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Dear Sir / Madam,

A **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, MOLD** on **TUESDAY, 03 MARCH 2009** at **14:00** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully



Assistant Director (Democratic Services)

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INCORPORATING THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE
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Report of Head of Finance enclosed

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

REPORT TO: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE : **03 MARCH 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
SUBJECT : **GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To provide Members with the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2009/10.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 At the meeting on 17th February 2009, the Executive considered a joint report from the Head of Finance and Chief Executive on the General Fund Revenue Budget 2009/10 which is attached at Appendix A.
- 2.02 The report sets out in Section 3.00 the budget process for 2009/10 and sets out the financial context in which the budget is being set, the future outlook and the wider strategic context.
- 2.03 The initial budget proposals considered by the Executive on 27th January 2009 had been considered in detail by Overview & Scrutiny Committees over the period 27th-30th January 2009. A summary of the Committees' observations and questions together with comments from Officers, is included in Appendix 8 of the 17th February 2009 report.
- 2.04 Section 4.01 of the 17th February 2009 report sets out how the final budget proposals differ to those reported on 27th January 2009.
- 2.05 The budget proposals have also been discussed with the School Budget Forum and the Flintshire Joint Trade Union Committee.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The recommendations of the Executive to County Council are set out in Section 7.00 of the 17th February 2009 report (attached as Appendix A).

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That Members approve the recommendations of the Executive.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 As set out in the report.

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6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 Individual growth and efficiency/savings items may have specific anti-poverty impacts.

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8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

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9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Overview and Scrutiny, Business Ratepayers, School Budget Forum, Trade Unions, Executive Members and Directors.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 Overview and Scrutiny, Business Ratepayers, School Budget Forum, Trade Unions, Executive Members and Directors.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix A - Report to Executive on 17th February 2009 - General Fund Revenue Budget 2009/10.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

2009/10 Budget Working Papers

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Appendix A

REPORT TO: **EXECUTIVE**
DATE : **17 FEBRUARY 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
SUBJECT : **GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To propose the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2009/10 and the Budget Requirement following consultation with all Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the School Budget Forum.
- 1.02 To advise of the proposed Schools Budget to be notified to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG).
- 1.03 To formally determine the level and utilisation of reserves, including an update on the level of non-recurring monies available.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The draft budget proposals for 2009/10 were agreed by Executive on 27th January 2009 and referred to all Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consideration.
- 2.02 At the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, held between 28th and 30th January 2009, the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and relevant Director made a presentation on the overall budget proposals, together with details of pressures and efficiencies relevant to each individual committee.
- 2.03 Members offered comments and asked a number of questions in order to clarify issues and concerns. Members raised questions over the risks associated with both the efficiencies included and the pressures not included. A summary of these observations and questions, together with the responses of officers, is attached at Appendix 8.
- 2.04 The proposed additional Education funding of £0.646m was discussed at the Schools Budget Forum on 15th January 2009. The Forum welcomed the proposal.
- 2.05 The Flintshire Joint Trade Union Committee received a budget update on 15th January 2009.

3.00 BUDGET PROCESS

- 3.01 The 2009/10 budget has been set within the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), having continued to adopt a corporate and strategic approach.
- 3.02 As the Council is currently in a period of organisational re-design, with Phase I of the Organisational Re-design Programme having been completed and Phase II underway, the priority has been to set a balanced and prudent budget for 2009/10.
- 3.03 A £0.025m de-minimus level has been applied to all potential pressures. Pressures below this threshold, which total £0.662m, are not included in the proposed budget and are to be met within Directorate budgets.
- 3.04 The practice of only proposing additional posts which are considered service critical has continued. The number of additional Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) proposed is 15.5, as detailed in Appendix 7.
- 3.05 The current economic climate, and resultant financial pressures facing the Council, have adversely affected the process together with the impact of service pressures, such as Out of County Placements in Children Services and Lifelong Learning and the issue of waste management. In addition the proposed budget has accommodated the financial impact of the planned withdrawal of three WAG specific grants totalling £0.224m - Carelink Telecare Officer £0.024m, Border Transport £0.060m and Deeside Shuttle £0.140m.
- 3.06 National indications are that the funding from future settlements will not match the pressures being made on services. This has led to a realistic, considered and prudent approach, with the budget incorporating those items already committed in previous budget rounds.
- 3.07 It has also become evident that there will be limited scope for the return, from Directorate budgets to corporate resources, of excess funding provision due to the corporate and prudent approach adopted in previous years which has reduced budget flexibility.
- 3.08 The wider strategic context in which the budget for 2009/10 sits, is the Medium Term Financial Planning required to take account of a number of major pieces of work in which the Council is engaged including:
1. Single Status
 2. Housing Review
 3. North Wales Residual Waste Partnership
 4. Schools Modernisation
 5. Leisure Strategy

All of these potentially have financial implications. As work develops and outcomes are determined, the impacts will need to be built into financial projections as part of the MTFS.

- 3.09 Work has progressed on the building blocks which underpin the MTFS. A high level review of five of the Council's fees and charges has been completed together with a review of all reserves held by the Council (para 6.12).

4.00 TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET AND BUDGET REQUIREMENT

- 4.01 The final budget proposed differs to that reported on 27th January due to:

1. A proposed increase in the Band D Council Tax rate of 3.3% as opposed to 3.5%. A 3.3% increase equates to an increase of £27.18 and would bring the Band D rate up to £850.78.
2. A reduction in non-standard inflation of £0.018m due to confirmation that the Fire Levy increase will be 3.21% as opposed to 3.49% previously assumed. This is offset by a marginal increase in standard inflation of £0.003m.
3. A reduction in the value of Member Ward Grants of £1,200 per Member from £2,500 to £1,300. The revised value of this proposed pressure is £0.091m as opposed to £0.175m.
4. An accounting adjustment to accommodate the 'top-up' required to the base level of reserves in order to maintain the level at 2% of turnover. This increase in expenditure, £0.157m, will be funded from unearmarked reserves, as outlined in para 6.05, and is therefore cost neutral. The funding forms part of the non-recurring pressures for 2009/10.
5. An increase in the amount of funding from specific grants. Further details have now been received from WAG which has increased the estimated funding from the £28.861m reported on 27th January to £33.884m. Expenditure to be met by these grants is also increased and so the impact on the budget is neutral, other than to increase the overall total budget and funding. Full details of all Specific Grants are shown in Appendix 6 attached.

Of the £33.884m included for funding from specific grants, £21.827m (64%) are confirmed amounts and £12.057m (36%) are estimated, pending final details being received.

- 4.02 As a result of the changes outlined above the total budget and funding has increased from £266.114m reported on 27th January to £271.195m. The revised budget and funding is as shown overleaf. Details of the figures making up the total budget are attached as Appendices 1-6.

It is recommended that the 2009/10 General Fund Budget Requirement be set at £233,335,058 which is £376,905 above the calculated Standard Spending Assessment (SSA).

		£m
<u>Funding</u>		
Revenue Support Grant		141.572
National Non Domestic Rates		40.437
Council Tax		51.326
Budget Requirement		<u>233.335</u>
<u>Unhypothecated Grants</u>		
Deprivation Grant		0.225
Improvement Agreement Grant		1.497
		<u>1.722</u>
Specific Grants		33.884
Planned Use of Unearmarked Balances		2.254
Total		<u>271.195</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Total Budget 2008/09		259.878
Previous Year's Growth / Items Dropping out	Appendix 1	(1.942)
Pay & Price Inflation	Appendix 2	4.418
Pressures - Ongoing	Appendix 3	5.367
Pressures - Non-Recurring	Appendix 4	2.254
Efficiencies	Appendix 5	(3.803)
Less Specific Grants 2008/09	Appendix 6	(28.861)
Plus Specific Grants 2009/10	Appendix 6	33.884
Total		<u>271.195</u>

Income

- 4.03 The budget proposals in this report set a budget requirement of £233,335,058. At this level of spend, the increase on the Band D Council Tax rate (excluding Police and Town/Community Councils' precepts) is 3.3%. This equates to an increase of £27.18 on 2008/09 and would bring the Band D Rate up to £850.78.

The Council Tax system in Wales contains nine property bands ranging from Band A to Band I. In order to ensure consistency between councils when reporting Council Tax information it is agreed practice that all related information is expressed in terms of Band D equivalents.

Members are asked to confirm that there be a 3.3% increase in Council Tax at Band D and an assumed 99% collection rate.

- 4.04 The amount of Deprivation and Improvement Agreement Grant have been advised by the Assembly.

Members are asked to confirm the inclusion of Deprivation Grant of £0.225m and Improvement Agreement Grant of £1.497m in the budget.

- 4.05 The specific grants figure is provisional, with the Assembly yet to advise of the 2009/10 level for a number of grants. Expenditure levels will be managed within the final figures announced by the Assembly.

Members are asked to confirm that the budget will be adjusted to reflect the actual level of specific grant received.

Expenditure

- 4.06 Inflation of £4.418m is shown in detail in Appendix 2. Pay inflation of £3.608m has been included which represents a provision for a 2.3% increase for non-teacher pay and a 2.36% increase for teacher pay which is based on the current proposed teacher pay award (2.54% April to August 2009 and 2.30% September 2009 to March 2010).
- 4.07 Price inflation has generally been included at 1.5%, totalling £1.615m, based on the economic forecast following consultation with colleagues at the WLGA. The rate is considered reasonable given the prevailing inflation rates, Consumer Price Index 3.1% and Retail Price Index 0.9% (December 2008) and recent movements in interest rates.
- 4.08 In addition to the standard level of price inflation outlined above, central non-standard inflation of £0.243m has been included as detailed in Appendix 2 to reflect those items for which inflation is anticipated to be at higher levels. This sum will be held centrally until it is demonstrated that there is a requirement for the funding to be released. This will be reported in budget monitoring reports during the year.

It is recommended that items of non-standard inflation are only allocated out to services when the actual increase in cost is known.

- 4.09 Inflation of 2.7%, amounting to £1.048m, has been assumed on the yield from existing fees and charges except where a case has been made to increase by a higher amount. Such cases are shown in Appendix 5d.

Members are asked to confirm the levels of inflation assumed in the budget.

- 4.10 Appendix 3a-c sets out the on-going pressures which total £5.367m and Appendix 4 sets out the non-recurring pressures, £2.254m, recommended for inclusion in the budget. These include pressures specifically identified in the Settlement and others which have been put forward following consultation with Executive Members and Directors as unavoidable.

Members are asked to confirm the inclusion of £5.367m of pressures in the base budget and that an additional £2.254m be funded from unearmarked reserves.

It is recommended that the practice adopted since 2004/05 continues 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.

It is further recommended 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.

- 4.11 Appendix 5a-d sets out the efficiencies, totalling £3.803m, recommended for inclusion in the budget following consultation with Executive Members and Directors.

Members are asked to confirm the inclusion of efficiencies of £3.803m in the base budget.

It is recommended that if it should become apparent that achievement of any of the savings (in full or in 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.

- 4.12 Full details of the total budget will be included in the 2009/10 Budget Book which will be made available early in the new financial year.

5.00 SCHOOLS' BUDGET

- 5.01 Under the Local Education Authority (LEA) Budget, Schools Budget and Individual Schools Budget (Wales) Regulations 2003, local authorities are required to notify WAG of the proposed schools' budget for the forthcoming year by 31st January.
- 5.02 The regulations prescribe the classes or descriptions of expenditure which fall into either LEA or Schools Budget. The Schools Budget includes the Individual Schools Budget (delegated budget) and other items as prescribed, including the amount notified by DCELLS for post-16 education which will be received as a specific grant.
- 5.03 The indicative schools budget is estimated to be £97,200,041, a total increase of £4,010,992 (4.3%). The Flintshire element of the total is £89,972,894, an increase of £3,894,894 (4.5%), and the DCELLS element is £7,227,147, an increase of £116,098 (1.6%).
- 5.04 The Council's proposed Education budget, (Net Revenue Expenditure (NRE)), which includes delegated and non-delegated sums together with the Youth Service, positively continues the current practice of efficiency savings included in the Settlement (1.0%) not being 'passported' to schools.
- 5.05 The net increase in the total Education budget is 2.12%. This is after incorporating additional funding of £0.646m, as proposed by the Education Funding Task & Finish Group, and accounting for a number of planned efficiencies. The Education budget has been amended to reflect demographic change due to falling pupil numbers (£0.519m) and efficiencies in school transport due to lower than anticipated non-standard inflation and route rationalisation (£0.465) together with a number of other smaller efficiencies (£0.106m).
- 5.06 The projected total proposed Education budget represents spend at 97.9% of the Education IBA compared to 98.4% in 2008/09. However, it is pertinent to note that the IBA, which is based on total education spend not school spend, is not a formal target. It is an indicative spending level based upon historical spending patterns and average need across Wales. The classification of IBA spend is open to interpretation by councils, for example including certain recharges, and therefore inter-authority comparisons are questionable.
- 5.07 It is considered that the proposed Education budget, in the context of the Settlement received from the Assembly, the economic difficulties facing the Council and the overall proposed budget for Flintshire, is reasonable.

6.00 RESERVES AND BALANCES

- 6.01 Under the Local Authority Accounting Panel (LAAP) Bulletin 55, the level and utilisation of all reserves must be determined formally by the Council, informed by the advice and judgement of the Finance Director.
- 6.02 Total Revenue Reserves comprise both General Fund and Specific Reserves, as reported annually in the Statement of Accounts. General Fund Reserves include Unearmarked and Earmarked Reserves.
- 6.03 The value of the Council's total reserves as at 1st April 2008 was £30.773m as follows:

			£m	
Base Level of Unearmarked Reserves			5.112	
Contingency Reserve			2.724	
Earmarked Reserves:				
Supporting Capital Programme	1.000			
Revenue One-Off Expenditure 08/09	1.901	2.901		Note 1
Sub-Total			10.737	
Service Balances			3.080	
Corporate Balances			8.780	
Schools' Balances		2.576		Note 2
Other Specific Reserves			5.600	
Total			30.773	

Note 1 - During 2008/09 £1.000m of earmarked reserves has been transferred to the capital programme and £1.901m used to fund non-recurring expenditure.

Note 2 - Total includes schools' delegated balances (£2.200m) plus contingency funding held centrally (£0.376m).

General Fund Unearmarked Reserves

Base Level of Unearmarked Reserves

- 6.04 During the 2007/08 budget setting process, the Council committed to achieving a base level of reserves of 2% of turnover. As the Council's budget

inflates year on year there is a requirement to 'top-up' the reserve in order to maintain a balance of 2%.

- 6.05 The base level of reserves as at 31st March 2008 was £5.112m. An additional £0.157m is required to maintain the balance at 2% of turnover. It is recommended that this sum is funded as a non-recurring pressure in 2009/10 - as outlined in para 6.12 below. This will bring the total of base level reserves to £5.269m.

Contingency Reserve

- 6.06 When the 2008/09 budget was set the Contingency Reserve was estimated to be £2.297m at 31st March 2008. As a result of the final outturn for 2008/09 the actual amount in the Contingency Reserve at the year end was £2.724m.
- 6.07 The 2008/09 budget report established the Contingency Reserve delegated to the Executive to meet pressures which were predicted but not able to be fully costed, or new pressures which could not be foreseen at that stage. Envisaged items at that time included looked after children and fluctuating interest rates. Costs from organisational re-design were anticipated as items to be met but for which values could not be predicted when the budget was set.
- 6.08 The General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/09 (Month 8) report, included elsewhere on the agenda, states that approvals have been given for items totalling £0.728m to come from the Contingency Reserve, leaving a balance of £1.996m.
- 6.09 The impact of the Month 8 projected net overspend of £0.763m is to reduce the Contingency Reserve to £1.293m, after the return of £0.060m to the reserve.
- 6.10 The projected overspend assumes the currently projected worst case scenario that all non-ringfenced overspends cannot be contained within Directorate's overall budgets and are therefore met corporately. If the current overspends were to be contained within Directorate's budgets, the position would be improved by £1.736m.
- 6.11 Work has been undertaken to determine the costs of Organisational Re-design including redundancy and recruitment costs from Phase I. It is recommended that all initial costs are met from the Contingency Reserve to enable the effect of the efficiencies to be reflected from year 1 and brought together to measure the total impact on the base budget. The current estimated cost is £0.428m and reduces the Contingency Reserve to £0.865m.
- 6.12 As part of the 2009/10 budget process a critical review of all earmarked reserves held by the Council was undertaken. As a result of this reserves

totalling £1.385m have now been transferred to the Contingency Reserve and ringfenced for the 2009/10 Budget to fund non-recurring pressures.

- 6.13 In addition to this review a number of other items totalling £0.869m, including the saving from the strike action and the transfer of Corporate and Democratic Core costs to the HRA, have been transferred to the Contingency Reserve and ring-fenced for the 2009/10 Budget.
- 6.14 The following table outlines the projected movement in, and balance as at 31st March 2009 of, the Contingency Reserve.

		£m
Contingency Reserve as at 1 April 2008		2.724
In Year Approvals - as at Mth 8		(0.728)
Net Overspend - as at Mth 8		(0.763)
Return to Reserve		0.060
Organisational Re-Design Costs		(0.428)
Estimated Balance as at 31st March 2009 - as at Mth 8		0.865
2009/10 Budget:		
Review of Earmarked Reserves	1.385	
Review of 2008/09 Budget Monitoring	<u>0.869</u>	2.254
Funding of One-Off Pressures 2009/10		(2.254)
Estimated as at 31st March 2009		<u>0.865</u>

Members are asked to confirm that the actual value of the Contingency Reserve remaining at 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 II and new pressures which cannot be foreseen at this stage.

General Fund Earmarked Reserves

- 6.15 General Fund Earmarked Reserves include service balances, corporate balances and schools' balances.

Service Balances

- 6.16 Service balances are made up of those balances held by departments which Executive has agreed can be carried forward. The estimated opening and closing balances for 2009/10 are as follows:

	Estimated Balance 31.03.09 £m	Estimated Balance 31.03.10 £m
Community Services	0.602	0.162
Environment	0.684	-
Lifelong Learning	0.100	-
Corporate Services	0.682	-
Total	<u>2.068</u>	<u>0.162</u>

- 6.17 Corporate Balances are held to meet commitments which fall in future years on specific items of expenditure as follows:

	Estimated Balance 31.03.09 £m	Estimated Balance 31.03.10 £m
Policy, Priorities & Targets	0.008	-
Equal Pay / Single Status	12.358	Note 1
Total	<u>12.366</u>	<u>0.000</u>

Note 1 - This item is the subject of on-going negotiations with the Joint Trade Union Committee and therefore it is not possible, at this stage, to estimate the value of the balance as at 31st March 2010.

Schools' Delegated Balances

- 6.18 The level of schools' delegated balances is determined by the decisions of individual schools. Schools are responsible for managing their own finances. The level of reserves held by an individual school will depend on a number of factors, including the timing of receipt of income and of payments, the level of contingency fund that the school governing body considers is appropriate and the particular plans each school has for expenditure.

The level of schools' delegated balances at 31st March 2008 was £2.200m which equates to £94 per pupil. This compares to an average amount per pupil across Wales of £165, with the highest being £335 per pupil. It is anticipated that the level of balances at 31st March 2009 will be in the region

of £1.800m, but this will depend on decisions made by schools, as described above.

Specific Reserves

- 6.19 In addition to General Fund Reserves, the Council also holds Specific Reserves. These are set out below showing their purpose and the estimated opening and closing balances for 2009/10. The Head of Finance is satisfied that the level of these reserves is appropriate.

	Estimated Balance 31.03.09 £m	Estimated Balance 31.03.10 £m
<u>Waste Disposal</u>		
To meet future waste disposal costs falling to the Council	1.168	0.750
<u>Milk Quotas</u>		
Reserve for transactions with outgoing or incoming agricultural estate tenants	0.059	0.063
<u>Building Control</u>		
Cumulative surplus on Building Control activities	0.142	0.067
<u>Flintshire Business Services</u>		
Residual Flintshire Enterprise Ltd reserve	0.222	0.150
<u>Third Party Insurance Claims</u>		
To cover personal liability claims on Environment assigned property	0.100	0.090
<u>Flintshire Insurance</u>		
To finance insurance claims between working deductible (first £5k) and the excess imposed	1.300	1.300
<u>Clwyd County Council</u>		
To cover the run-off of insurance claims relating to Clwyd County Council	0.025	-
<u>Benefits Equalisation</u>		
To equalise subsidy received in year due to fluctuations from backdating/overpayments etc	0.205	0.205
Total	3.221	2.625

7.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.01 That the Executive recommends the following to County Council on 3rd March 2009:

- (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) The inclusion of Deprivation Grant of £0.255m and Improvement Agreement Grant of £1.497m in the budget (4.04).
- (4) That the budget will be adjusted to reflect the actual level of specific grant received (4.05).
- (5) That items of non-standard inflation are only allocated out to services when the actual increase in cost is known (4.08).
- (6) The levels of inflation assumed in the budget (4.06 - 4.09).
- (7) The inclusion of £5.367m (£5.729m in 2010/11 and £6.274m in 2011/12) of pressures in the base budget and that an additional £2.254m be funded from unearmarked reserves (4.10 and Appendix 3a-c and 4).
- (8) That the practice adopted since 2004/05 continues 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) The inclusion of efficiencies of £3.803m (£4.168m in 2010/11 and £4.163m in 2011/12) 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 in 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 II and new pressures which cannot be foreseen at this stage (6.14).

- 7.02 That the Executive note that the effect of the budget proposals will be to increase the budget requirement by £6.916m over the level in 2008/09 and increase the Band D Council Tax Rate by 3.3% on the level in 2008/09.

8.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.01 As set out in the report.

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15.00 APPENDICES

- 15.01 Appendix 1 - Previous Years' Growth / Items Dropping Out

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General Fund Budget**Previous Years' Growth / Items Dropping Out**

	£m	£m
<u>APPROVED 2007/08 BUDGET</u>		
<u>Community Services</u>		
Social Work in Wales - A Profession to value	0.047	
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>		
Saltney Library - Mobile	(0.029)	
<u>Corporate Financing</u>		
Central Loans and Investment Account	0.389	
Programme for Change - Pension Fund Strain	(0.975)	
	(0.586)	
		(0.568)
<u>APPROVED 2008/09 BUDGET</u>		
<u>Community Services</u>		
Increased Infrastructure Funding - Direct Payments Service	0.011	
Additional School Leavers - Physical /Sensory Impairment	0.016	
Additional School Leavers - Learning Disability	0.201	
Restructure of Business Services	(0.013)	
Refocus of Visual Impairment Service	(0.005)	
Recommission of Contract Monitoring	(0.009)	
Reconfiguration of Carers Service	(0.008)	
Match Funding for Specialist Debt Advice Officer	0.008	
Additional Staff Resources - Homelessness Prevention	0.018	
Salary Saving arising from deletion of People and Places Officer Position	(0.009)	
	0.210	
<u>Environment</u>		
Landfill Tax Increase	0.448	
Waste - subject to Sandycroft CA Site being available	(0.027)	
Flintshire Business Services	(0.052)	
	0.369	
<u>Corporate Services</u>		
Information Security Officer	0.008	
Deletion of two posts in Customer Accounts	(0.058)	
Business Continuity Maintenance Costs	0.005	
Rationalisation of House Software Development Tools	(0.007)	
Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	(0.003)	
One-off Efficiency on Printer Maintenance	0.003	
	(0.052)	
		0.527

	£m	£m
<u>ONE-OFF PRESSURES DROPPING OUT</u>		
<u>Environment</u>		
North Wales Waste Partnership - Consultancy Fees	(0.300)	
Peripatetic Skip Service	(0.039)	
Legislative Payments	(0.184)	
Fire Safety Order	(0.350)	
Decriminalised Parking	(0.075)	
Private Drain Block Call-Out (In-year review to take place)	(0.050)	
Highways Asset Management Plan	(0.030)	
Winter Maintenance Reserve Increase	(0.250)	
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	(1.278)	
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>		
Mobile Classrooms	(0.190)	
<u>Corporate Services</u>		
Increase Internal Insurance Fund - Asbestos related claims	(0.100)	
Cost of Elections May 2008	(0.100)	
ICT Network Penetration Testing (external network security check)	(0.025)	
Portable Device & End Point Security Software	(0.068)	
Mobile Working Pilots	(0.033)	
Equal Pay/Single Status	(0.054)	
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	(0.380)	
<u>Central and Corporate</u>		
Trade Union Consultation	(0.053)	
		(1.901)
TOTAL BASE ADJUSTMENTS		<hr/>
		(1.942)

General Fund Budget
Inflation

	£m	£m
Pay		3.608
Price		1.615
Non Standard		
Energy (Electricity/Gas/Oil)	0.137	
Fire Levy	0.106	
		0.243
Income		(1.048)
TOTAL INFLATION		4.418

General Fund Budget
Summary of Recurring Pressures

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
		£m	£m	£m
Local Service Pressures	<i>Appendix 3a</i>	4.116	4.082	4.072
Demographic Change	<i>Appendix 3b</i>	0.330	0.461	0.816
Reduction in Income	<i>Appendix 3c</i>	0.921	1.186	1.386
TOTAL		5.367	5.729	6.274
<i>Change for future years</i>			0.362	0.545

General Fund Budget
Local Service Pressures

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Independent Sector Fees (Care Homes)	0.548	0.548	0.548
Independent Sector Fees (Domiciliary Care)	0.350	0.350	0.350
OT Service Response	0.118	0.134	0.134
Transport Costs	0.135	0.135	0.135
Out of County Placements - Children's Services	0.348	0.348	0.348
Children's Duty Team - Unmet Needs	0.063	0.083	0.083
Corporate Parenting - LSCB Support	0.031	0.034	0.034
Supporting People Grant Shortfall - Housing	0.125	0.125	0.125
Carelink - Telecare Officer	0.024	0.024	0.024
Housing Strategy/Homelessness Prevention	0.030	0.030	0.030
	1.772	1.811	1.811
<u>Environment</u>			
Unitary/Local Development Plan	0.290	0.100	0.100
External Condition Surveys	0.100	0.100	0.100
Telecommunications Mast (see Efficiency Appendix 5d)	0.005	0.005	0.005
Dog Warden	0.035	0.035	0.035
	0.430	0.240	0.240
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
Out of County Placements	0.220	0.220	0.220
Additional Schools Funding	0.228	0.228	0.228
Broadband Charges	0.077	0.077	0.077
Records Management Storage Costs	0.037	0.037	0.037
Speech and Language Therapy	0.031	0.041	0.041
Extension of Lease - Saltney Library	0.025	0.010	0.000
Campus Manager	0.030	0.040	0.040
Learner Travel	0.154	0.154	0.154
Maintenance of Play Areas	0.018	0.018	0.018
	0.820	0.825	0.815
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Councillor Wards Grant Scheme	0.091	0.175	0.175
Local Resilience Forum Co-Ordinator/Admin (see Efficiency Appendix 5a)	0.010	0.010	0.010
Software Licences	0.042	0.042	0.042
Loss of Payroll Income	0.030	0.030	0.030
Pension Fund Recharge	0.010	0.010	0.010
	0.183	0.267	0.267
<u>Corporate Financing</u>			
Central Loans and Investment Account	0.879	0.879	0.879
Xchangewales (see Efficiency Appendix 5b)	0.032	0.060	0.060
	0.911	0.939	0.939
TOTAL	4.116	4.082	4.072
<i>Change for future years</i>		<i>(0.034)</i>	<i>(0.010)</i>

General Fund Budget
Demographic Change

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Additional School Leavers - Physical/Sensory Impairment	0.065	0.102	0.102
Additional School Leavers - Learning Disability	0.265	0.359	0.714
	0.330	0.461	0.816
TOTAL	0.330	0.461	0.816
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.131	0.355

General Fund Budget
Reduction in Income

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Supporting People Grant Shortfall - Social Services	0.164	0.364	0.564
<u>Environment</u>			
Planning Fee Income	0.150	0.150	0.150
Search Fees	0.150	0.150	0.150
Loss of WAG Funding - Border Transport	0.060	0.060	0.060
Loss of WAG Funding - Deeside Shuttle	0.140	0.300	0.300
Energy Unit - Cessation of Fee income Claims	0.018	0.018	0.018
Loss of Rent - Capital Disposals	0.124	0.124	0.124
	0.642	0.802	0.802
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
Leisure Income	0.115	0.020	0.020
TOTAL	0.921	1.186	1.386
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.265	0.200

General Fund Budget
Non-Recurring Pressures

	2009/10 £m
<u>Community Services</u>	
Housing Ballot Costs	0.250
<u>Environment</u>	
Public Inquiry Costs	0.120
Consultancy Work - Marketing & Feasibility	0.063
Decriminalised Parking	0.075
New Rating of Property Legislation (NNDR)	0.230
Adoption of Manor Park Estate Road	0.050
Terrig House - Rent Shortfall	0.036
Waste Disposal - Out of County Haulage	0.536
	1.110
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>	
Additional School Funding	0.418
Mobile Classrooms	0.190
Out of County Placements	0.091
	0.699
<u>Corporate Financing</u>	
Trade Union Facilities Agreement	0.038
Base Level Reserves - 'Top-up' to 2% of Turnover	0.157
	0.195
TOTAL	2.254

General Fund Budget
Summary of Efficiencies

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
		£m	£m	£m
Efficiencies:				
Staff Related	<i>Appendix 5a</i>	0.594	0.604	0.604
Non Staff Related	<i>Appendix 5b</i>	2.348	2.699	2.699
		<hr/> 2.942	<hr/> 3.303	<hr/> 3.303
Demographic Change	<i>Appendix 5c</i>	0.541	0.541	0.541
Increases in Income:				
New Fees and Charges	<i>Appendix 5d</i>	0.041	0.045	0.040
Fees and Charges Increased Above Standard Inflation	<i>Appendix 5d</i>	0.279	0.279	0.279
		<hr/> 0.320	<hr/> 0.324	<hr/> 0.319
TOTAL		<hr/> 3.803	<hr/> 4.168	<hr/> 4.163
<i>Change for future years</i>			0.365	(0.005)

General Fund Budget
Efficiencies - Staff Related

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Vacant Designated Warden Accommodation	0.044	0.044	0.044
<u>Environment</u>			
Reduction in Hours	0.010	0.010	0.010
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
Youth Service Restructure	0.030	0.040	0.040
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
HR/Payroll Review	0.031	0.031	0.031
Emergency Planning Review (see Appendix 3a)	0.031	0.031	0.031
	0.062	0.062	0.062
<u>Corporate Financing</u>			
Employer's Pension Contributions	0.071	0.071	0.071
MASS	0.217	0.217	0.217
Recruitment Advertising	0.160	0.160	0.160
	0.448	0.448	0.448
TOTAL	0.594	0.604	0.604
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.010	0.000

General Fund Budget
Efficiencies - Non Staff Related

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Additional Income - Financial Assessments	0.100	0.100	0.100
<u>Environment</u>			
Countryside Service Review	0.005	0.005	0.005
Depot Rationalisation	0.037	0.075	0.075
Fuel Usage Improvements	0.030	0.030	0.030
Transport Functions - Centralisation	-	0.060	0.060
	0.072	0.170	0.170
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
Special Needs School Transport	0.100	0.200	0.200
School Transport Routeing	0.075	0.200	0.200
School Playing Fields - Grounds Maintenance Contract	0.096	0.096	0.096
School Transport	0.290	0.290	0.290
	0.561	0.786	0.786
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Removal of Housing Benefit BACS Remittance Notices	0.007	0.007	0.007
Supplies and Services - Legal	0.007	0.007	0.007
Telephone Recharge	0.011	0.011	0.011
Regulatory Fees	0.030	0.030	0.030
	0.055	0.055	0.055
<u>Corporate Financing</u>			
Efficiencies Programme	1.000	1.000	1.000
Central Support Costs - Chargeable to HRA	0.373	0.373	0.373
Supporting People	0.125	0.125	0.125
Xchangewales (see Appendix 3a)	0.032	0.060	0.060
Coroners	0.030	0.030	0.030
	1.560	1.588	1.588
TOTAL	2.348	2.699	2.699
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.351	0.000

General Fund Budget
Demographic Change

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>Community Services</u>			
Reduction in Preserved Rights	0.022	0.022	0.022
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
Demographic downturn	0.519	0.519	0.519
	0.541	0.541	0.541
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.000	0.000

General Fund Budget
Increases in Income

	2009/10 £m	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
<u>New Fees and Charges</u>			
<u>Environment</u>			
Additional Agricultural Rent Income	0.004	0.008	0.003
Telecommunications Mast Recharge (see Appendix 3a)	0.017	0.017	0.017
	0.021	0.025	0.020
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Passing on Credit Card Charges to Clients	0.020	0.020	0.020
	0.020	0.020	0.020
TOTAL	0.041	0.045	0.040
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.004	(0.005)

Fees and Charges Increased Above Standard Inflation

<u>Community Services</u>			
Charging Policy Changes - Increased Hourly Charge for Homecare	0.196	0.196	0.196
<u>Environment</u>			
Trade Waste Fees	0.020	0.020	0.020
Cemetery Fees	0.013	0.013	0.013
	0.033	0.033	0.033
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Admin Grant Increase - Housing Benefit Subsidy	0.050	0.050	0.050
TOTAL	0.279	0.279	0.279
<i>Change for future years</i>		0.000	0.000

General Fund Budget
Specific Grants

		Budget 2008-09	Projection 2009-10	Variance to 2008-09	Confirmed (C) or Estimated (E)
		£	£	£	
Lifelong Learning	Appetite For Life	0	128,894	128,894	E
Non Delegated	Basic Skills	0	316,000	316,000	E
	Better Schools Fund	1,069,000	1,111,000	42,000	C
	Childcare	0	56,003	56,003	E
	Community Focused Schools	103,390	86,158	-17,232	C
	Community Learning	3,247	3,247	0	C
	Cymorth (<i>part transfer into settlement</i>)	2,093,417	2,069,000	-24,417	E
	DELLS (Post 16 provision in schools) (<i>increased allocation</i>)	1,108,173	1,197,122	88,949	C
	Early Years (<i>transferred into settlement</i>)	0	0	0	C
	Education of Travellers	79,987	73,381	-6,606	E
	Flying Start	1,083,575	1,131,000	47,425	E
	Foundation Phase	0	2,730,463	2,730,463	C
	Foundation Phase Pilot/Early Start Funding	0	83,821	83,821	E
	Free School Milk		154,000	154,000	E
	Free Swimming 60+	60,000	60,000	0	E
	Free Swimming Children/Young People	104,807	104,807	0	E
	Learning Pathways 14-19	843,000	844,000	1,000	E
	Minority Ethnic Achievement	70,000	87,000	17,000	C
	New Play Forum	0	59,864	59,864	C
	Primary School Free Breakfast Initiative	0	375,000	375,000	E
	RAISE Looked After Children	39,987	39,432	-555	E
	School-based counselling services	0	98,000	98,000	E
	School Uniform Financial Assistance Scheme	25,639	25,639	0	C
	Welsh Language	110,201	112,365	2,164	E
	Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes	125,250	104,000	-21,250	C
	Workwise	0	187,000	187,000	E
	Youth Service Revenue Grant	0	83,500	83,500	E
		6,919,673	11,320,696	4,401,023	
Delegated	Assistance to Head Teaching in Small Schools and Joint Working in Small Schools	133,329	133,329	0	E
	DELLS (Post 16 provision in schools) (<i>increased allocation</i>)	6,002,876	6,030,025	27,149	C
	Key Stage 2-3 Transition (<i>increased allocation</i>)	102,000	0	-102,000	E
	RAISE	307,000	106,000	-201,000	E
	School Improvement	602,300	418,248	-184,052	E
	School Energy Grant	0	104,000	104,000	C
	Small and Rural Schools	85,331	85,331	0	C
		7,232,836	6,876,933	-355,903	
Community Services	Collaboration	39,000	38,000	-1,000	E
	Fairer Charging Specific Grant Scheme	0	709,000	709,000	C
	Inequalities in Health	105,000	0	-105,000	C
	Joint Working	441,820	438,000	-3,820	E
	LD Strategy Resettlement	884,295	884,295	0	E
	Mental Health Carers	168,690	168,690	0	C
	Performance Management Development Fund	206,020	206,020	0	C
	Promoting Independence and Well being	0	189,777	189,777	C
	Regional Social Care	35,000	35,000	0	C
	Social Care Workforce Development Programme	338,606	313,221	-25,385	C
	Strategy for Older People	103,741	74,220	-29,521	C
	Support for People with Disabilities	68,688	0	-68,688	C
	Supported Housing Revenue	79,599	71,534	-8,065	E
	Supporting People	5,466,562	5,576,000	109,438	C
	Well Being Activity	25,000	15,000	-10,000	C
	Local Safeguarding Children Fund	5,000	0	-5,000	C
	Social Care Workforce Development Programme	105,688	105,688	0	E
	Early Support to Vulnerable Children	0	87,000	87,000	E
	YOT	257,060	257,060	0	E
		8,329,769	9,168,505	838,736	
Environment	Bus Revenue Support (<i>incorporates Demand Responsive Transport</i>)	300,000	0	-300,000	C
	Communities First	861,743	882,181	20,438	E
	Concessionary Travel	1,282,000	1,282,000	0	E
	Local Transport Services	512,000	540,000	28,000	E
	Planning - Delivering for Wales	70,000	70,000	0	C
	Sustainable Waste Management	2,381,576	2,796,000	414,424	C
		5,407,319	5,570,181	162,862	
Corporate Services	Crime Reduction and Anti Social Behaviour (<i>previously Building Safer Communities</i>)	121,203	121,203	0	E
	Evaluated Early Parental Intervention Project	115,000	0	-115,000	C
	LSB Development Support Grant	0	50,000	50,000	C
	Safer Communities Fund	194,000	207,982	13,982	E
	Substance Misuse	541,105	541,105	-0	E
	Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator Funding	0	27,500	27,500	E
		971,308	947,790	-23,518	
Totals		28,860,905	33,884,105	5,023,200	

General Fund Budget**Additional Staff****Full Time
Equivalent****Community Services**

OT Service Response	2.0
Additional School Leavers - PDSI	1.0
Additional School Leavers - LD	6.5
Children's Duty Team - Unmet Needs	2.0

Environment

Dog Warden	1.0
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Lifelong Learning

Speech & Language Therapy	2.0
Campus Manager	1.0

TOTAL

15.5

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Environment & Regeneration – Draft Revenue Budget 2009/10

No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.1	<u>Corporate Comments / Issues</u> Balanced Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A balanced budget is a legal requirement – this is not a balanced budget. There are issues surrounding the sustainability of the budget going forward. A difficult Settlement was foreseen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a balanced budget – which includes a calculated, manageable risk (in-year efficiencies of £1.0m). Potential areas to achieve the efficiencies have already been identified including procurement and Organisational Re-design Programme Phase II. Published strategy will be in place by 1st April 09. Members also have a duty to identify efficiencies as well as highlighting pressures.
1.2	Executive Member Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to have Executive Member input – it is an officer led budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Members have been briefed during the process and contributed to its development through individual and collective discussion and have been invited to all O&S budget meetings.
1.3	Central Contingency reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authority is using reserves set aside last year as a contingency reserve to fund non-recurring expenditure. Can the Committee be provided with a breakdown of the Central Contingency Reserve and an analysis of those reserves utilised in the current year and those proposed to be used in 09/10? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authority is not utilising the Contingency Reserve to balance the 09/10 Budget – the non-recurring items totalling £2.097m are being funded from the money identified following the review of reserves and identified in-year underspends. A breakdown will be provided to CMO&S on Friday 30th January as well as being included in the 17th February Executive report.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.4	Welsh Assembly Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the Authority applied for all grants that are available? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authority has applied for all grants which directly relate to the priorities of the Authority. Members were asked to highlight to officers any particular grants that were causing concern.
2.1	<u>Environment Comments / Issues</u> Waste Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget accommodates a non-recurring pressure in 2009/10 – is this anticipated to continue in future years? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the decision has been taken to bring the activity in-house the Council will be able to control the management of the haulage with the aim of procuring transport at a lower rate. The Council will also be exploring other technologies with a view to reducing the amount of waste shipped out of county prior to the implementation of the North Wales Waste Treatment project.
2.2	Clean Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the cost of the one-year pilot, which has been successful, be funded so that it can continue? The team have provided an excellent rapid response – how will the non-recommendation of this pressure impact on the current service? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the Clean Teams will be retained within Neighbourhood Services. The proposal was that the teams will only clean Council owned property and not privately owned property as has been the case previously. This proposal will be reviewed before the final papers are put to Full Council.
2.3	Dog Warden / Clean Neighbourhood Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this a continuation of the transfer of responsibility to local authorities in relation to stray dogs or does it relate to enforcement issues? Wrexham has received powers from the Assembly to adopt the Clean Neighbourhood Act – when will the Authority receive similar powers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is not a continuation of the transfer of responsibility, the officer will have enforcement responsibilities. A report will be taken to Executive in April seeking authority to adopt the powers contained with appropriate legislation.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.4	Car Park Charges / Decriminalised Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As previously proposed by the Deputy Leader are car park charges going to be scrapped? There are particular parking problems in rural villages – it was requested that this be factored into the review of decriminalised parking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car park charges should not be decided as part of the annual budget setting process but should be reviewed as part of decriminalised parking. The Council does need to strive for equity throughout the County and this will be built into the review.
2.5	Winter Maintenance Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the Committee have an assurance that roads will be gritted in bad winters? Can the Committee have an assurance that the amount held centrally is adequate? It was observed that hand gritters, unlike vehicles, can't be tracked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no intention to reduce the current level of service. The recommendation going forward is to fund the costs of exceptionally bad winters from Corporate reserves rather than tie money up in a specific reserve on an on-going basis in anticipation of an exceptionally bad winter. There is no intention to reduce the base budget provision.
2.6	Speed Limit Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers have informed residents that the review will take place in 2009 – this conflicts with the bid being classified as not recommended? Has the Authority received the necessary Assembly Statutory Guidance? A Member highlighted that because of the delay in the implementation of the review local communities are unsure whether to implement their own local measures as any changes could be replaced once a countywide review has been undertaken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The review will be put forward as part of the Regional Transport Funding review 2010/11. Officers have checked and can confirm that the statutory guidance is still awaited from WAG. Please see above, however, local measures would need the prior approval of Flintshire County Council as the Highway's Authority.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.7	Countryside Service Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This service is not well recognised within the Authority – request that this service is not overlooked. The service is dreadfully under funded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recognised by officers that the Countryside Service provides a very valuable service, bringing into the County significant amounts of grant funding.
2.8	Staff Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Members had been informed by officers that there was a freeze on recruitment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no freeze or embargo on staff recruitment. There is a commitment to manage staff vacancies better particularly in the areas of admin and clerical assistance. 'Key posts' not at risk. All potential options to remodel service areas will be reviewed.
2.9	Energy Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There appears to be a contradiction between the approval of the £0.018m cessation of fee income for the Energy Unit and the Not Recommended Street Lighting NSI bid of £0.425m - can this be explained? Does this mean that streetlights will have to be switched off due to lack of funding? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of Local Government Reorganisation the energy price paid by the Council was higher than it needed to be. It was therefore agreed that the energy unit receive 50% of the savings accrued through effective procurement of the Council's energy requirements – using that year as the base year for future comparisons. Significant savings have been made over the intervening years but over the last couple of years energy costs have risen to such an extent that costs are now higher than the original base year. At the outset of the budget process it was envisaged that energy prices would increase by circa 45% in 09/10. Due to changes in the market place (economic climate) prices have declined and latest intelligence is that prices will be circa 15% above 08/09 prices. Therefore the original pressure of £0.425m has been reappraised and will be dealt with centrally with the Council's other energy requirements.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.10	Adoption of Manor Park Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why has this particular road been singled out for improvement? Who was Manor Park sold to and what price did the Authority receive? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This particular road has been singled out because the Council's interests in Manor Park have now diminished and the road needs to be brought up to standard so that it could be adopted in order that the property portfolio is not responsible for its maintenance. Six units have been sold previously: 1 in 2000 for £35k and 5 in 2003 for £235k. The current sale is subject to contract and therefore the information is commercially sensitive.
2.11	Demolition Ty'r Bynwyddan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the fact that the pressure bid has not been recommended mean that the proposed extra care housing facility is now on hold? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The onus will now be on the developer to clear the site before development. Eventual capital receipt obtained by the Council will be reflective of this.
2.12	Rent Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the agricultural tenants afford this increase? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The increase proposed is a modest increase for new tenancies let during the forthcoming year and is considered sustainable. Existing tenancies are not affected, other than through established rental agreements.
2.13	UDP / LDP Pressure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the implications of the flood risk assessment pressure being withdrawn? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pressure will be dealt with under the funding shown for the UDP/LDP process.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.14	Clwyd Theatr Cymru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What impact will the non-recommendation of the CTC repairs pressure have? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pressure has been included as a potential project within the Capital Programme 2009/10. All potential projects will be considered initially by the Corporate Asset Management Group and then by Executive before being recommended to Council.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.1	<u>Corporate Comments / Issues</u> HRA Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed that the HRA budget be deferred and discussed at a separate meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has since been agreed that the HRA budget will be discussed on Thursday 5th February.
1.2	Balanced Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A balanced budget is a legal requirement – this not a balanced budget. There are issues surrounding the sustainability of the budget going forward. The £1.0m in-year efficiencies should not be included if we are not confident of achieving it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a balanced budget – which includes a calculated, manageable risk (in-year efficiencies of £1.0m). Members also have a duty to identify efficiencies as well as highlighting pressures. The Council will have a clear action plan in place to achieve the efficiencies - strategy to be published by 1st April. Potential areas to achieve the efficiencies have already been identified including procurement strategy and Organisational Re-design Programme Phase II.
1.3	Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were concerned that the paperwork had only been received one day prior to the meeting – this meant that there was insufficient time for review. Members also commented that the paperwork was not presented in an easily understood format – issues with terminology used. A request was made for future information to be more user friendly. At a previous meeting the Head of Finance had accepted the challenge to make the budget information easier to understand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that earlier despatch would have been preferred. However, the paperwork could not be despatched until after Executive had met to discuss the initial proposals – this meeting was held on Tuesday 27th January. The scheduling of the 2010/11 budget meetings will be reviewed and amended appropriately. The Head of Finance welcomed feedback on the format of the information provided and will endeavour to make the information more user friendly.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.4	Interview Panels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The O&S budget meetings should not have been scheduled at the same time as the interview panels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head of O&S was not aware that interview panels had been scheduled. Member's comments will be built into the 2010/11 budget timetable.
1.5	Reduction in WAG Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members requested a list of all grants that had ceased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full list has since been tabled at Corporate Management O&S on Friday 30th January. The items totalled £0.224m
1.6	Not Recommended / Withdrawn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers were asked to explain the difference between withdrawn and not recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawn – the pressures were withdrawn either because they fell below the £25k de-minimus level or because alternative methods of providing the service have been found, e.g. Bryn y Neuadd (see 2.3 below). Not-Recommended – given the level of funding available, officers and Members had prioritised the remaining pressures as there were insufficient funds to fund all pressures.
1.7	Landsbanki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee requested an update on the latest situation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has £3.7m invested. Discussions are ongoing between LGA, WLGA, Government and the banking authorities – no resolution has yet been reached. Latest regulations state that councils do not have to make a provision for the investments – Flintshire has, however, budgeted not to receive interest on this investment in the next financial year.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.8	Agency Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the economic climate the Council needs to be prudent and reduce the usage of agency staff and consultants including paying for hotel accommodation. Members requested an analysis, in writing, splitting out consultancy and agency usage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MASS project is underway – achieving significant savings which will continue into next year. It is important to fill positions on a permanent basis and this will be addressed during the Organisational Re-design Programme Phase II. However, it is recognised that there is sometimes the need to utilise agency workers
2.1	<u>Social and Health Comments / Issues</u> Care Home Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was the Council going to receive an inflation free year in respect of care home fees as the charges appear to be constant over the 3-year period? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No – it is practice to show all pressures at 2009/10 prices. Future years are then inflated during subsequent budget rounds as inflation rates are firmed up.
2.2	Financial Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members requested a better understanding of the additional income - had there been any changes to the financial assessment of did it reflect changes in society? People are proud in their old age and are not amenable to help – officers need to address this issue and ensure that all publications / booklets are in easy to understand language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's Charging Policy is in line with WAG guidance. The budget is based on an aggregation of the estimation of the personal circumstances of 1,000 people – personal circumstances change within year and from year to year. The Director agreed to provide Members with copies of publications and requested feedback on content.
2.3	Bryn y Neuadd Resettlement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What impact will the withdrawal of the pressure have? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resettlement has been completed. Whilst there is a shortfall in the funding there is no risk to this service as the LHB has indicated that they will look at the funding of the care packages.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.4	Old Brewery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What impact will the withdrawal of this pressure have given the excellent work undertaken to date? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no risk to the service as the Directorate is looking at restructuring its base budget provision to cover this pressure.
2.5	Increase In Hourly Cost Of Home Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a £2 increase in the rate in 2008/09. There are concerns over the reliance the Council has on the independent sector - the result of Government policy. Can more be brought back in house as with waste? It was noted that there is a significant difference between the cost of providing the service and the wages paid to staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council is unusual in that 50% of its domiciliary care is provided in-house – many authorities have a significantly lower percentage. The Independent Sector providers are registered with the Care Standards and have to meet certain criteria in relation to management and training which comes at a cost. The travel costs for some of the more remote areas of the County are also high. 227 service users opt out of having a financial assessment undertaken and therefore pay the maximum charge. 500 service users are in a category which means that they will not have to pay the proposed additional charges. Officers stressed that the assessment of need took priority over the financial aspect.
2.6	Aspirational Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the year officers had highlighted their aspirations for the service and stated that pressures would be included in the annual budget process – if these pressures are then not recommended or withdrawn this is a cut in their aspirations. Examples given were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Justice Service Family Placement Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Service - at the start of the budget process it was envisaged that grants totalling £0.090m in relation to the Youth Service would cease – this is now not the case. Family Placement Services – alternative ways of providing this service from within existing budgets have been found.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.7	Transport Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Community Services and Lifelong Learning have a need for transport services but the two departments are not working together – would the pressure be relived if they collaborated? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers agreed to respond in writing.
2.8	Supporting People Shortfall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are 1/3 of people living in sheltered accommodation receiving a daily visit from a warden when they do not require a visit? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers agreed to respond in writing.
2.9	Housing Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no budget pressure included for Housing Renewal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be funded through a direct grant to the Council.
2.10	Housing Staffing Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a previous meeting of the Committee, Members had been informed that the Council would be implementing a new staffing structure – no costs have been put forward in the budget process to accommodate this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding for the restructure is provided for within the HRA and is not a General Fund budget consideration. The HRA base budget has £0.150m to cover the restructure. In addition efficiencies will be sought during the review.
2.11	Neighbourhood Wardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee had been promised, at an earlier meeting, that there would be provision for additional wardens – again no budget pressure submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be reviewed as part of Phase II of the Organisational Re-design Programme.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.12	Possible Efficiencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members put forward the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace Interim Grants Manager with a permanent member of staff - Replace agency workers in the Capital Works Programme Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The agency workers are filling established posts and are not additional posts. Phase II of the Organisational Re-design Programme will address outstanding staffing issues.
2.13	Housing Liaison Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has the post been recruited to – if not then the recruitment process should be stopped. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Post not approved as yet – will be funded from within existing budgets.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.1	<u>Corporate Comments / Issues</u> Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the budget pressure arisen due to the fact that the Council no longer has an in-county disposal facility? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – waste is currently transported out of county.
1.2	<u>In-year Efficiencies - £1m</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the £1m in addition to the specific efficiencies recommended by Directors. Is the £1m in addition to the 1% top-sliced by WAG? If the pressures below the de-minimus level are included the target is higher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – the £1.0m is additional. The budget has been set within the funding received from WAG. A full list of the de-minimus items was tabled at Corporate Management O&S on 20th January. Not recommended de-minimus items total £0.474m across the Council and withdrawn items total £0.188m.
1.3	<u>Balanced Budget</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A balanced budget is a legal requirement – this not a balanced budget. There are issues surrounding the sustainability of the budget going forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a balanced budget – which includes a calculated, manageable risk (in-year efficiencies of £1.0m). Potential areas to achieve the efficiencies have already been identified including procurement and Organisational Re-design Programme Phase II. Published strategy will be in place by 1st April 09. Members also have a duty to identify efficiencies as well as highlighting pressures. The Council needs a clear action plan in place to achieve the £1.0m – strategy to be published

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.4	Presentation of Financial Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members requested that pressures and savings are shown as a percentage of the current budget allocations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers welcomed the feedback.
2.1	<u>Lifelong Learning Issues</u> Additional School Funding 2008/09 - £0.650m <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had this additionality been included in the base budget or classified as one-off? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been consolidated into the base and is therefore additional recurring funding.
2.2	Additional School Funding – Proposed 2009/10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the net increase in enhanced support for schools, after taking account of savings? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1% on the total education budget – the overall delegated increase may vary depending on the allocation between the schools' budget and the LEA budget.
2.3	5 Youth Worker Posts / Saving £30k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are these new or additional posts? What impact will the withdrawal of this pressure have on the youth service? This is potentially the biggest disappointment of the overall budget as the youth service did receive additional funding in the 2008/09 budget. Is the post part of a service review or has the post already been lost? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 5 posts were to have been additional posts. The service is currently under review and hence the pressure for additional posts has not been recommended. The saving relating to a post is a middle management post and does not directly impact on front line service delivery. The youth service is funded 60% externally and 40% internally which is not sustainable – a report following the review will go to Council in March.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.4	Maintenance of Play Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members welcomed the additional funding. Is the funding to maintain the £350k of recent capital investment? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – the funding is additionality to maintain the 10 sites to be upgraded from the capital investment in the 08/09 Capital Programme.
2.5	6th Form Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the Committee be given clarification over the funding announced recently – it would appear that Flintshire's allocation has increased by 0.17%. Will the Authority be joining the WLGA in requesting additional funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Director agreed to write to all Members outlining the situation once officers had analysed the information received from WAG. Officers were scheduled to meet with Secondary headteachers following this O&S meeting.
2.6	Out of County Placements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this to add to the current base budget provision? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – this funding adds to the current ring-fenced budget to bring it closer to the current spend level to try to ensure that the Council will not experience an overspend next year.
2.7	Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a pressure for Learner Travel which is offset by various savings put forward in relation to transport – can these be explained? Can the Committee have an assurance that these savings do not represent cuts in transport services? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In announcing the Settlement WAG recognised a new statutory responsibility in relation to Learner Travel – this additional funding as been passported to Lifelong Learning in accordance with agreed practice. Officers will reply in writing regarding the savings offered up in relation to transport which include route rationalisation.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.8	Match Funding - LHB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the changes taking place within the health sector Members expressed concern that the match funding would still be available in future years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers are unable to second guess changes within the health sector but welcome this positive development in working with the LHB.
2.9	School Places Planning Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What impact will there be as this pressure has not been recommended? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As work has progressed on the school modernisation programme the work associated with this pressure has been completed via an alternative method.
2.10	Playgroup Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroups need to comply with Estyn Inspections but are self-funded. Is there any provision within the budget to assist these organisations? Leeswood Playgroup currently pays £8 per session to hire a youth hall – what would it cost to provide such buildings free of charge to all playgroups? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A working group has been set up to look at the funding of playgroups and therefore the Chair recommended that the Committee await the outcomes of this review. In the meantime the Member was asked to discuss the issue, in the short term, with the Executive Member.
2.11	Leisure Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reduction in leisure income of this magnitude is not sustainable and should be addressed as a matter of priority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reduction in leisure income is being experienced as a result of the economic downturn and this is being addressed through the budget process.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.12	Admissions Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any plans to amend the admissions policy in order to achieve economies of scale and help address this issue of demographic change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a long lead in time for any changes – Executive has just gone out to consultation on the proposals for 2010. The earliest date when change could be implemented is 2011. However, a lot of development work would be required to change the policy (not changed since 2005).
2.13	Clearing of Sandwich Tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this pressure has been not recommended how with the service be funded?. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service will be funded from within schools existing budgets.
2.14	Not Recommended Pressures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference was made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent for museum service English as an Additional Language Educational Psychologist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These pressures fall below the de-minimus level and can be delayed until 2010/11.
2.15	Sources of Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devil is in the big picture. There are 3 sources of funding critical to the education budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding from the revenue budget Specific grant funding Post 16 funding We don't yet have all of the information and therefore it is difficult to see the overall impact and what scope there is for curriculum development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the meeting outlined in section 2.5, Members will be notified in writing of any required action.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.16	Welsh Public Libraries Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How far below the standard are we? ▪ Do we have a lone worker at Satney? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Standards Framework states that there has to be a certain number of staff per 1,000 population – this is not being met in Flintshire. ▪ Officers will inform Members in writing of the exact requirement. ▪ There have been examples of where numbers of staff have increased following risk assessments (Lone Workers). ▪ The County must explore further opportunities to increase headcount. ▪ The review of Saltney library is outstanding.
2.17	Notification of School Delegated Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When will schools be notified of their individual budgets? ▪ When will the LMS formula be reviewed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Council has not yet received all of the information on grants but the intention is to follow last year and notify during the February half-term. ▪ The formula is periodically reviewed – current discussions centre around whether now is the right time for a review. ▪ However, officers are working with the School Budget Forum to increase understanding of the formula.

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Joint Corporate Management and People and Performance – Draft Revenue Budget 2009/10

No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.1	<p><u>Corporate Comments / Issues</u></p> <p>Council Tax Increase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee requested clarification over why the Council Tax increase was 2.54% and not 3.5%. ▪ What will be the value of the surplus on the revenue account if a 3.5% increase is implemented? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The percentage increase provided in the Settlement is based on a formula assumption. This calculation produces an assumed Council Tax increase of 2.54% It is for local determination whether the Council spends above or below SSA resulting in a locally determined Council Tax. ▪ The proposed budget assumes that Flintshire spends above SSA, by £0.476m. ▪ Therefore, the level of expenditure has been set at the same level of income (including the additional £0.476m) in order to achieve a balanced budget. Therefore, there will not be a surplus on the revenue account.
1.2	<p><u>Affordability of Charges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Council has implemented new charges where the charge appears excessive compared to the cost of providing the service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members were asked to contact officers with specific examples.
1.3	<p><u>Council Tax Benefit Letter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could the letter have been inserted into one of the regular Council publications or sent out with the Council Tax letter as opposed to being posted separately? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Benefit Take-Up Campaign is part of a DWP initiative and all costs have been paid for by the DWP. ▪ There has been some mixed reaction from the public but the overall reaction was positive. ▪ However, the Head of Finance informed the Committee that people had already contacted the Council having received the letter and had applied for benefits. ▪ The Head of Finance agreed to send a briefing note out to all Members.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.4	Welsh Assembly Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do grants cover core funding, e.g. the costs of admin staff? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There have been many debates over the timing of WAG grants and how they impact on the longer term funding of councils.
1.5	Western Mail Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can the Chief Executive confirm that Flintshire is not one of the organisations identified as being overstaffed at middle management level? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Council was not asked to provide a response to the request for information from the Western Mail. ▪ The Council is reviewing its middle management – Phase 1 of the Organisational Re-design Programme is complete with Phase II underway.
1.6	Council Tax Increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is it mandatory to show the Council Tax increase as a percentage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is Government norm for councils to show the percentage increase as the comparator.
1.7	Bank & Building Society Interest Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does the Council monitor the interest rates offered by building societies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Council does incorporate building societies within its investment portfolio, subject to its agreed Treasury Management Policy Statement. ▪ The Council deposits its funds with commercial banking institutes as opposed to personal banking.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.8	Campus Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is the post of Campus Manager considered service critical? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective management of the County Hall campus is critical in order to save costs, e.g. in relation to energy management. There have been major deficiencies in the management of the campus due to not having a manager in post.
1.9	Additional Posts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many new posts are proposed in the budget? Will there be a delay in the recruitment process going forward? Are we looking into other areas for collaboration as with the Emergency Planning post with Denbighshire? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An analysis of the proposed new posts was tabled at the meeting which totalled 15.5 FTEs. Vacancy management is a very sensitive area – senior officers will not be attempting to delay the recruitment process, in fact in some areas it is acknowledged that the process is too slow. Work is ongoing looking into collaboration, one particular area is in relation to the work on minerals planning.
1.10	Loss of WAG Grant Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why wasn't the Supporting people Grant included in the list tabled? It was suggested that the grant reductions weren't a loss of funding but rather a planned reduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An analysis was tabled showing the reduction in WAG funding which totalled £0.224m. Supporting People was not included in the list as it was not a reduction in funding but a reassessment of what was eligible spend to be drawn down from the Supporting People Grant.
1.11	CDC Costs Charged to the HRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee requested additional information on the proposed charge of £373k. Is the quoted £363k a misprint – should it be £373k? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HRA will be discussed at the rescheduled meeting on Thursday 5th February. The £0.363m relates to costs in 2008/09. This figure has been inflated to £0.373m in 2009/10.

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1.12	New Mandatory Pressures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the value of the new mandatory pressures met? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was agreed that officers would prepare an analysis.
1.13	Overall Budget Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whilst the Members welcomed the approach of the officers there were areas of ambiguity within the budget which needed to be explained. ▪ Unlike previous years there has been no detailed report published. ▪ The link between revenue and capital is not clear this year. 	
1.14	Inflation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members were concerned over the level of price inflation. ▪ It is not clear what has been included as NSI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Price inflation of 1.5% is based on the economic forecast following consultation with colleagues at the WLGA. ▪ A paper was tabled which detailed both standard and non-stranded inflation.
1.15	Improvement Agreement Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How certain is the payment and when will it be paid? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Payment of the 2009/10 grant will be paid based on performance achieved in 2008/09. ▪ In future years if performance does not guarantee 100% of the grant then the Council would negotiate with the Assembly.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
1.16	Non-recurring Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain items have been classified as non-recurring but will continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transport of waste out of county will continue in 10/11 but it is unclear at what level. Having decided to bring the operation in-house there will be scope to manage the transport costs in order to achieve reduced rates.
1.17	Savings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What assumptions have been made – what is sustainable? As professional officers there needs to be confidence that all efficiencies are achievable - where is the margin for error? It was stated that this was the first budget which had been proposed which included unidentified savings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All efficiencies have been identified with the exception of the £1.0m in-year efficiencies. Officers recognise the concern over the £1.0m but a published strategy will be in place by 1st April 09. The budget process needs to be a continuous process and not seen by Members and officers as a one-off exercise.
1.18	Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What moves are the Council making? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration is a complex subject with much discussion taking place at the North Wales level. Recent successful projects include the Out of Hours Duty Team and the Joint Equipment Stores. Members were asked to contact officers if they required further information.
2.1	<u>Corporate Management / People & Performance</u> <u>Comments / Issues</u> Credit Card Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing charges may put individuals off using this method of payment The Committee requested a written breakdown of the saving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers agreed to respond in writing.

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No.	Comments and Questions:	Responses:
2.2	Supporting People – Saving £125k <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Committee requested further clarification of this saving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ As outlined in Section 1.10 there has been a review of the eligible spend against the Supporting People Grant which has resulted in the budget proposals.

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

REPORT TO: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE : **03 MARCH 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**
SUBJECT : **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2009/10**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To present to Council the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the setting of a prudent minimum revenue provision for the repayment of debt.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 At its meeting of 17th February 2009, the Executive considered the Head of Finance's report in respect of the calculation of Minimum Revenue Provision for 2009/10.
- 2.02 The report of 17th February 2009 detailed the revised requirements and associated guidance, in respect of -
- the 4 available options for making prudent provision.
 - the circumstances for using the options, 2 of which are available in respect of capital expenditure funded by way of Welsh Assembly Government supported borrowing, and a further 2 in respect of unsupported (prudential) borrowing.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The recommendations of the Executive to County Council are set out in Section 4.00 of the report to Executive of 17th February 2009, a copy of which is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 Council is requested to agree the recommendations of the Executive, being that -
- (a) Option 1 (Regulatory Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2009/10 for all supported borrowing.
- (b) Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2009/10 for all unsupported (prudential) borrowing.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 As set out in the report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None required.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None required

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 - Report to Executive 17th February 2009 : Minimum Revenue Provision 2009/10.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Various WAG papers.

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

REPORT TO: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE : **03 MARCH 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**
SUBJECT : **TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY & STRATEGY**
STATEMENT INCORPORATING THE PRUDENTIAL CODE
FOR CAPITAL FINANCE AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT
STRATEGY 2009/10

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To present to Council the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Treasury Management Policy & Strategy Statement incorporating the Prudential Code for Capital Finance and Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 At its meeting of 17th February 2009, the Executive considered a report from the Head of Finance on the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement, including key indicators, limits and the annual investment strategy for 2009/10.
- 2.02 Council is required to approve the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement on an annual basis. The 2009/10 statement incorporates changes approved by Council in October 2008 and additional risk control procedures put in place in the light of the difficulties experienced in financial markets.
- 2.03 For information, the annual outturn report on the 2008/09 policy statement will be reported in early September 2009.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The report to and the recommendations of the Executive to County Council are set out in Appendix A.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 Council is requested to agree the recommendations of the Executive.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 As set out in the report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Sterling Consultancy Services.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Sterling Consultancy Services.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix A - Treasury Management Policy & Strategy Statement incorporating the Prudential Code for Capital Finance and Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Various WAG and CIPFA papers.

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Appendix A

REPORT TO: **EXECUTIVE**
DATE : **17 FEBRUARY 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**
SUBJECT : **TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY & STRATEGY**
 STATEMENT INCORPORATING THE PRUDENTIAL CODE
 FOR CAPITAL FINANCE & ANNUAL INVESTMENT
 STRATEGY 2009/10

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To seek Executive's approval to recommend that Council approve the Treasury Management Policy & Strategy Statement (Policy Statement), including key indicators, limits and an annual investment strategy for 2009/10.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The Council adopted the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Sector Code of Practice 2001 from 1st April 2002. A requirement of the Code, which has been incorporated into the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, is for the Executive to receive an annual plan prior to 31st March each year.

As part of compliance with CIPFA's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the Code) 2001, the following Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) have been documented:-

- TMP 1 Treasury risk management
- TMP 2 Best value and performance measurement
- TMP 3 Decision - making and analysis
- TMP 4 Approved instruments, methods and techniques
- TMP 5 Organisation, clarity and segregation of responsibilities and dealing arrangements
- TMP 6 Reporting requirements and management information arrangements
- TMP 7 Budgeting, accounting and audit arrangements
- TMP 8 Cash and cashflow management
- TMP 9 Money laundering
- TMP 10 Staff training and qualifications
- TMP 11 Use of external service providers
- TMP 12 Corporate governance

- 2.02 Investments are made in accordance with the Guidance on Local Government Investments issued by the National Assembly for Wales under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, and with the institutions

identified in the authorised lending list. Investments are made with the aim of meeting cash flow requirements whilst achieving a level of return greater than would be secured by internal investment and maintaining capital security and policy flexibility.

- 2.03 In addition and in accordance with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance, the Council is required to determine certain key indicators and limits for 2009/10 before 31st March 2009.
- 2.04 Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) also requires that the Council approves an Annual Investment Strategy. These requirements have been incorporated into the Treasury Management Policy & Strategy Statement (see Appendix I) and the indicators and limits to be approved by Council are shown in section 3.
- 2.05 The aim of this Policy Statement is to achieve objectives in all market and economic environments. The financial crisis and in particular, the investments of £3.7 million in Landsbanki, an Icelandic bank, has resulted in a re-assessment of the balance between investment risk and return and the day to day procedural practicalities.

The Council's Treasury Management Advisers, Sterling, assessed the Council's portfolio at that time and indicated that it had a reasonable credit profile. The advice going forward was for a fairly defensive strategy, lending short (less than 3 months) and only to exceptionally high-rated counterparties or the Government.

- 2.06 As a result of the banking crisis in Iceland, a number of changes from the 2008/09 Policy Statement have been made which are detailed below:

Approved by Council

- a. The individual counterparty limit was increased from £5 million to £7 million by Council on 28th October 2008. In case of lower investment cash balances (less than £28 million), no more than 25% of investment portfolio will be held with any counterparty except the UK Government's DMO (Debt Management Office).
- b. The limit of investments made with the UK Government's DMO was temporarily increased from 20% to 100% by Council on 28th October 2008.

These changes have now been incorporated into the 2009/10 Treasury Management Policy Statement.

Additional Risk Control Procedures

- a. The use of an additional Credit Rating Agency (Moody's) as well as continuing with Fitch.
- b. When a Counterparty is on 'Ratings Watch Negative' or 'Review for possible downgrade' by either Credit Agency, which may lead to a downgrade in ratings, the investment limit will reduce to £3million to mature within 3 months. If the current investment is more than £3 million, no further investments will be made until this investment(s) matures.
- c. In light of the banking crisis last year it was agreed by the Head of Finance that the individual country limit would not exceed £10 million.

These changes have also been incorporated into the 2009/10 Treasury Management Policy Statement.

3.00 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY & STRATEGY STATEMENT 2009/10

3.01 Paragraphs 3.02 to 3.05 remain largely unchanged from the 2008/09 Treasury Management Policy Statement.

3.02 Prudential Code for Capital Finance

The Policy Statement attached incorporates the key indicators which relate to External Debt and Treasury Management.

Authorised Limit for External Debt:

This reflects a level of borrowing which, while not desired, could be afforded, but may not be sustainable. This figure takes into account the Council's borrowing requirement.

Operational Boundary for External Debt:

A means by which the Authority manages its external debt to ensure that it remains within a self-imposed limit. It is based on expectations of the minimum external debt of the authority according to probable, not simply possible, events.

The above two indicators are required to be monitored daily as part of Treasury Management function and if any breach of the limits is likely, the Head of Finance will report this to Executive.

- Upper Limit on fixed interest rate exposures.
- Upper Limit on variable interest rate exposures.
- Upper and Lower Limits for maturity structure of borrowing.

- Limit for principal sums invested in periods longer than 364 days.

3.03 Annual Investment Strategy

The Policy Statement includes the requirements of WAG to document an Annual Investment Strategy as follows:-

- Specified Investments - investments offering high security and high liquidity.
- Non-specified Investments - investments with greater potential risk.
- Investments which can be prudently committed for more than one year.

3.04 External Fund Managers

The performance of external cash managers is monitored by Sterling Consultancy Services and if it is considered appropriate in the future to appoint such a manager, then a recommendation will be made to Executive.

3.05 Debt Rescheduling and Repayment

The Head of Finance will keep under review, along with its Treasury Consultants, the opportunities which may arise for restructuring the Council's debt in order to take advantage of potential savings as interest rates change and to enhance the balance of the long term portfolio (amend the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility). Any actions carried out under delegated powers will be reported to the Executive and County Council as appropriate.

4.00 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.01 In accordance with legislation, the Council is required to approve annually the key indicators and limits for both the Prudential Code for Capital Finance and the Annual Investment Strategy as proposed in the tables below. The limits for 2010/11 and 2011/12 are indicative figures only and could be changed next year:

Prudential Code (as per 3.01 above)

Indicator Type	2009/10 £ million	2010/11 £ million	2011/12 £ million
Authorised Limit for external debt	178.8	180.9	183.0
Operational Boundary for external debt	176.8	178.9	181.0
Upper Limit on fixed interest rate exposures	100%	100%	100%
Upper Limit on variable interest rate exposures	35%	35%	35%
Implied Boundary of fixed rate exposures	65-100%	65-100%	65-100%
Implied Boundary of variable interest rate exposure	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%

The table below proposes the upper and lower limits for maturity of loans which are internally set so that no future year is left with a high level of repayments. These limits are proposed for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Upper and Lower Limits for maturity structure of borrowing	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Under 12 months	0%	10%
12 months and within 24 months	0%	10%
24 months and within 5 years	0%	30%
5 years and within 10 years	0%	50%
10 years and above	10%	100%

Prudential Limits for principal sums invested in periods longer than 364 days (see Non-Specified Investments) - £40 million

Annual Investment Strategy (as per 3.02 above)

In accordance with the requirements of the WAG the Annual Investment Strategy is detailed below, the types of investments the Council can make

are classified as being Specified Investments and Non-specified Investments.

Specified Investments

By definition, specified investments are denominated in sterling and have a maturity of less than a year and include:-

- UK and Overseas Banks
- Rated Building Societies
- Money Market Funds
- Debt Management Office
- Other Local Authorities.

When funds are invested in banks, building societies or Money Market Funds, those financial institutions must meet the ratings criteria specified in the table below. The Treasury Management Policy Statement in section 3.6.2 outlines the definitions and shows that the Council is lending to financial institutions of "best quality grade". The criteria used in 3.6.2 have been discussed and agreed with Sterling (The Council's Treasury Management Advisers).

	FITCH			MOODY'S		
Rating Type	UK & Overseas	Rated Building Society	Money Market	UK & Overseas	Rated Building Society	Money Market
Short Term	F1+ & F1	F1+, F1 & F2	AAA	P1	P1 & P2	AAA
Long Term	AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+ & A	AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+, A & A-	AAA	Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3 to A1 & A2	Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3 to A1, A2 & A3	AAA
Individual (Fitch)	A, A/B, B & B/C	A, A/B, B & B/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BFSR (Moody's)	N/A	N/A	N/A	To C-	To C-	N/A
Support	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sector Limit	100% UK, 25% Overseas	60%	20%	100% UK, 25% Overseas	60%	20%

It is proposed that the Council confirm an investment limit of 100% with the Debt Management Office in respect of exceptional financial market conditions (see 2.06).

Until October 2008, the Council used ratings assigned by Fitch in isolation, since then both Fitch and Moody's ratings have been used. A list of Counterparties and their ratings are sent monthly by the Council's Treasury Management Consultants, Sterling. They also provide immediate notification

of any changes in ratings which may affect the Council's Counterparties. If a Counterparty's ratings with either Fitch or Moody's no longer meet the required criteria, then no further investments will be made with that Counterparty.

Ratings Watch Negative/Review for Possible Downgrade

'Ratings Watch Negative' (Fitch) and 'Review for possible downgrade' (Moody's) are the terms used when a Counterparty's ratings will be reviewed during the next 3 months and could possibly be downgraded. If a counterparty is being reviewed in this way but its current ratings still meet the Council's criteria, then investments must be kept to a maximum of £3million for a period of no more than 3 months.

Non Specified Investments

Non specified investments are those outside the definition of specified investments and by definition carry more risk than specified investments. The limits for these sterling denominated investments have been agreed and discussed with Sterling to control this risk. These remain unchanged from 2008/09:-

- Non-rated Building Societies with a minimum asset size of £1billion
- Deposits greater than 1 year (including forward deals) - £20 million limit
- External Managers - £20 million limit (not currently used)

It should be noted that non-rated Building Societies are heavily regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). The Building Society Sector is governed by regulations which specify that 50% of funding must come from retail deposits. Wholesale deposits (i.e. FCC investments) have priority over retail deposits. This means that in the highly unlikely event of a Building Society becoming insolvent, it would have to lose over 50% of its assets before being unable to repay Wholesale Deposits.

Each non specified investment greater than 1 year is approved by the Head of Finance. If the Counterparty used is rated, then it must also meet the ratings criteria in the table above.

Liquidity of Investments

The amounts that can be prudently invested for longer than one year have been ascertained by estimating short term cash flow requirements.

The maximum period of an investment will remain at 5 years.

- 4.02 It is possible that future guidance and regulations may be issued by CIPFA and/or WAG during 2009/10. The Council's Executive will be made aware of any changes through a formal report.

5.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.01 That the Executive approves and recommends to Council the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2009/10.

6.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.01 None directly.

7.00 POVERTY IMPACT

- 7.01 None.

8.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.01 None.

9.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 9.01 None.

10.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.01 None.

11.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 11.01 Sterling Consultancy Services.

12.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 12.01 Sterling Consultancy Services.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2001
Local Government act 2003.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY & STRATEGY STATEMENT

2009/10

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1.0 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The Council defines the policies and objectives of its treasury management activities as follows: -

- 1.1 "The management of the authority's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks".
- 1.2 The Council regards the successful identification, monitoring and control of risk to be the prime criteria by which the effectiveness of its treasury management activities will be measured. Accordingly, the analysis and reporting of treasury management activities will focus on their risk implications for the Council.
- 1.3 The Council acknowledges that effective treasury management will provide support towards the achievement of its business and service objectives. It is therefore committed to the principles of achieving best value in treasury management, and to employing suitable performance measurement techniques, within the context of effective risk management.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Flintshire was one of nine Welsh Councils to be caught up in the collapse of the Icelandic Banking System along with three police authorities and three universities in Wales. Flintshire's £3.7 million is within the figure of some £70 million for Councils in Wales and £860 million across England and Wales.

The Council's Treasury Management Advisers, Sterling assessed the Council's portfolio at that time and indicated that it had a reasonable credit profile. The advice going forward was for a fairly defensive strategy, lending short (less than 3 months) and only to exceptionally high-rated counterparties or the Government.

Sterling's advice was followed by the Council as follows:

- To ensure liquidity of funds, new monies were placed in call accounts with Alliance & Leicester, Bank of Scotland and Allied Irish Bank up to £7million limit.
- Any other new monies were placed with one of the six Government backed clearing Banks and one Building Society (i.e. Barclays, RBS, HSBC, Lloyds TSB, Abbey, Standard Chartered and Nationwide) or the Debt Management office (DMO) within the limits of the Policy Statement.

This strategy sought to mitigate risk but the interest rate received on short term investments attracted a lower rate of interest. In addition, the DMO paid interest rates below money market rates.

3.0 TREASURY STRATEGY STATEMENT

3.1 Introduction

This Treasury Strategy Statement details the expected activities of the Treasury function in 2009/10. Its production and submission to the Executive is a requirement of the Council's Financial Procedure Rules. Its format and structure is that recommended in CIPFA's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the Code) 2001 as adopted by County Council from 1st April 2002, the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities from 1st April 2004 and an Annual Investment Strategy as issued by the National Assembly for Wales under section 15 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2003

The strategy covers:

- Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- Annual Investment Strategy
- Current Portfolio Position;
- Treasury Limits for 2009/10;
- Prospects for Interest Rates;
- Capital Finance and Borrowing Portfolio Strategy;
- Temporary Investment Strategy;
- Debt Rescheduling;
- Other Treasury Issues.

3.2 Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities

- 3.2.1 A requirement of the code is to set key indicators and limits as detailed in 3.6.1.
- 3.2.2 The Prudential System introduced on 1st April 2004 allows local authorities to determine their own levels of affordable borrowing for capital expenditure.
- 3.2.3 The need to prudentially borrow during 2009/10 and the associated financing of that borrowing will be reviewed in the light of the Capital Programme requirements.

3.3 Annual Investment Strategy

- 3.3.1 Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003, which introduced the Prudential Capital Finance System, gives a local authority power to invest for any purposes relevant to its functions under any enactment, or for the purposes of the prudent management of its financial affairs. The Act requires an authority to 'have regard to guidance issued by Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)'.
- 3.3.2 The WAG requires a local authority, before the start of each financial year, to draw up an Annual Investment Strategy which must be approved by the full council. This document should contain certain investment limits. In the case of

Flintshire County Council the requirements are incorporated into this Policy Statement. The strategy needs to include investment limits on:

- Specified Investments – investments offering high security and high liquidity
- Non-specified Investments – investments with greater potential risk
- Investments which can be prudently committed for more than one year

3.4 Current Portfolio Position

The Council's treasury portfolio position at 31/03/2009 will comprise:

	Type	Principal £m	Sub- total £m	Average Interest Rate %
Fixed Rate Funding	PWLB	154.66		
	Market*	18.95	173.61	5.649**
Variable Rate Funding	PWLB	0.00		
	Market	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long Term Debt			173.61	5.649
Borrowing Requirement	for 2009/10***		2.18	

* The above market loans are LOBO's (Lenders Option, Borrowers Option) with fixed interest rate periods of 12, 16 and 23 months followed by a 33, 34 and 35 year variable period, with an option in the variable period to repay the principal prior to maturity if the Lender increases the interest rate.

** If any debt re-structure or repayment opportunities are implemented before 31st March 2009, this may impact on the average interest rate as at 31.03.09.

*** Appendix A details the borrowing requirement for 2009/10.

3.5 Key Factors involved in Determining the Investment of Surplus Monies

The key factors involved in determining the investment of surplus monies are;

- The Counterparty List (i.e. a list of Financial Institutions which meet the Council's ratings criteria and with which funds can be invested)
- Ratings Criteria (see section 3.6.2)
- Other limits within the WAG Annual Investment Strategy

The Head of Finance makes an investment based on the factors above and with the advice of the Council's Treasury Management Consultants, Sterling.

3.6 Key Indicators and Treasury Limits for 2009/10

3.6.1 In accordance with Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 2003, the key

indicators proposed to be set by full Council are shown in the table below. The limits for 2010/11 and 2011/12 are indicative figures only and could be changed next year:-

Indicator Type	2009/10 £million	2010/11 £million	2011/12 £million
Authorised Limit for external debt	178.8	180.9	183.0
Operational Boundary for External Debt (Lower than authorised limit due to cash flow variations)	176.8	178.9	181.0
Upper Limit on fixed interest rate exposures	100%	100%	100%
Upper Limit on variable interest rate exposures	35%	35%	35%
Implied Boundary of fixed rate exposures	65-100%	65-100%	65-100%
Implied Boundary of variable rate exposures	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%

The table below proposes the upper and lower limits for the maturity of loans which are internally set so that no future year is left with a high level of repayments. These limits are proposed for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Upper and Lower Limits for maturity structure of borrowing	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Under 12 months	0%	10%
12 months and within 24 months	0%	10%
24 months and within 5 years	0%	30%
5 years and within 10 years	0%	50%
10 years and above	10%	100%

Prudential limits for principal sums invested in periods longer than 364 days	£ 40 million
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3.6.2 In accordance with the requirements of the WAG the Annual Investment Strategy is detailed as follows. The types of investments the Council can make are classified as being Specified Investments and Non-specified Investments.

Specified Investments

By definition, specified investments are denominated in sterling and have a maturity of less than a year and include:-

- UK and Overseas Banks

- Rated Building Societies
- Money Market Funds
- Debt Management Office
- Other Local Authorities.

When funds are invested in banks, building societies or Money Market Funds, that financial institution must meet the ratings criteria specified in the table below. This shows that the Council is lending to financial institutions of “best quality grade”. These criteria have been discussed and agreed with Sterling (the Council’s Treasury Management Advisers).

	FITCH			MOODY’S		
Rating Type	UK & Overseas Banks	Rated Building Societies	Money Market Funds	UK & Overseas Banks	Rated Building Societies	Money Market Funds
Short term	F1+ & F1	F1+, F1 & F2	AAA	P1	P1 & P2	AAA
Long Term	AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+ & A	AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+, A & A-	AAA	Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3 to A1 & A2	Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3, To A1, A2 & A3	AAA
Individual (Fitch), BFSR (Moody’s)	A, A/B, B, & B/C	A, A/B, B, & B/C	AAA	To C-	To C-	AAA
Support	1, 2, 3 & 4	1, 2, 3 & 4	AAA	N/A	N/A	AAA
Sector Limit	100% UK 25% Overseas	60%	20%	100% UK 25% Overseas	60%	20%

It is proposed that the Council confirm an investment of 100% with the Debt Management Office in respect of exceptional financial market conditions.

Until October 2008, the Council used ratings assigned by Fitch in isolation, since then both Fitch and Moody’s ratings have been used. A list of Counterparties and their ratings are sent monthly by the Council’s Treasury Management Consultants, Sterling. They also provide immediate notification of any changes in ratings which may affect the Council’s Counterparties. If a Counterparty’s ratings with either Fitch or Moody’s no longer meet the required criteria, then no further investments will be made with that Counterparty.

Definition of Ratings

<u>Fitch Short Term</u>	
F1+	Best quality grade, indicating exceptionally strong capacity of obligor to meet its financial commitment.
F1	Best quality grade, indicating strong capacity of obligor to meet its financial commitment.
F2	Good quality grade with satisfactory capacity of obligor to meet its financial commitment.
<u>Fitch Long Term</u>	
AAA	Highest credit quality. Rating denotes the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. The capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
AA	Very high credit quality. Rating denotes expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
A	High credit quality. Rating denotes expectation of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. The capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
The modifiers “+” & “-” may be appended to any of the ratings above to denote a relative status within major categories	
<u>Fitch Individual Ratings</u>	
A – E	Fitch’s attempt to assess how a bank would be viewed if it were entirely independent and could not rely on external support.
<u>Fitch Support Ratings</u>	
1 – 5	Offer Fitch’s judgement of a potential supporter’s (i.e. sovereign state or an institutional owner) propensity and

	ability to support a bank.
<u>Moody's Short Term</u>	
P1	Issuers have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
P2	Issuers have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
<u>Moody's Long Term</u>	
Aaa	Judged to be one of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk.
Aa	Judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
A	Considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.
Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 to each rating classification. 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its category, 2 mid-range and 3 a ranking in the lower end of that category.	
<u>Moody's Bank Financial Strength Rating (BSFR)</u>	
A – E	Moody's opinion of a bank's intrinsic safety and soundness.

Ratings Watch Negative/Review for Possible Downgrade

'Ratings Watch Negative' (Fitch) and 'Review for possible downgrade' (Moody's) are the terms used when a Counterparty's ratings will be reviewed during the next 3 months and could possibly be downgraded. If a counterparty is being reviewed in this way but its current ratings still meet the Councils criteria, then investments must be kept to a maximum of £3million for a period of no more than 3 months.

Non Specified Investments

Non specified investments are those outside the definition of specified investments and by definition carry more risk than specified investments. The proposed limits for these sterling denominated investments have been agreed and discussed with Sterling to control this risk. They remain unchanged from 2008/09:-

- Non-rated Building Societies with a minimum asset size of £1billion
- Deposits greater than 1 year (including forward deals) - £20 million limit
- External Managers - £20 million limit (not currently used)

It should be noted that non-rated Building Societies are heavily regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). The Building Society Sector is governed by regulations which specify that 50% of funding must come from retail deposits. Wholesale deposits (i.e. FCC investments) have priority over retail deposits. This means that in the highly unlikely event of a Building Society becoming insolvent, it would have to lose over 50% of its assets before being unable to repay Wholesale Deposits.

Each non specified investment greater than 1 year is approved by the Head of Finance. If the Counterparty used is rated, then it must also meet the ratings criteria in the table above.

Liquidity of Investments

The amounts that can be prudently invested for longer than one year have been ascertained by estimating short term cash flow requirements.

The maximum period of an investment will remain at 5 years.

3.6.3 In addition to the above statutory limits, the following limits are also in place:-

Other Borrowing Limits	Limits
Bank Overdraft Limit	£300,000
Investment Limits (at the time of investment)	
Counterparty Limit	£7 million
Counterparty % of investment portfolio (for cash balances lower than £28 million)	25%
Individual Overseas* Country Limit	£10 million
Total Overseas* % of investment portfolio	35%
UK Government (DMO) % of investment portfolio	100%
Other Local Authorities % of investment portfolio	100%

*Overseas banks do not include UK incorporated banks e.g. Abbey or Alliance & Leicester. Although they are subsidiaries of foreign banks (Santander) they are incorporated in the UK, have substantial domestic operations and are subject to full oversight by the FSA. Abbey was one of the eight banks that agreed to take part in the UK Government's recent recapitalisation scheme.

3.7 Prospects for UK Interest Rates - Prepared by Sterling Consultancy Services

- 3.7.1. Sterling Consultancy Services were re-appointed as Treasury Management Consultants for a further 3 years in May 2006 after participating in a tender. They provided the most economically advantageous offer.
- 3.7.2. The Current Position - The 2008/09 financial year began with the UK base rate at 5.25%. This decreased by 0.25% in April, 0.5% in October, 1.50% in November, 1% in December and 0.5% in January, to leave the current base rate at 1.50%.
- 3.7.3. 2009/10 Interest Rate Forecast - The credit crisis, combined with a sharp rise in commodity prices, has pushed the UK and other major economies into recession. Consumers, businesses, politicians and economic policymakers have had to come to terms with tighter credit conditions and the distinct probability of a protracted recession.

Despite the warning signs of a potentially sharp contraction in economic activity, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) were slow to respond, initially more concerned about the upside risks to inflation from last years surge in food and oil prices. Bank Rate remained at 5.0% until October, when it was reduced as part of co-ordinated central bank action, a move designed to restore confidence in the battered banking sector. The Committee has now cut Bank Rate by 3.5% since October to the current level of 1.5%.

Recent Bank of England publications and decisions have painted a worrying picture for the UK economy in 2009. The annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate is forecast at around -2.0% by the end of the first quarter 2009, and remains negative although improving throughout the year and then recovers quickly in 2010. With oil prices having fallen around 65% compared to record levels in July 2008, Consumer Price Index (CPI) is expected to drop sharply and has given the MPC room to manoeuvre to attempt to stimulate demand. Inflation is forecast to fall from November's level of 4.1% to under 2% by the middle of 2009. From this point the CPI rate falls further below the target level, with a small chance of deflation.

The MPC will assess a number of factors when deciding whether further monetary stimulus is needed. Upside risks to growth include the fiscal stimulus of major countries including the UK and US. Commodity prices have also declined steeply and the weaker value of sterling may benefit UK manufacturing and service sector exports. However, downside risks to growth, and so inflation, remain. Diminishing consumer sentiment, as house prices fall and unemployment rises, could pull back consumer spending. Meanwhile tight credit conditions have constrained both residential and business investment and made it difficult to refinance debt. The current pressure on companies is illustrated by the many well-known high street names entering administration. There is also a question mark about whether looser monetary policy is the right tool in order to combat the current problems. This is illustrated by growing support for more drastic action, such as increasing the amount of cash in circulation, so-called quantitative easing.

Despite an argument for holding rates at the current level, the MPC is likely to take further action due to the significant risk of CPI undershooting the 2% target in the medium term. However, with a diminishing benefit from each reduction and the view that rate cuts by themselves are not the answer to easing credit conditions, we see the bottom of the current policy cycle as 1.0%. It is likely to remain at this level for a considerable length of time in order to rebuild confidence, restart bank lending and stimulate economic activity. From mid-2010 as the economy recovers, Bank Rate will rise steadily to combat re-emerging inflationary pressure. Throughout this period, wholesale money market interest rates are likely to remain above Bank Rate, although the process of normalisation will continue as the credit risk margin diminishes. The UK authorities are hoping the combined fiscal and monetary stimulus will ensure a short, sharp recession, but the risk of prolonged economic deterioration remains. Therefore a downside risk exists to our central forecast for Bank Rate throughout the coming years.

3.7.4 Summary

Sterling's view on U.K. interest rates is shown in the table below –

	Base Rate (%)
Current	1.50
Mar 09	1.00
Mar 10	1.50
Dec 10	2.00

3.8 Capital Finance and the Borrowing Portfolio Strategy

3.8.1 Capital Finance

To maximise the use of Unhypothecated Supported Borrowing, usable capital receipts, capital grants and the use of finance and operating leases.

3.8.2 Borrowing Portfolio Strategy

- To manage the Council's debt maturity profile, i.e. to leave no one future year with a high level of repayments that could cause problems in re-borrowing with the limits stated in 3.6.1. Appendix B analyses the debt portfolio of the Council, as at 1st April, 2009.
- To effect borrowing required in 2009/10 at the cheapest cost commensurate with future risk based on interest rate forecasts outlined in 3.7 above.
- To monitor and review the level of variable interest rate loans in order to take greater advantage of interest rate movements, within the limits stated in 3.6.1.

3.8.3 The Head of Finance will monitor the interest rate market and adopt a pragmatic approach to any changing circumstances, reporting any decisions to Executive.

3.9 Investment Strategy

3.9.1 Investments will be made in accordance with the Guidance on Local Government Investments issued by the National Assembly for Wales under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, and with the institutions identified in the authorised lending list. Investments will be made with the aim of meeting cash flow requirements whilst achieving a level of return greater than would be secured by internal investment and maintaining capital security and policy flexibility.

3.9.2 The performance of external cash managers is monitored by Sterling Consultancy Services and if it is considered appropriate in the future to appoint such a manager, this will be reported to the Executive for approval.

3.10 Debt Rescheduling and Repayment

3.10.1 The Head of Finance will keep under review, along with its Treasury Consultants, the opportunities which may arise for restructuring the Council's debt in order to take advantage of potential savings as interest rates change and to enhance the balance of the long term portfolio (amend the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility). Any actions carried out under delegated powers will be reported to the Executive and County Council as appropriate.

3.11 Other Treasury Issues

3.11.1 Treasury Management Practices (TMPs)

As part of the compliance with CIPFA's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the Code) 2001, the following TMPs have been documented:-

- TMP 1 Treasury risk management
- TMP 2 Best value and performance measurement
- TMP 3 Decision - making and analysis
- TMP 4 Approved instruments, methods and techniques
- TMP 5 Organisation, clarity and segregation of responsibilities, and dealing arrangements
- TMP 6 Reporting requirements and management information arrangements
- TMP 7 Budgeting, accounting and audit arrangements
- TMP 8 Cash and cash flow management
- TMP 9 Money laundering
- TMP 10 Staff training and qualifications
- TMP 11 Use of external service providers
- TMP 12 Corporate governance

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The aim of this Policy Statement is to achieve objectives in all market and economic environments. The financial crisis and in particular, the investments of £3.7 million in an Icelandic bank has resulted in a re-assessment of the balance between investment risk and return and the day to day procedural practicalities.

It is possible that future guidance and regulations may be issued by CIPFA and/or WAG during 2009/10. The Council's Executive will be made aware of any changes through a formal report. In the meantime, a number of changes from the 2008/09 Policy Statement have been made to ensure a structured return to investments with all financial institutions, based on the current financial criteria;

Approved by Council

- a. The individual counterparty limit was increased from £5 million to £7 million by Council on 28th October 2008. In case of lower investment cash balances (less than £28 million), no more than 25% of investment portfolio will be held with any counterparty except the UK Government's DMO (Debt Management Office).
- b. The limit of investments made with the UK Government's DMO was temporarily increased from 20% to 100% by Council on 28th October 2008.

These changes have now been incorporated in the 2009/10 Policy Statement.

Additional Risk Control Procedures

- a. The use of an additional Credit Rating Agency (Moody's) as well as continuing with Fitch.
- b. When a Counterparty is on 'Ratings Watch Negative' or 'Review for possible downgrade' by either Credit Agency, which may lead to a downgrade in ratings, the investment limit will reduce to £3million to mature within 3 months. If the current investment is more than £3 million, no further investments will be made until this investment(s) matures.
- c. In light of the banking crisis last year it was agreed by the Head of Finance that the individual country limit would not exceed £10 million.

These changes have now also been incorporated in the 2009/10 Policy Statement.

APPENDIX A – BORROWING REQUIREMENTS 2009/10

Borrowing Requirement 2009/10

It is estimated that the Council will need to borrow £2.18 million during 2009/10 to fund capital finance activities. This is analysed as follows:-

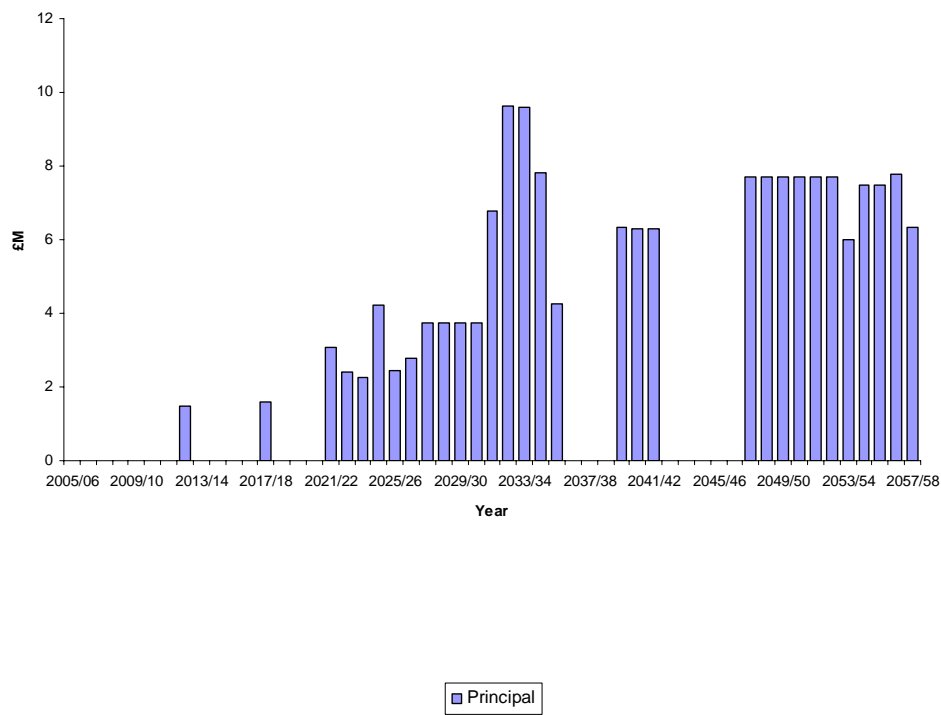
	£m	£m
Maturing Debt	0.00	
Unhypothecated Supported Borrowing (net)	7.83	
Provision for financing Vehicles, IT and various other equipment	1.00	
Sub-total		8.83
Less		
- CRPCS	6.20	
- CRSA	0.45	
Sub-total		6.65
Borrowing Requirement 2009/10		2.18

KEY:

CRPCS = Charges to Revenue for Past Capital Spend
CRSA = Capital Receipts Set Aside

APPENDIX B – DEBT MATURITY PROFILE

Long Term Debt Maturity Profile



FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7

REPORT TO: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE : **03 MARCH 2009**
REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**
SUBJECT : **COUNCIL TAX 2009-10**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 For Council to agree the statutory and other necessary resolutions for the purpose of collecting Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates for 2009-10.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 Item 4 on this agenda is consideration of the General Fund Budget for 2009-10. The recommendation of the Executive is that the General Fund Budget Requirement for 2009-10 be set at £233,335,058

3.00 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- 3.01 The Council Tax resolution includes elements relating to Flintshire, North Wales Police Authority and Town/Community Councils.
- 3.02 The proposed resolutions as detailed in Appendix A to this report are split into the following sections :-
- 3.02.1 section 1 details the Council Tax Base for 2009-10, which shows the number of properties, expressed as Band 'D' equivalents, in total and for each specific Town/Community Council.
- 3.02.2 section 2 (a) to 2 (i) details the expenditure and income of Flintshire County Council and Town/Community Councils. It also sets out details of the amount of Council Tax to be charged across the various Valuation Bands in respect of the County Council precept and each Town/Community Council precept.
- 3.02.3 section 3 details the amount of Council Tax to be charged in each Valuation Band in respect of North Wales Police Authority.
- 3.02.4 section 4 details the overall amount of Council Tax that taxpayers will be asked to pay. This is made up of three chargeable precepts, Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police Authority, and the Town/Community Councils.
- 3.02.5 section 5 gives the Head of Finance the authority to make payments to the North Wales Police Authority in twelve equal instalments

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payable on the 15th day of each month from April 2009 (adjusted to the next working day as necessary) to March 2010.

3.02.6 section 6 provides authority to specified officers to issue legal proceedings for non payment of Council Tax and to appear on behalf of the Council to prosecute in cases of non payment.

3.02.7 section 7 provides similar authority to specified officers to collect Non-Domestic Rates.

3.02.8 section 8 provides for the advertisement of the Council Tax for 2009-10 in the local press.

3.03 The result of these resolutions would be that Council Tax is levied across all areas of the County as set out in Appendix A and further analysed in Appendix B by amounts and percentage increases.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That members agree the resolutions as detailed in Appendix A.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 As set out in the report

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix A to this report details all resolutions necessary to set the 2009-10 Council Tax charges.
- 12.02 Appendix B to this report provides Members with some statistical information relating the breakdown of Council Tax charges for 2009-10 by Town & Community Council area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Local Government Finance Act 1992

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STATUTORY & OTHER NECESSARY COUNCIL TAX
RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009-10

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 :-

	<u>£</u>
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	<u>60,328.00</u>
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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).	£383,853,589
(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.	£235,375,647
(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).	£2,040,589
(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)

	<u>£</u>
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	891.56
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.

APPENDIX A

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	594.38	693.44	792.50	891.56	1,089.68	1,287.80	1,485.94	1,783.12	2,080.30
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	724.70	845.48	966.26	1,087.04	1,328.60	1,570.16	1,811.74	2,174.08	2,536.42
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.

Appendix B

2009-10 Council Tax Charges

Lowest to Highest Amounts by Town/Community Council

Community Councils	BAND D			
	Community	Flintshire	Police	Total
	£	£	£	£
Northop	12.00	850.78	195.48	1,058.26
Gwernaffield	13.90	850.78	195.48	1,060.16
Hope	13.98	850.78	195.48	1,060.24
Treuddyn	17.89	850.78	195.48	1,064.15
Ysceifiog	19.90	850.78	195.48	1,066.16
Argoed	22.21	850.78	195.48	1,068.47
Bagillt	22.83	850.78	195.48	1,069.09
Penyffordd	23.77	850.78	195.48	1,070.03
Whitford	24.66	850.78	195.48	1,070.92
Northop Hall	24.68	850.78	195.48	1,070.94
Cilcain	24.73	850.78	195.48	1,070.99
Higher Kinnerton	25.33	850.78	195.48	1,071.59
Gwernymynydd	25.36	850.78	195.48	1,071.62
Halkyn	27.37	850.78	195.48	1,073.63
Nannerch	30.20	850.78	195.48	1,076.46
Llanfynydd	30.90	850.78	195.48	1,077.16
Llanasa	31.02	850.78	195.48	1,077.28
Hawarden	33.37	850.78	195.48	1,079.63
Mostyn	33.79	850.78	195.48	1,080.05
Brynford	34.84	850.78	195.48	1,081.10
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	35.13	850.78	195.48	1,081.39
Flint	35.82	850.78	195.48	1,082.08
Broughton & Bretton	35.85	850.78	195.48	1,082.11
Caerwys	37.42	850.78	195.48	1,083.68
Sealand	37.58	850.78	195.48	1,083.84
Holywell	37.94	850.78	195.48	1,084.20
Mold	39.80	850.78	195.48	1,086.06
Queensferry	40.25	850.78	195.48	1,086.51
Leeswood	40.45	850.78	195.48	1,086.71
Saltney	40.78	850.78	195.48	1,087.04
Nercwys	41.12	850.78	195.48	1,087.38
Buckley	42.30	850.78	195.48	1,088.56
Connahs Quay	44.47	850.78	195.48	1,090.73
Shotton	46.93	850.78	195.48	1,093.19

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Amounts in Town / Community Council order

Community Councils	BAND D			
	Community	Flintshire	Police	Total
	£	£	£	£
Argoed	22.21	850.78	195.48	1,068.47
Bagillt	22.83	850.78	195.48	1,069.09
Broughton & Bretton	35.85	850.78	195.48	1,082.11
Brynford	34.84	850.78	195.48	1,081.10
Buckley	42.30	850.78	195.48	1,088.56
Caerwys	37.42	850.78	195.48	1,083.68
Cilcain	24.73	850.78	195.48	1,070.99
Connahs Quay	44.47	850.78	195.48	1,090.73
Flint	35.82	850.78	195.48	1,082.08
Gwernaffield	13.90	850.78	195.48	1,060.16
Gwernymynydd	25.36	850.78	195.48	1,071.62
Halkyn	27.37	850.78	195.48	1,073.63
Hawarden	33.37	850.78	195.48	1,079.63
Higher Kinnerton	25.33	850.78	195.48	1,071.59
Holywell	37.94	850.78	195.48	1,084.20
Hope	13.98	850.78	195.48	1,060.24
Leeswood	40.45	850.78	195.48	1,086.71
Llanasa	31.02	850.78	195.48	1,077.28
Llanfynydd	30.90	850.78	195.48	1,077.16
Mold	39.80	850.78	195.48	1,086.06
Mostyn	33.79	850.78	195.48	1,080.05
Nannerch	30.20	850.78	195.48	1,076.46
Nercwys	41.12	850.78	195.48	1,087.38
Northop	12.00	850.78	195.48	1,058.26
Northop Hall	24.68	850.78	195.48	1,070.94
Penyffordd	23.77	850.78	195.48	1,070.03
Queensferry	40.25	850.78	195.48	1,086.51
Saltney	40.78	850.78	195.48	1,087.04
Sealand	37.58	850.78	195.48	1,083.84
Shotton	46.93	850.78	195.48	1,093.19
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	35.13	850.78	195.48	1,081.39
Treuddyn	17.89	850.78	195.48	1,064.15
Whitford	24.66	850.78	195.48	1,070.92
Ysceifiog	19.90	850.78	195.48	1,066.16

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Lowest to Highest % amounts by Town / Community Council

Community Councils	BAND D			
	Community %	Flintshire %	Police %	Total %
Treuddyn	-38.94	3.30	5.00	2.41
Gwernaffield	-6.96	3.30	5.00	3.46
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	-3.20	3.30	5.00	3.38
Leeswood	-1.27	3.30	5.00	3.42
Northop Hall	-0.88	3.30	5.00	3.50
Mostyn	-0.15	3.30	5.00	3.49
Northop	0.00	3.30	5.00	3.57
Llanasa	0.10	3.30	5.00	3.51
Queensferry	0.32	3.30	5.00	3.49
Holywell	0.48	3.30	5.00	3.50
Nannerch	0.87	3.30	5.00	3.53
Gwernymynydd	1.12	3.30	5.00	3.55
Buckley	2.20	3.30	5.00	3.56
Flint	2.61	3.30	5.00	3.58
Nercwys	2.62	3.30	5.00	3.57
Cilcain	2.78	3.30	5.00	3.59
Mold	2.79	3.30	5.00	3.58
Connahs Quay	2.80	3.30	5.00	3.58
Sealand	2.85	3.30	5.00	3.59
Llanfynydd	2.86	3.30	5.00	3.59
Whitford	3.01	3.30	5.00	3.60
Penyffordd	3.12	3.30	5.00	3.60
Shotton	3.23	3.30	5.00	3.60
Caerwys	3.43	3.30	5.00	3.61
Ysceifiog	4.52	3.30	5.00	3.63
Saltney	4.56	3.30	5.00	3.65
Broughton & Bretton	5.72	3.30	5.00	3.68
Halkyn	5.76	3.30	5.00	3.67
Hawarden	6.00	3.30	5.00	3.68
Hope	8.79	3.30	5.00	3.68
Bagillt	11.26	3.30	5.00	3.76
Brynford	13.45	3.30	5.00	3.90
Argoed	15.92	3.30	5.00	3.84
Higher Kinnerton	65.88	3.30	5.00	4.54

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2009-10 Council Tax Charges

% Amounts in Town / Community Council order

Community Councils	BAND D			
	Community %	Flintshire %	Police %	Total %
Argoed	15.92	3.30	5.00	3.84
Bagillt	11.26	3.30	5.00	3.76
Broughton & Bretton	5.72	3.30	5.00	3.68
Brynford	13.45	3.30	5.00	3.90
Buckley	2.20	3.30	5.00	3.56
Caerwys	3.43	3.30	5.00	3.61
Cilcain	2.78	3.30	5.00	3.59
Connahs Quay	2.80	3.30	5.00	3.58
Flint	2.61	3.30	5.00	3.58
Gwernaffield	-6.96	3.30	5.00	3.46
Gwernymynydd	1.12	3.30	5.00	3.55
Halkyn	5.76	3.30	5.00	3.67
Hawarden	6.00	3.30	5.00	3.68
Higher Kinnerton	65.88	3.30	5.00	4.54
Holywell	0.48	3.30	5.00	3.50
Hope	8.79	3.30	5.00	3.68
Leeswood	-1.27	3.30	5.00	3.42
Llanasa	0.10	3.30	5.00	3.51
Llanfynydd	2.86	3.30	5.00	3.59
Mold	2.79	3.30	5.00	3.58
Mostyn	-0.15	3.30	5.00	3.49
Nannerch	0.87	3.30	5.00	3.53
Nercwys	2.62	3.30	5.00	3.57
Northop	0.00	3.30	5.00	3.57
Northop Hall	-0.88	3.30	5.00	3.50
Penyffordd	3.12	3.30	5.00	3.60
Queensferry	0.32	3.30	5.00	3.49
Saltney	4.56	3.30	5.00	3.65
Sealand	2.85	3.30	5.00	3.59
Shotton	3.23	3.30	5.00	3.60
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	-3.20	3.30	5.00	3.38
Treuddyn	-38.94	3.30	5.00	2.41
Whitford	3.01	3.30	5.00	3.60
Ysceifiog	4.52	3.30	5.00	3.63

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

REPORT TO: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE : **03 MARCH 2009**
REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
SUBJECT : **COUNTY COUNCIL DIARY OF MEETINGS 2009/10**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To consider the diary of meetings for 2009/10 as set out in the attached schedule which was recommended by Executive on 17 February 2009 for approval by County Council.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The schedule is based on the current ten week cycle of meetings.
- 2.02 The current practice of having Planning Site Inspection meetings on the Monday prior to a Planning and Development Control Committee is recognised and these meetings are reserved in the Diary.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Head of Finance, the Head of Overview and Scrutiny and the Performance Unit have been consulted and their comments incorporated.
- 3.02 The current Diary is based on existing Overview & Scrutiny Committee names and functions. However, due to the changes to Council Management Structures, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee structure is to be reviewed and noted by the Constitution Committee.
- 3.03 Any amendments to the Diary will be circulated at the appropriate time.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 None.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 N/A

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 N/A

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 N/A

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 N/A

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance, Head of Overview and Scrutiny and the Performance Unit.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Diary of Meetings 2009/10

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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DIARY 2009/10

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DAY / DATE</u>	<u>10.00AM</u>	<u>2.00PM</u>
9	1 June 09 (Mon)	Social & Health OSC	
	2 June 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	3 June 09 (Wed)		FCCTCC (1.30pm)
	4 June 09 (Thurs)	Clwyd Pension Fund European Election	Clwyd Pension Fund European Elections
10	8 June 09 (Mon)	Corporate Management OSC	
	9 June 09 (Tues)		County Council
	10 June 09 (Wed)		
	11 June 09 (Thurs)		SACRE
1	15 June 09 (Mon)		Standards (6pm)
	16 June 09 (Tues)	Licensing Committee	
	17 June 09 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	18 June 09 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	
2	22 June 09 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	23 June 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	24 June 09 (Wed)		Planning & Development Control
	25 June 09 (Thurs)	Audit (Statement of Accounts)	OSC (LL)
3	29 June 09 (Mon)		County Council (Special) (Statement of Accounts)
	30 June 09 (Tues)		
	1 July 09 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	Children's Services Forum (4.30pm)
	2 July 09 (Thurs)		

4	6 July 09 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	
	7 July 09 (Tues)	Constitution Committee	
	8 July 09 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	9 July 09 (Thurs)		
5	13 July 09 (Mon)	Licensing Sub-Committee	Standards (6pm)
	14 July 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	Reserved Slot
	15 July 09 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	16 July 09 (Thurs)	Co-ordinating Committee	
6	20 July 09 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	21 July 09 (Tues)		
	22 July 09 (Wed)	Planning & Development Control	
	23 July 09 (Thurs)		
7	27 July 09 (Mon)		JCC
	28 July 09 (Tues)		
	29 July 09 (Wed)		
	30 July 09 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	OSC (LL)
	4 August 09 (Tues) 28 August 09 (Fri)	AUGUST RECESS Executive (9.30am) Planning SISC	
8	31 August 09 (Mon)	BANK HOLIDAY	
	1 September 09 (Tues)		
	2 September 09 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	Planning & Development Control Committee
	3 September 09 (Thurs)	Licensing Sub-Committee	

9	7 September 09 (Mon)		
	8 September 09 (Tues)	Licensing Committee	
	9 September 09 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	10 September 09 (Thurs)		
10	14 September 09 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	Standards (6pm)
	15 September 09 (Tues)		County Council
	16 September 09 (Wed)	Executive (9.30am)	
	17 September 09 (Thurs)		
1	21 September 09 (Mon)		
	22 September 09 (Tues)		
	23 September 09 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	24 September 09 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	
2	28 September 09 (Mon)	Audit (Statement of Accounts)	
	29 September 09 (Tues)		
	30 September 09 (Wed)		County Council (Special) (Statement of Accounts)
	1 October 09 (Thurs)		OSC (LL)
3	5 October 09 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	6 October 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	7 October 09 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	Planning & Development Control
	8 October 09 (Thurs)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
4	12 October 09 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	Standards (6pm)
	13 October 09 (Tues)		
	14 October 09 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	

	15 October 09 (Thurs)		
5	19 October 09 (Mon)		
	20 October 09 (Tues)	Constitution Committee	Reserved Slot
	21 October 09 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	Children's Services Forum (4.30pm)
	22 October 09 (Thurs)	Co-ordinating Committee	
6	26 October 09 (Mon)		
	27 October 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	County Council (Special) (Annual Performance Report)
	28 October 09 (Wed)		
	29 October 09 (Thurs)		
7	2 November 09 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	3 November 09 (Tues)		SACRE
	4 November 09 (Wed)		Planning & Development Control
	5 November 09 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	OSC (LL)
8	9 November 09 (Mon)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
	10 November 09 (Tues)		
	11 November 09 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	FCCTCC
	12 November 09 (Thurs)		
9	16 November 09 (Mon)	Licensing Committee	JCC Standards (6pm)
	17 November 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	18 November 09 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	19 November 09 (Thurs)		
10	23 November 09 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	
	24 November 09 (Tues)		County Council

	25 November 09 (Wed)		
	26 November 09 (Thurs)		
1	30 November 09 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	1 December 09 (Tues)		
	2 December 09 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	Planning & Development Control Committee
	3 December 09 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	
2	7 December 09 (Mon)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
	8 December 09 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	9 December 09 (Wed)		
	10 December 09 (Thurs)		OSC (LL)
3	14 December 09 (Mon)	OSC (C&H)	Standards (6pm)
	15 December 09 (Tues)		
	16 December 09 (Wed)	Audit (Relationship Manager's Letter)	County Council (Special) (Relationship Manager's Letter)
	17 December 09 (Thurs)		
		CHRISTMAS RECESS	
4	4 January 10 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	
	5 January 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	6 January 10 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	7 January 10 (Thurs)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
5	11 January 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	Standards (6pm)
	12 January 10 (Tues)		Reserved Slot

	13 January 10 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	Planning & Development Control
	14 January 10 (Thurs)	Co-ordinating Committee	
6	18 January 10 (Mon)		
	19 January 10 (Tues)	Executive (Provisional – Budget)	
	20 January 10 (Wed)		
	21 January 10 (Thurs)		
7	25 January 10 (Mon)		Children's Services Forum (4.30pm)
	26 January 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	OSC (Budget Meeting)
	27 January 10 (Wed)	Constitution Committee	OSC (Budget Meeting)
	28 January 10 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	OSC (LL)
8	1 February 10 (Mon)	OSC (Budget Meeting)	OSC (Budget Meeting)
	2 February 10 (Tues)		
	3 February 10 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	
	4 February 10 (Thurs)		
9	8 February 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	JCC Standards (6pm)
	9 February 10 (Tues)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
	10 February 10 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	Planning and Development Control
	11 February 10 (Thurs)		
10	15 February 10 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	
	16 February 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	17 February 10 (Wed)		County Council
	18 February 10 (Thurs)		
	22 February 10 (Mon)		

1	23 February 10 (Tues)		
	24 February 10 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	25 February 10 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	
2	1 March 10 (Mon)		
	2 March 10 (Tues)		County Council (Special) (Budget)
	3 March 10 (Wed)	Audit	
	4 March 10 (Thurs)		OSC (LL)
3	8 March 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	9 March 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	10 March 10 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	Planning and Development Control
	11 March 10 (Thurs)	Licensing Committee	FCCTCC (1.30pm)
4	15 March 10 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	Standards (6pm)
	16 March 10 (Tues)		
	17 March 10 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	18 March 10 (Thurs)		SACRE
5	22 March 10 (Mon)	Licensing Sub- Committee	
	23 March 10 (Tues)		Reserved Slot
	24 March 10 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	25 March 10 (Thurs)	Co-ordinating Committee	
6	29 March 10 (Mon)		
	30 March 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	31 March 10 (Wed)		
	1 April 10 (Thurs)	Planning SISC	
	2 April 10 (Fri)	GOOD FRIDAY	

7	5 April 10 (Mon)	EASTER MONDAY	
	6 April 10 (Tues)		
	7 April 10 (Wed)		Planning and Development Control
	8 April 10 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	OSC (LL)
8	12 April 10 (Mon)		Standards (6pm)
	13 April 10 (Tues)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
	14 April 10 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	
	15 April 10 (Thurs)		
9	19 April 10 (Mon)		
	20 April 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	
	21 April 10 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	22 April 10 (Thurs)		
10	26 April 10 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	Constitution Committee
	27 April 10 (Tues)		County Council
	28 April 10 (Wed)		Children's Services Forum (4.30am)
	29 April 10 (Thurs)		
1	3 May 10 (Mon)	BANK HOLIDAY	
	4 May 10 (Tues)	Licensing Sub-Committee	
	5 May 10 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	
	6 May 10 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	
2	10 May 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	JCC Standards (6pm)
	11 May 10 (Tues)	County Council – Annual Meeting (11am)	
	12 May 10 (Wed)	Executive (9.30am)	Planning and Development Control

	13 May 10 (Thurs)	Licensing Sub-Committee	OSC (LL)
	17 May 10 (Mon)		
3	18 May 10 (Tues)		
	19 May 10 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	
	20 May 10 (Thurs)		
4	24 May 10 (Mon)	OSC (CM)	
	25 May 10 (Tues)		
	26 May 10 (Wed)	OSC (S&H)	
	27 May 10 (Thurs)		
5	31 May 10 (Mon)	BANK HOLIDAY	
	1 June 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	Reserved Slot
	2 June 10 (Wed)	OSC (E&R)	Licensing Sub-Committee
	3 June 10 (Thurs)	Co-ordinating Committee	
6	7 June 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	8 June 10 (Tues)		
	9 June 10 (Wed)		Planning and Development Control
	10 June 10 (Thurs)		
7	14 June 10 (Mon)		Standards (6pm)
	15 June 10 (Tues)	Licensing Committee	
	16 June 10 (Wed)		SACRE
	17 June 10 (Thurs)	OSC (P&P)	OSC (LL)
8	21 June 10 (Mon)		
	22 June 10 (Tues)	Executive (9.30am)	

	23 June 10 (Wed)	OSC (C&H)	FCCTCC
	24 June 10 (Thurs)		
	28 June 10 (Mon)	Audit (Statement of Accounts)	
	30 June 10 (Wed)		Special County Council (Statement of Accounts)
	1 July 10 (Thurs)	OSC (S&H)	
10	5 July 10 (Mon)	Planning SISC	
	6 July 10 (Tues)		
	7 July 10 (Wed)	OSC (CM)	Planning and Development Control
	8 July 10 (Thurs)	Licensing Sub-Committee	