

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 MARCH 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **IMPROVEMENT PLAN QUARTERLY MONITORING**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet Member are invited to review performance, risks and actions.

To note the following:

- The levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of key activities which seek to deliver the impacts of the Improvement Plan
- The performance against improvement plan measures and the predicted level of performance for year end; and
- The current (net) risk levels and targeted risk levels for the risks identified in the Improvement Plan and the arrangements to control them

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                The Improvement Priorities are monitored by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**            All directorates have been consulted with regarding the reporting of relevant information.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no specific financial implications for this report. However the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan is aligned to resource the priorities of the

Improvement Plan and the monitoring will help to inform future iterations.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 MARCH 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **SETTING UP OF A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE  
CLWYDIAN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL  
BEAUTY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approve:-

1. the setting up of a Joint Committee
2. The Joint Committee arrangements as set out in the Draft Legal Agreement as appended to this report excluding any financial commitments above current levels and amendments to the period of notice provided prior to withdrawal from the Joint Committee
3. The nominations of Members to sit on the Joint Committee. At this stage, it is suggested that the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, are initially nominated to represent the Council.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      The Clwydian Range Interim JAC.

Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County Borough Councils, by way of Leaders, Lead Members, Chief Executives and Lead Officers, including Finance Officers.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Joint Committee will be hosted by each Authority in turn; the host Authority will provide the logistical support for that meeting with Denbighshire retaining the role of Secretariat. These costs will be mainly to Legal and Democratic Services.

Denbighshire will provide a separate Budget Line and Report to the Committee. As with all Joint Committee Budgets the budget will have to be independently audited by the Welsh Audit Office. The cost of the audit will be met from the Joint Committee's budget. The audited account will be shared with the Joint Committee and each Authority.

In terms of the budget the current budget and contributions of each of the authorities can be seen in the Legal Agreement. Over the next five years the budget will become, by negotiation, equitable between the three authorities. Flintshire currently contributes £26,500 plus officer time towards the Joint Advisory Committee. The draft legal opinion supposes that this will increase over five years to £42,136 which would be considerably more than the current spend. The principle of making an increased contribution in accordance with the methodology shown in the draft agreement is not accepted at this stage, as the geographical area within Flintshire has remained the same. It is recommended that in a time of general reductions in spending, the Joint Committee be asked to keep the overall cost, and therefore the contribution made by Flintshire, to the minimum necessary for the effective working of the Committee.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

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

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATIONS ON 6TH  
FORM PROVISION AT ST RICHARD GWYN  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND FLINT HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (a) Cabinet notes the evaluation of consultation process;
- (b) Cabinet notes that the two schools are in the process of finalising and submitting their final business case in support of their preferred option for a voluntary collaboration; and
- (c) Cabinet is prepared to evaluate the options and take a policy position once the final business case has been received.

**DECISION:**                                **AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS  
AGREED:**

- (a) That Cabinet recognises the developed governance and operational arrangements in the schools' recent business case submission and is assured that the final information within the case demonstrates a workable model between the schools and therefore the collaboration will be supported by the Local Authority;
- (b) That the collaboration will be subject to an annual review process (agreed with the schools during consultation) to ensure to the Governing Bodies' and Local Authority's satisfaction that the

arrangements are resilient and achieving the opportunities and outcomes that young people deserve; and

- (c) That further work should be undertaken to ensure that admissions and transport arrangements are equitable between Community Secondary Schools in the area and to support post 16 planning and partnerships.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Any decision to make changes to sixth form provision would require a further report seeking approval for the publication of a statutory notice, which would start a period for lodging formal objections.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Consultation meetings and written consultation were undertaken with the school communities between 16 December 2013 and 31 January 2014.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for each school can only be drawn down in accordance with the numbers of post-16 students on programmes of study. Flint High School currently has 92 on roll and is well below even the low local policy number of 120 to indicate viable numbers of post-16 students. At St. Richard Gwyn the number is currently 131. Clearly, there are efficiencies that can be secured through collaborative working. These would be lower or at best similar to consolidation of post-16 activity in Flint on one site only. If working collaboratively, the funding model will need to demonstrate that St. Richard Gwyn with the larger provision is not providing a hidden subsidy for the smaller provision at Flint High School.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Head of Finance (Treasurer and Administrator to the Fund)

SUBJECT: CLWYD PENSION FUND - FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT AND IMPACT FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to note the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report. The costs for 2014/15 are included in the agreed budget and for 2015/16 and 2016/17 are indicated in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillors Bernie Attridge, Chris Bithell, Helen Brown, Kevin Jones and Aaron Shotton

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **18 MARCH 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Head of Finance, Head of Housing**

**SUBJECT:**                        **WELFARE REFORM UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Members note the report.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        None directly as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 MARCH 2014**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                                **UNIVERSAL CREDIT DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP  
AGREEMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                      That Members note the report and impacts.

That delegated authority is given to the Head of Finance in conjunction with the Head of Housing and the Cabinet Members for Housing and Corporate Management to agree funding and to authorise the DPA on behalf of the Council.

That reports are provided to Cabinet on the finalisation of the DPA and funding, and regular progress reports on the pilot.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                              None.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                              None.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**                              The increased services provision pressures on the Finance and Housing Services will be funded by the DWP.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                              None.

**DISPENSATIONS**    None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **18 MARCH 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **FLYING START UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet consider and approve the proposal for the further expansion of the Flying Start Programme.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            No requirement for consultation as a result of this report.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        No requirement for consultation as a result of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        There are no immediate financial implications for Flintshire County Council as the Flying Start Programme is 100% funded by a Welsh Government Specific Grant. The grant is administered by the local authority as the accountable body.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        Councillor Christine Jones

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION OF LOWERING  
THE AGE RANGE OF QUEENSFERRY PRIMARY  
SCHOOL FROM 4-11 TO 3-11

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: In view of the outcome of the consultation process, that Members approve the publication of the statutory notice proposing the change in age range of Queensferry Primary School from 1 September 2014.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultations with the schools in the area and other statutory consultees in accordance with Welsh Government Guidance.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultations completed in relation to the wider re-organisation of provision in the Queensferry area in order to establish a 3 to 16 school.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The cost of adaptations at the school to accommodate the nursery is included in the overall 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools budget for the establishment of a new 3 to 16 School on the John Summers site.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 MARCH 2014**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Head of  
Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                                 **NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT  
PROJECT – OVERVIEW REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Members note the report as the background to the specific reports which follow on the agenda for this meeting on the Inter Authority Agreement and the Appointment of the Preferred Bidder.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      Further consultation will be undertaken as part of the planning and permitting process.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      Quarterly update reports have been considered by the Committee throughout the procurement process.

The Partnership have been engaging and consulting with local communities, Community Councils and Local Members at key stages in the procurement process. Public engagement and consultation has been in the form of the NWRWTP website, leaflets/information booklets, press releases and meetings. A number of “drop in” sessions have been held in Flintshire (in particular in Connah’s Quay) at various stages throughout the process from March 2010 onwards.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**                      As covered by the reports on the agenda.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                      Councillors Bernie Attridge and Aaron Shotton.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 MARCH 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Head of  
Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                                **NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE PROJECT -  
ANNUAL BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members of Cabinet are asked to:-

- Approve the proposed 2013/14 revised budget it being £595,558
- Approve expenditure in 2014/15 to take the procurement process to the final stage of Financial Close it being £321,066
- Note the additional cost to Flintshire as a Partner Authority of £47,718 for the project up to Financial close
- Agree to the Joint Committee approving the ongoing project budget requirements referred to in 3.05 of the report

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            See report.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        See sections 3.01 to 3.05 of the report. Flintshire's contribution to the project costs is met from the Waste Reserve.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        Councillors Bernie Attridge and Aaron Shotton.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 MARCH 2014**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Head of  
Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**                                      **NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT  
PROJECT - 2ND INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Members to note that Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee has reviewed and scrutinised the draft Inter-Authority Agreement and recommended its adoption.

To commit to the Partnership and the Project by adopting, along with the other 4 councils, the principles in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Authority Agreement which reflect the key terms of the Project Agreement to be entered into by the Lead Council with the Preferred Bidder on Contract Award.

To delegate authority to the Lead Chief Executive to:

- Finalise the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Authority Agreement for signing by the constituent authorities
- Circulate the finalised agreement to the Monitoring Officers of all 5 Authorities
- Take into account the views of all constituent Authorities and refer back to the Joint Committee for approval of any major departures from the agreed principles
- To agree to the Council signing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Authority Agreement once it has been finalised in accordance with the above procedure

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendations and including the following resolution:

That adoption of IAA2 is conditional upon the air quality monitoring being maintained for the contractual period.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

None.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

A number of meetings have taken place of the Technical Officers' Group, Finance Officers' Group and the Legal Officers' Group to discuss the key issues raised in the draft IAA2, at the Project Board on 12 December 2013 and 16 January 2014 and the Joint Committee on 29 January 2014. The draft Agreement has been reviewed and scrutinised by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are financial implications and risk for all five constituent authorities as a consequence of entering into an Agreement. These are summarised in this and accompanying reports.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Bernie Attridge and Aaron Shotton.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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RECORD NO.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 MARCH 2014 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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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 MARCH 2014**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

**REPORT OF:**                                      **Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Head of  
Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Finance**

**SUBJECT:**    **NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT  
PROJECT - APPOINTMENT OF PREFERRED  
BIDDER**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                      Approve the award of Preferred Bidder status to the company recommended in the report on the following basis:-

- That following a rigorous dialogues and negotiation with the company, the Call for Final Tender (CFT) bid submitted by the company represents value for money for the partnership
- Following detailed financial, legal and technical evaluation of the company's bid, the partnership is satisfied with the risk balance proposed with the contract ('Project Agreement')

Members grant authority to the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee to take all necessary steps to take the process forward with the company from Preferred Bidder through to Financial Close, and award a contract.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                                      See consultation undertaken.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                                      Following initial evaluation by the Partnership's external project advisors Pinsent Masons (Legal), Grant Thornton (Financial) and Amec (Technical), a number of challenge sessions were held

(including technical officers from each Partner Authority and finance and legal officers from the lead authority).

The Project's Local Partnership's Transactor (WG appointed) was consulted on the draft report.

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee was pre-consulted on this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As set out within the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Bernie Attridge and Aaron Shotton.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 MARCH 2014**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **EXTRA CARE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (a) Agree the proposal to use the Intermediate Care Fund to support the two extra care developments, £275k for both
- (b) Agree to continue to work on both projects as detailed in the report but to run them separately to enable progress to be made, so we are not travelling at the pace of the slowest
- (c) Assuming the grant will be agreed by Welsh Government, have further discussion with both RSL's regarding the detail of delivering the following schemes independently of each other
- (d) Authorise officers to issue a VEAT notice, concerning the Extra Care Development

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Further consultation with RSL's and as appropriate with all stakeholders.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**      Initial consultation has taken place with RSL's.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        Report recommends use of the Intermediate Care Fund. The report recommends a self financing model for the development of extra care grant

monies.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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