercing be formally adopted; and
- (b) That formal adoption of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Part VIII, sections 14 to 17, which will apply to the county of Flintshire as a whole with respect to skin piercing byelaws be approved.

**4. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION LOANS**

Councillor Healey introduced the report and explained that over the last eight to ten years, alongside traditional non-repayable town centre regeneration grant funding opportunities, Welsh Government (WG) had made available repayable capital loan funding to local authorities across Wales.

By making repayable loan funding available, WG's aim was that it would facilitate the delivery of its strategic regeneration policy frameworks which sought to increase footfall and vibrancy, support the growth of the local economy, diversify the use of premises within the town centre, and help breathe new life into land and premises in town centre locations across Wales.

The Service Manager, Enterprise and Regeneration added that the report had been submitted to Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee where it had been supported.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the repayable loan funding award for town centre regeneration in Flintshire be noted; and
- (b) That the proposed criteria and approach to administering and managing the town centre repayable loan funding across Flintshire be approved.

**5. COMMUNITIES FOR WORK**

Councillor Healey introduced the report and explained that the Communities for Work programme was created by Welsh Government (WG) in 2016. Funded from a mixture of European and WG resources, it provided local government in Wales with resources to support people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to

employment and learning through long-term mentoring support. As a European funded programme, it ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

In December 2022 it was announced that Flintshire would receive sufficient WG funding to continue to provide the Communities for Work support and enable the Council to retain the entire staff team to do so.

The report provided an update on the programme and the changes which had taken place and its future priorities.

The Service Manager, Enterprise and Regeneration added that the report had been submitted to the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee the previous week where it was supported. He welcomed the support from WG to continue delivery for the next 12 months.

Councillor Johnson welcomed the report and suggested an additional recommendation of “that the details, including a resume of the programme, be shared with all Members”, which was supported.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the closure of the Communities for Work programme and the new arrangements to support long term unemployed people be considered and supported; and
- (b) That the details, including a resume of the programme, be shared with all Members.

**6. DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW**

Councillor Bithell introduced the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy for consideration prior to it being presented to County Council on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The Council was required to review its Statement of Gambling Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005. The purpose of the Policy was to set out the principles that the local authority would apply when carrying out its role under the Act.

The Policy must contain objectives regarding the following:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring gambling was conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Consultation had taken place with relevant bodies and interested parties and no responses had been received.

The Policy had been submitted to the Licensing Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 where it was endorsed and recommended to County Council for approval.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Statement of Gambling Policy in advance of its presentation to County Council be endorsed.

**7. EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS**

An information item on the actions taken under delegated powers was submitted. The actions were as set out below:-

**NEWydd Catering and Cleaning**

- **Appointment of NEWydd Board Chair**

As a wholly owned Council LATC and as confirmed in the company Memorandum and Articles of Association (para 14 of the Reserved Matters), the appointment of any person to the NEWydd Board of Directors must be authorised by the Council through delegated powers.

Following a recruitment process a new Chair has now been identified and NEWydd are seeking to now make the appointment.

- **Appointment to NEWydd Board – Appointment of 2 Non-Executive Directors**

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Following a recruitment process two new Non-Executive Directors have now been identified and NEWydd are seeking to now make the appointment.

**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) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**8. SCHOOL MODERNISATION UPDATE**

Councillor Eastwood introduced the report which provided details of the changes to the operational construction programme for Band B – Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme which was outlined in the Council's Strategic Outline Plan.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the content of the report and progress relating to school modernisation be noted;
- (b) That approval be given to enter into a construction contract for the proposed project at Ysgol Croes Atti, Flint, subject to Welsh Government approval of the full business case; and
- (c) That approval be given to enter into a construction contract for the proposed project at Ysgol Penyffordd C.P.

**9. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 10.37 a.m.)

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**Chair**