

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LETTER FROM THE  
AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To advise Members of the Council's Improvement Assessment letter received from the Auditor General for Wales.

Members to note the letter and receive and agree the Council's response.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Senior officers have had input into this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The letter refers to the medium-term financial plan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                **20 NOVEMBER 2012**                **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**REPORT OF:**                        **Chief Executive, Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                            **FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      To approve the closedown and transfer of existing moribund and ineffective education trust funds to a newly established 'Flintshire Community Endowment Fund' to be managed and administered by the trustees of the Community Foundation in Wales, subject to the absolute agreement of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and subject to the Head of Finance in her Section 151 statutory officer role being satisfied that the investment strategy of the new Fund does not pose a significant risk to achieving a satisfactory return on funds and value for money.

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader determine the final working arrangements of the Panel and its supporting structure to discuss in partnership with the Community Foundation in Wales.

To receive a further report outlining the final arrangements of the 'Flintshire Community Endowment Fund' prior to any agreed launch.

**DECISION:**                              As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**              As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**              Ongoing consultation will be undertaken by the Strategic Advisory Group to inform the future strategic direction of the Fund.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Consultation has been undertaken with various officers and Corporate Management Team.

The Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this item at their meeting on 15 October and supported the initiative. Much of their in-depth scrutiny in relation to the governance arrangements has helped inform this report.

The Community Chest Members' Grants Panel was also provided with a verbal outline of the proposal at their meeting on 22 October. Member representation (numbers) on the Grants Panel was discussed; further consideration will be needed in this area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As set out in the report. In addition the following points are to be noted:

- when making investments there is a degree of risk involved
- decisions on how to manage investment risk will be transferred to the Foundation/Trustees with no option for the Council to resume control once transfer has taken place (despite performance reporting requirements included in the Fund Agreement).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Human Resources and Organisational  
Development**

**SUBJECT:**                        **PEOPLE STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Members note the progress report on delivery of the current People Strategy Action Plan for 2009–12.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None specifically arising from this report. A consultation exercise will be conducted with Members, Managers and Trade Unions on the proposed content of the next phase of the strategy at the appropriate time.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The financial/resourcing implications for each project are set out in the attached Action Plan.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Head of ICT and Customer Services

SUBJECT: NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SERVICE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to support the NPS and Flintshire's membership for a 5 year period subject to the conditions set out in 3.08.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: No.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Extensive consultation on the business case has been undertaken with professional networks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: It is difficult to identify the specific Flintshire efficiencies until the service is active. However the business case has identified a minimum level of savings for Local Government of £6 million per annum. The level of savings will obviously be influenced by buy in to the service and the resultant scale of procurement.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                        **PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT 2013/14**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members are requested to note the details of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement 2013/14 and the Council's response.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None directly as a result of this report.

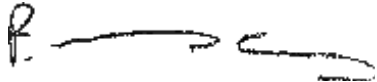
**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None directly as a result of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                        **COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2013-14**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet continue to set a 'nil' level of discount for properties falling within any of the Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) and for this to apply to the whole of the County area.

That the Tax Base of 60,254 chargeable Band 'D' equivalent properties (as shown in Appendix A) be approved for the financial year 2013-14.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The setting of the Council Tax Base will allow Members to determine Council Tax charges for the next financial as part of the Council's 2013-14 budget considerations.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Human Resources and Organisational  
Development**

**SUBJECT:**                        **MODERN TRAINEE SCHEME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That the content of this report is noted.

That Members continue to support the central funding of Flintshire Trainees.

That Members support the expansion of the variety of Apprenticeships on offer for 2012/2013 for the Council.

That Members support the exploration of the “shared apprenticeship” model.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

- Members
- Learning Providers
- Various Council Officers

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**


- Corporate Management Team
- Members

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        £245,000 central budget. Additional Trainees are also funded by Directorates and salary costs are borne out of Directorate’s budgets.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Human Resources and Organisational  
Development**

**SUBJECT:**                        **WORKFORCE INFORMATION QUARTER 2 - JULY -  
SEPTEMBER 2012**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members note Workforce Information Report for the second quarter 2012/13.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the 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:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

**SUBJECT:**                        **REVIEW OF INTERNAL MEMBER FORA**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    For the Cabinet to agree the recommendations made by the Constitution Committee in relation to the Member fora referred to in paragraphs 3.04 to 3.07.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            With Group Leaders.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        With Group Leaders.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        None as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Director of Community Services**

**SUBJECT:**                        **SARTH**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    To note the development of the project to date and the responses to the questions from the Member Workshop.

Agreement that Flintshire County Council continues working with Partners on the SARTH Project and agrees to contribute to the development costs, subject to budget approval.

That the Head of Housing, following consultation with the portfolio holder, be given delegated authority to conduct a full public consultation on the Joint Register and Common Allocations Policy.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**        As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**        Full public consultation required in 2013.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**    None undertaken to date.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**    Development costs to be included in the budget for 2013/14 subject to Member approval. The development costs for 2013-14 approximately £23,000, will be met from within existing budgets.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**    None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                    None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 NOVEMBER 2012**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Director of Lifelong Learning**

**SUBJECT:**                                **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY**  
**CHANGES - DENOMINATIONAL AND POST 16**  
**TRANSPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**     That Cabinet commission consultation to renew the school transport policy for denominational and post 16 transport.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                Extensive consultation is required with all stakeholders for a recommended 12 week period using a wide range of methods - electronic questionnaires, meetings and drop-in sessions if required.

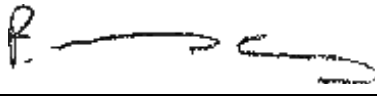
**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**            None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**            It is estimated that with a "phased" approach, efficiency savings of £70k could be achieved by reducing entitlement to free transport to denominational schools, rising to £100k in a full academic year. In order to identify accurately the consequences of a change in policy a detailed analysis would need to be carried out taking in to account where pupils live and trends in parental preference for particular denominational schools. The savings relating to post 16 transport are difficult to estimate at this early stage without detailed analysis being carried out on the impact of providing free transport to designated sites only but could be in the region of £30k part year and £51k full year.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**           None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                           None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                        **VOLUNTARY SECTOR CORE FUNDING REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members to endorse the findings of this review.

To receive a future report outlining the outcomes of this process.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Further consultation with the Voluntary Sector Compact will be undertaken.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Consultation with Directorates, CMT, Finance and Procurement as well as FLVC has been undertaken to inform this review.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The current 2012/13 budget for the Core Funding Agreements with voluntary sector organisations is £723,985. An indicative risk assessment has been undertaken of the voluntary organisations currently funded to establish the level of risk should funding be withdrawn.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        Councilor R.C. Bithell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 NOVEMBER 2012**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Director of Community Services**

**SUBJECT:**                        **RESTRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**DIRECTORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet is invited to consider and agree to the proposed restructure of Community Services Directorate Management Team.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            A designated 30 days consultation with Trade Unions and affected staff has taken place. The Corporate Management Team and the Directorate Management Team have also been fully consulted and the Cabinet Members for Housing and Health and Social Care.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        See section 10.1

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The net financial impact of the proposed will be savings of £100k with the loss of 3 current posts as detailed in the report. These changes will be worked through by agreement without the need for compulsory redundancies.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

REPORT OF: Director of Environment

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF 50 ACRES APPROXIMATELY,  
SITE EM1:11 DEESIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, is granted delegated authority to proceed with all negotiations on both the potential disposal and easement, and to complete the sale of the site in accordance with the District Valuer's assessment of its value.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: -

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: All Local Members will be consulted as part of the process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: A capital receipt will be received which is likely to be very significant (estimated to be between £100k and £125k per acre, subject to levels of contamination and 'abnormal' works required on the land).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Peter Macfarlane declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 NOVEMBER 2012**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 22**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Director of Environment**

**SUBJECT:**                                **DISPOSAL OF PIGEON HOUSE FARM, PIGEON  
HOUSE LANE, HOPE, FLINTSHIRE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That the Cabinet approve the disposal based on the highest offer submitted for the whole farm and that the disposal continues on terms agreed by the Director of Environment in conjunction with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. The capital receipt would be £810,000 which is over £240,000 more than the best offers for individual lots for breaking the farm up. The Council is legally obliged to get the best price it can for its assets where a disposal takes place.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                None.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        The Local Member advised that he had no objections to the sale of this property and has been consulted and supported the course of action to dispose of the property.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The County Council would receive a significant capital receipt in excess of £800,000 for either of the offers received this month for the whole. Compared to the recommended offer the total cumulative offer for breaking up the holding to individual lots would be only £568,000 leaving the Council with unsold plots, ongoing land management issues and a major receipt shortfall.

The disposal would negate any potential costs to the County Council in respect of future maintenance and such of the property.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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