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To: Cllr Brian Dunn (Chairman)

CS/NG

Councillors: Ron Davies, Glenys Diskin,  
Chris Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, Robin Guest,  
Ron Hampson, Dennis Hutchinson, Brian Lloyd,  
Dave Mackie, Mike Reece, Tony Sharps,  
Paul Shotton, Ian Smith and Nigel Steele-Mortimer

5 March 2013

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Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **COMMUNITY PROFILE & PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held in the **DELYN COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2013** at **10.00 AM** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully

Democracy & Governance Manager

## **A G E N D A**

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS ON INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**
- 3 **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 4)  
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting.

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4 **NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

A presentation will be made by Dawn Docx, Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

5 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 5 - 8)

Report of Member Engagement Manager -

**COMMUNITY PROFILE AND PARTNERSHIPS  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
7 JANUARY 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Monday, 7 January 2013.

**PRESENT: Councillor B. Dunn (Chairman)**

Councillors: R. Davies, C.J. Dolphin, A.I. Dunbar, R.J.T. Guest, R.G. Hampson, H.D. Hutchinson, B. Lloyd, D.I. Mackie, M.A. Reece, W.P. Shotton, I.R. Smith and N.R. Steele-Mortimer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors R.C. Bithell, and C.A. Thomas

**CONTRIBUTORS:** Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive, (for minute No.34) Ms. Gina Edwards and Ms. Sue Monti, Senior Domestic Abuse Safety Advisers, (for minute No.35) Ms. Tanya Clancy and Captain Neil Turnbull, Military Civil Integration, and Executive Manager

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Member Engagement Manager and Committee Officer

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**33. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2012, were submitted.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**34. DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT**

The Chairman introduced Ms. Gina Edwards and Ms. Sue Monti, Senior Domestic Abuse Safety Advisers, and invited them to give a presentation on the work undertaken by the Domestic Abuse Safety Unit (DASU) in Flintshire.

Ms. Edwards and Ms. Monti gave a detailed presentation on the following main areas:

- Aims and Objectives of DASU

- Brief organisational history
- Domestic abuse – Changes
- Specialised and Structured Services provided by DASU in Flintshire
- Cost and Value for money
- Service User comments
- Future challenges

The Chairman thanked Ms. Edwards and Ms. Monti for an interesting and informative presentation and invited Members to raise questions.

During discussion Ms. Edwards and Ms. Monti responded to the concerns and queries put forward by Members around the support provided for victims attending court hearings, domestic abuse against male partners, and the issue of prevention. The Chief Executive commented on the positive partnership work undertaken between the Authority and the DASU. He also referred to the lead role taken by the Authority to address the cause of domestic abuse through work on prevention and with perpetrators.

**RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be received and Ms. Edwards and Ms. Monti be thanked for their attendance.

**35. COMMUNITY COVENANT**

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Ms Tanya Clancy and Captain Neil Turnbull, Military Civil Integration, HQ 160 (Wales) Brigade. He invited Ms. Clancy to provide a presentation on the Community Covenant for Wales.

Ms. Clancy gave a detailed presentation on the following areas:-

- The aim of the Community Covenant
- Making the Covenant count
- Who has signed
- Myth v Fact
- Service Leavers
- Community Covenant Grants

The Chair thanked Ms Clancy for an informative presentation.

The Chief Executive commented on the positive stance to adopt an Armed Forces Community Covenant between the Council, the Armed Forces in Flintshire and representatives from the Voluntary, Health and Education Sectors. He referred to a number of proposed measures to be included within the Covenant and invited Councillor A.P. Shotton, Leader of the Council, and champion of the Armed Forces Community Covenant, to provide further information.

Councillor A.P. Shotton referred to a Notice of Motion that had been submitted to County Council last year to seek support to hold an Armed Forces day in Flintshire. He commented on the opportunity that the Community Covenant presented to reaffirm the Authority's commitment to the Armed Forces and on the ongoing work to develop the draft agreement and submit for approval to Cabinet and County Council.

The observations made by Councillor D. Evans on the report and the draft Community Covenant were distributed to Members for information during the meeting.

Councillor R.J.T. Guest expressed the view that the Authority should be mindful of the needs of Flintshire and not be overly influenced by projects implemented in other Authorities. He commented on the need for effective communication with Armed Forces personnel. Councillors B. Dunn, N.R. Steele-Mortimer and W.P. Shotton endorsed these views.

Councillor Guest referred to the recommendations in the report and proposed recommendation (I) be amended so that the adoption of a Community Covenant for Flintshire be recommended in principle but not as appended. This was on the basis that further work needed to be done. The proposal was seconded by Councillor R.G. Hampson and became the resolution of the Committee.

The Chief Executive commented that a report on the Community Covenant was to be submitted to Cabinet on 22 January 2013 and to County Council on 29 January 2013. He was confident that the Group Leaders would be able to determine the details of Flintshire's Covenant.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the presentation be received and Ms Clancy and Captain Neil Turnbull be thanked for their contribution;
- (b) That the adoption of a Community Covenant for Flintshire be agreed in principle; and
- (c) That the signatories as proposed be agreed.

**36. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Member Engagement Manager introduced the Forward Work Programme of the Committee. He advised that Mr. W. Roddick, the new Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on 4 February 2013 and that the North Wales Fire Service had been invited to attend the meeting on 11 March 2013.

Members reviewed the current programme and agreed that the following items be considered at the meetings of the Committee on 22 April 2013 and 20 May 2013, respectively:

- Deeside College
- Glyndwr University

The Member Engagement Manager advised that an item on the Community Safety Partnership would be scheduled on the Forward Work Programme for future consideration by the Committee. He also advised that a designated Crime and Disorder meeting should be held once a year and that Welsh Government guidance was still awaited on scrutiny of designated persons.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Forward Work Programme be agreed subject to the above.

**37. DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 11.12 a.m.

**38. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE**

There were no members of the public or the press in attendance.

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**Chairman**

## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** **COMMUNITY PROFILE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** **11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

**REPORT BY:** **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

**SUBJECT:** **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.01** To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community Profile & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

### **2.00 BACKGROUND**

**2.01** Items feed into a Committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. Members can suggest topics for review by Overview & Scrutiny Committees, members of the public can suggest topics, items can be referred by the Cabinet for consultation purposes, or by County Council, or Directors. Other possible items are identified from the Executive Work Programme and the Strategic Assessment of Risks & Challenges.

**2.02** In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful or a 'test of significance' to be applied. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions as follows:

1. Will the review contribute to the Council's priorities and/or objectives?
2. Are there issues of weak or poor performance?
3. How, where and why were the issues identified?
4. Do local communities think the issues are important and is there any evidence of this? Is there evidence of public dissatisfaction?
5. Is there new Government guidance or legislation?
6. Have inspections been carried out?
7. Is this area already the subject of an ongoing review?

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

**3.01** Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work Programme of the Committees of which they are members. By reviewing and prioritising the forward work programme Members are able to ensure it is member-led and includes the right issues. A copy of the Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration which has been updated following the last meeting.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.01** That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme attached as Appendix 1 and approve/amend as necessary.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

N/A

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Forward Work Programme

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

None.

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**Community Profile & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee**  
**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

DATE	TOPIC	PURPOSE	RESPONSIBLE / CONTACT OFFICER
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2013 10.00	Police & Crime Commissioner Mr Winston Roddick.	Introduction and Information	Robert Robins
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 10.00	Flintshire Community Safety Partnership - update		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 10.00			
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 10.00			
Items to be scheduled	Deeside College Glyndwr University WLGA national overview LSB Outcome Agreement Local Partnership governance arrangements County Forum and the Charter		

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