

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 APRIL 2014** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Director of Community Services**

SUBJECT: **DELIVERING HOME ADAPTATIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve the proposed policy regarding the adaptation of family houses and upper floor flats within the Council's housing stock, as appended to the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None in addition to that already taken.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: All staff groups involved in the delivery of home adaptations have attended workshops. Staff groups consulted include Occupational Therapists, Disability Officers, Building Surveyors, Neighbourhood Housing Team Leaders and the in-house adaptations team. Feedback on the Policy has been positively received and no concerns were raised.

The Policy was circulated to the Flintshire Tenants and Residents Federation for their feedback and was similarly well received. There was an appreciation from Federation members of the need for this Policy. Five written responses were returned, one of which requested a longer time period for the submission of an appeal from 21 days to 28 days. This recommendation was accepted and has therefore been included within the new Policy. Additional comments in relation to accessibility e.g. typeface and language will also be taken into account when the Policy is produced. A joint Overview and

Scrutiny Committee of Housing and Social Services was held on 6 February 2014 where this draft policy was considered and supported.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The falling number of adaptation requests in the owner occupied sector is not reflected within the Council's own housing stock, which is disproportionately affecting the HRA. The Council continues to spend in excess of £1m per year adapting its housing stock to meet the needs of disabled tenants. This is despite largely eliminating the building of extensions in favour of promoting relocation and creating efficiencies through delivery of disabled adaptations in house.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 APRIL 2014** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Head of Human Resources and Organisational
Development**

SUBJECT: **PEOPLE STRATEGY 2014 - 2017**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That Members note the achievements made in relation to delivery of the current People Strategy
- (b) That Members note and endorse the immediate priorities for 2014; and
- (c) That Members note the intention to draft a new People Strategy 2014 to 2017, following the leadership restructure in May 2014

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None specifically arising from this report. Further consultation will be undertaken with Members and other key stakeholders as the new People Strategy for 2014-2017 is developed.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The resourcing implications for the delivery of the new People Strategy 2014-2017 will be considered as part of the design and project planning process.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 15 APRIL 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Head of ICT and Customer Services

SUBJECT: ICT STRATEGY UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the progress being made in 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: None directly from this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 APRIL 2014** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Director of Environment**

SUBJECT: **REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members endorse the First Revision of the North Wales Regional Technical Review.

That Members note the departure from published planning policy and guidance and note that clarification letters will be issued by the Welsh Government in the interim until the policy and guidance is revised.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation was a requirement of the RTS process, and proportionate stakeholder consultation has taken place over the period October to December 2013 in compliance with the Welsh Government Contract. The comments made in response to consultation have been considered by the RTS Sub Group and are set out in a Response to Consultation document. Where necessary or appropriate, the draft RTS has been amended.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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