FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

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.

DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Chief Executive, Head of Finance</u>

SUBJECT:

ECT: 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. 21 November 2012 DATE PUBLISHED: (Proper Officer) SIGNED

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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEMB	ER 2012	AGENDA ITEM NO. 6	
REPORT OF:	<u>Head of Human Resources and Organisational</u> <u>Development</u>			
SUBJECT:	PEOPLE ST	RATEGY		
RECOMMENDATIONS OF	<u>REPORT:</u>		note the progress report he current People Strategy 2009–12.	
DECISION:		As detailed in t	he recommendation.	
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in the repor	t.	
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 UNDERT	AKEN:	Not applicable.		
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<u>S:</u>		esourcing implications for e set out in the attached	
DECLARATIONS OF INTER	REST:	None.		
DISPENSATIONS		None.		
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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEMB	ER 2012	<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 7</u>
<u>REPORT OF:</u>	<u>Head of Human Resources and Organisational</u> <u>Development</u>		
SUBJECT:	SINGLE STA	TUS PROGRE	<u>SS UPDATE</u>
RECOMMENDATIONS OF	REPORT:	and the new tai	note the project update rget timetable for the of the Single Status
DECISION:		As detailed in the	ne recommendation.
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in the report	
CONSULTATION REQUIRE	<u>=D:</u>	place via the re The Council wil employees in s Workforce Com Employee Road Centre. Emplo a recognised The opportunity to v	nd negotiation will take cognised Trade Unions. I engage with all cope of Single Status via munications, the d shows and the Contact yees who are members of rade Union will have the vote in a ballot on whether cept the proposals.
CONSULTATION UNDERT	AKEN:	See above.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<u>3:</u>	of the proposed Agreement and and prospective reported to Mer modelling and r Equal Pay matu	ne-off and projected costs I Single Status Collective I the settlement of existing e Equal Pay claims will be mbers as the pay negotiations on Part 3 and ure. The financial Single Status pose a major the Council.
DECLARATIONS OF INTER	REST:	None.	
DISPENSATIONS		None.	
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DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Head of ICT and Customer Services

SUBJECT:
NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SERVICE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:
Members are asked to support to support

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.

As detailed in the recommendation.

As in the report.

procurement.

No.

DECISION:

REPORT OF:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

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

Extensive consultation on the business

case has been undertaken with

professional networks.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None.
DISPENSATIONS	None.
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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEMBER 2012	AGENDA ITEM NO. 9
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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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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As set out in the report.

As in the report.

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As detailed in the recommendation.

None directly as a result of this report.

None directly as a result of this report.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Director of Community Services

SUBJECT:

REPORT OF:

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-2017

As in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Two major stakeholder consultation events were hosted jointly with Wrexham County Borough Council. The emerging strategy has been presented to the Health Social Care and Well-Being Partnership and the Children and Young Persons Partnership. In addition several meetings with individual groups and representative bodies were held during 2012. Copies of the consultation draft have been circulated to many cross-sector organisations across Flintshire in addition to those operating across North Wales and North West England.

There are no financial implications other than those noted within the body of the

That the Draft Local Housing Strategy be recommended to Council for adoption.

Ongoing consultation will be undertaken

As detailed in the recommendation.

as the strategy is implemented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: DISPENSATIONS DATE PUBLISHED: None.

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None.

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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEMBER 2012		<u>012</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. 11	
REPORT OF:	Head of Finance				
SUBJECT:	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13 (MONTH				
RECOMMENDATIONS OF	<u>5)</u> REPORT:	Members are recommended to:			
		a)	manage	e overall report and the ment actions being taken to the projected overspend	
		b)	sum (ov	e Council Fund contingency erdrawn balance) as at 31 st 013 (paragraph 5.02)	
		C)	balance	e projected final level of s on the Housing Revenue : (paragraph 6.03)	
DECISION:		As de	etailed in t	the recommendations.	
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in	the repor	t.	
CONSULTATION REQUIR	ED:	D: None.			
CONSULTATION UNDERT	AKEN:	None) .		
FINANCIAL IMPLICATION	<u>S:</u>	The financial implications are as set ou Sections 3.00-6.00 of the report.			
DECLARATIONS OF INTE	REST:	None).		
DISPENSATIONS		None) .		
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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT:

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.

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2013-14

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:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the recommendations.

As in the report.

None.

None.

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.

None.

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None.

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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEME	20 NOVEMBER 2012		AGENDA ITEM NO. 13
REPORT OF:		<u>Head of Human Resources and Organisational</u> <u>Development</u>		
SUBJECT:	MODERN T	RAINEE	SCHEM	ЛE
RECOMMENDATION	IS OF REPORT:	That th	ie contei	nt of this report is noted.
				continue to support the of Flintshire Trainees.
		the var	iety of A	support the expansion of pprenticeships on offer for the Council.
				support the exploration of prenticeship" model.
DECISION:		As deta	ailed in t	he recommendations.
REASON FOR DECIS	SION:	As in th	ne repor	t.
CONSULTATION RE	QUIRED:	٠		rs g Providers Council Officers
CONSULTATION UN	IDERTAKEN:		Corpora Member	te Management Team s
FINANCIAL IMPLICA	ATIONS:	Trained and sa	es are a	ral budget. Additional lso funded by Directorates ts are borne out of udgets.
DECLARATIONS OF	INTEREST:	None.		
DISPENSATIONS		None.		
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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEME	<u> 3ER 2012</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. 14		
REPORT OF:	<u>Head of Human Resources and Organisational</u> <u>Development</u>				
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 repor	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 INTER	REST:	None.			
DISPENSATIONS		None.			
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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEME	<u>BER 2012</u>	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	d in the recommendation.	
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in the r	eport.	
CONSULTATION REQUIRE	<u>ED:</u>	With Grou	p Leaders.	
CONSULTATION UNDERT	AKEN:	With Grou	p Leaders.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<u>S:</u>	None as a	result of this report.	
DECLARATIONS OF INTER	REST:	None.		
DISPENSATIONS		None.		
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DATE OF MEETING:	20 NOVEME	<u>BER 2012</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. 16	
REPORT OF:	Director of Community Services			
SUBJECT:	<u>SARTH</u>			
RECOMMENDATIONS OF	<u>REPORT:</u>		evelopment of the project to esponses to the questions per Workshop.	
		continues worl SARTH Project	at Flintshire County Council king with Partners on the ct and agrees to contribute ment costs, subject to al.	
		consultation w given delegate public consulta	of Housing, following ith the portfolio holder, be ed authority to conduct a full ation on the Joint Register Allocations Policy.	
DECISION:		As detailed in	the recommendations.	
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in the repor	rt.	
CONSULTATION REQUIRE	ED:	Full public con	sultation required in 2013.	
CONSULTATION UNDERT	AKEN:	None undertal	ken to date.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<u>S:</u>	budget for 201 approval. The 2013-14 appro	costs to be included in the 3/14 subject to Member development costs for eximately £23,000, will be n existing budgets.	
DECLARATIONS OF INTER	REST:	None.		
DISPENSATIONS		None.		
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DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT:

REPORT OF:

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY CHANGES - DENOMINATIONAL AND POST 16 TRANSPORT

As in the report.

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

None.

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

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.

As detailed in the recommendation.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

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 vear. 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.

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DISPENSATION	IS	None.	
DECLARATION	<u>S OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	

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DATE OF MEETING: 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AGENDA ITEM NO.

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 paragraph(s) 13, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
DECISION:	That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.
REASON FOR DECISION:	Disclosure is not in the public interest at this time.
CONSULTATION REQUIRED:	None.
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:	None.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	None.
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None.
DISPENSATIONS	None.
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DATE OF MEETING:	<u>20 NOVEM</u>	<u>BER 2012</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. 19
REPORT OF:	Chief Exec	utive	
SUBJECT:	VOLUNTARY SECTOR CORE FUNDING REVIEW		
RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:		Members to review.	endorse the findings of this
			a future report outlining the fthis process.
DECISION:		As detailed	in the recommendations.
REASON FOR DECISION:		As in the rep	port.
CONSULTATION REQUIR	ED:		sultation with the Voluntary pact will be undertaken.
CONSULTATION UNDERT	AKEN:	Finance and	n with Directorates, CMT, I Procurement as well as een undertaken to inform this
FINANCIAL IMPLICATION	<u>S:</u>	Funding Agr organisation risk assessn the voluntar	2012/13 budget for the Core reements with voluntary sector is is £723,985. An indicative nent has been undertaken of y organisations currently stablish the level of risk should withdrawn.
DECLARATIONS OF INTE	REST:		.C. Bithell declared a personal ial interest in this item.
DISPENSATIONS		None.	
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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

<u>REPORT OF:</u> <u>Director of Community Services</u>

SUBJECT:RESTRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY SERVICESDIRECTORATE 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 Heath 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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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None.

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As in the report.

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All Local Members will be consulted as

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).

Councillor Peter Macfarlane declared a

personal and prejudicial interest in this

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

Director of Environment REPORT OF:

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. As detailed in the recommendation.

DECISION:

REASON FOR DECISION:

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

None.

As in the report.

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.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

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DISPENSATION	<u>S</u>	None.	
DECLARATION	<u>S OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	