

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION:
REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO
LOCAL PEOPLE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is recommended to provide an outline response to Council on 14 April 2015, based on the points made in 3.01 of the report, for debate. Council will then pass a resolution on the formal consultation response to be made to Welsh Government.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None directly.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The Council Leader, Cabinet Members, Chief Officers and senior managers have been consulted informally in the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None directly.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT AND THE
CORPORATE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES FOR FLINTSHIRE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To accept the Annual Improvement Plan and adopt the response attached for consultation with the Audit Committee and the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: This report will be considered by Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Senior officers have had input into this report. The Annual Audit Letter was presented to the Council's Audit Committee in December 2014.

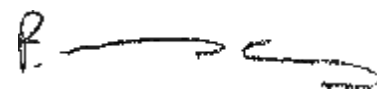
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This report refers to the financial resourcing and planning arrangements of the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **17 MARCH 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **QUARTER 3 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 trend 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: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change.)

SUBJECT: MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR LIBRARY AND
CONNECTS SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To commit to developing an effective and sustainable network of Libraries and Connects Services based on 6 hub locations in Connahs Quay, Mold, Flint, Buckley, Holywell, Deeside Leisure Centre.

To consult on the proposals for the development of a new hub library at Deeside Leisure Centre with services from Hawarden, Mancot and Queensferry libraries being re-located to the new library as outlined in this report.

To develop new Connects services in Mold and Buckley that are located within the libraries.

To engage with specific communities during 2015 to:

- assess the feasibility of a community asset transfer in Mynydd Isa, Saltney and Hope libraries;
- explore the potential of a community library and some Connects service provision in a community managed building in Broughton.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: As detailed in the report in relation to the library proposals.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Consultation with ward members in relation to Connects is taking place on an ongoing basis as is consultation with groups working through community asset transfer.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are a range of financial impacts that are detailed in the report. Most of these are either contained within existing budget proposals or will make efficiencies for future years.

The capital cost of the proposals for a new library development at Deeside Leisure Centre are approximately £0.130m for which a grant application has been made to CyMAL for approximately £0.100m with the remainder to be found within existing budgets. If the grant is unsuccessful or CyMAL require further match funding then future consideration would need to be made about how this can be achieved.

The proposed re-location of three libraries into the library at Deeside Leisure Centre will make a significant saving in relation to building costs and future repairs and maintenance. As part of the development, plans will be put in place for integrating staffing from the current three libraries which will also reduce operating costs. A full financial analysis will be provided in the final decision report which is planned to be brought forward in May after community consultation.

There is currently £0.250m identified in the capital budget for both Mold and Buckley Connects. It is expected that works to deliver a connects and Buckley and Mold Libraries should not exceed £0.100m in total.

Longer term plans for Community Asset Transfer, Community Library development and the further integration of services at hub libraries will deliver efficiencies that will aim to ensure services are

sustainable. Detailed financial plans will be put in place prior to implementation of the model in April 2016.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: FLINTSHIRE'S STRATEGIC HOUSING AND
REGENERATION PROGRAMME (SHARP) - UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- Inclusion of new indicative sites as part of the Programme & further prioritisation;
- Prudential borrowing as the 'preferred approach' for Council units;
- Leaseback as the 'preferred approach' for funding affordable to rent units in Chapel Street, Flint;
- Incorporation of the CITB into the contract and subsequent (if desired) application to the CITB for the Council to achieve CITB accredited employer status;

The new timescale to allow incorporation of the above elements.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

As above, there are 6 review points built into the procurement process to ensure ongoing approval for the developing Programme strategy.

Further Consultation with the local community (including community groups) will be undertaken (with support from the Council's Equalities Unit), on the developments post appointment of the development partner.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Consultation was undertaken during November 2014 on proposals for the re-

development of Flint Town Centre. The event was attended by c. 300 people. This event was part of wider consultation with the local community in Flint to develop the agreed vision and outcomes as per the Flint Master Plan.

Consultation with the local community (including community groups) is being undertaken with support from the Council's Equalities Unit.

A Task and Finish Group is progressing the development of a 'Flintshire Homes Design Standard'. The Group consists of tenants, Elected Members and officers and is led by external development advisers. This Group is in the process of developing the design specification of the homes i.e. appropriate building code level and any specific design features to be applicable to the new Council, Affordable and private homes.

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).

The procurement costs are expected to be circa £260k in total. As a proportion of the total anticipated value of the first five years of the programme this is 0.5%. (There is provision for this to be extended to 10 for no extra procurement cost).

Initially the council will need to make provision to fully fund this; however as other partners utilise the development partnership some of these initial costs will be recovered.

The procurement costs are composed of interim Project Manager costs, specialist legal costs, development expert costs, and site investigation costs (to speed planning).

Procurement costs are to be shared between HRA/Council fund on the basis of 40% HRA, 60% council fund. Costs in 2014/15 are expected to be £200k in total. The HRA element of £80k can be met from the Flint maisonettes budget. The Council fund element can be met from revenue budget savings achieved through managed budgetary control.

The remaining procurement costs will be met from 2015/16 budgets. Once the contract is awarded, any ongoing project management costs can be capitalised, and potentially some of the procurement costs subject to capitalisation direction.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)

SUBJECT: RENEWABLE ENERGY 10 YEAR ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the attached "Large scale Renewable Energy action Plan".

That Cabinet also approves the undertaking of a public consultation exercise, to gain public support/comment to our aims and objectives and to provide feedback that can help shape the Renewable Energy Action plan in future.

That Cabinet approve investigating ways of utilising the waste wood collected at Flintshire County Council C.A. sites, as a potential fuel.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: APSE , Walker Morris , Steven Cirell-Energy consultant, Welsh Government, Internal Planning advice, Coed Cymru, Corporate Communications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None as a direct result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT NATIONAL
TRANSPORT PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note Flintshire County Council's response to the Draft National Transport Plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Highways Policy has consulted with Transportation, Planning and Regeneration service areas and their responses have been amalgamated together with the response by Highways Policy in the attached Draft National Transport Plan response questionnaire.

A press release was also issued in the Chester Chronicle on Friday 30th January, inviting members of the public to submit any comments for inclusion with Flintshire County Council's response by 6th February, 2015. Flintshire County Council did not receive any responses by the deadline date. A response was received on the 11th February, and is attached in the **Appendix 4**.

Flintshire County Council held a consultation event on the 15th December 2014 at Mold Town Hall on the Draft Joint Local Transport Plan. In addition to comments received on the day a press release was issued inviting comments by the closing date 5th January, 2015. A


number of responses were received which related to issues appertaining to the National Transport Plan. Those comments were amalgamated and put into bullet points and have been added to Flintshire's formal response.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (MONTH 9)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are recommended to :-

- a) Note the overall report.
- b) Note the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2015 (paragraph 6.06)

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 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: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 (MONTH 9)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is requested to:-

- Note and approve the report.
- Approve the rollover adjustments in 3.05.2.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As set out in Sections 2 and 3 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT FUNDING

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Cabinet to approve that applications for funding by Third Sector Organisations from the Council's Community Chest Fund be processed by FLVC.

That recommendations for funding be made to the Chief Executive by a Panel comprising two representatives of FLVC together with a Member and an Officer of the Council.

That Cabinet or the Leader determine the Council Member to serve on the new Panel.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: With the existing Voluntary Sector Grants Panel.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With the existing Voluntary Sector Grants Panel

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The FJVC will administer the arrangements for the Panel for a 10% fee of the grants awarded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: THE FUTURE OF THE RIGHT TO BUY AND RIGHT TO ACQUIRE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the Welsh Government consultation currently open concerning the Right to Buy and Right to Acquire.

The Flintshire County Council responds positively to the consultation and supports early implementation of the reduction to the discount, followed by the ending of the Right to Buy and Right to Acquire.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation will be undertaken with the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its March meeting.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: There has been no consultation undertaken to date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Council receives a proportion of the market value for any property sold. This currently provides a capital receipt of 25% of the value to the Housing Revenue Account. However, every property sold reduces the Council's income by on average £4000 per year and reduces the availability of social housing to meet local need.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: HOUSING ACT 2014 (WALES) - HOMELESSNESS
AND POWER TO DISREGARD THE TEST OF
INTENTIONALITY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet agree that following implementation of the Housing Act 2014 (Wales) the Authority should still have regard to the homelessness intentionality test and that this will be reviewed regularly.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None arising directly from this report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None arising directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Welsh Government funding has been provided for 2015/16 to cover additional financial burdens related to the provision of the enhanced homelessness prevention service.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
POWERS UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOURS,
CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Chief Officer for Planning and Environment and the Chief Officer for Community and Enterprise be given delegated authority to authorise officers to serve Community Protection Notices and, Fixed Penalty Notices in the event of a breach, in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

That the Chief Officer for Planning and Environment be given delegated authority to designate and approve Public Space Protection Orders on behalf of Flintshire County Council, and authorise officers to enforce, identified, prohibited activities in areas designated by such orders, in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

That Members delegate the power to enforce PSPO's to the Chief Constable of North Wales Police to discharge the enforcement powers to police officers.

Cabinet Members are asked to support and note the new tools and powers available to social landlords, and to support the amendments to the Housing Anti Social Behaviour Policy to enable the council to make effective use of the legislation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None 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: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed admission arrangements for 2016/17 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: No further consultation is required.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: All statutory consultees have been consulted in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 MARCH 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (People and Resources)

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INFORMATION REPORTS QUARTER
3 2014/15

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members note the Workforce Information Report for quarter 3.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Increased accuracy for 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:

DISPENSATIONS

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