

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **2015/16 COUNCIL FUND BUDGET SETTING
PROCESS UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the details of the presentation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the presentation.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the presentation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL MODERNISATION STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet consider and approve the updated School Modernisation Strategy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Individual local area reviews are individually commissioned by the Council's Cabinet. Their format meets the requirements of national statutory guidance underpinning school organisational change processes. Local area reviews involve consultation and engagement with children and young people, staff, governors and the wider community.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation and engagement on the refreshed strategy has been undertaken with:

- Primary and Secondary Head Teachers Federations
- Diocesan Directors; and
- Neighbouring Authorities

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Welsh Government have indicated that £500 million is available for the roll out of Band B of the 21st Century Schools programme from 2019, following completion of the national initial phase of the programme. It is expected that WG will provide further information in the next few months on planning for Band B.

However, it should be noted that WG funding criteria for 21st Century schools

will only potentially be available for modernisation projects and that refurbishment or maintenance projects are not eligible for grant via this programme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Organisational Change), Chief Officer (Organisational Change.)**

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members:

- Support the appointment of the Portfolio holder for Environment to sit on the panel which will make recommendations in relation to all stage two business models.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Town and Community Councils.
County Forum.
Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Town and Community Councils at awareness raising events.
County forum in September 2014 and October 2014.
Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee through mid-year reports.
Stakeholder workshop with FLVC in October 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As advised the Council are supporting FLVC financially in this process, this support equating to £25,000 per year for the next two years with FLVC providing in kind matched support in the sum of £10k per year for the next two years.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 20 JANUARY 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: INTERMEDIATE CARE FUND (ICF)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet are asked to note the report including the progress made with the effective use of the Intermediate Care Fund.

Given the importance and early success of the priority services which have been recognised by BCUHB, other partners and Flintshire County Council, the case should be made to Welsh Government for continuing financial support when new funding possibilities arise.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The end of the Fund will mean that successful projects will no longer have funding streams. Work is taking place to look at how critical projects could be supported.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE COAST PARK PROPOSALS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members endorse the concept of the Flintshire Coast Park and recommend that the Council seeks to take forward potential key projects within the area to support its priorities and objectives.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Further engagement work will be required as projects are promoted within communities.

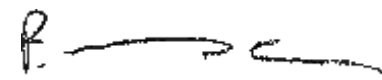
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Stakeholders have been engaged through the production of this prospectus and Planning Strategy Group has endorsed the proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None identified. The prospectus will enable appropriate applications for external grant aid to be brought forward.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **TRANSPORT PRIORITIES AND THE REGIONAL
TRANSPORT PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the progress made to refresh the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) and recommend approval of the document to the Taith Board.

That Cabinet approve the local transport priorities within the RTP and note the comments received during the consultation period.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Stakeholders and open meeting in December 2014.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With the Cabinet Member.
Regional stakeholders meeting has been held.
Local open stakeholders meeting held in Mold during December 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The document and priorities will form the basis for future bids to WG for transport funding for the life span of the document.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the laying of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

To adopt the Scheme as set out in 3.02 of the report and agree the recommendations to maintain the current discretionary elements.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation has been undertaken for the previous 2 years which has confirmed the discretionary elements of the scheme. These regulations provide for the removal of the requirement to consult if the Council is not varying the discretionary elements it has previously consulted on and adopted.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: This report is to be considered by CROSC on 15 January 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The cost of Council Tax Reduction needs to be managed within the Council's budget. The amount of grant received from Welsh Government is limited to £9.958m for 2015/16 and this is provided on a fixed rather than a demand led basis.

The funding arrangements for 2015/16 include funding of up to 100% of the estimated cost of the scheme based on the 2012/13 cost of Council Tax Benefit

and therefore the funding does not include the subsequent increases in Council Tax producing an immediate additional shortfall including precepts, with the Council having a responsibility to meet this shortfall in order to maintain the scheme at 100% reduction (where applicable).

In addition to Flintshire's contribution to maintaining the scheme at 100%, the Council must also meet the cost in any growth in caseload.

The total projected costs of the Scheme will be finalised, and budgeted for, once the Council Tax increase for 2015/16 has been agreed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT**
2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Cabinet approves and recommends to the Council the Treasury Management Mid Year Report 2014/15.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Aringclose Ltd.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Arlingclose Ltd.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **20 JANUARY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **ENERGY SWITCHING SCHEME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members support this initiative and nominate the Cabinet Member for Environment as a suitable person to sign the charter and provide a statement of support.

That Members utilise the engagement packs (when available) to promote the Cyd Cymru fuel switching scheme, and promote energy efficiency when doing so.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None in respect of the Cyd Cymru scheme.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Discussions, meetings and seminars with Eco Centre Wales, North Wales Energy Advice Centre, WLGA, South Lakeland District Council, Cheshire East Council, Birmingham and Solihull Together, Moneysuperkarmet.com, National Energy Action, Consumer Focus and other North Wales Local Authorities and registered social landlords have all fed into this and previous reports on the same topic.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Due to the existing structure and administration of Cyd Cymru, (having been set up and run by Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan) there are no unknown costs or financial implications or additional staff resources etc. The only cost being the printing of promotional materials which can be covered from within existing

budgets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: 20 JANUARY 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S SERVICES FORUM

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet considers the report and authorises the change to the membership of the Children's Services Forum to include a Primary Headteacher representative and an independent advocate.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None as a result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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