

EXECUTIVE
15 NOVEMBER 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Tuesday, 15 November 2011

PRESENT: Councillor A. Woolley (Chairman)

Councillors: H. Brown, C.A. Ellis, H.D. Hutchinson, N.M. Matthews, N. Phillips, L.A. Sharps, N.R. Steele-Mortimer and M.G. Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Eng. K. Armstrong-Braun, J.B. Attridge, S.R. Baker, J.C. Cattermoul, C.J. Dolphin, F. Gillmore, R.G. Hampson, H.T. Isherwood, R.B. Jones, D.I. Mackie, D. McFarlane, A.P. Shotton and C.A. Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Environment, Director of Lifelong Learning, Head of Finance, Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development, Head of ICT & Customer Services, Democracy & Governance Manager and Committee Officer

Councillor H.D. Hutchinson remarked on the Quest assessment report on the delivery of sporting opportunities in which Flintshire had achieved an overall score of 94% which was ranked 4th best in the UK and best in Wales. The report had highlighted the professionalism, innovation and creativity of the Sports Development team. Councillor Hutchinson said that this demonstrated the excellent workforce in the section and asked if the Leader of the Council could send a note of congratulations to the team and that recognition of the achievement be given at the next full County Council meeting. In agreeing with the comments made, the Leader would write to the section and the Chief Executive confirmed that a presentation would be arranged for a full County Council meeting.

132. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

134. COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL SERVICE BOARD – MID YEAR REVIEW

The Executive Member for Corporate Management introduced the report which sought endorsement of the ongoing work of the Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB).

The Chief Executive said this was a very effective partnership and referred to the Community Profile & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny

Committee meeting held the previous day in which the positive working relationship between the Council and Deeside College had been discussed as an example of success.

He welcomed the Welsh Government (WG) initiative on more effective partnership working and the establishment of a North Wales Regional Safer Communities Board. He explained that the recent Wales Audit Office corporate assessment had highlighted complex partnership arrangements and a need for clarity on partnership outcomes.

RESOLVED:

That the ongoing work of the Local Service Board be supported and endorsed.

135. PEOPLE STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Corporate Management introduced the report which provided details of the priorities, deliverables and resource requirements for the final year of the People Strategy (2009/2012) and introduced a format for tracking progress on the delivery of the priorities.

The Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development apologised for the delay in the availability of the report due to the time taken to review the Action Plan and work undertaken on priorities by the Corporate Management Team with involvement from Members and the Wales Audit Office (WAO). In response to the recommendation made by WAO, the new format of the Action Plan shown at Appendix 1 now included a RAG status to track delivery of actions for the third year of the Strategy.

An overview of timeframes on priorities for 2011/12 was shown at Appendix 2 where the delivery of Single Status indicated an implementation date of Autumn 2012. The Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development said that work would not progress to the pay model stage until a sufficient level of consistency and quality was achieved on the rank order of scores. Following the next meeting of the Single Status Project Board on 15 December 2011, a full communication was expected to be made to the workforce and Members.

The Chief Executive spoke of the increased amount of work undertaken on the People Strategy which would be reviewed by the WAO. On concerns over the delay of Single Status implementation, he stressed the importance of ensuring safe, dependable progress to obtain the most equitable and justifiable outcome. He reported that previously agreed workstreams were nearing completion with a pay model to be agreed in 2012 and was confident in the progress being made. The Leader of the Council added that implementation of Single Status would need to be achieved within the framework of being legal, affordable and acceptable.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the priorities identified for delivery during the third and final year of the People Strategy be endorsed; and
- (b) That the format at Appendix 1 used for reporting to Members the progress achieved against priorities on a quarterly basis be endorsed.

136. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) STRATEGY - UPDATE

The Executive Member for Corporate Management introduced the report which updated on progress with the implementation of the Corporate Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy.

The Head of ICT & Customer Services advised that considerable progress had been made since the previous report on this topic and referred to specific work by the Wales Audit Office (WAO) on ICT which would be reported on in the New Year. As part of a significant amount of collaborative working, he commented that the procurement of a joint Purchase to Pay (P2P) system with Wrexham County Borough Council to automate procurement processes, with assistance on implementation provided by Denbighshire County Council, was a good example of sub-regional working.

He reported that the six North Wales Authorities had now been joined by representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the Fire & Rescue Service and that work was progressing on standardising IT processes and sharing support across the region. He also commented on a project for standardising IT systems which supported School Improvement services via a joint contract for software. Following a bidding process, Flintshire had been selected to provide support and host the software for the project which was a credit to the IT teams involved. Work to support the development and implementation of a national ICT Strategy was outlined in paragraph 3.07 of the report and would be complimented by regional work. The rollout of wireless access facilities would allow visitors to obtain wireless access to the internet and systems in Flintshire which also supported agile/flexible working.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made in the implementation of the Council's ICT Strategy be noted.

137. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT 2012/13 AND BUDGET 2012/13

The Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Asset Management introduced the report which provided details of the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement 2012/13 and an outline of the Council's response to

the formal consultation. Also provided was an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and planning for the 2012/13 Budget.

The Head of Finance explained that comments from the Members' workshop on 24 October 2011 would be included in the Council's response to the provisional settlement which would need to be sent to the Welsh Government by 18 November 2011. There was a 0.2% reduction on 2011/12 in the provisional settlement which, when compared to the anticipated 0.4% reduction, equated to a positive difference of £174,000.

The Capital settlement was broadly in line with expectations with a reduction of £123,000 on that previously advised. However, there were no details on specific grants revenue or capital. Major issues on the settlement were reported to the meeting. In relation to the 2012/13 budget, explanation was given on the approach to the Social Business Model detailed in the report and work on the three steps being taken to manage the budget gap in compressing pressures, reducing core costs and reviewing fees and charges and maximising income.

Following the discussion that had taken place at the Member workshop, the Chief Executive referred to debate on what was read into the settlement and said that nationally, WG had previously communicated an indicative budget for the next year so there was a good degree of consistency to plan ahead. Any shift from WG following debate on the budget this year in Cardiff Bay could pose a risk for Local Authorities on the settlement. Locally, the intention was to close the current projected gap of £2.8M through the Social Business Model.

Issues outside the current budget projection could include Single Status implementation, pay award and additional revenue from prudential borrowing to increase the capital programme. Although pay negotiations had commenced nationally, there could be an impact on the pay award next year if it was affordable. There was currently no provision for this in the settlement. Initial feedback from managers on the Social Business Model had resulted in a positive response from almost 100% of those asked.

The Executive Member for Regeneration & Tourism welcomed work on process change and said that lessons could be learned from industry on lean processes which offered the potential to reduce costs and improve services. He urged officers to progress this and the Chief Executive agreed but said there would be variable success, commenting on the Director of Community Services' involvement in the Transforming Social Services for Adults review and the LEAN Academy officers working alongside teams.

The Democracy & Governance Manager referred to the second point in recommendation 6.01 which sought endorsement of the outline of the response to the WG. Due to the timescale needed for the response to be submitted, he explained that there was provision in the Council's Constitution for an urgent decision to be made to avoid delay by possible call-in, if agreed by the Executive and the Chair of the Council. He suggested that if the

Executive felt that this applied to point 2 then a decision should be made to that effect and a separate decision made on points 1, 3 and 4 in the recommendation which could be subject to call-in.

RESOLVED:

That the outline of the response to Welsh Government be urgently endorsed;

NOTE: The Executive's opinion was that this decision was urgent and therefore not subject to call-in.

- (a) That the Provisional Local Government Settlement 2012/13 be noted;
- (b) That the ongoing budget strategy be endorsed; and
- (c) That the ongoing work and arrangements for the further Member workshops in November and December 2011 be noted.

138. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12 (MONTH 5)

The Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Asset Management introduced the most up to date revenue budget monitoring information (Month 5) for the Council Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.

The Chief Executive said that during a debate at the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 10 November 2011, there had been significant interest in the way efficiencies in-year were being presented. As a result, a different format used for future reports would provide more detail on what was expected to be achieved and an explanation where efficiencies were not expected to be met.

The Head of Finance reported a projected year end overspend of £0.233M on the Council Fund with the reasons for significant changes from the Month 4 position shown in Appendix 1. A total of 96% of efficiencies had been achieved in full or part with reasons for delays including the non-implementation of the Streetscene structure and the Lifelong Learning review of Facilities Services. It was also reported that for the Council Fund a projected total of £253,000 was held in contingency reserves on top of specific reserves and base level reserves. The Housing Revenue Account was on target with a net underspend of £0.001M.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That the Council Fund Contingency Sum available as at 31 March 2012 be noted; and
- (c) That the projected level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account be noted.

139. COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2012/13

The Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Asset Management introduced the report which sought approval for the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2012/13.

The Head of Finance reported a year on year increase of 0.29% in the number of chargeable properties. This information would be passed to the Welsh Government (WG) to feed into the final calculation to distribute the Revenue Support Grant for the 2012/13 final settlement to be notified in early December 2011.

In response to a query on the number of Band 'D' equivalent properties for Hawarden, the Executive Member for Housing said that the figure included surrounding areas such as Aston, Mancot and Ewloe.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a nil level of discount for properties falling within any Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) be set and be applied to the whole of the County area; and
- (b) That the Tax Base of 60,865 chargeable Band 'D' equivalent properties for 2012/13 be approved.

140. COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATE POLICIES 2012/13

The Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Asset Management introduced the report which sought approval of various policies for the administration of Council Tax and Business Rates for the financial year 2012/13.

RESOLVED:

- (a) For the continuation of the current Local Taxation Policies for 2012/13 as follows:
 - Not to award Council Tax discounts on any prescribed class and that this applies to the whole of the County area
 - For the Head of Finance and Executive Member for Finance & Asset Management to consider discretionary discounts (S.13A) through the use of delegated powers, only in the cases of civil emergencies and natural disasters (3.03)
 - Discretionary rate relief for charities as set out (4.02)
 - Not to award discretionary 'top-up' discounts to small businesses (5.03);
- (b) That the payment dates for Precepting/Levying Bodies (6.01) and payment dates for Council Tax and Business Rates (7.01-7.03) be noted.

141. MATRIX CONTRACT UPDATE (MANAGED AGENCY STAFF SOLUTION)

The Executive Member for Corporate Management provided an update on the contract for the provision of agency workers.

The Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development explained that the report covered Quarter 2 from July to September 2011 and showed a reduction in the number of agency workers compared with the same period in 2011. Net savings of £113,924 had been achieved to date and were expected to exceed the projected figure of £224,000 for this financial year.

A table which had been omitted from paragraph 5.05 was circulated which showed current lengths of placements by Directorate which indicated that the number of agency workers engaged over a six month period had been reduced by 46.3% since the last quarter. On the impact of the Agency Workers Regulations (AWR), the Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development said that the majority of agency worker placements were for less than 12 weeks, however it was recognised that there would be some limited exceptions where this could be exceeded if a particular skills set was not already available within the organisation.

The Chief Executive reiterated these comments and confirmed that there was no corporate ruling in response to AWR set out in paragraph 5.08 to limit agency workers to 12 weeks to avoid accruing employment rights against the spirit of the Regulations. Agency workers would not ordinarily be engaged for longer than 12 weeks. However, if there was a longer period of need for the position and a suitable agency worker was in place then that person would be kept on. He went on to say that some agency workers had been covering posts for a longer time and so the Authority was not seeking to avoid the Regulations.

RESOLVED:

That the approaches being taken to manage the use of agency workers more closely be endorsed and further options for increasing efficiency savings for Flintshire be explored.

142. DEESIDE LEISURE CENTRE: DEVELOPMENT

The Executive Member for Leisure Services & Public Protection introduced the report on progress on the re-development of Deeside Leisure Centre.

An agreement had been signed with partners to proceed with the developments at Flint Pavilion which were due for completion in Summer 2012. It was noted that there had been minimal activity at Deeside Leisure Centre during the Summer period due to work on the fitness centre and 3G pitches.

As part of the commitment to provide regular updates to the Executive and Overview & Scrutiny, the Director of Lifelong Learning detailed the work undertaken to date as identified in paragraph 2.01 and current trading information shown in paragraph 3.08. He added that the energy and carbon consumption would be less than prior to refurbishment and that a bid for Salix funding was being pursued.

RESOLVED:

That the progress to date be noted and the value of the partnering with Alliance Leisure Services and the innovative approach being taken in the re-development of Deeside Leisure Centre and other facilities within the Authority be recognised.

143. WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

The Executive Member for Education presented the Council's Welsh Public Library Standards Annual Report for 2010/11 and the response of the Welsh Government to the report.

The Director of Lifelong Learning advised that out of the 14 Standards, nine had been met in full and three met in part. He explained that to fully comply with the Standard for provision of adult material in libraries, an additional 70,000 items were required in stock which would prove unrealistic in terms of library space. A similar view was taken on Standards which had not been met on overall staffing levels and percentage of qualified staff.

The Chief Executive said that a decision had been taken not to prioritise these issues as the Standards which had not been met did not alter the experience of library users.

The Leader of the Council commented on the quality and helpfulness of library workers in the County.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Welsh Public Library Standards Report for 2010/11 be received and the response of the Welsh Government noted; and
- (b) That the proposal outlined in paragraph 3.05 to enable the Council to improve its performance against the Standards be endorsed.

144. SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS

The Executive Member for Environment provided an update of a review of the speed limits on all A and B roads in accordance with the published guidance by the Welsh Government (WG) entitled 'Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales'.

He said that this was a long awaited report which sought to address a number of complaints made about speeding traffic and that the review included all schools on A and B roads.

The Director of Environment said it was a requirement of the WG that Local Authorities completed a review of speed limits on A and B roads by 31 December 2014. A bid had been made to undertake the review by TAIH however this had been rejected and the review would now be funded out of the revenue budget.

RESOLVED:

That the new guidance on the setting of speed limits be noted and the completion of the speed limit review, and the use of the guidance in the assessment of all new proposals be approved.

145. UPDATE ON DEPOT RATIONALISATION

The Executive Member for Waste Management provided an update on current depot rationalisation activity and the wider infrastructure requirements necessary to support the Streetscene Review.

The Director of Environment commented on possible annual prudential borrowing of £168,000 but said that efforts were being made to find further savings which would reduce the impact of this figure on the overall Council revenue budget.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the continued development of the Alltami Depot site as the key strategic centre for Streetscene operations be supported and delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment to finalise proposals and implement; and
- (b) That the depot rationalisation outlined in the report be approved and that delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment to implement such proposals.

Councillor C.A. Ellis wished it to be noted that she had abstained from voting on this item.

146. VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Due to the link with the previous item, it was agreed that Item 19 on the agenda, 'Review of the Council Household Recycling Centres' would be brought forward.

147. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

The Executive Member for Waste Management informed Members of the outcome of the consultation process on the review of the Council Household Recycling Centres (HRC) and sought approval for the proposed option to deliver the HRC service in the County.

The report detailed the eight HRC sites currently operated by the Council, which was a greater provision than that in any other County. It was proposed that full waste disposal and recycling facilities would be provided at four sites, including a facility to be developed in Sandycroft, and that three 'recycling only' sites would also be available. The proposed closure of the sites at Saltney and Queensferry, for the reasons indicated in the report, would not take place until the new facility at Sandycroft was operational. During that time, the amount of residual waste received at 'recycling only' sites would be monitored.

Following concerns which had been expressed by Councillor I.B. Roberts on the proposed loss of residual waste disposal at the Flint site and in particular for bulky waste, the Executive Member for Waste Management advised that a local company would be able to provide a service for the collection of mattresses.

The Director of Environment thanked the Task & Finish Group for the work undertaken on the review and referred to a positive debate at the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to help refine the recommendations in the report. He said that the provision for recycling mattresses would be available across all sites, and not just at the Flint facility. A requirement for prudential borrowing to develop the Sandycroft site would be recouped by savings as a result of the proposals.

Following concerns raised by the Executive Member for Environment on fly tipping, the Director confirmed that the proposals would be amended to reflect that the mattress collection service would be available at all 'recycling only' sites in future.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That it be approved that the Council's future HRC service should consist of four high quality sites capable of receiving both recycling and general waste material at the following locations and for the avoidance of doubt all of these sites would include the collection of mattresses:-

- Greenfield
 - Mold
 - Buckley
 - Sandycroft
- (b) That it be approved that the Council's future HRC service should also consist of a further three 'recycling only' sites at the following locations:
- Connah's Quay
 - Flint
 - Hope
- (c) That the closure of the sites at the following locations be approved:
- Saltney
 - Queensferry
- (d) That it be approved that the closures and changes detailed in (a) (b) and (c) above are introduced after the completion of the proposed new HRC site at Sandycroft with a target date for full implementation of 1 October 2012. The intervening period will be used to allow monitoring and the provision of recycling advice to HRC users;
- (e) That the opening hours for all of the HRC sites as stated in 3.15 of the report be approved and the new opening hours come into operation on 3 January 2012;
- (f) That the introduction of a 'Residents Only' policy at the HRCs be deferred subject to a further monitoring exercise and report;
- (g) That the formal adoption of the protocol for commercial waste disposal and commercial access to HRC sites listed in Appendix 2 be approved;
- (h) That the continuation of the Council's Bring Site arrangements be approved, subject to a further review after completion of the roll out of the new waste collection arrangements in twelve months' time; and
- (i) That prudential borrowing to fund construction of the HRC facility in line with the finance element of the report be approved.

Councillor C.A. Ellis wished it to be noted that she had abstained from voting on this item.

148. FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2011/12

The Executive Member for Leisure Services & Public Protection introduced the report which sought approval for the Council's Food Service Plan which detailed the service delivery programme for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

In the key achievements for 2010/11, he highlighted the bullet points relating to the performance of the Food Team and their active role at the Mold Food Fair.

RESOLVED:

That the Food Service Plan 2011/12 be approved.

149. PROGRESS ON THE SHARED NORTH WALES MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING SERVICE

The Executive Member for Environment introduced the report which raised awareness of the Service and provided information on the first six months of collaborative working, issues and performance.

The Director of Environment said that issues arising from minerals and waste planning could be complex and sizeable and that this collaborative project offered greater capacity to meet service needs. He felt that the scope of the project could set a blueprint for future collaboration across the region.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and that continued support be provided for the Service and lessons learnt be passed to other collaborative projects currently under consideration by the Council.

150. TRANSFER OF RECREATIONAL LAND AT BROUGHTON SHOPPING PARK

The Executive Member for Environment introduced the report which sought approval for recreational land at Broughton Shopping Park to be transferred to Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

The Director of Environment suggested that to clarify that a sum of £35,000 would be transferred to the Community Council, the recommendation should include "on the basis explained in paragraph 3.03".

RESOLVED:

That the "recreational land" at Broughton Shopping Park be transferred directly from the current owners to the Broughton and Bretton Community Council on the basis explained in paragraph 3.03.

151. PLAY AREAS

As Vice-Chair of the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor C.A. Thomas was invited to present the report on behalf of the Task & Finish Group.

Councillor Thomas detailed the background to the work of the Task & Finish Group as indicated in the report and appendix, including site visits to 'red' play areas identified in the Play Areas Survey and consultation undertaken. On querying the 'red' status of some play areas, the Task & Finish Group had been informed that these had limited play value and outdated equipment, however discussion with local Members had raised the possibility of Section 106 funding. She said that the Play Areas Survey had shown the reduction in children's outdoor play due to parents' concerns on crime and that evidence supported the importance of doorstep open space provision and the value of play areas in the lives of children. She detailed the five recommendations made by the Task & Finish Group and referred to information on help with grant funding for play areas which could be publicised on the website.

The Leader of the Council complimented the Task & Finish Group for their work undertaken. The Executive Member for Leisure Services & Public Protection said that some Members were concerned about play areas in their wards and added that he wished to be involved in the consultation process.

In response to a question by the Executive Member for Waste Management, the Director of Lifelong Learning explained that as part of the Play Areas Survey, a red category indicated that significant attention was needed.

Following Members' comments on the Task & Finish Group recommendations, the Democracy & Governance Manager pointed out that the recommendation in the report was to receive, note and respond to the findings of the Task & Finish Group and he suggested that a response report including proposals could be considered at a future Executive meeting. The Director of Lifelong Learning agreed that a follow-up report could be provided to the Executive in January 2012.

The Executive Member for Environment remarked on the Task & Finish Group's second recommendation which sought further consideration of play area provision within planning mechanisms. He raised concerns on the cost involved in achieving this and the negative effect this could have on the building industry which could also impact on the employment of young apprentice workers.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the findings of the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee Play Area Task & Finish Group be received and noted; and
- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Executive in January 2012.

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

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following items by virtue of exempt information under the following paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

Agenda item number 22

Paragraph 15

Transformation Social Services for Adults (TSSA)

Agenda item number 23

Paragraph 15

Sheltered Housing Improvement Project

Agenda item number 24

Paragraphs 13, 14 and 17

Renewal Area – Acquisition of 2 Mold Road, Connah's Quay

153. TRANSFORMATION SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS (TSSA)

The Executive Member for Social Services introduced the report which set the context for the Transformation of Social Services for Adults (TSSA) including the need to respond to social changes including; unprecedented demand, changing needs and increasing expectations, all within a testing financial climate. The report also provided Members with the opportunity to offer support to the TSSA and approve the proposed new staffing structure for Phase 1 of the service redesign and to note that the 'roll out' of Phase 2 would produce further efficiencies and would be dependent upon the successful completion of Phase 1.

The Director of Community Services spoke about a greater level of support required for an increased number of people and for quality of services and building on strengths. He reported that seven LEAN team employees had worked on the project to help develop proposals which had received a positive response from Trade Unions. The outcome was for more people to be independent but that long-term support would continue via locality teams.

The Chief Executive remarked on the significant support for the review and a progressive way in which to work alongside the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the context of the transformation be noted and Phase 1 of service redesign be supported thus enabling services to continue to meet increasing demand within reducing budgets;
- (b) That the reduction of hours for one post and the deletion of five further posts be noted and that it be placed in the context of efforts made

throughout the previous year to plan for change by holding vacant posts and offering secondments. The net effect would be one displaced person. This forward planning had helped to reduce and possibly eliminate the need for compulsory redundancies; and

- (c) That the inclusive methods adopted to plan and implement the Transformation of Social Services for Adults particularly the deliberate emphasis, from the outset, of enabling practitioners to contribute to the new model of service delivery, be noted.

154. SHELTERED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Executive Member for Housing introduced the report which provided an update on the work being progressed to introduce improvements to the sheltered housing warden support service. Approval was also sought for the proposed staffing structure.

The Director of Community Services explained that this had been a comprehensive review including consultation with tenants and was a clear way forward for the service.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed staffing structure be approved.

155. RENEWAL AREA – ACQUISITION OF 2 MOLD ROAD, CONNAH’S QUAY

The Executive Member for Housing introduced the report which sought approval for opening negotiations in an attempt to acquire 2 Mold Road, Connah’s Quay (a former dairy) to facilitate re-development for housing purposes.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to acquire 2 Mold Road, Connah’s Quay for the purpose of facilitating housing development (subject to agreement by the Council’s Valuation and Estate Service), with funding provided from within the approved 2011/12 Council Fund Capital Programme budget be approved.

156. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and ended at 11.50 a.m.

157. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were two members of the press in attendance.

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Chairman

SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT

EXECUTIVE	DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 2011
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
NONE		