

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
3RD MARCH 2009

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Flintshire County Council held in County Hall, Mold held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2009.

PRESENT: Councillor: Q.R.H. Dodd (Chairman)
Councillor: C. Legg (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: L.A. Aldridge, K. Armstrong-Braun, J.B. Attridge, S.R Baker, D. Barratt, G.H Bateman. R.C Bithell, C.S Carver, Mrs J.C Cattermoul, E.G Cooke, P.J. Curtis, R. Davies, Mrs A.J Davies-Cooke, A.G. Diskin, Mrs G.D. Diskin, C.J. Dolphin, B. Dunn, Mrs C.A Ellis, E.F. Evans, J.E Falshaw, Ms V. Gay, F. Gilmore, R.J.T Guest, Miss A.M Halford, R.G Hampson, G. Hardcastle, P.G Heesom, M. Higham, Mrs C. Hinds, H.T Howorth, R. Hughes, Mrs N. Humphreys, H.D Hutchinson, H.T. Isherwood, G. James, R. Johnson, Mrs C.M Jones, R.B. Jones Mrs S. Jones, R.P Macfarlane, D.I Mackie, Mrs D.L Mackie, Mrs N.M Matthews, D. Mcfarlane, Mrs H.J. McGuill, Mrs A. Minshull, W. Mullin, T. Newhouse, E.W Owen, M.J. Peers, P.R. Pemberton, N. Phillips, H.G Roberts, I.B Roberts, L.A Sharps, A.P Shotton, N.R Steele-Mortimer, Mrs C.A Thomas, W.O Thomas, D.E Wisinger, A. Woolley, M.G Wright and Ms H. Yale.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: D.L. Cox, Mrs R. Dolphin, G. Hardcastle, Mrs N.M. Jones, M.A. Reece, and D.T. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Lifelong Learning, Director of Environment, Head of Legal and Democratic Services Officer, Head of Finance, Assistant Director (ICT & Customer Services), Assistant Director Financial Management, Head of Financial Planning, Democratic Services Manager and Principal Committee Officer.

107. PRAYERS

The Reverend Anthapurusha conducted prayers at the commencement of the meeting.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

109. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10

The Head of Finance and Chief Executive jointly presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide Members with the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2009/10. They used Powerpoint to assist the presentation.

Prior to the presentation, the Chief Executive and Head of Finance expressed their thanks to all the Team who were involved in the preparation of the Budget and for the valuable input from the Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

The Head of Finance reminded the Council that they had already agreed the Housing Revenue Account.

The Council was informed that at the meeting on the 17th February 2009, the Executive had considered a joint report from the Head of Finance and Chief Executive on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2009/10, which was attached as Appendix A to the report. The report detailed the Budget process for 2009/10 and set out the financial context in which the Budget was being set, the future outlook and the wider strategic context. It was noted that the initial Budget proposals considered by the Executive on 27th January 2009 had been considered in detail by the Overview & Scrutiny Committees over the period 27th to 30th January 2009.

The Council was informed that a summary of the Committees observations and questions, together with comments from officers, was included in Appendix 8 of the 17th February 2009 report. Section 4.01 of the 17th February 2009 report set out how the final Budget proposals differed to those reported on the 27th January 2009. It was noted that the Budget proposals had also been discussed with the School Budget Forum and the Flintshire Joint Trade Union Committee.

Prior to the presentation, the Chief Executive explained that Members would have seen some of the information to be displayed but he felt it appropriate for the Council to have the opportunity to see all the relevant information relating to the preparation of the Budget.

The Head of Finance reported that from the information available, Flintshire was at the lower end of the Council tax rises in Wales. The Chief Executive also commented that in the preparation of the Budget, prudence had been exercised in view of the current difficult economic times.

The Chief Executive opened the presentation and commented upon the following areas:-

- Final Local Government Settlement 2009/10
- Other unhypothecated funding
- Review of reserves
- Total income proposed

- Council Tax level
- Budget context
- Budget approach

The Chief Executive commented upon each of these areas and specifically upon the Budget requirement to achieve the Council Tax level. He quoted the level of a Band D property, as an example. On the Budget context he explained that there was a 3% increase in Welsh Assembly Government funding for 2009/10 and that indications for future settlements on the Revenue Support Grant funding, would not match pressures on services. He expanded upon the issues relating to projected overspends in 2008/09 and upon the economic climate and service pressures. He also referred to the impacts of areas of overspend which were forecast to continue into 2009/10 and there were no underspends of scale in 2008/09 to utilise in 2009/10. He also explained the significance of the planned withdrawal of three Welsh Assembly Government specific grants totalling £0.224m. The Chief Executive reminded the Council that the Budget approach had been set within the context of a medium term financial strategy.

The priority was for a prudent and balanced budget during a period of organisational redesign, the impact of the economic climate and existing service pressures such as Out of County Placements in Children's Services and Lifelong Learning and Waste Disposal. The approach had to be corporate, strategic and realistic incorporating items already committed. Funding had to be aligned with organisational needs and risk, with the protection of public services.

The Chief Executive also commented upon the need for the continued support for School Budgets and that there was a full audit trail of pressures and efficiencies for all services. In commenting upon the Budget considerations, he explained the need for the identification of pressures and efficiencies via mid-year business reviews at service level and the de minimis level applied to pressures which had to be met within Directorate budgets. It had also been taken into consideration that there would be no new posts unless they were service critical. With regards to fees and charges, it was necessary for them to be at or moving towards comparable market levels with affordability and sensitivity. The Chief Executive also referred to the necessity to review the reserves.

The Head of Finance then continued the presentation and referred significantly to the following:-

- Total expenditure proposed
- Assumptions
- Pressures recommended for inclusion in the Budget
- Efficiencies recommended for inclusion in the Budget
- Education Budget
- Consultation

- Communication undertaken

The Head of Finance expanded upon the key details in each of these areas and their related affect on the preparation of the Budget.

The Chief Executive continued the presentation and identified the issues and concerns raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committees and expanded upon each of these. The issue of price inflation was fully reported.

The Chief Executive reported in detail in relation to that area identified as the Efficiencies Programme with a £1m target. He explained that an Action Plan to achieve efficiencies was being developed which would be published in April. He identified those areas which were currently being worked on to be included within that Plan. With regard to specified efficiencies, the Chief Executive reported that they had all been reviewed by Directors and quoted examples as part of the presentation.

The Council was informed of the levels of reserves together with future forecasted levels. The Chief Executive, in this section, referred to levels of reserve in relation to single status and the base level of reserves which was commented on by the Regulators.

The Chief Executive reported that with regard to "Improvement Agreement Grant (IAG)" confirmation had been received from the Welsh Assembly Government that the Grant was secure for 2010. The Head of Finance referred to responses received in relation to the format and the timing of the paperwork for the budget preparation and indicated that work was already proceeding on these issues to make improvements for future years.

The Chief Executive advised that there were a number of implications for managing for 2009/10 which were identified as follows:-

- Organisational efficiency, a continuous discipline and not an annual budget set in process
- In-year efficiency target of £1.0m
- Organisational change programmes to be implement with ownership and urgency
- Strong budget management and control
- Early identification and reporting of budget pressures and variations

With regards to the future, the Chief Executive reported that there were major pieces of work ongoing and expanded upon each of the following:-

- Single status
- Housing review
- North Wales Residual Waste Partnership

- School modernisation
- Leisure strategy
- Reduce budget flexibility

There were a number of national issues and he referred to the Ministerial Statements in February 2009, the difficult financial environment, the pre-budget report and that future settlements would not match pressures being made on services. The Council was also given a summary of the recommendations which had been identified in the report. The Council also noticed an amendment on the figure quoted for the Deprivation Grant which was correct on the slides but not in the report.

The Chief Executive also reported that information had been received only that morning, regarding the pay award for NJC Green Book employees. Agreement had been reached for a 2.45% increase in October 2008 and the National negotiators for the employer's side agreed to continue arbitration and request the National negotiators for the Joint Trade Union. The Arbitration Panel appointed to settle the 2008 pay dispute announced an additional award of 0.30% to be implemented with effect from 1st April 2008.

The Chief Executive indicated that there had been no indication that this was imminent and he advised on the effect this award would have on the current budget as that was the year to which the pay settlement related and for the 2009/10 budget.

In proposing acceptance of the budget the Leader of the Council expressed his thanks to the Chief Executive, the Head of Finance and the Finance Team who had worked so hard to put the proposals together. He indicated that the budget proposals were challenging ones and left no room for complacency, carelessness or a lack of firm resolve. The Leader suggested it was a courageous budget because improvements that had been set by the Council were demanding but realistic. He continued that the budget sustained and protected as far as the Council was able to, the skilled workforce and the level of services that those front line employees regularly delivered for the Council on behalf of numerous individuals and groups that formed the diverse Flintshire community. He advised the Council that in setting the increase for the forthcoming financial year's Council Tax at a level of 3.3% that the Administration had not looked for short term popularity or the soft option. They had sought to provide a stable baseline for the essential medium term financial strategy that he felt would and must guide the financial planning in the coming years. He suggested that was a declaration of commitment to continuity and stability in the face of the increasingly low general support settlement that would inevitably follow what was an already difficult year. The Leader indicated that he intended to forewarn the Council as he felt that there were lean and difficult years ahead in the short term. Despite the difficulty, he was confident that the budget provided additional support for Education, Social Services and Regeneration. At the same time it provided support for local voluntary sector and the services and advice that they delivered to and for those in particular need.

In anticipation of questions where the economies and savings would be achieved, he referred to fundamental changes already made within the year. He referred in particular to the re-organisation of the Senior Management Team and the significant reduction in the number of second tier officers below that team. Pursuing this point, he advised that there was a steady reshaping and making more fit for purpose in continuing the current key exercise of reviewing 36 operational areas over the coming months. The Leader also advised that further areas including procurement would also continue to be examined. The Leader stressed that the views of the general public were taken into account and referred in particular to the current budget provision for a fully empowered dog warden. In presenting the budget the Leader advised that neither he nor the administration he led, wished to imply that the previous administration was in any way responsible for the difficult financial constraints within which the current administration was now required to function and plan ahead.

In proposing the budget he wished to make an adjustment whereby that the individual Councillor Award Grants in the sum of £91,000 be removed from consideration and that the target of £1m of efficiency saving be reduced by the same amount. He explained the significance of these figures which was noted by the Council. The proposal was duly seconded by Councillor L A Sharps who indicated that the preparation of the budget was undertaken in a businesslike manner.

In responding, Councillor A P Shotton, as Leader of the main opposition group gave notice of an amendment. In making his comments, Councillor Shotton recognised that it was a difficult settlement, but felt that the budget proposed did not rise to the current challenges. He felt it appropriate to give something to the residents and he referred to initiatives that had been undertaken during the previous Administration and which he felt had been welcomed. He suggested that promises had not been met in the current budget, referring in particular to the service in the rural areas of a peripatetic skip service. Councillor Shotton also expressed his concern regarding the £373,000 which had been taken from the Housing Revenue Account which had been debated in some detail at the previous Council meeting. Councillor Shotton went on to express his disappointment with an apparent reduction in funding for the Youth Service in the current budget. He also referred to a statement made some time earlier by the Executive Member for the Environment regarding the possibility of abolishing car parking charges in town centres and commended this initiative. Councillor Shotton went on to suggest that this could be accommodated with a small increase in the level of Council Tax identified in the budget from 3.3% to 3.5% which would eventually be beneficial to the residents. Councillor Shotton expressed a view that if car park charges were abolished in town centres it would give an incentive in the current climate to regenerate local economies. The loss of income could be offset by the slight increase in the Council Tax and the savings on the Member's Ward Grant Schemes allowances. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J B Attridge and a recorded vote was requested and the requisite number of members stood. In speaking to the amendments Councillor Attridge felt the current budget was unimaginative and did nothing to enhance

the initiatives of the previous administration. He suggested that during the previous Administration when the Liberal Democrat Group had submitted alternatives to the budget that they had suggested that they would raise IBA thresholds but this had not been done. In responding to the point in the amendments, Councillor S R Baker, on behalf of the Liberal Democratic Group, indicated that he had no recollection of this. He also expressed his surprise at the comments relating to car parking charges as he had previously opposed their retention but the previous administration in the 11 years of power had done nothing to address this. However, he shared the concern and the method of funding operated by the Welsh Assembly Government regarding the cut that they took from the Housing Revenue Account and felt that this should remain with the Council.

Councillor R C Bithell indicated that he could not accept the budget in its current form. He felt that there was no evidence to achieve the savings identified and expanded upon this point. Again he referred to the actions taken by the previous administration whereby difficult decisions had to be made and he referred in particular to the issues relating to the CROP Programme. He also referred to wider discussions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which had been raised, but did not appear to have been addressed. He also referred to the issue relating to the supposed increase in IBA levels, supporting the views expressed by a previous speaker. He was also concerned at what he felt would be an adverse effect on the Youth Service with the current budget.

Councillor K Armstrong-Braun supported the initial comments made by Councillor A P Shotton and also expressed his opposition to the withdrawal of the proposed Members' Ward Grants. Pursuing this point he indicated that there had been very useful discussions at the Overview and Scrutiny Committees but this had not been raised at that time and that this has become one of the first opportunities for members to comment on the suggestion. He was also extremely concerned at the proposal whereby there was a cut in funding for Youth Service.

Councillor H G Roberts also supported the amendment whereby he felt that the increase referred to, made good fiscal sense. He also spoke in support of the abolition of car park charges which he had opposed for many years. Councillor Roberts was also concerned about possible cuts in the Youth Service Budget.

Councillor R P Macfarlane, as a former Executive Member for Finance, indicated that he fully understood the difficulty in preparing and presenting a balanced budget, making the point that the process must be open and transparent. However, in responding to comments made in relation to the policies of the previous administration, he suggested that it was necessary for policies to be implemented which addressed the change in circumstances. In this respect he referred particularly to the current economic climate and that there was a need for a boost and he felt the abolition of car parking charges in town centres would assist this.

Councillor P J Curtis continuing the point regarding car parking charges indicated that he had consistently spoke for their abolition over many years. In supporting this view he indicated that he had been at odds with his own group on this issue in the past. Councillor Curtis continued that there was a need for an economic boost and that this would certainly assist town centres. He also advised that for Holywell, by way of example, there was no parking charges on the car parks at Tesco and Lidl so there was an inconsistency within the town.

Councillor I B Roberts expressed his strong views in relation to education spending and referred to the amounts which he felt was being taken out the education service. He also commented upon issues relating to IBA and the detrimental effect the current policy had on schools.

Councillor H T Howorth commented upon issues related to sixth form funding in secondary education and that there had been further cuts in this area.

Councillor P Pemberton responding to issues raised felt that a number of the issues addressed in the budget related to issues of mismanagement over a period of time and now had to be addressed.

Councillor N R Steele-Mortimer commented that there were issues which had to be addressed in determining any budget in view of the current economic situation. In his role as Executive Member for Education and Youth he commented upon the level of expenditure that had been retained for education and he confirmed that promises made to the School Budgets Forum had been kept. He had sympathy for the views expressed by Councillor H T Howorth in respect of provision for 16 -19 year olds and he had written to the Minister on this issue and was awaiting a reply. With regard to Youth Service saving he advised there were no front line cuts, the service would not be affected and it was only a middle management post that had been affected.

Councillor D Barratt expressed his support for the retention of a full time youth worker in the Connah's Quay area. He also commented that in certain sections of the report there was particularly small print which was difficult to read and it was agreed that this would be addressed for future presentations.

Councillor L A Sharps expanded upon the point in relation to the possible abolition of car parking charges in the Holywell area. He referred to previous traffic management schemes which he felt had an adverse effect on the town. He also responded to a point made that when he held a key position when parking charges were introduced by a previous authority that he was bound by the legalities of the time. Councillor Sharps continued that he understood that the previous administration of this authority had also investigated the possibility of abolishing car parking charges but he was aware of the research undertaken by officers who advised the Leader at that time strongly against this course of action and therefore the Administration at that time did not pursue it.

Councillor L A Aldridge responded to the points raised and expressed his disappointment that when as a former leader of the Council he had obtained information of a confidential nature provided to him as an aide memoir which had now been passed on to another member by an officer of the Council and he felt that had breached confidentiality.

Councillor L A Aldridge on another point in responding to comments previously made and advised on schemes that had been undertaken during his term as Leader.

The Chief Executive in responding to the amendment advised of the effect of the budget if the increase in the Council Tax as suggested was implemented. He also advised of the effect on the budget if the car parking charges were abolished.

The Chief Executive advised that he was validating the information that was in front of him to ensure that the Council was fully aware of what was to be voted upon. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services sought clarification that the identified shortfall would be added to the £1m efficiency savings and that was confirmed.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services repeated that the amendment now under consideration was for the proposed rise in Council Tax to be increased from 3.3% to 3.5%, with the abolition of car parking charges throughout the County and the shortfall being added to efficiency savings and/or met from the savings of the withdrawal of the Members' Ward Grant schemes.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was lost by 41 votes to 21 with 2 abstentions.

For the amendment:

Councillor L A Aldridge, J B Attridge, D Barratt, R C Bithell, P J Curtis, R Davies, A G Diskin, Mrs G D Diskin, E F Evans, R G Hampson, Mrs C Hinds, H T Howorth, Mrs C M Jones, Mrs S Jones, R P Macfarlane, Mrs A Minshull, W Mullin, H G Robert, I B Roberts, A P Shotton and D E Wisinger

Against: Councillor Q R H Dodd, S R Baker, G H Batemen, C S Carver, Mrs J C Catermoul, E G Cooke, Mrs A J Davies-Cooke, C J Dolphin, B Dunn, Mrs C A Ellis, J E Falshaw, Miss E V Gay, F Gilmour, R J T Guest, Ms A M Halford, P Heesom, M Higham, R Hughes, Mrs N Humphreys, H D Hutchinson, Mrs H G Isherwood, G James, Mrs R Johnson, R B Jones, D I Mackie, Mrs D L Mackie, Mrs N M Matthews, D McFarlane, Mrs H J McGuill, T Newhouse, E W Owen, M J Peers, P L Pemberton, N Phillips, L A Sharps, N R Steele-Mortimer, Mrs C A Thomas, W O Thomas, A Woolley, M G Wright and Mrs H Yale

Abstentions: Councillor C Legg and K Armstrong-Braun

The debate continued and Councillor M Wright spoke to the motion and reiterated the views relating to the current climate where there was an economic recession. He accepted the assurance of Councillor N R Steele-Mortimer as Executive Member for Education and Youth that there were no cuts in education and felt that the Council had no real choice but to accept the budget as presented.

The Chief Executive also responded to a further point raised by Councillor R C Bithell in relation to IBA in terms of education and expenditure. He also clarified the efficiency savings identified in accordance with Government policies following a question by Councillor K Armstrong-Braun.

In summing up, Councillor Arnold Woolley reiterated that it was a balanced budget and commended it to the Council for acceptance.

RESOLVED:

That subject to Council Ward Grants in the sum of £91,000 being removed from consideration and the target of £1m of efficiency savings being reduced by the same amount of £91,000 the Council accept the recommendation of the Executive and

- (1) That the 2009/10 General Fund Budget Requirement be set at £233,335,058 which is £376,905 above the calculated Standard Spending Assessment (4.02).
- (2) That there be a 3.3% increase in Council Tax at Band D and an assumed 99% Collection Rate (4.03).
- (3) That Deprivation Grant of £0.225m and Improvement Agreement Grant of £1.497m be included in the budget (4.04).
- (4) That the budget be adjusted to reflect the actual level of specific grant received (4.05).
- (5) That items of non-standard inflation be only allocated out to services when the actual increase in cost is known (4.08).
- (6) That levels of inflation assumed in the budget be agreed (4.06 – 4.09).
- (7) That pressures of £5,367m in 2010/11 and (rising to £6.274m in 2011/12) be included in the base budget and that an additional £2.254m non-recurring pressures be approved and funded from unearmarked reserves (4.10 and Appendix 3a-c and 4).
- (8) That the practice adopted since 2004/05 continue that resources to fund new pressures be approved for the purposes set out. Any

proposals to vary the use of the sums allocated are to be the subject of a further report to Executive.

Further that any sums for new pressures, where the detailed proposals of how the pressure will be addressed or the size of the pressures is not quantifiable at the present time, be held corporately until firmer details are known and that the Head of Finance be given delegated authority to determine such cases with Directors (4.10).

- (9) That efficiencies of £3.803m (£4.161m in 2010/11 and £4.163m in 2011/12) be included in the base budget (4.11 and Appendix 5a-d).
- (10) That if it should become apparent that achievement of any of the savings (in full or part) is proving to be not as anticipated that this is dealt with corporately, with the Corporate Management Team bringing alternatives to Executive for consideration (4.11).
- (11) That the actual amount of reserves remaining at the 31st March 2009 (currently estimated to be £0.865m) is not allocated at this stage but is retained and delegated to the Executive, to meet the implementation costs of the Modernisation Programme Phase 11 and new pressures which cannot be foreseen at this stage (6.14).

110. MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2009/10

The Council considered the report of the Head of Finance the purpose of which was to present recommendations of the Executive in relation to the setting of a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision for the repayment of debt. The report detailed the background to its preparation and identified key considerations.

RESOLVED:

That the Council accepts to recommendation of the Executive and:

- (1) Option 1 (Regulatory Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2009/10 for all supported borrowing.
- (2) Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2009/10 for all unsupported (prudential) borrowing.

111. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY STATEMENT INCORPORATING THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2009/10

The Head of Finance presented the report the purpose of which was to present to Council the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement Incorporating the Prudential Code for Capital Finance and Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10. The report detailed the background to its preparation and attached as Appendix A to the report was the recommendations of the Executive.

Councillor R P Macfarlane raised an issue as to how satisfied the Council were with the current assurances in view of the issues with Landsbanki during the previous financial year. The Head of Finance clarified the current situation and expanded upon the current situation due to credit ratings and this was accepted.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation of the Executive be approved.

112. COUNCIL TAX 2009-10

The Head of Finance presented a report the purpose of which was for the Council to agree a statutory and other necessary resolutions for the purpose of collecting Council Tax and non-domestic rates for 2009-10. The report identified the figure recommended by the Executive for the General Fund Budget requirement for 2009-10. The Council was informed that there was an amendment to the figure quoted for Saltney Town Council as this had been conveyed incorrectly and the Council noted this.

Councillor R J T Guest also commented on the format of bills which were despatched whereby he suggested it should be made clear that the tax for Town and Community Councils and the Police Authority was merely collected by this Council and not determined by it. This was noted for future year's consideration.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 18th November 2008 the Council calculated interim amounts, subsequently modified as follows, for the year 2009-10 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

60,328 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Wales Regulations 1995 as its Council Tax base for the year, broken down into the following Town/Community areas :-

	£
Argoed	2,475.36
Bagillt	1,467.67
Broughton & Bretton	2,370.96
Brynford	465.45
Buckley	5,983.93
Caerwys	605.94
Cilcain	736.08
Connahs Quay	5,943.90
Flint	4,410.69
Gwernaffield	1,007.00
Gwernymynydd	552.04
Halkyn	1,352.06
Hawarden	6,022.86
Higher Kinnerton	789.51
Holywell	3,162.69
Hope	1,787.97
Leeswood	815.76
Llanasa	1,869.74
Llanfynydd	837.47
Mold	4,060.38
Mostyn	701.46
Nannerch	270.18
Nercwys	300.57
Northop	1,479.12
Northop Hall	713.11
Penyffordd	1,598.39
Queensferry	695.62
Saltney	1,734.34
Sealand	1,117.60
Shotton	2,113.48
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	412.74
Treuddyn	706.14
Whitford	1,119.67
Ysceifiog	648.12
TOTAL BAND "D"	
PROPERTIES	60,328.00

being the amounts calculated in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwelling in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

(2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a)	Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a)-(d) (including Community Council precepts totalling £2,040,589).	£383,853,139
(b)	Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) and 32 (3) (c).	£148,477,942
(c)	Amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above calculated in accordance with Section 32 (4) as the budget requirement for the year.	£235,375,197
(d)	Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates, Revenue Support Grant or Additional Grant.	£182,009,202
(e)	The amount at 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 33 (1) as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.	£884.60
(f)	Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1).	£2,040,139
(g)	Amount at 2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1(a) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special items relate.	£850.78
(h)	The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those part of the Council's area mentioned below, divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which special items relate.	£0.00

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHARGES (BAND D) 2009-10
(Including Community/Town Councils)

	£
Argoed	872.99
Bagillt	873.61
Broughton & Bretton	886.63
Brynford	885.62
Buckley	893.08
Caerwys	888.20
Cilcain	875.51
Connahs Quay	895.25
Flint	886.60
Gwernaffield	864.68
Gwernymynydd	876.14
Halkyn	878.15
Hawarden	884.15
Higher Kinnerton	876.11
Holywell	888.72
Hope	864.76
Leeswood	891.23
Llanasa	881.80
Llanfynydd	881.68
Mold	890.58
Mostyn	884.57
Nannerch	880.98
Nercwys	891.90
Northop	862.78
Northop Hall	875.46
Penyffordd	874.55
Queensferry	891.03
Saltney	891.30
Sealand	888.36
Shotton	897.71
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	885.91
Treuddyn	868.67
Whitford	875.44
Ysceifiog	870.68

- (i) The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Area	VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Argoed	582.00	678.99	775.99	872.99	1,066.99	1,260.98	1,454.99	1,745.98	2,036.97
Bagillt	582.41	679.48	776.54	873.61	1,067.74	1,261.88	1,456.02	1,747.22	2,038.42
Broughton & Bretton	591.09	689.60	788.12	886.63	1,083.66	1,280.68	1,477.72	1,773.26	2,068.80
Brynford	590.42	688.82	787.22	885.62	1,082.42	1,279.22	1,476.04	1,771.24	2,066.44
Buckley	595.39	694.62	793.85	893.08	1,091.54	1,290.00	1,488.47	1,786.16	2,083.85
Caerwys	592.14	690.82	789.51	888.20	1,085.58	1,282.95	1,480.34	1,776.40	2,072.46
Cilcain	583.68	680.95	778.23	875.51	1,070.07	1,264.62	1,459.19	1,751.02	2,042.85
Connahs Quay	596.84	696.31	795.78	895.25	1,094.19	1,293.13	1,492.09	1,790.50	2,088.91
Flint	591.07	689.58	788.09	886.60	1,083.62	1,280.64	1,477.67	1,773.20	2,068.73
Gwernaffield	576.46	672.53	768.61	864.68	1,056.83	1,248.98	1,441.14	1,729.36	2,017.58
Gwernymynydd	584.10	681.44	778.79	876.14	1,070.84	1,265.53	1,460.24	1,752.28	2,044.32
Halkyn	585.44	683.01	780.58	878.15	1,073.29	1,268.43	1,463.59	1,756.30	2,049.01
Hawarden	589.44	687.67	785.91	884.15	1,080.63	1,277.10	1,473.59	1,768.30	2,063.01
Higher Kinnerton	584.08	681.42	778.77	876.11	1,070.80	1,265.49	1,460.19	1,752.22	2,044.25
Holywell	592.48	691.23	789.97	888.72	1,086.21	1,283.70	1,481.20	1,777.44	2,073.68
Hope	576.51	672.59	768.68	864.76	1,056.93	1,249.09	1,441.27	1,729.52	2,017.77
Leeswood	594.16	693.18	792.21	891.23	1,089.28	1,287.33	1,485.39	1,782.46	2,079.53
Llanasa	587.87	685.85	783.82	881.80	1,077.75	1,273.71	1,469.67	1,763.60	2,057.53
Llanfynydd	587.79	685.75	783.72	881.68	1,077.61	1,273.53	1,469.47	1,763.36	2,057.25
Mold	593.72	692.68	791.63	890.58	1,088.48	1,286.39	1,484.30	1,781.16	2,078.02
Mostyn	589.72	688.00	786.29	884.57	1,081.14	1,277.71	1,474.29	1,769.14	2,063.99
Nannerch	587.32	685.21	783.09	880.98	1,076.75	1,272.52	1,468.30	1,761.96	2,055.62
Nercwys	594.60	693.70	792.8	891.90	1,090.10	1,288.30	1,486.50	1,783.80	2,081.10
Northop	575.19	671.05	766.92	862.78	1,054.51	1,246.23	1,437.97	1,725.56	2,013.15
Northop Hall	583.64	680.92	778.19	875.46	1,070.00	1,264.55	1,459.10	1,750.92	2,042.74
Penyffordd	583.04	680.21	777.38	874.55	1,068.89	1,263.23	1,457.59	1,749.10	2,040.61
Queensferry	594.02	693.03	792.03	891.03	1,089.03	1,287.04	1,485.05	1,782.06	2,079.07
Saltney	594.20	693.24	792.27	891.30	1,089.36	1,287.43	1,485.50	1,782.60	2,079.70
Sealand	592.24	690.95	789.65	888.36	1,085.77	1,283.18	1,480.6	1,776.72	2,072.84
Shotton	598.48	698.22	797.97	897.71	1,097.20	1,296.69	1,496.19	1,795.42	2,094.65
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	590.61	689.04	787.48	885.91	1,082.78	1,279.64	1,476.52	1,771.82	2,067.12
Treuddyn	579.12	675.63	772.15	868.67	1,061.71	1,254.74	1,447.79	1,737.34	2,026.89
Whitford	583.63	680.90	778.17	875.44	1,069.98	1,264.52	1,459.07	1,750.88	2,042.69
Ysceifiog	580.46	677.20	773.94	870.68	1,064.16	1,257.64	1,451.14	1,741.36	2,031.58

- (3) That it be noted that for the year 2009-10 the North Wales Police Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	Valuation Bands								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Precept	130.32	152.04	173.76	195.48	238.92	282.36	325.80	390.96	456.12

- (4) Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(i) and 3 above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009-10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Area	VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Argoed	712.32	831.03	949.75	1,068.47	1,305.91	1,543.34	1,780.79	2,136.94	2,493.09
Bagillt	712.73	831.52	950.30	1,069.09	1,306.66	1,544.24	1,781.82	2,138.18	2,494.54
Broughton & Bretton	721.41	841.64	961.88	1,082.11	1,322.58	1,563.04	1,803.52	2,164.22	2,524.92
Brynford	720.74	840.86	960.98	1,081.10	1,321.34	1,561.58	1,801.84	2,162.20	2,522.56
Buckley	725.71	846.66	967.61	1,088.56	1,330.46	1,572.36	1,814.27	2,177.12	2,539.97
Caerwys	722.46	842.86	963.27	1,083.68	1,324.50	1,565.31	1,806.14	2,167.36	2,528.58
Cilcain	714.00	832.99	951.99	1,070.99	1,308.99	1,546.98	1,784.99	2,141.98	2,498.97
Connahs Quay	727.16	848.35	969.54	1,090.73	1,333.11	1,575.49	1,817.89	2,181.46	2,545.03
Flint	721.39	841.62	961.85	1,082.08	1,322.54	1,563.00	1,803.47	2,164.16	2,524.85
Gwernaffield	706.78	824.57	942.37	1,060.16	1,295.75	1,531.34	1,766.94	2,120.32	2,473.70
Gwernymynydd	714.42	833.48	952.55	1,071.62	1,309.76	1,547.89	1,786.04	2,143.24	2,500.44
Halkyn	715.76	835.05	954.34	1,073.63	1,312.21	1,550.79	1,789.39	2,147.26	2,505.13
Hawarden	719.76	839.71	959.67	1,079.63	1,319.55	1,559.46	1,799.39	2,159.26	2,519.13
Higher Kinnerton	714.40	833.46	952.53	1,071.59	1,309.72	1,547.85	1,785.99	2,143.18	2,500.37
Holywell	722.80	843.27	963.73	1,084.20	1,325.13	1,566.06	1,807.00	2,168.40	2,529.80
Hope	706.83	824.63	942.44	1,060.24	1,295.85	1,531.45	1,767.07	2,120.48	2,473.89
Leeswood	724.48	845.22	965.97	1,086.71	1,328.20	1,569.69	1,811.19	2,173.42	2,535.65
Llanasa	718.19	837.89	957.58	1,077.28	1,316.67	1,556.07	1,795.47	2,154.56	2,513.65
Llanfynydd	718.11	837.79	957.48	1,077.16	1,316.53	1,555.89	1,795.27	2,154.32	2,513.37
Mold	724.04	844.72	965.39	1,086.06	1,327.40	1,568.75	1,810.10	2,172.12	2,534.14
Mostyn	720.04	840.04	960.05	1,080.05	1,320.06	1,560.07	1,800.09	2,160.10	2,520.11
Nannerch	717.64	837.25	956.85	1,076.46	1,315.67	1,554.88	1,794.10	2,152.92	2,511.74
Nercwys	724.92	845.74	966.56	1,087.38	1,329.02	1,570.66	1,812.30	2,174.76	2,537.22
Northop	705.51	823.09	940.68	1,058.26	1,293.43	1,528.59	1,763.77	2,116.52	2,469.27
Northop Hall	713.96	832.96	951.95	1,070.94	1,308.92	1,546.91	1,784.90	2,141.88	2,498.86
Penyffordd	713.36	832.25	951.14	1,070.03	1,307.81	1,545.59	1,783.39	2,140.06	2,496.73
Queensferry	724.34	845.07	965.79	1,086.51	1,327.95	1,569.40	1,810.85	2,173.02	2,535.19
Saltney	724.52	845.28	966.03	1,086.78	1,328.28	1,569.79	1,811.30	2,173.56	2,535.82
Sealand	722.56	842.99	963.41	1,083.84	1,324.69	1,565.54	1,806.40	2,167.68	2,528.96

Shotton	728.80	850.26	971.73	1,093.19	1,336.12	1,579.05	1,821.99	2,186.38	2,550.77
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	720.93	841.08	961.24	1,081.39	1,321.70	1,562.00	1,802.32	2,162.78	2,523.24
Treuddyn	709.44	827.67	945.91	1,064.15	1,300.63	1,537.10	1,773.59	2,128.30	2,483.01
Whitford	713.95	832.94	951.93	1,070.92	1,308.90	1,546.88	1,784.87	2,141.84	2,498.81
Ysceifiog	710.78	829.24	947.70	1,066.16	1,303.08	1,540.00	1,776.94	2,132.32	2,487.70

(5) That the Head of Finance be authorised to make payments under section 38(9) Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 and the Local Authorities (Precepts) (Wales) Regulations 1995 from the Council Fund by equal instalments on the 15th day of each month from April 2009 (adjusted to the next working day as necessary) to March 2010 in respect of the precept levied by North Wales Police Authority in the sum of £11,792,917

(6) Authorisations - Council Tax

- a) That the holders of the posts of Head of Finance, Head of Customer Accounts, Customer Accounts Managers, Customer Accounts Team Leaders, Customer Accounts Officers within Finance for the time being be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to issue legal proceedings and to appear on behalf of the County Council at the hearing of any legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court by way of an application for the issue of a Liability Order in respect of unpaid Council Taxes and penalties under Part VI of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992; by way of an application for the issue of a warrant of commitment to prison under Part VI of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992; to require financial information to make an Attachment of Earnings Order; to levy the appropriate amount by distress and sale of goods; and to exercise all other enforcement powers of the County Council under the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcements) Regulations 1992 and any subsequent amendments of such Regulations.
- b) That the Head of Finance be authorised to engage the services of bailiffs for the service of summonses and warrants of commitment, obtaining financial information, the levying of distress warrants and the sale of goods and any appropriate action for the recovery of outstanding Council Taxes and penalties under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and any Regulations made there under.

(7) Authorisations - National Non-Domestic Rates

- a) That the holders of the posts of Head of Finance, Head of Customer Accounts, Customer Accounts Managers, Customer Accounts Team Leaders, Customer Accounts Officers within Finance for the time being be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, to institute legal proceedings and to appear on behalf of the Council at the hearing of any legal proceedings in the Magistrates Courts by way of application for the issue of a liability order in respect of unpaid rates; by way of an application for the issue of a warrant of commitment; and to exercise all other powers of enforcement of the County Council under the Non-Domestic (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989 and any amendment thereto.
- b) That the Head of Finance be authorised to engage the services of bailiffs to serve such summonses, distress warrants, liability orders or warrants of commitment, to levy distress and to sell goods as may be necessary to recover outstanding rates.

- (8) That notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive be given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

113. COUNTY COUNCIL DIARY OF MEETINGS 2009-10

The Chief Executive presented his report the purpose of which was to consider the diary of meetings 2009-10 as set out in the schedule attached to the report which had been recommended for acceptance by the meeting of the Executive on 17th February 2009.

RESOLVED:

That the Diary of Meetings for 2009 -10 be approved.

114. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 4.30pm.

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Chairman

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

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	DATE: 3rd MARCH 2009
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
NO DECLARATIONS WERE MADE		