

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2010**

Minutes of the special meeting of Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

**PRESENT: Councillor C. Legg (Chairman)**  
**Councillor W.O. Thomas (Vice-Chairman)**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: J.C. Cattermoul, E.G. Cooke, F. Gillmore, N. Humphreys, R.B. Jones, M.A. Reece, D.T. Williams, D.E. Wisinger and M.G. Wright

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Director of Lifelong Learning, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance, Head of Planning and Head of Planning Policy.

**156. PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened with Prayers said by Councillor R.C. Bithell.

**157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

For items on the Agenda in relation to the "North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project" Councillor A. Woolley declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a Director of Zero Waste Alliance UK. Councillors N.M. Matthews and N. Phillips declared a similar interest for the same items as Members of the Joint Committee of the North Wales Regional Waste Partnership.

**158. RESPONSES TO UDP PROCESS MODIFICATIONS REPRESENTATIONS AND ADOPTION PROCESS**

The Head of Planning Policy presented a report on the outcome of the consultation exercise carried out late in 2009 on the Proposed Modifications to the Emerging Flintshire Unitary Development Plan (EFUDP). The report detailed the recommended responses to all of the representations made and sought Members' approval for those responses. It also sought, as a

consequence of agreeing the responses to the representations, agreement to proceed and adopt the EFUDP.

The Head of Planning Policy provided background information on the UDP process. He reported that a detailed report concerning each individual Inspector's recommendation was considered by the Executive and Council at a special meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, where it was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Inspector and publish the proposed modifications for consultation. The consultation took place between September and November, 2009 and it was made clear at that stage that in considering representations a particular focus for the Council would be to assess whether any new issues or evidence had been raised, which had not been considered before. Since November, 2009 officers had been summarising and considering the final representations made.

The details of each objection and the recommended responses were shown in the appendices to the report. The Council received 653 individual representations to the proposed modification. Having carefully assessed the objections submitted which in the main related to housing site specific matters, he advised that the vast majority were repeat matters already raised and heard during the UDP inquiry. The Head of Planning Policy outlined the implications to the Council in not adopting the UDP and explained that the Council could not submit an application to the Welsh Assembly Government for approval to commence the LDP process until the UDP had been adopted.

Councillor C.J. Dolphin asked if it was possible to request the deletion of some of the modifications and adopt the remaining UDP. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised Members of the options available to them, which were, to adopt the UDP in full or to approve the UDP in principle subject to further consideration of some of the modifications. He explained that Members would need to provide exceptional planning reasons to the Head of Planning Policy on why they wished to object to a specific modification.

Councillor Attridge said that the Executive had considered this report earlier in the day and asked the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advise Members of the decision taken. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised Members that the Executive had resolved that the following recommendation be submitted to County Council for approval:

- (1) that the recommended responses to the Proposed Modification representations contained within appendices 1 – 14 previously circulated be agreed
- (2) that public notice of the Council's intention to adopt the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan as soon as possible following the meeting be given
- (3) that officers be given delegated authority to publish a notice of adoption of the UDP after 28 days from publishing the notice referred to in (2) above

- (4) that officers be given delegated authority to prepare the final version of the Plan for publication, including the need to address any final minor errors or matters of consistency that may come to light following the meeting

Councillor L.A. Aldridge thanked the Head of Legal and Democratic Services for his guidance and for outlining the options available to Members. He said that clear advice had been given that there was a potential for Members to debate the modifications further in order for the members of the public's objections to be heard. The Head of Planning Policy advised that new evidence and exceptional planning reasons would need to be provided as objections to the modifications.

Councillor K. Armstrong-Braun asked if some of the modifications within the UDP were removed how this would affect the waste framework directive. The Head of Planning Policy explained that if a modification was removed alternative provisions for that site would need to be considered. He advised that this was an extensive project which did not only encompass planning legislation but also waste policies.

Councillor C. Thomas said that new planning evidence would make significant changes. She asked whether the Countryside Council for Wales would be consulted on any development which could affect the wildlife at the site. The Head of Planning Policy explained that there were no specific proposals for the sites identified within the UDP as these would be considered during the planning application stage. He also advised that the Planning Department were pro-active in encouraging developers to discuss their applications at the pre-application stage as part of the normal process.

Councillor L.A. Sharps, Executive Member for Environment, Regeneration and Tourism explained that he had recommended approval of the UDP during the Executive meeting earlier in the day in order for the Council to move forward in adopting the LDP. Following the Executive meeting further information had been brought forward and therefore he proposed that the Council approves the UDP in principle, subject to further consideration of the following areas:-

- Broughton Compound Site – MOD 11/45
- Ash Lane, Mancot – MOD 11/67
- Overlea Drive, Hawarden – MOD 11/55
- HSG1 (41) West of Abermorddu School, Abermorddu – MOD 11/59
- HSG1 (53) Former Sewage Works, Sychdyn – MOD 11/74

This proposal was seconded by Councillor A. Woolley, Leader of the Council.

Councillor P.G. Heesom praised the work of the officers, in particular the Head of Planning Policy. He also asked for the following to be included within the proposal outlined by Councillor L.A. Sharps:-

- HSG1 (25) – South of Retail Park, Broughton – MOD 11/20 & 11/44 capped at 25 houses per hectare
- The re-designation of L318
- The re-designation of S11
- That the Council understood that the 30 per hectare density added by the Inspector was a policy guideline which would be subject to detailed consideration as part of the development control process

Councillor C. Carver spoke in support of further consideration of Overlea Drive, Hawarden and reported that there had been nearly the same amount of objections to this modification as was received when it had been considered previously by the County Council. He also reported that during the 2004 planning appeal for this land the Highway's Officer had given robust evidence regarding road difficulties within the Upperdale area, in particular, the widths of the residential roads between the A550 and the site. He raised concern regarding drainage as Welsh Water had previously objected to the modification because of the number of reported instances of sewerage flooding at or near the development site. He concluded that the residents of Upperdale, Hawarden did not want this site development and he wanted their voices to be heard and would like to see this modification deleted from the proposals.

Councillor A.P. Shotton supported the proposals of Councillor L.A. Sharps and outlined his concern that the Executive had approved the adoption of the UDP earlier in the day. He said that he had the utmost respect for the officers within the planning policy team but referred to the modification of Ash Lane, Mancot and raised concern that the residents had not been given the opportunity to object to the modification at a public enquiry. He raised concern that the Council was unsure whether the site at Mancot was grade 3 agricultural land and said that it was the Council's duty to find this information out. He concluded that there was concern regarding the growth of Mancot and information had been incorrect when provided to the Inspector. Taking this into account would show a growth rate of 29.6% in Mancot and not 15% as stated within the report. He said that it was disappointing that the Council had addressed this by including the settlement of Hawarden in terms of overall growth rate.

Councillor S. Jones, spoke on behalf of the residents of Abermorddu and raised concern that the site west of Abermorddu School had been included within the UDP at a very late stage and therefore the local residents had not been informed of the changes. She raised concern that the Inspector had only visited the site once and outlined the concerns of the residents which included current problems with the drainage facilities which would only get worse. She also explained that the piece of land proposed for development was prone to flooding and there was an abundance of wildlife which she felt should be preserved. In conclusion, she asked how many sites were deleted from the UDP during the appeals process. Councillor H. Isherwood supported these comments and said that she had worked together with Councillor S. Jones in order to put forward the objections of the local residents.

The Head of Planning Policy responding said that approximately 4000 pieces of land had been deleted from the UDP which may need to be considered as alternative sites following the consultation on the modifications outlined within Councillor Sharp's proposal.

Councillor H. McGuill referred to Rose Lane, Mynydd Isa and reported that the Inspector had not visited this site. She raised concern on the nature and extent of waste in the former tip and the health implications to residents in sealing the waste or treating/removing it. She also raised concern on the recent flooding of four properties adjacent to the site and the increase in the frequency of flooding events. She supported the proposals of Councillor L.A. Sharps and requested that officers consider this site again in more detail.

Councillor M.J. Peers thanked the Head of Planning Policy for advice he had received following publication of the report. He referred to representations he had made on a site in Drury and explained that these had not been objections as stated in the Inspector's report and asked for the word objection to be removed. He had requested a review of the housing allocation as he was concerned about the growth rate of 36%. He explained that he had been advised by the Head of Planning Policy that in the case of housing there were limitations imposed by planning policy HSG3 but sought assurance that there would not be a growth rate of 36% at the site in Dury, Buckley.

The Head of Planning Policy explained that representations received on the UDP were classified as an objection or comment and said that this could be amended. He said that he would speak to Councillor Peer's regarding the growth rate of 36% following the meeting.

Councillor M. Bateman raised concerns regarding the site at Connah's Quay Road, Northop which she felt was not a clear site. She also raised concern regarding the site at the former sewerage works, Sychdyn and outlined the archaeological importance of this site and also felt that the density should be capped at 25 dwellings per hectare. She concluded that the Sychdyn Village Action Group were considering requesting a judicial review as an option.

Councillor W. Mullin welcomed Councillor L.A. Sharp's proposals and referred specifically to the compound site, Broughton where he said there were concerns around the current traffic congestion and the designation for housing which would exceed the indicative growth band.

Councillor G. Diskin spoke on behalf of the resident of Ash Lane, Mancot. She reported that during a public meeting many residents had raised concerns on the modification outlined within the report due to the lack of facilities and services, the increase in population and the loss of agricultural land. She referred to Councillor Shotton's comments regarding the growth rate which she also felt was unacceptable. In conclusion she raised concern over the mine shafts and referred to an incident where a mine shaft had opened on a resident's driveway and said that the land was not suitable for

housing development and support the proposal to further debate this modification.

Councillor K. Armstrong-Braun outlined his objections to the proposal from Councillor L.A. Sharps and raised concern that the report had been supported at Executive earlier in the day. He also raised concern that if the Council did not adopt the UDP this could be called in by WAG who could impose the UDP on the Council. He said that there was no new evidence being put forward, therefore the UDP had to be supported.

The Chief Executive reported that he would be updating WAG on the outcome of the Council's deliberations. He suggested that Members provide full and detailed representations in relation to these sites as policies for consideration by the Planning Department by the end of March, 2010, with a view to the UDP being reconsidered by the Council by the end of May, 2010.

### **RESOLVED**

- (a) That the UDP be approved in principle, subject to further consideration being given to the following:-
- Broughton Compound Site – MOD 11/45
  - Ash Lane, Mancot – MOD 11/63
  - Overlea Drive, Hawarden – MOD 11/55
  - HSG1 (41a) West of Wrexham Road, Abermorddu – MOD 11/60
  - HSG1 (53) Former Sewage Works, Sychdyn – MOD 11/74
  - Rose Lane, Mynydd Isa – MOD 11/67
  - HSG1 (25) South of Retail Park, Broughton – MOD 11/20 & 11/44 capped at 25 houses per hectare
  - HSG1 (49) – Connah's Quay Road, Northop – MOD 11/70
  - The re-designation of L3(18)
  - The re-designation of S11
- (b) Council understood that the 30 per hectare density added by the Inspector was a policy guideline which would be subject to detailed consideration as part of the development control process.
- (c) That Members provide full and detailed representations in relation to these sites as policies for consideration by the Planning Department by the end of March, 2010, with a view to the UDP being reconsidered by the Council by the end of May, 2010.

### **159. NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT – OPTIONS APPRAISAL FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Prior to consideration of this item, the Chief Executive introduced Stephen Penny, the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP) Project Director, Steffan Owen, the NWRWTP Project Manager, Jonathan Bebb from Entec and Saefar Rehnan from Grant Thornton.

Councillor N. Matthews as Executive Member for Waste Management and Strategy explained that the three North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project reports should be considered together. She explained the purpose and content of the reports and that the project dealt with residual waste, which was what was left after recycling.

The NWRWTP Project Director provided a presentation on the Residual Waste Treatment Options Appraisal and Outline Business Case (OBC). The presentation covered:-

- Introduction and Context
- FCC “stand alone” Options Appraisal
- WAG Targets
- OBC Reference Project Identification
- Comparison between options
- Financial aspects – Costs of the Reference Project and the Do Nothing
- Sensitivities and Affordability Envelope
- Conclusion
- Inter Authority Agreement

The Chief Executive highlighted the recommendations outlined within the reports for agenda items number 4, 5 and 6 and reported that the recommendations had been approved by the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 and Executive on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

Councillor K. Armstrong-Braun proposed acceptance of the recommendations outlined within the reports for agenda items number 4, 5 and 6.

Councillor A. P. Shotton raised concern on behalf of the Labour Members on the reference site outlined within the report. He said that for many years a solution had been sought to move away from landfill which he fully supported to ensure that the Council would not be at risk of infraction charges. He reported that various technologies had previously been considered with the past Executive Member to avoid incineration. He said that within the report Deeside Industrial Estate had been included as the reference site and questioned to what extent the partnerships authorities would be looking for a site within their Counties. He said that if a decision was taken to incinerate waste at Deeside he would campaign against it. These comments were supported by Councillor J.B. Attridge who raised concerns over the environmental tests which would show a large amount of emissions from a cluster of industries at Deeside.

Councillor R.C. Bithell referred to the report which outlined the effect of carbon emissions and felt that this would be increased if the partner authorities were bringing their waste to the eastern most part of Flintshire and asked whether this was acceptable. He felt that a central site should be found

which would be used by all partner authorities and supported the concerns of Councillor A.P. Shotton on incineration.

Councillor R.P. MacFarlane asked where the separation of food waste sat within the project. The Chief Executive explained that food waste and residual waste were two separate funding streams and further discussions on how to treat food waste were being held with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). He advised that no single technology was being promoted; there was a need to test the market. He assured Members that partner authorities were making serious attempts to identify sites within their Counties to enable there to be two sites, one at the East and West of North Wales. With regard to the concerns on "incineration", he explained that technology had progressed but recognised the need for a further and fuller debate with Members at a later stage.

Councillor P. Pemberton felt that more should be done to address other waste streams, such as plastic packaging. The NWRWTP Project Director advised that WAG would be producing legislation to deal with plastic bags. Jonathan Bebb from Entec reported that DEFRA would be bringing out a consultation document on how to change the nature of packaging.

Councillor M.J. Peers advised Members that the NWRWTP reports had been considered at a meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 where there had been a poor attendance of Members. He reported that the presentation and reports had been well received and the Committee had been satisfied with the recommendations outlined within the reports. He also advised Members that future reports at key stages of the project would be submitted to the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee for its consideration, therefore further concerns could be addressed at this time. Councillor P.G. Heesom supported these comments and said that a number of the concerns outlined at this meeting should have been raised during the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He urged Members to work together in moving this project forward.

Councillor C. Ellis said that she did not support incineration but did support the need to move away from landfill due to the effects they had on communities and felt that alternative measures needed to be considered.

Councillor K. Armstrong-Braun sought clarification on whether additional sites would be needed across North Wales. He also advised Members that mechanical heat treatment did not mean incineration and supported the recommendations in the report. The NWRWTP Project Director explained that the capacity across North Wales would need to suit the needs of the Partnership. The partner authorities were currently looking at additional sites in order for there to be two sites in North Wales.

Councillor A.P. Shotton proposed an additional recommendation to the one outlined within the report that the Council raises concern with the Project



Board of the potential for incineration on Deeside Industrial Estate in order to give assurance to the residents of Deeside.

Councillor N. Matthews outlined her disappointment with the comments on “incineration”. She explained that the process had been open and transparent and that any development on the site in Deeside would be considered during the procurement exercise. She advised that all partner authorities were working on the best solution for all 5 Counties in North Wales and that Members would continue to be informed at every step of the process.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) Members confirmed support for the NWRWTP regional partnership as the option most likely to deliver best value for money for the Council in the future.
- (b) That the Council raises concerns with the Project Board of the potential for incineration on Deeside Industrial Estate.

**160. NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT – INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT**

The North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP) Project Director introduced a report to seek Members approval of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) between the five authorities collaborating in the NWRWTP.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council endorsed the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) and gave the Head of Legal and Democratic Services delegated powers to make amendments to the draft, in consultation with the Project Director and the Executive Member for Waste Management and Strategy.

**161. NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW OF THE OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

The North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP) Project Director introduced a report on the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (noting that the detailed OBC and appendices were Part 2 items included within this agenda).

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Council accepted the report as outlined.
- (b) That the Council approved moving to a preferred bidder stage of the procurement, approved the Final Business Case to WAG following completion of the procurement process and contract award.

- (c) That the Council noted the draft Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice.

**162. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

That to allow the consideration of a report which was considered to be exempt by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

**163. NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT – OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

The North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP) Project Director introduced a report on the Outline Business Case for the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project.

The NWRWTP Project Director provided details for Members on the costs for Flintshire County Council for the period April 2015 to March 2041 compared to the budget.

Councillor K. Armstrong-Braun sought clarification on the affordability analysis and asked why the cost of treatment would exceed current costs if landfill taxes would be much higher in future years. The NWRWTP Project Director explained that the affordability analysis showed that the Residual Project had a lower expected cost than the “Do Nothing” option for residual waste management over the life of the project.

Councillor S. Jones asked if Members could be provided with a breakdown of costs for each of the partner Authorities. The NWRWTP Project Director advised that these figures were included within the report and highlighted them to Members.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Council gave approval for the Partnership to proceed with the submission of the OBC to WAG on the basis of an annual Base Case Unitary charge of £650M, net of WAG funding, within a range of £607M to £802M, for the assumed contract period of April 2015 to March 2041 as set out in Section 6 of the OBC and Section 3.15 of the report. Furthermore the Council confirmed its commitment to meet its £174M share of the cost which was estimated to be in the rate of £163M to £215M over the proposed contract period.
- (b) That the Council endorses the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, to send an appropriate letter(s) to WAG supporting the OBC, with other partner authorities to support the

application for funding and to achieve the timetable detailed in the OBC.

- (c) That subject to approval of the OBC and funding provision, as contained within the OBC by WAG, the Council gave approval to the NWRWTP Joint Committee to commence procurement of the residual waste treatment services.
- (d) That Members receive further reports at key stages of the procurement process.

**164. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS: DRAFT PROPOSALS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES**

The Chief Executive introduced a report which provided an outline of the response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales on its draft proposals for the reform of the electoral arrangements in Flintshire for consideration by Council.

The Chief Executive reported that together with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services he had consulted Group Leaders on a tactical position for accepting the draft proposals, challenging those proposals or making alternative proposals. He felt that he and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services had constructed a compelling argument to challenge the proposals of the Boundary Commission and outlined the supportive position of the Town and Community Councils.

Councillor P.G. Heesom thanked the Chief Executive, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, other Group Leaders and Town and Community Councils for their involvement in challenging the proposals of the Boundary Commission.

Councillor R.C. Bithell spoke in support of the report and raised concern over the impact the proposals would have on Members and local communities. These comments were supported by a number of Members who outlined similar concerns on the effect large multi Member wards would have on local communities.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council adopt the tactical position as set out within the report and invite the Commissioners to meet with the Council to explore and challenge their proposals.

**165. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

The Democracy and Governance Manager introduced the report, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the determinations and recommendations contained in the annual report of the Independent

Remuneration Panel for Wales and to approve consequent amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 2010/11.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 the Council received a copy of the Panel's annual report containing its determinations and recommendations for 2010/11. Copies of the report had been sent to the Leader of the Council, Group Leaders and placed in the Members' Library. The Democracy and Governance Manager advised that the Panel had determined that from April, 2010 Vice Chairs would not normally be eligible for a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) and neither would some other posts currently receiving such an allowance. The report detailed the new framework the panel had determined from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2011.

He explained that co-opted members of the Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not currently receive the co-optees allowance and asked Members to consider whether they should be paid for this current financial year. Councillor R.P. Macfarlane, as the Chair of the Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposed that it be paid as he felt they were essential to the work of the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Councillor A.P. Shotton.

Councillor A. Woolley, as Leader of the Council spoke in support of Councillor MacFarlane's proposal. He also proposed that recommendations in paragraphs 4.01 and 4.02 relating to rates of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances for 2010/11 be deferred. He outlined the important role Vice Chairs play on each of the Committees and proposed that applications be made to the Panel for approval to pay special responsibility allowances for all posts in the Council's current scheme of allowances falling outside the new framework.

Councillor L.A. Aldridge felt that the Leader should ensure that a debate took place with Group Leaders regarding the determination of the remuneration panel to stop Vice Chairs and other posts from receiving a special responsibility allowance. He suggested that the Council write to the Welsh Assembly Government asking them to legislate Members allowances for Members in Wales as he felt that it was inappropriate for Members to decide their own allowances. Councillor A. Woolley said that he was willing to absorb this additional point within his proposition.

### **RESOLVED**

- (a) That recommendations 4.01 and 4.02 as outlined within the report be deferred to a future meeting of the County Council.
- (b) Following consideration by Group Leaders, the Council make an application to the Panel for approval to pay special responsibility allowances for all posts in the Council's current scheme of allowances falling outside the framework determined by the Panel.

- (c) That co-opted Members of the Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the co-optees allowance back dated to 12 May, 2009.
- (d) That the Council write to the Welsh Assembly Government requesting they legislate the amount of Member allowances for all Members in Wales.

**166. DIARY OF MEETINGS 2010/11**

The Chief Executive introduced the report, the purpose of which was for Members to consider a revised frequency of Flintshire County Council meetings for 2010/11.

Councillor E.F. Evans highlighted that a planning site visit should be included in the diary for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 to coincide with the Planning and Development Control Committee scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. Councillor H.G. Roberts reiterated his concerns raised during a previous Council meeting that a Planning and Development Control meeting was scheduled in the diary of meetings for 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. He suggested that this meeting be moved forward a week to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 with the planning site visits being held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. Members agreed with this suggestion.

**RESOLVED**

That the Diary of Meeting for 2010/11 be approved, subject to the amendments listed above.

**167. DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and ended at 5.40 p.m.

**168. ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were forty two members of the public and three members of the press present.

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**Chairman**

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

<b>FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2010</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b>
Councillor A. Woolley	North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project	159, 160, 161 and 163
Councillor N.M. Matthews	North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project	159, 160, 161 and 163
Councillor N. Phillips	North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project	159, 160, 161 and 163