

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **QUARTER 1 IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING  
REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet Members are invited to determine if enough action has been taken to manage delivery of the Improvement Priority impacts.

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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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Education and Youth)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **RESPONSES TO CONSULTATIONS AT SALTNEY  
FERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ST. DAVID'S HIGH  
SCHOOL SALTNEY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That the option to change the age-range of St. David's High School from 11-18 to 11-16 from September 2016 is approved and that Members approve the publication of the statutory notice to this effect.

That further work be undertaken with St. David's High School and local primary schools to promote closer collaborative working and development of potential plans for federation.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      No further consultations are required, but a period of 28 days for the lodging of objections to the published proposal will follow the date of publication.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**                      In accordance with the School Organisation Code.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**                      Transport costs for students from the Saltney area to the new post-16 sixth form centre in Connah's Quay will be incurred, but this will be dampened by the cessation of the consortium travel arrangements.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                      None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION  
PROGRAMME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- 'Future Thinking Option 2' as the strategy for the Programme
- The use of a development contract model for the reasons outlined in the report as most suitable for the Programme
- The procurement of the Programme using the competitive dialogue process and to report back to Cabinet for approval of the preferred partner
- That the procurement process and contract are structured in a way which can include the scope for collaborative partners to use the contract
- That the Chief Officer for Community & Enterprise and the Corporate Finance Manager be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader and the Housing Portfolio Holder to draw up and implement a funding plan to finance the Programme
- That the Chief Officer for Community & Enterprise and the Corporate Finance Manager be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader and the Housing Portfolio Holder to acquire and/or transfer land between the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Council Fund in order to ensure that the tenure of the proposed houses

best meets the needs of the locality in which they are built

- That approval is given for key strategic sites (as identified through the SHARP Programme and where budget provision has been made) to be purchased for Housing Development in consultation with the Leader and Housing Portfolio Holder

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations, and including:

- That in order to address the risk to the planned programme of house building the Council invite the new Minister to review the suspension of the Right to Buy across Wales

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

There are 6 review points built into the procurement process to ensure ongoing approval for the developing Programme strategy.

In addition strategic consultation with Members will be required. In particular, further consultation will be carried out with Members to confirm the design specification of the homes in terms of confirming the appropriate building code level and any specific design features to be applicable to homes in Flintshire. The aim is to create a 'Flintshire Homes Design Standard'.

Consultation with the local community (including community groups) will be undertaken with support from the Council's Equality Unit.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Most recently at the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 2014, elected Members gave support to take forward the market consultation prior to the procurement to enable the development of new homes in Flint town centre and for a Council and Affordable

Housing building programme across Flintshire.

Market consultation has taken place during July and August to gather bidders' views that the proposed approach is feasible and efficient and likely to achieve the value for money.

Extensive consultation has taken place with the local community in Flint to develop the agreed vision and outcomes as per the Flint Master Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Site acquisitions will be made through budgets identified for this purpose. This will include utilisation of the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme, Housing Revenue Account and could also include Commuted Sums budgets (subject to policy approval).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Bernie Attridge.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **SUPERFAST BUSINESS WALES EXPLOITATION PROGRAMME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    To note this initiative will have a very positive impact on the business sectors in Flintshire.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Welsh Government as the lead body.  
Private sector industry to raise awareness of the exploitation programme for Superfast Business Wales.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Welsh Government as the lead body.  
Local authorities to support the exploitation programme for Superfast Business Wales.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        Welsh Government budgets will be apportioned on a Local Authority basis.  
There is no financial implication for Flintshire to support the exploitation programme.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES: CERTIFICATE  
OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE AUDIT OF FLINTSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL'S 2014-15 IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    To advise Members of the positive Certificate of Compliance from the Auditor General for Wales in respect of the audit of the 2014-15 Improvement Plan.

Members to note the report and agree the Council's Executive response.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations, and including the establishment of a Task and Finish Group, as agreed at Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to undertake quality assurance work on the targets.

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None required.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Senior officers have had input into the findings of this audit.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The letter had no direct implication in relation to finance.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                      **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC EQUALITY  
PLAN AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME  
2013/14**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet endorse the annual monitoring reports for the period 2013-2014 for both the Strategic Equality Plan and Welsh Language Scheme prior to publication and formal submission to the relevant regulatory bodies.

Cabinet receive a further report on the implementation of the Welsh Language Scheme as and when more details are received from the Welsh Language Commissioner.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**                      None required.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**              Equality representative and managers were consulted in order to update both of the actions plans and provide information for the annual monitoring reports.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**              There are no financial implications to this report; the annual monitoring reports sets out progress that has been made to achieve targets and commitments within the Strategic Equality Plan and Welsh Language Scheme.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**              None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (MONTH 3)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members are recommended to:

- (a) Note the overall report
- (b) Note the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31 March 2015
- (c) Note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account

**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 the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2013/14**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That the Cabinet approves and recommends to the Council the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2013/14.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            Arlingclose Ltd. As Treasury Management Advisors.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        Arlingclose Ltd. As Treasury Management Advisors.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        As set out in the Annual Report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) NEW RENT  
POLICY FOR SOCIAL HOUSING RENTS AND  
SERVICE CHARGES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet are asked to approve the revised rent policy as described below:

- The implementation of a single rent for each type and size of property as per the rent reform guidance
- Rent levels set within the target rent band to support a policy of maximising affordability
- New tenancies are let at target rent from April 2015, with full service charge implementation
- To charge for services as a single average rate for each element
- To implement service charges for existing tenants on a phased basis over three years from 2016 following detailed consultation, and as per paragraph 3.30

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**              Full consultation will be required with any tenants affected by the introduction of service charges. This will take place scheme by scheme; with a full opportunity to discuss the proposed changes, quality of service provision, and tenant expectations around service frequency. It is likely that different groups of property could ultimately require different service levels and therefore different charges would be set. At any scheme it would be a majority decision as to service

standards/cost and whether a service is provided at all.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

This report has been shared with Housing Scrutiny Committee and will be shared with the Tenants Federation.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As described in the report. The Council has a dual responsibility to maximise rental income to deliver high quality services to tenants and to ensure that rents remain affordable. The proposals in this paper aim to achieve that balance.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUNDING FROM WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet note the mechanism to apply for funding through the Landfill Communities Fund.

That Cabinet approve the proposals to raise awareness of the fund as detailed in section 3.04 of the report.

That Cabinet agree the mechanism for selecting suitable internal Council bids based on the criteria in section 3.06 of the report.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            None.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        With the Cabinet Member.

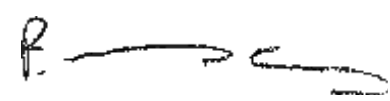
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        Any internal bids into the fund will require a 10% contribution.

The current level of landfill tax funding linked to Flintshire's waste disposal operations in Hafod is £153,514.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Update Risk Assessment workshop with all stakeholders.

Trade Unions in respect of TUPE and FTE reductions.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

With Cabinet Members.  
Risk Assessment workshop with all stakeholders.  
With Workshop staff and Trade Unions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The overall Council Fleet cost in the baseline budget is £6.100m and it is anticipated that the annual saving from the implementation of the revised Phase 3 option detailed in this report is £231k.

The current estimate for the total savings generated by the three phases of the Fleet Review is £1.3m p.a.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **16 SEPTEMBER 2014**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)**

**SUBJECT:**                        **FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2014-15**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Members approve the Food Service Plan 2014/15.

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

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

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**            N/A.


**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**        N/A.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**        The cost of implementing the agreement in Food Law Enforcement will be met within the existing Planning, Public Protection and Environment Directorate budget.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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