

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 23 January 2013**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	No declarations of interest were made.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
<b>A3</b>	Homelessness & Welfare Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the Committee notes the measures outlined in the report that are being implemented to help address the impact of the Welfare Reforms;</li> <li>(b) That Flintshire County Council establish either their own social lettings agency or employ the services of an established agency;</li> <li>(c) That Flintshire County Council enter into discussion with housing construction companies to push for more investment in affordable housing;</li> <li>(d) That Council owned housing be allocated on the basis of need and not means to pay; and</li> <li>(e) That the Homelessness and Welfare Reform Report be sent to all elected Members for comment.</li> </ul>
<b>A4</b>	Sustainability in Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That Members support the development of a Sustainability Strategy for Housing in line with appropriate standards and consultation with planning control and that Members note the success of energy efficiency schemes to date;</li> <li>(b) That Members note changes to energy efficiency funding, with the ending of the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) and the introduction of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and the Green Deal; and</li> <li>(c) That Members support the collection of water charges based upon the rationale presented.</li> </ul>

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<b>A5</b>	Private Sector Housing Renewal	a) That Members note the progress of the Housing Renewal Service over the last 8 months and that 6 monthly reports are submitted to this Committee; and  b) That Members support the proposal to remove the DFG regime for Council Tenants from 1 April 2013, excluding those that have moved from owner occupation in the previous 12 months.
<b>A6</b>	PDA and Capita Update	That the item be deferred.
<b>A7</b>	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme as submitted be approved with the following inclusions outlined below;  (a) That PDA and Capita Update be scheduled for the February meeting and removed from the March meeting;  (b) That six monthly reports be received from the Housing Renewal Service; and  (c) That Tracking be included in the April Meeting.