

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **21 MAY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF:

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON ACHIEVING THE WELSH HOUSING
QUALITY STANDARD**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Verbal report – to call for further reports as negotiations with Welsh Government develop.

DECISION: To note the update as presented to the meeting, and call for further reports as negotiations with Welsh Government develop.

REASON FOR DECISION: To call for further reports as negotiations with Welsh Government develop.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: N/A

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 MAY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **REGIONAL COLLABORATION REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is invited to:-

1. note the progress made by North Wales as a progressive region and by Flintshire as a progressive Council;
2. review the summary of collaboration to be assured that the Council is meeting its commitments under the National Compact;
3. invite the Corporate Resources and Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee to review governance and reporting arrangements for collaborations, both adopted and in transition, to meet the needs of the Council;
4. position Flintshire as an active contributor in the review of the National Compact and in debating options for future collaboration; and
5. submit the summary of collaboration topics to Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee to see where it can participate in governance of collaboration.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation (1-4) with the inclusion of 5. above.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None directly.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None directly.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None directly from this report noting that collaborative projects have investment costs and financial risks as well as financial benefits.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 21 MAY 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: WALES AUDIT OFFICE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to receive and note the Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report and agree the Council's response.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required at this stage.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Senior officers will have an input into the report. The Annual Audit Letter was presented to the Council's Audit Committee in December 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This report will refer to the financial resourcing of the Council's priorities.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 MAY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY**
CHANGES - DENOMINATIONAL TRANSPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed changes to the Home to school transport policy as detailed in paragraph 3.01 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Full consultation must be carried out prior to any changes in policy being agreed, to involve all stakeholders likely to be affected by any change: schools, parents, pupils, diocesan authorities.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation took place from 1 March to 12 April 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: It is estimated that savings of £70k part year from September to April could be achieved by reducing entitlement to free school transport to denominational schools with a "phased" approach, rising to £100k in a full academic year. These figures (£70k part year rising to £100k full year) are built in to the Council's forward projection of savings in the MTFP. Existing pupils/students registered at a school would still benefit, but new admissions would be subject to the changes. It is difficult to fully identify accurately the consequences of a change in policy as this is dependent upon parental/student preference, where students live, etc.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor R. C. Bithell and Councillor C.

M. Jones.

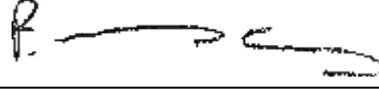
DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 MAY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: It is recommended that Cabinet consider the proposed changes to the policy and support the draft policy.

DECISION: That the draft policy is approved.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Further consultation work to be carried out targeting harder to reach customers.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The draft policy has been developed in consultation with customers. Workshops have been held at two Customer Conferences and Customers have been invited to make comments on the development of the policy, including an advertisement to this effect placed in the Housing News Magazine in January 2013.

Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed and fully supported the policy at the meeting on 24th April 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The proposed policy refers to additional resources which have been approved for 2013/14. These are the appointment of an additional two Anti-Social Behaviour Officers which were agreed in the Choices Document and have been approved in the HRA Budget for 2013/14. The implementation of an out of hours witness support telephone service will

cost £5.0k and this will be found from within the existing resources in the HRA.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 MAY 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members adopt the Contaminated Land Strategy set out in Appendix 1.

DECISION: That the Contaminated Land Strategy as attached at appendix 1 is approved.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The following service areas have been consulted on the updated Strategy;

- Property, Valuation and Estates
- Planning Strategy
- Public Protection
- Regeneration

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications as a direct result of this, other than:

1. Where the works cannot be secured voluntarily appropriate enforcement action will be taken.
2. Where those responsible for the contamination cannot be identified and traced and the site is orphaned, as with the current strategy, the Council will be responsible for carrying out the works and seeking funding for them Nationally.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 21 MAY 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES PRISON

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the campaign for a prison in North Wales is supported; and
That Wrexham County Borough Council are supported as the lead authority in the development of the full business case for a prison for North Wales.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None as a direct result of this report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None as a direct result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None as a direct result of this report. Although indirectly the prison is likely to have wider economic benefit.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 21 MAY 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INFORMATION QUARTER 4 - JANUARY - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members note the Workforce Information Report for the fourth quarter / whole year 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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