

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE - MID YEAR REVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note:  
  
The mid year review of the Strategic Partnerships and support the key priorities and the work programmes to achieve them.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None required.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **19 MARCH 2013**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of ICT and Customer Services**

**SUBJECT:**                        **ICT STRATEGY UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet note the progress made on the implementation of the Council's ICT Strategy.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The savings referred to in 3.09 above from the collaboration projects are one-off savings and have been included in budget projections.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                      **GREENSPACE STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

That Cabinet approves the Greenspace Strategy contained in Appendix 1 and refers it for comment to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee for comment.

That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Members for Environment and for Regeneration, Enterprise & Leisure to make appropriate changes following Scrutiny's comments and to review the document periodically and amend accordingly.

That a review of service delivery across the Council in the management of Greenspaces is undertaken and its conclusions brought to Cabinet for further consideration.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

No further consultation required although there is a need to continue to work with identified stakeholders and key partners in taking forward the Action Plan.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

The Greenspace Strategy has been developed following a Visioning Day involving key stakeholders where Vision and the key objectives of the document were identified. This process led to the production of the Greenspace Strategy

which was issued for comment by internal services of FCC and identified key partners and stakeholders. The comments from these consultations are contained in the appendix to the Greenspace Strategy within Appendix 1 to this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Strategy will be developed by existing officers within existing budgets. Should the need for additional resources be identified, this will be progressed for consideration through the Council's budget process.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **19 MARCH 2013**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- 4.01 That Members approve the following recommendations from the 19<sup>th</sup> February Cabinet report (Appendix 1) :-
    - 4.01.1 Approve the list of Contravention Codes and Policies on Residents Permits and Disabled Parking Bays shown in Appendix 1 (Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C').
    - 4.01.2 Approve the use of Wales Penalty Processing Partnership {WPPP} to process all Parking Contraventions Notices (PCNs).
    - 4.01.3 To grant delegated authority to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to finalise all detailed aspects of the process, including the matters listed in paragraph 2.09.
    - 4.01.4 Approve the Cabinet Member for Environment, or their nominated substitute, as the Council's representative on the Adjudication Joint Committee outlined in paragraph 2.07.
  - 4.02 That Members :-
    - 4.02.1 Approve the Summary Business Case shown in Appendix '2' for submission to WG, as a formal request for CPE powers to be

conferred upon Flintshire County Council.

4.02.2 Approve the Terms of Reference for the review of Mold's car parking and parking management regime set out in paragraph 3.04 of the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

4.02.3 Note that a further report will be brought to Cabinet in July 2013, setting out recommendations, following the review of Mold's car parking and vehicle management regime.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations. The following additional recommendation was agreed at the meeting:

4.02.04 To grant delegated authority to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, to formalise with Council managed car parks should be included for enforcement action across the County and a list included in the business case to be submitted to Wesh Government for Civil Parking Enforcement.

\* This matter has already been called in and is therefore not subject to call-in.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Mold Town Council, key stakeholders and Members in Mold.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Initial report to Executive, March 2010.

Update report to Environment Scrutiny Committee: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Meetings with staff and other key

stakeholders, such as Town & Community Councils.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

CPE has specific resources of £186k allocated to the project.

The Summary Business Case is set out in Appendix 2.

The budget pressure agreed at Full Council of £129k provides a break even position for 2013/14. In subsequent years the pressure will need to be increased by a further £65k to enable a continued break even position.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**    **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                      Cabinet Members are invited to determine if enough action has been taken to manage performance.

To note the following within the performance reports: -

- the level of confidence that the outcomes of the Council's Improvement Priorities will be achieved and the progress being made towards them;
- the update of the Strategic Assessment of Risks and Challenges (SARC) contained within the performance reports;
- the progress being made against the Improvement Target Action Plans contained within the performance reports';
- the progress made against the service plans; and
- the assessment of any regulatory reports in relation to the work of the services.

**DECISION:**    As detailed in the recommendations. The following additional recommendation was agreed at the meeting: That a report be submitted to Cabinet on the following areas which showed a RED status:

- CHR/002 – Sickness Absence
- PLA/004b – Minor applications determined within 8 weeks

- PLA/005 – Enforcement cases resolved within 12 weeks

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Overview & Scrutiny committees receive their relevant quarterly reports 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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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **19 MARCH 2013**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **APPOINTMENT OF ANTI-POVERTY LEAD MEMBER  
AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members are requested to:

- (i) note the contents of the report
- (ii) agree which Cabinet portfolio Anti-Poverty should be added to; and
- (iii) agree to nominate a senior officer

**DECISION:**                        That the Leader of the Council be the Lead Membr and Portfolio Holder for Anti-Poverty and that the lead officer be the Head of Finance.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the 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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 (QUARTER 3)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is requested to:-

- a) Approve the rollover adjustments as detailed in Section 3.04
- b) Note and approve the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFF

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the write off of this debt, amounting to £25,301.50 and relating to business rate charges for the period between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct financial implications to the Council or to local taxpayers in relation to the write off of bad debts for business rates since the Council collects business rates on behalf of the Welsh Government through the National Collection Pool for Wales.

There are financial provisions made within the Collection Pool for the write off of bad debts and this case will offset to the Collection Pool.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL -  
PROVISION OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS IN  
COUNCIL HOUSES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the proposal to remove the DFG regime for Council tenants from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, excluding those that have moved from owner occupation in the 12 months prior to the date of their referral by an Occupational Therapist.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation with Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

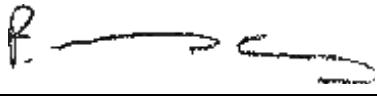
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation with Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee occurred on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013. The committee supported the proposal to remove the DFG regime for Council tenants from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, excluding those that have moved from owner occupation in the 12 months prior to their referral from an Occupational Therapist.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: A small amount of additional HRA Capital spend may result from this report. However, the majority of disabled adaptations relate to bathroom alterations. As this is an area where there is limited support available within the current 6 year Asset Management Strategy, this investment will help support future attainment of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**           None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                           None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet consider and comment on the proposals for the new team as set out in this report, including that of Flintshire as the host authority.

That, as part of this process, cabinet support the development of information protocols, to include cross county confidentiality, data protection, referral criteria and allocation from each authority be drawn up and agreed and an extension to the existing Section 58(1) agreement which Wrexham have in place be negotiated with the relevant agencies involved.

That Cabinet support the setting up of an Integrated Family Support Service, a process starting in April 2013.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      It is proposed that there will be a local Steering Group to include Betsi Cadwalader Health Board and that the new North Wales Family Support Board will oversee the rollout of IFSS across the region as part of its function.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      Flintshire have undertaken fact finding visits to all five IFSS pioneer authorities and this has helped formulate the rollout plan.

The North Wales Heads of Children's Services have taken the lead for the rollout across North Wales and three workshops were organised during the latter part of 2012.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The funds allocated to the six North Wales authorities by the Welsh Government total £850,000.

The Welsh Government have expressed the requirement for at least two IFSS Teams across the North Wales footprint with this funding which will be allocated to Wrexham in 2013/14 (as the pioneer authority) for desegregation. There is an intention for the funding to be passed to the RSG from 2014 but no guarantee as to funding levels nor whether the money will be ringfenced.

We are as yet unclear as to the final expectations of the WG in terms of funding desegregation for 2013/14 given that North Wales are developing 3 teams. Flintshire and Wrexham have developed the proposed model using a straight 3 way split of the award of £850k i.e. £283,000 per team and x 3 teams across North Wales. This does not take account of per head capita population figures which would give the Flintshire / Wrexham team an increased funding pot compared with central and west area teams.

It is worth noting that the amount originally allocated to Wrexham as the pioneer site was £600,000 and expectations at the time the pioneer sites were established were that similar funding would be made available for the rollout. Those expectations have not been realised due to the current national fiscal challenges.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                      **STREETLIGHTING POLICY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approves the Councils Street Lighting Policy – **Appendix 1.**

That Cabinet approves the Council's specification for Street Lighting and Illuminated Signs, as set out in the paper in the Members' library.

That Cabinet approves offering Town and Community Councils the opportunity to procure energy on a rechargeable basis through the Council based on the information in paragraph 3.04 of this report.

That Cabinet approves the adoption of all un-adopted street lights situated on adopted highways.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      Prior to introducing part night lighting – in accordance with Policy.

Prior to introducing Part Night Dimming – with Local Members.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      With Cabinet Member.

With Members through open workshop – 7 December 2012.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**                      The maintenance budget will remain unchanged by the proposals.

The energy saving initiatives will deliver approximately £50k savings in 2013-14.

The cost of adopting the un-adopted lights will be from current maintenance budgets.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **SECONDARY SCHOOL REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (a) That the preferred option (1) – Holywell High School, Ysgol Perth y Terfyn and Ysgol y Fron – Build a new High School for pupils aged 11-16, together with a new primary school to replace Ysgol Perth y Terfyn and Ysgol y Fron be approved;
- (b) That the preferred option (2) – Queensferry, Shotton & Connah’s Quay – Develop 3-16 facility at John Summers High School with a Post-16 hub at Connah’s Quay High School, be approved; and
- (c) That the preferred option (3) – Buckley, Mynydd Isa and Mold – To retain 11 – 16 provision at Elfed High School. Rationalise to 600 places, to include Additional Learning Needs and other education, leisure and cultural uses, be approved.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                No further consultations needed as a result of the proposals.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**            A total of 33 meetings held in two rounds – Feb/Mar and November 2012.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**              If options are approved for progression to the Statutory stage, the commitment to



fund the overall £64.2m 21 Century Schools Programme will be called upon.

The liability for Flintshire County Council under these arrangements would be £32.1m in accordance with the agreement of County Council on 1 March 2012, and the subsequent inclusion of the Prudential Borrowing in the Medium Term Financial plan.

The indicative capital development costs which have been included in the Strategic Outline Business Case for the preferred options are as follows:

Holywell High School, Ysgol Perth y Terfyn and Ysgol y Fron	£31.25m
Queensferry, Shotton and Connah's Quay and Post-16 Hub	£18.25m
3-16 Facility at John Summers	£14.70m

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

A personal interest was declared by Councillors Brown, Mullin and R. K. Jones.

A personal and prejudicial interest was declared by Councillors Shotton, Attridge and C.M. Jones and R.K. Jones.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **19 MARCH 2013**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

That the following for a should continue:-

- The Joint Consultative Committee
- The School Performance Monitoring Group
- The Member/Officer Tenant Working
- The Voluntary Sector Grants Panel
- The Inclusion Service Steering Group
- The Welsh in Education Strategic Forum
- The Foster Care Panel
- The Adoption Panel
- The Health & Safety Board

That the following should discontinue:-

- The Waste Strategy Review Board
- The Procurement Board

That the following be reconstituted:-

- To combine the Teachers' Consultative Committee and the Flintshire County Council Teachers' Consultative Committee to cover all education staff, not just teachers
- To reconstitute the ICT Panel as shown in appendix 2

That on balance the ICT Panel should be disbanded.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations taking into account the agreed amendments:

- The Member/Officer Tenant Working title has changed to: Customer Involvement Strategy Group
- "To reconstitute the ICT Panel as shown in appendix 2" to be deleted

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Group Leaders, Constitution Committee and County Council.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Group Leaders, Constitution Committee and County Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A reduction in Member fora will result in some savings that are difficult to quantify.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 MARCH 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

REPORT OF: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

SUBJECT: TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FLINTSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the tenth annual report of the Flintshire Local Access Forum, for 2011/12, be noted and approved by Cabinet, on behalf of the County Council, and submitted to the Countryside Council for Wales for their records.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The report has already been submitted to the Local Access Forum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are costs associated with the administration of the Local Access Forum. Those costs are met from the Environment Directorate's budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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