

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW (FLINTSHIRE FUTURES) AND THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2012-16

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and the timetable for further work with the new Council.

DECISION: As recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None directly associated with this report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None directly associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None directly associated with this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS None

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DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: 'SHARED PURPOSE - SHARED DELIVERY' -
WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON
INTEGRATING PLANS AND PARTNERSHIPS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Executive support the comments outlined in 3.11 - 3.12 and the basis for a consultation response to Welsh Government.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation with Local Service Board partners and the Strategic Partnerships has been undertaken.

An overview of the consultation was presented to the Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny on the 5th March 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2012- 2016

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Executive approves the local equality objectives for publication and the Strategic Equality Plan 2012-2016.

That Executive note the requirements of the specific duties of the Equality Act 2010.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: All public bodies are required to engage and involve people from the protected groups in the development of the equality objectives and SEP.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: A regional consultation event has been facilitated with public bodies across North Wales to develop a more co-ordinated and efficient way of engaging and consulting with stakeholders.

In addition involvement activities have been undertaken with local stakeholders and with services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are financial implications for rolling out a training programme to ensure employees have the skills and knowledge

for the Council to meet its statutory duties. A budget for equalities training is held by the Corporate Training Manager and the costs of associated training will be met from this budget. It is difficult to assess the cost of implementing the plan. The costs (if any) of any initiatives undertaken or proposed by Directorates will be expected to be met from existing resources.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
FLINTSHIRE 2012-2015**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Executive is requested to note the progress made in the drafting and production of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for Flintshire.

Executive is requested to consider the approval of the draft strategic plan pending feedback from the Department of Education and Skills (DfES).

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders via the representatives on the Welsh in Education Forum.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: From April 2012, a three-year augmented Welsh in Education Grant (WEG) incorporating the former grant administered by the Welsh Language Board to support the Athrawon Bro Service will be established to support the objectives of the planned WESPs. This will be administered by DfES and will be separate from the School Effectiveness

Grant.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2011/12

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Executive consider the 2011/12 Quarter 3 Performance Reports and recommend any specific issues which may require management action and/or referral to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

To note the following within the performance reports: -

- the progress made against the Improvement Priorities of the Council by the individual services;
- the update of the Strategic Assessment of Risks and Challenges (SARC) contained within the performance reports;
- the progress made against the Improvement Target Action Plans contained within the performance reports;
- the progress made against the service plan; and
- the assessment of any regulatory reports with regard to the work of the service

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Overview & Scrutiny committees receive quarterly reports for all relevant indicators as part of their regular considerations.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

All Directorates have been consulted with regarding the reporting of relevant information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

All financial implications are identified within the individual performance reports.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE ARMED FORCES DAY AND THE
CREATION OF AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY
COVENANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: The Executive is recommended to:

- (i) note the Council's intention to submit a bid to host the 2013 event; and
- (ii) endorse the approach to create an Armed Forces Community Covenant

DECISION: Add 'Covenant' to 4.01 (ii) at end, otherwise as recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: As outlined within the report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None directly associated with this report. In the event of a successful bid to host the 2013 event, funding up to £10,000 can be applied for to assist with the organisation/publication of the event, direct from Welsh Government.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 (MONTH 9)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: The Executive is requested to:-

- a) Approve the carry forward of £0.133m for the DDA compliance works at Buckley Westwood C.P. School to the 2012/13 capital programme (Section 3.03.4).
- b) Approve the rephrasing adjustments as detailed in Section 3.04.
- c) Note and approve the report.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in sections 2 and 3 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor N. Phillips declared a personal interest in this item.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12 (MONTH 9)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are recommended to:-

- a) Note the overall report.
- b) Approve the carry forward requests included in the report (paragraphs 3.10 to 3.15).
- c) Note the Council Fund Contingency Sum available as at 31st March 2012. (Section 5).
- d) Approve the additional allocation of £0.200m to the Repair and Maintenance account within the HRA account (para 6.04).
- e) Note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account. (para 6.03)

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The financial implications are as set out in Sections 3.00 - 6.00 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Head of Human Resources and Organisational
Development

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INFORMATION REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members note Workforce Information Report for the third quarter 2011/12.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Already undertaken with Corporate Management Team and Equalities Unit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Increased accuracy of reporting of the employed workforce and agency workers will allow the Council to better understand and therefore both plan and manage the largest single cost of service delivery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 27 MARCH 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Head of ICT and Customer Services

SUBJECT: POLICY FOR THE APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS VENUES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS AND PROPOSED FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to agree and adopt the new policy for the approval of premises as venues for civil marriages and civil partnerships as set out in Appendix 1 with effect from 1 April, 2012.

Members are asked to agree and adopt the revised fees for non statutory services as set out in Appendix 2 with effect from 1 April, 2012.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None directly.

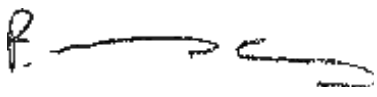
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The recommended revised fees will cover the actual cost of these services and is based on the rate of inflation over the past two years.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE NEW WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Executive :-

 Confirms that the review process has met the Terms of Reference stated in 2.06 of this report.

 Approves the Improvement Action Plan shown in Appendix 4 for the service resulting from the review.

 Considers a further report on the progress made against the Improvement Action Plan at its meeting in October 2012.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The service will continue to consult with stakeholders and residents regarding the service.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Extensive consultation was undertaken prior to the implementation of the new services and as part of the review process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Managed Weekly Collections service is anticipated to deliver a further £245k of

efficiencies in 2012/13. This is in addition to the £200k that was estimated for 2011/12.

The 2011/12 efficiency was not fully deliverable due to considerable one-off costs being incurred upon full roll-out in November. Additional labour and vehicle costs have been incurred to deliver the service and significant numbers of new recycling bins and sacks were requested by householders. However, it has been possible to offset all these costs against landfill savings from increased diversion to recycling and food waste.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **BUCKLEY PUBLIC REALM DESIGN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members note the contents of the two Buckley Public Realm reports and endorse their use, as part of and supporting the Masterplan, to assist with discussions with developers and to ensure that any new developments are integrated with the existing town centre and contribute to an improved public realm.

That delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, to make any changes as felt appropriate to the public realm reports.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The County Council, Buckley Town Council and Buckley Town Partnership, along with the general public, will be involved with the detailed development of specific public realm proposals.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Buckley Town Partnership members have attended two meetings with the design consultants, Environmental Associates. The second of these was a workshop style event, and representatives from Buckley Royal British Legion Branch attended too. Buckley Town Council

members not already on the Town Partnership were also invited to attend.

The findings of the questionnaire provided at the workshop were tabulated, and responses and comments were reported back to the steering group and the evolving development and design options amended in response to the general consensus of opinion expressed.

This work has been led by a cross discipline team of Flintshire County Council officers, enabling input throughout the work from regeneration, planning, design, highways and property professionals.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Clearly there are costs associated with these improvements. As outlined under 3.04 above, it is likely that S106 funding will be sought from any significant new developments in and around the town centre. Additional funding will also be allocated from the County Council's Town Action Plan funding, and recently approved ERDF funding for town centre streetscape improvements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: ESTYN INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Executive is asked to formally approve the post-inspection Action Plan.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The draft Action Plan has been consulted upon with school and service partner representatives.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Financial options and implications from specific projects will need to be considered as part of developing revenue and capital programmes for future years.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

REPORT OF: **Head of Housing**

SUBJECT: **DELIVERY OF HOUSING RENEWAL SERVICES - 6
MONTHLY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members note the update on the delivery of the Council's first Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

That Members support in principle the appointment of Street UK LTD and the proposal to provide £300K from the Housing Capital Programme during 12/13 so that they can provide this resource as loans.

That Members note the announcement of the Empty Homes Recyclable Loans Fund and the work that is ongoing to ensure the efficient delivery of this fund.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There will be a need to provide up to £300K to the loans administrator Street UK LTD from the Council Fund Capital Programme: Community Services (Private Sector Renewal and Improvements). However, it is the manner in which this money is distributed that will have changed and therefore this is not an

additional resource requirement. Fees in the region of £9K are also payable to Street UK Ltd during the first year of the contract. Fees can rise or fall depending upon the number of loans issued and this fee is based upon a forecast by each of the Council's involved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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REPORT OF:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting by virtue of paragraphs 14 and 16 (agenda item 24), paragraph 14 (agenda item 25) and paragraph 15 (agenda item 26) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

DECISION: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

REASON FOR DECISION: These were set out in the exempt information sheet that accompanied the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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various Scrutiny and Executive Committees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

In order to satisfy EU directives, the Welsh Government (WG) has established statutory landfill diversion targets, together with a mechanism for levying fines (on Councils) if the targets are not met, i.e. via Reg 13 of the Landfill Allowances Scheme (Wales) Regulations 2004. WG gave clear guidance to Councils that (in their view) the only feasible way of avoiding Landfill Diversion fines would be to separately collect and recycle food waste.

WG have committed to levels of financial support that amount to 15% of the gate fee costs. This support however is conditional upon Anaerobic Digestion (AD) being the chosen treatment technology. WG's financial incentive (in favour of AD) was taken in account when the final tenders were evaluated.

The solution cost of the Reserve Bidder (BiogenGreenfinch) is well within the 'Affordability Envelope' of £66 per tonne and significantly less than the cost of landfill. The BiogenGreenfinch Band A gate fee is £59.50 (Band 'A' being applied to the tonnage that the project is guaranteeing to supply). For tonnages above the guaranteed supply, BiogenGreenfinch apply a 'Band B' gate fee of £20 per tonne.

Table 1 below sets out a summary of the gate fee and transport costs tendered by both BiogenGreenfinch and TEG Environmental, starting with our current costs for the temporary contract we have with BiogenGreenfinch for treating our food waste at their facility in North Shropshire.

Treatment Solution	Gate Fee/t	Transport/t	Total/t
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BiogenGreenfinch	Current	40:00	17:50	57:50
	Interim (whilst facility being built)	65:00	Incl	65:00
	Band A (guaranteed tonnage of 5500 tonnes) [for FCC]	59:50	5:65	65:15
	Band B (tonnages above 5500 tonnes) [for FCC]	20:00	5:65	25:65
TEG Environmental	Current	40:00	17:50	57:50
	Interim (whilst facility being built)	55:86	Incl	55:86
	Final	48:22	5:65	53:87
Affordability Envelope		66:00	5:65	71:65

As shown in Table 1, the Council's current temporary contract is £40.00/t plus £17.50/t haulage. However, this is a rolling contract with no guarantee of price going forward. Over the next 15 years, there will be increasing demands placed on the need to recycle food waste, particularly that produced by the commercial sector (restaurants, hotels, etc) and hence the capacity of suitable facilities is likely to be scarce, thereby driving up treatment prices. Hence it is considered that the BiogenGreenfinch treatment price per tonne offers the Council value for money when considered over the 15 year term of the contract, as it will only change to reflect inflationary costs under an agreed indexation formula.

For Flintshire County Council, there is a difference of £62,040 pa, based on our

guarantee minimum tonnage of 5,500t pa, between the BiogenGreenfinch Band A charge and the TEG Environmental final charge. If Flintshire were to supply over the guaranteed tonnage, for example 6,500 tonnes, the BiogenGreenfinch Band B rate of £20 per tonne would be applied to 1000 tonnes so that the difference between TEG Environmental and BiogenGreenfinch costs in this scenario would amount to £33,820 pa.

Should Members approve the recommendations, the Partnership will talk to Biogengreenfinch about their proposed interim costs (ie following contract award and up to the new facility opening) with a view to reducing them.

The 15% WG Revenue support for the gate fee is guaranteed over the contract period of (15 years) at WG approval of the Final Business Case.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors N. Matthews and N. Phillips declared a personal interest in this item.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 25**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **AD WASTE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Resolutions set out in the Appendix A be approved and the Director of Environment following consultation with the Executive Member for Waste Management, be given delegated authority on behalf of the Council as sole shareholder to complete and sign the Resolutions and complete all other arrangements required in the liquidation process.

That the cost of administration of the liquidation of the company are met by the Council and funded from the reserve account held for Waste Disposal activity.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: AD Waste Directors.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Yes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The costs of administration of the liquidation are to be met by the Council, and will be funded from the reserve account for Waste Disposal activity.

The completion of the liquidation will enable the Council to complete balance sheet accounting for the specific Assets and Liabilities relating to the former AD Waste Ltd. The Council will also now be

able to plan for the rationalisation of revenue budgets for Waste Disposal activities to fit in with ongoing service operations.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **27 MARCH 2012** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 26**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITIES FIRST**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members:-

Note the overall governance structure shown in Appendix B.

Support the submission of a two Cluster bid which includes Flintshire's most vulnerable areas, identified in WIMD 2011 (Appendix C).

Approve in principle the indicative staff structure shown in Appendix E for a two Cluster programme.

DECISION: As recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Yes.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The consultation has been actively opened up to individuals, councillors, community and voluntary groups, CF staff and Partnership Boards, public and 3rd sector partners with local, strategic and regional interests. A variety of methods have been employed since July 2011, involving email, face to face, briefing notes, partners meetings and events, in addition to local Partnership Board activities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The CF programme is currently wholly WG funded and the investment in 2011/12 in Flintshire is likely to be about £800,000. While revised proposals will address the need for efficiencies, no

specific savings have been demanded. Nonetheless, it will be necessary to show in any future bid, partner commitment to programme bending, where resources are shared or pooled.

The Communities First bid will, within the constraints of the grant funding requirements, aim to retain the existing level of funding as far as possible, but will target resources more effectively for greater impact.

CF Flintshire programme expenditure between April 2009 - September 2012 amounts to £2.04m. The new phase offers potential for approximately a further £2m over 3.5 years if a full two cluster bid is successful.

As a potential Lead Delivery Body, Flintshire County Council needs to be aware that CF programme funding will in future be paid in arrears, not in advance. Payments under the Transitional arrangements will continue to be paid in advance under the existing grant conditions until 30th September 2012.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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