FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-2016

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the new Outcome Agreement.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The Local Service Board will be informed

of any collaborative or joint arrangements

for achievement.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation has been undertaken within

the Council and with local partners in the development of the new successor

Outcome Agreement.

The draft successor Outcome Agreement has been shared with Welsh Government and they have confirmed that they are content with this version and that it is

ready to be agreed by the Minister.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: A full grant of approximately £1.46M

annually will be made payable depending upon Welsh Government's scoring and assessment. The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan assumes receipt of the full

grant over the coming period.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: NATIONAL MODEL FOR REGIONAL WORKING ON

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: The National Model for Regional Working

on School Improvement be supported.

That a business plan be developed with the intention that the additional services listed in the Model be incorporated into the GwE regional model, in phases, subject to a satisfactory business case for each and a supporting transition plan to ensure service continuity and

performance.

That the Joint Committee be directed to ensure that its supporting Executive Board has a sufficiently broad membership to represent the interest of

the sub-regions/counties.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Ongoing consultation with school leaders,

governors, school improvement officers, neighbouring authorities and the Welsh Government will be required in developing

the regional 2014/15 business plan.

<u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:</u> The Model has been developed through

engagement with local government officers, education experts, civil servants,

WLGA and the Welsh Government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: In October 2013 the Minister for

Education and Skills issued a written statement outlining his acceptance of the

proposal from local government to protect school improvement funding within the local government budget settlement and to jointly construct a National Model for Regional Working.

The agreement replaces the proposal, in the Hill Review, to fund regional school improvement services through a transfer out of the RSG. It agrees Local Authority contributions to school improvement functions will be protected on the basis of the methodology and funding identified in papers submitted to the Distribution Sub Group and Finance Sub Group.

The amount if based on the minimum amount originally proposed top slice (£19.2m) reduced by the average percentage reduction in core revenue funding for Wales, as announced in the Flint Local Government Settlement for 2014-15. This equates to -3.4%.

The individual authority allocations are based on the 'Mainstream Schools' sector Standards Spending Assessment distribution as contained in the 2014-15 Final Settlement. The Mainstream Schools sector comprises the main service areas relating to primary, secondary and special education provision.

Additional funding to meet the sums identified in the National Model will only be transferred to GwE as and when the functions transfer. This will be in accordance with the milestones identified in the Business Plan and subject to the full compliance with the recommendation at 4 above.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Helen Brown, Derek Butler, Christine Jones, Kevin Jones, Billy Mullin and Aaron Shotton.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve the implementation of

> the revised funding formulas for primary and secondary schools, inclusive of proposed transitional dampening

arrangements.

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

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

Schools Budget Forum on the 11th **CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

February, 2014.

Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny on

the 30th January, 2014.

Cabinet on the 18th February, 2014.

Secondary Consultation Document issued **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

on the 2nd October, 2013.

Primary Consultation Document issued on

the 21st October, 2013.

School Budget Forum on the 23rd

January, 2014.

Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny on

the 30th January, 2014.

Flintshire Governors Association **Elected Member Workshop**

Secondary Primary Heads and

Federations

The revision to the formula is modelled FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

within existing resources and so has no on impact the Council budget. Individually schools may see an increase budgets their decrease in comparison to the current formula. Transition arrangements will implemented over a three year period to allow schools with reduced levels of funding to make the necessary

adjustments.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillors: Chris Bithell, Helen Brown,

Derek Butler, Christine Jones, Kevin Jones, Billy Mullin and Aaron Shotton.

None. **DISPENSATIONS**

19 February, 2014. **DATE PUBLISHED:**

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet makes the following recommendations to County Council on

18 February 2014:-

1. That the 2014/15 Council Fund Revenue Budget Requirement be set at £253.718m (which is £1.423m below the calculated Standard Spending Assessment) (4.01).

- 2. That there be a 3.0% increase in Council Tax at Band D and an assumed 99% collection rate (4.02).
- 3. The inclusion of the Outcome Agreement Grant of £1.458m in the budget (4.03).
- 4. The levels of inflation assumed in the budget (4.04 4.06).
- 5. That items of non-standard inflation are only allocated out to services when the actual increase in cost is known (4.05).
- 6. The amount of £0.092m included in the budget relating to a transfer into the settlement (4.07).
- 7. The inclusion of £4.872m of recurring pressures in the budget (Appendix 4) and that any proposals to vary the use of the sums allocated are to be the

- subject of a further report to Cabinet for consideration (4.08).
- 8. The inclusion of estimated one-off costs totalling £4.800m in the budget (Appendix 5), to be funded in line with the Investment Strategy (section 6).
- 9. The inclusion of efficiencies of £11.950m in the budget (4.10).
- 10. The inclusion of efficiencies of £11.950m and that the achievement of all efficiencies be monitored monthly and reported through the budget monitoring report with any corrective action taken in-year as has been the case in previous years (4.10).

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

Overview and Scrutiny, Business Ratepayers, School Budget Forum, Flintshire Joint Trades Union Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Member Workshop (open to all members) held on the afternoon of 28th January to consider the budget overview followed by Overview and Scrutiny Committees held as follows:

- 28th January Joint Housing (CF only) and Social & Healthcare
- 28th January Environment
- 28th January Corporate Resources (for Corporate Departments)
- 30th January Lifelong Learning
- 3rd February Corporate Resources -Open to all members (to receive feedback from other scrutiny meetings).

Formal consultation held with the School Budget Forum on 23rd January.

Statutory consultation with Business Ratepayers undertaken in writing after the Cabinet meeting with the largest businesses within Flintshire.

The budget proposals were discussed at a meeting with the Flintshire Joint Trades Unions on 23rd January, as part of ongoing dialogue and information sharing.

Formal consultation on review of corporate operating model underway and consultation on other workforce proposals will be in accordance with the detailed plans and timescales of the workforce programme taking account of statutory requirements and local policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out throughout the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

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

Environment

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15

AND INDICATIVE FUNDING TO 2017/18

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to recommend to

Council on 18th February that they:

a) Note the report.

b) Approve the allocation of funding to the core capital programme in 2014/15, as shown in Appendix 1, including the additional items referred to in Section 5.05, and note the indicative funding

available for future years.

c) Approve the setting of a minimal capital receipts target for 2014/15 and the process whereby receipts generated in one financial year are used to fund expenditure in the next (See Section 5.02.3 and

5.02.4).

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: All Members through Overview &

Scrutiny.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Initial discussions took place at the

Member workshops on 16th and 18th

December, 2013.

Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 3rd February.

2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Head of Finance, Director of Community Services,

Head of Housing, Chief Executive

SUBJECT: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2014/15 & CAPITAL

PROGRAMME 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to approve and

recommend to Council:-

i. The proposed HRA budget for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 1, incorporating the financial assumptions in Appendix 2 and the service Improvements and Efficiencies in Appendix 3.

ii. The level of rent and service charges for 2014/15 as set out in paragraphs 3.01 to 3.07.

iii. The level of projected balances at 31st March 2015 at 3.20% of total expenditure.

iv. The proposed HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation with all tenants over any rent

increase must take place and must be at least 28 days before any rent increase is

due to come into effect.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation with tenants on the draft

budget and proposed rent increase was undertaken at the tenants' conference on 3rd February 2014. The Housing Scrutiny

committee considered the draft budget proposals at their meeting on 21st January 2014 and fully supported the proposals.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Council has a statutory duty to review the income and expenditure of the HRA, and to set a budget for the forthcoming financial year which avoids a deficit closing balance position. This reports sets out how this can be achieved for the Council in 2014/15. The key financial assumptions on which this is proposed are set out in Appendix 2. The proposed budget estimates a closing balance of 3.20% to total expenditure.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members approve and recommend to County Council on 18th February 2014:-

- (a) the prudential indicators as detailed in Section 3 of the report
 - Capital expenditure (3.05)
 - Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream (3.06)
 - Incremental impact of capital investment decisions on the council tax (3.07)
 - Incremental impact of capital investment decisions on housing rents (3.07)
 - Capital financing requirement (3.08)
 - Gross debt and the capital financing requirement (3.10)
 - Authorised limit for external debt (3.11, 3.13)
 - Operational boundary for external debt (3.12)
 - Adoption of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes (3.14)
- (b) delegated authority for the Head of Finance to effect movements between the separately agreed limits within the authorised limit for external debt and the operational boundary for external debt (3.11, 3.12)

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That members approve and recommend to the County Council on 18th February

2014:-

 Option 1 (Regulatory Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2014/15 for all supported borrowing; this represents a continuation of the approved and adopted policy for 2013/14.

 Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the minimum revenue provision in 2014/15 for all unsupported (prudential) borrowing; this represents a continuation of the approved and adopted policy for 2013/14.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The 2014/15 Council Fund revenue

budget provides for the minimum revenue provision in respect of all supported borrowing, on the basis of Option 1 –

Regulatory Method calculation.

Any planned use of unsupported (prudential) borrowing, will need to take

account of the revenue consequences of the Option 3 – Asset Life Method calculation, as part of the overall options appraisal and budget setting processes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet considers the enquiry

put forward by the Audit Committee

outlined in 3.03.

That the Cabinet approves and recommends to the Council the Treasury

Management Strategy 2014/15.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Arlingclose Ltd as Treasury Management

Advisers.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Arlingclose Ltd as Treasury Management

Advisers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Director of Environment

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSEHOLD WASTE

COLLECTION POLICY AND HRC/BRING SITE

ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the Council

Household Waste Collection Policy and the proposed arrangements at Council

operated HRC and 'Bring Sites'.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Notification to all HRC site users of

revised opening hours.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With Cabinet Member.

With Local Members in respect of Saltney

and Queensferry HRC site closure.

A report was presented to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny on January 22nd 2014 detailing the changes to the policy. The report received positive comments from Members of the Committee and a copy of the Minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The service is part funded by the Welsh

Government through the Sustainable Waste Management Grant. There has been a reduction in this grant in the current year of approximately 5% and further reductions are expected in future

years.

The remaining service is budgeted within

the Environment Directorate budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>18 FEBRUARY 2014</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 14</u>

REPORT OF: Head of Housing

SUBJECT: HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to:-

 Approve the Asset Management strategy attached to this report as Appendix 1.

- Agree and support the detailed consultation work needed with local councillors and tenants during the Spring and Summer of 2014 to produce an investment plan to achieve WHQS for each of the programme years up to 2020.
- Note that the 2014/15 programme will continue as previously agreed.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

<u>CONSULTATION REQUIRED:</u> The Asset management team will

complete a consultation programme with elected members, tenants and other stakeholders to develop a revised investment plan commencing in April

2015.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Scrutiny committee considered the draft

Asset Management strategy at its January meeting and welcomed the strategy and the plans to achieve WHQS by 2020 and create local jobs. The committee were broadly in support of all internal elements being completed together as long as the service was sensitive to the needs of vulnerable tenants and made provision for this. There was unanimous support that all envelope works should be done as a

single work programme. Finally, there was a recommendation that officers draw up the draft investment plans on the basis of stock condition data and with the principles of equitable investment streams in mind and bring this to members for final consideration/approval.

A Tenants conference in January considered the draft strategy and investment plan proposals and those attending were broadly supportive of the suggested approach, with similar issues raised to those of scrutiny committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The HRA business plan allows for the full costs to achieve WHQS by 2020 with some further efficiencies and/or some prudential borrowing. The plan also allows for 6% costs to manage and deliver the work streams. Current costs are circa 3%.

The 2014/15 HRA budget proposes savings and efficiencies of £1.1m against service improvement costs of £0.5M. This supports an increased revenue contribution to the Capital programme of £0.7m over 13/14 and demonstrates that the council is stretching capacity in the HRA each year to maximise the investment programme. This approach will continue.

The results of the stock condition survey may have a financial implication on the costs to achieve WHQS by 2020, though this is not expected to have either a negative or significant impact.

The current pan assumes that MRA will continue to be provided un changed post exit from the HRA. Should this not be the case this could have a detrimental impact on the resources available for investment.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 (MONTH

8)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are recommended to:

1. Note the overall report.

2. Note the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2014 (paragraph 6.02).

3. Approve the carry forwards detailed in 3.10 – 3.12.

4. 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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Head of Finance

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

CONSULTATION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Members to note the consultation.

For Members to consider the recommended responses, as prepared by senior officers within Revenue and Benefits services, as detailed in Appendix

2 to this report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The purpose of the report is to provide

Members with the opportunity to comment

on the consultation proposals.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Feedback from a report to Corporate

Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 13th February 2014 will be

made verbally to Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Although the Welsh Government funds a

significant element of the CTS scheme through the Revenue Support Grant, the Authority is required to fund subsequent increases in Council Tax and any fluctuations in the number of claimants. As such the cost of the current scheme will increasingly become a budget pressure impacting on service provision or requiring significant increases in Council Tax. The expected additional cost to Flintshire in 2014/15 is £0.633m.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF: Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: INTERMEDIATE CARE FUND

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet are asked to note the availability

of the Fund, initial proposals, and asked to consider arrangements for securing political endorsement of the final bid,

through delegated powers.

DECISION:1. Cabinet noted the availability of the

Fund and initial proposals.

Authority be delegated to the Director of Community Services and Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social

Services to finalise the Bid.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

<u>CONSULTATION REQUIRED:</u> We are required to develop our bid in

close partnership with Local Health Boards, and with the Third and Independent Sectors. This will take place at a local level and regionally through the North Wales Integrated Services

Programme Board.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Initial discussions have taken place with

key partners at the North Wales Integrated Services Programme Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Fund provides an opportunity to

pump prime and extend the range of services that help people to maintain their independence and reduce/delay the need for long term statutory support. As the funding is for one year only, any proposals for work extending beyond 31 March 2015 will need to clearly state how

sustainability will be achieved and where any future funding will come from within significant budgetary constraints.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

REPORT OF: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

SUBJECT: PLAY PROVISION: SUMMER PLAYSCHEME 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To consider the following

recommendations of the Lifelong Learning

Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- Subject to confirmation of Families
 First funding, the Head of Leisure
 and Culture write to all Town and
 Community Councils advising them
 that the number of Playschemes
 available to them during the
 summer of 2014 and beyond be
 limited to a maximum of two each
 and that summer Playscheme
 provision be reduced from five
 weeks to three weeks at locations
 previously agreed through local
 consultation.
- Town and Community Councils who are keen to increase the complement of Playscheme sites in their area above the 2 offered are given the opportunity to increase the provision through match funding.
- A pressure bid of up to £12,000 be allocated to support match funding for Town and Community Councils.
- If confirmation was received that there would be a reduction in Families First funding; the Playscheme Task & Finish Group should meet again to consider how best to provide sustainable play provision from April 2014 with reference to the summer play scheme programme.

DECISION:

Cabinet noted that its proposals for 2014/15 had been introduced following a major review of the Service, and it affirmed its intention to proceed as per its decision of 16 July, 2013.

REASON FOR DECISION:

- 1. That Families First funding is confirmed only for 2014/15 and may change in future years.
- That it is not certain that it will be possible to use Families First funding for Playschemes beyond 2014/15.
- 3. That £12,000 may not be sufficient to match fund all the demand for additional Playschemes.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

Ongoing consultation with Town and Community Councils.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

The Head of Culture and Leisure has been consulted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The recommendations include a pressure bid of £12,000 which is not within budget. The recommendations were also subject to confirmation of grant funding from Families First and continued match from Town fundina support and Community Councils. Families First funding has been confirmed for 2014. Town and Community Councils are confirming their commitment to the 2014 programme. The core 2014 programme (with no growth in provision) can be delivered without the additional £12.000 pressure bid.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

REPORT OF: Head of Human Resources and Organisational

Development

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INFORMATION QUARTER 3 (OCT -

DEC 2013)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members note Workforce Information

Report for quarter three for 2013/14.

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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

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

from the remainder of the meeting.

DECISION: That the press and public be excluded

from the remainder of the meeting.

REASON FOR DECISION: It is not in the public interest for the report

to be considered in public.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES CAPITAL PROCUREMENT

FRAMEWORK

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet notes that the contractors, as

shown in the report, which have been evaluated according to the scoring and weighting methodology detailed within the tender documents, have been appointed

to the Framework.

Cabinet notes the commitment from North Wales local authorities and contractors to maximising benefits to the local community, sustaining economic development and delivering environmentally sound buildings whilst creating jobs and apprenticeships (2.06).

Cabinet welcomes the commitment from all partners to delivering 21st Century Schools to high standards in learning environments that will inspire generations

of children and young people.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Any school organisation changes will

require full consultation with school

communities and stakeholders.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Extensive consultation has been

undertaken with contractors, partner organisations, Welsh Government and individual authorities in the development

of the framework approach.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The anticipated value of the programme is above the EU threshold of £4.35 million the project was advertised via the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) as well as Sell2Wales.

The tender was split into three Lots according to value of projects as follows –

Lot 1 – Projects valued between £4.35 million and £7.5 million

Lot 2 – Projects valued between £7.5 million and £15 million

Lot 3 – Projects valued over £15 million

The lotting strategy was consulted upon with the construction industry.

The Open (1 stage) procedure was chosen rather than the restricted procedure (2 stages – separate Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and Invitation to Tender stages). It was anticipated that this approach would remove potential barriers for the SMEs to compete with the larger national companies.

The quality/price weighting for Lot 1 was 70/30 and for Lots 2 and 3 was 80/20. A maximum of 6 contractors would be appointed to Lots 1 and 2 and 3 contractors would be appointed to Lot 3.

The Contract Notice was published on 28th August 2013. Tenders were opened on 21st October 2013. 23 bids were received for Lot 1, 15 bids were received for Lot 2 and 10 bids were received for Lot 3 The top 10 bidders for Lots 1 and 2 and the top 6 for Lot were selected for interview.

The main drivers for the project are to obtain value for money from public procurement and deliver community benefits across the region. This is best achieved through an aggregation of construction projects associated with the 21st Century Schools Programme. This element of framework equates to a £196m investment across North Wales over the next 4 to 7 years, funded 50/50

by Local authorities and Welsh Government.

21st Century School Programme-Project per County Area

County	No. of Projects	Overall Value
Conwy	4	£18m
Denbighshire	3	£48m
Flintshire	4	£64m
Gwynedd	5	£36m
Wrexham	5	£22m
Ynys Mon	1	£8m
TOTAL	23	£196m

Please note that projects where contracts have already been awarded have been excluded from this figure

In the first year, the cost of the Framework shall be funded by the North Wales Regional Fund; any shortfall shall be met by the Councils in proportion to their relevant financial contribution. Each Council shall contribute the sum of £15,000 to the Lead Authority for the second and subsequent years of the Framework and where there is any shortfall in the cost of the Framework; the Councils shall contribute such further sums to make up the shortfall in proportion to their relevant financial contribution.

The financial model will be reviewed on an annual basis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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