

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Chief Executive, Head of Housing**

SUBJECT: **ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED HOUSING COMPANY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (a) That the housing company is established as a company limited by shares as set out in the report on the basis that the Council is assured of having a sufficient level of control of the body
 - (b) That the Chief Executive, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance and Head of Housing in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Housing be given delegated authority to take all necessary steps to establish the company
 - (c) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing be given delegated authority to approve the business plan

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: A seminar has been held on this issue for all members of council and its views taken into account in drafting these proposals. All appropriate senior officers have been consulted. External expert advice has also been obtained.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is a small cost to establishing the company and to taking the necessary legal, financial and tax advice to set it up. This can be met within existing budgets.

The business plan currently being prepared for the company envisages that it will not require any start up capital from the Council. In the future the company may wish to borrow money and might ask the Council to stand as guarantor (due to the Council's very high credit rating) and each such request will be considered on its merit at the time.

Should the company not prove to be successful then the Council will not be responsible for its debts which will be paid off from the company's assets. It is possible for the Council to place a restriction on the disposal of any houses owned by the company so that they will continue to be used for public purposes even if they need to be sold to clear the company's debts.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **ASSISTED GARDENING SERVICE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to support the introduction of a chargeable gardening service to tenants and private Flintshire residents as set out in sections 3.04 and support the changing model set out in this report (3.04 - 3.08)

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: To move forward with proposals a detailed consultation will be carried out with existing service users. This exercise will help identify the demand for the new service.

Following tenant consultation, it will be necessary to advertise the Service to Flintshire residents to gauge levels of interest from the private sector.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The concept of a chargeable Assisted Gardening service has been discussed with tenants at the Tenants Conference. Feedback has been positive.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: A substantial saving has already been made by tendering the work. Further savings will be made by charging for services.

The cost of maintaining a tenant / resident private garden is not eligible for housing benefit.

It is anticipated that if all Council

applicants are disabled the service would need to subsidise £21k towards the cost of delivering the service. The forthcoming consultation exercise will help determine the level of demand for the service and assist with more detailed financial planning.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING PLAN -
SERVICE UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet consider and agree implementation of the Mental Health Commissioning Strategy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Standard 2 of Fulfilled Lives Supportive Communities Commissioning Framework states that *'Representatives of service providers need to be engaged at each stage of the analysis process as they can make valuable contributions towards identifying changes in need and with regard to the existing capacity to deliver services and options for future developments'*.

The requirement has been fully met.

The full involvement of the Mental Health Strategic Planning Group (MHSPG), representatives, including all voluntary sector services we currently commission, health partners, service users and carers.

Managers from our provider service and mental health teams inputted via team meetings.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The views of stakeholders have informed the 'analysis of need' stage of the development of this commissioning strategy.

The Strategy was discussed with our partners via the Mental Health Strategic Planning Group (MHSPG) at an early stage and their responses have influenced the document. Final feedback from this group was received on the 29th October.

Managers from commissioned services and in-house provision were involved via team manager meetings and workshops.

The findings of the Mental Health Support Services annual customer satisfaction questionnaire 2013 shaped our commissioning strategy. Alongside feedback obtained from previous Annual Council Reporting Framework workshops, with representation from all those connected with the service.

The report was considered by Social and Health Overview Scrutiny on the 25th November 2013. The Committee was supportive of the report and recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Mental Health Strategy aims to ensure that future provision can be met within current budgets. This takes into consideration likely increases in demand and the need to encompass that demand within current services.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **DEMENTIA COMMISSIONING PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet considers and approves the Dementia Commissioning Strategy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Standard 2 of Fulfilled Lives Supportive Communities Commissioning Framework states that *'Representatives of service providers need to be engaged at each stage of the analysis process as they can make valuable contributions towards identifying changes in need and with regard to the existing capacity to deliver services and options for future developments'*.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: In developing this strategy, we received an enormous amount of feedback from a wide range of stakeholders. This is described in Appendix 9b of the main strategy document.

This consultation included:-

- Information gathered from national consultation work
- Local listening events
- Surveys to obtain the views of people with dementia in Flintshire care homes and from family and carers of those supported in the community
- Specific work with current providers of EMI Home Care & Residential provision

The report was considered by Social and Health Overview Scrutiny on the 25th November 2013. The Committee was supportive of the report and recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Dementia Strategy aims to ensure that future provision can be met within current budgets. This takes into consideration likely increases in demand and the need to encompass that demand within current services. This task is challenging in the context of the scale of increase, but the strategy seeks to minimise any additional demand on the service.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note that Councillor Christine Jones has the responsibilities of Mental Health Champion as Portfolio holder for Social Services.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **THE DUBLIN DECLARATION ON AGE FRIENDLY
CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE 2013.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Flintshire County Council to become a signatory to the Dublin Declaration.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None required – this is an internal decision for the local authority.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The WLGA and the WHO do not ask for specific resources to be declared. A statement of intent supported by local action plans approved by individual agencies is sufficient.

Becoming a signatory to the Dublin Declaration does not automatically attract funding but will place the Authority within a global and European network that will be working to devise high quality bids for funding when these come on stream from various sources.

Age Platform Europe is currently submitting a bid for EC funding to underwrite the participation of Councils in a European wide Age Friendly Network which will be open to politicians and senior officers embarking on age friendly implementation. This bid is supported by Welsh Government.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members grant delegated authority to the Director of Environment following consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment to implement the changes set out in the report taking account of any impacts from the WG review of Concessionary Travel.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Extensive consultation with the communities of Flintshire and its stakeholders is required.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Has been extensive (see 2.03 of the report).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As noted in previous reports the changes to bus funding have resulted in an overall year on year reduction of £224k, including the £36k p/a efficiency saving approved as part of the 2013/14 budget strategy.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

REPORT OF: **Director of Lifelong Learning**

SUBJECT: **THE AMALGAMATION OF YSGOL PERTH Y**
TERFYN INFANT SCHOOL AND YSGOL Y FRON
JUNIOR SCHOOL IN HOLYWELL

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed amalgamation of Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infant and Ysgol y Fron Junior Schools is approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: No further consultations are required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultations have been completed in accordance with the Welsh Government Guidance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This is part of the 21st Century Schools Programme that has received approval for capital funding to Outline Business Course level by Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government.

It is anticipated that revenue efficiencies will arise within the schools delegated budget through the amalgamation of the two schools. However, at this stage this has not been quantified and will be subject to the application of the schools funding formula.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 (MONTH 6)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are recommended to:

- (a) Note the overall report
- (b) Note the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31 March 2014 (paragraph 6.02)
- (c) Note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (paragraph 7.03)

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The financial implications are as set out in Sections 3.00 – 7.00 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

REPORT OF: **Head of Finance**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 (MONTH 6)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is requested to:

- Note and approve the report
- Approve the continued holding back of 20% of the core programme
- Approve the rollover adjustments in 3.04.5

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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DATE OF MEETING: 17 DECEMBER 2013 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: To exclude the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

DECISION: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

REASON FOR DECISION: As detailed on the agenda.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: N/A.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: N/A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: N/A.

DISPENSATIONS N/A.

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DATE OF MEETING: **17 DECEMBER 2013** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **AGRICULTURAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve:

- (a) The sale of Wood Farm and associated land extending to approximately 14.45 acres
- (b) In association with this disposal, the grant of a new three year lease of 34.22 acres approximately
- (c) The surrender of the remaining land extending to 65 acres, and its sale on the open market

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The Local Member has been consulted in writing and they have confirmed their written agreement to this disposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: An initial Capital receipt of £320,000 will be received. This combined with the early vacant possession sale is expected to realise a value in excess of £500,000 for the asset as a whole.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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