

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: NEW CUSTOMER SERVICES POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to approve the revised Customer Services policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The new policy has been considered by Chief Officers followed by consultation at Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 December 2014.

During a four week public consultation period between February – March 2015, employees were also invited to provide their feedback on the new policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: FLINTSHIRE PARKING STRATEGIES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the County Parking Strategy - **Appendix 1.**

That Cabinet approves the Council wide charging sheet which lists the proposed charging bands (**Appendix 2**) and provides delegated authority to the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to review the charging arrangements applied at each car park on an annual basis.

That Cabinet approves the introduction of car parking permit schemes at County Hall and Flint to allow staff to utilise the car parks within the local parking strategies

That Cabinet approves the proposals to make a contribution to any T&CC with car parking charges above the base rate as highlighted in the Council wide summary charging sheet - detailed in paragraph 3.16 of this report

That Cabinet approves the proposed charge for the residents parking permit and the continued rollout of the residents parking scheme if required by the local parking strategy.

That Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation), following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to review the proposed

charge for residents parking permits an annual basis.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations with the following amendments and additions:

- Charges for Talacre to be 20p for up to 2 hours, £2 for up to 4 hours and £4 all day
- The 50p charge for parking at the short stay car parks in Mold be for 3 hours, not 2
- Discussions to take place with Clwyd Theatr Cymru on contributions to car park maintenance
- Residents Parking Policy be amended to apply for 24 hours a day 7 days per week
- A progress report back to be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny in 12 months

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATION REQUIRED:**

Statutory consultation will be required prior to the introduction of local TRO's and resident parking schemes.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:**

Trade Unions regarding workplace and visitor charging. Cabinet Member for Environment. All Member workshops which included representatives from Town and Community Councils. Public consultation exercise (9 March to 29 March).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The introduction of charging and increased management in the nominated car parks will incur initial capital cost however it is predicted that revenue will cover these costs in year 1 and provide £382k of the projected £400k income level projected in the 2015-16 Business Planning proposals. **(Appendix 9).**

The removal of Caergwrle and Hawarden car parks from the previous proposals will reduce income levels by approximately £18k per annum.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**           None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                           None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the new Waste Collection Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation with the exception of the following:

- To allow for further public consultation and discussion with the new member for the Caergwrle ward, a discussion about the future of Hope Household Recycling Centre be deferred until June 2015

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: With Cabinet Member regarding roll out of the new weekend collections.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Cabinet Member. Member and Town and Community Council Workshops. Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The service is part funded by the Welsh Government through the Sustainable Waste Management Grant. The grant has been reduced over the past 2 years and further reduction is expected in future years.

The remaining service is budgeted within the Streetscene and Transportation budget.

The proposed changes to the Policy will deliver the 2015-16 budget saving – HRC at Hope remaining open (receiving

recycled material only) removes approximately £125k from overall savings or £80k weekends only.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: STREETLIGHTING POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the Council's revised Street Lighting Policy moves.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Full risk assessment in accordance with the Policy for each site considered.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: At two Member and Town and Community Council Workshops. Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The proposals will deliver the savings identified in 2015-16 Business Planning proposals with a limited rollout during the year. Additional benefits in future years will be accrued as the rollout of part night lighting arrangements are completed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: GRASS CUTTING POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the County's revised Grass Cutting Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With Cabinet Member. With Members and Town and Community Councils through Workshops. With Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The reduction in service standard detailed in the new Policy will deliver the savings detailed in the service Business Planning proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: SCHOOL STANDARDS & ORGANISATION ACT  
2013

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the changes concerning determination of school organisation proposals.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: School organisation changes requires statutory consultation with communities.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The decision making processes in this report have been discussed and agreed with Flintshire County Council's Legal Services. The processes in other Local Authorities have been recorded.

The Cabinet Portfolio Member for Lifelong Learning has considered the requirements of the Act and supports the proposals within the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Not applicable.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (MONTH 10)

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
- (d) approve the carry forward requests

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in sections 3.00 - 8.00 of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet adopts the Housing Benefit Overpayment Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: None.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Taking a structured and pro-active approach to recovery of Housing Benefit Overpayments will ensure that income is maximised and bad debt is minimised.

Although the write-off provision is already covered by Financial Procedure Rules, in the interests of transparency, protocols to support the write-off of bad debts is also included in the Policy. This will ensure that when it is deemed that a debt should not be recovered, those debts are written off promptly so that resources are concentrated where they can be most productive.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise)

SUBJECT: DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet adopts the DHP Policy from April 2015.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation with the the following amendment:

- That paragraph 3.3 of the Policy be amended to include “social” as well as financial consequences of not making an award

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The draft Policy was submitted to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 April for their consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The DWP funding for DHPs in Flintshire has been increasing over the last three years, however, for 2015/2016 this funding has now reduced. The Council has also been providing a budgeted “top up”.

Financial Year	DHP Government Flintshire “Top Up” Total Spend Contribution
2012/2013*	£114,426
£0	£109,071
2013/2014	£242,119
£30,776	£272,895

2014/2015	£276,166
£36,834	£313,000
2015/2016	£208,883
£0	£208,883

\*Pre Welfare Reform

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)

SUBJECT: MOBILE HOMES SITE (WALES) ACT 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That any application for a site licence where the fitness and propriety of the applicant is questioned is referred to and determined by a Licensing Sub Committee.

That enforcement powers are delegated to Environmental Health Team Leaders and Environmental Health Officers, and to the Licensing Team Leader and Licensing Officers.

That Members delegate the decision of the adoption of a fee level to the Chief Officer (Planning & Environment) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Public consultation.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Public consultation has been carried out by the Welsh Government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: It is anticipated that fees will be higher than under the current regime, however these costs will reflect the additional time spent on the administration of the licenses and the additional compliance checks. The fees will not exceed the cost of operating the new regime. The fees will be reviewed after the initial five year period.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**           None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                           None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND BIOMASS  
PRODUCTION/STORAGE AREA IN GREENFIELD

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the continued development of the proposed Waste Transfer Station proposals in Greenfield.

That Cabinet approves the continued development of the proposed Biomass storage and production facility in Greenfield.

That Cabinet approves the use of the prudential borrowing funding previously allocated to HRC and waste improvements to part fund the scheme.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Prior to commencement with statutory bodies and local Members.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With Cabinet Member.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Business Cases for each proposal form the details of the portfolio Business Planning proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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RECORD NO.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES REGIONAL SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT SERVICE (GWE) - CHANGES TO  
CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the amended governance arrangements for GwE, the North Wales Regional School Improvement Service in order to comply with the requirements of the National Model for Regional Working.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: These changes have been considered and approved by the Joint Committee of North Wales regional school improvement service.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY REVIEW - FLINT MOUNTAIN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To respond to the consultation document by supporting Option A as insufficient evidence has been produced to alter the existing arrangement.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The Boundary Commission is required to consult interested parties and consult the public. Flintshire has assisted in publicising the report.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The Boundary Commission is required to consult interested parties and consult the public. Flintshire has assisted in publicising the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None as a result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: WEBCASTING OF MEMBER MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Cabinet to agree to the introduction of webcasting of those meetings of greatest public interest, namely meetings of the Planning and Development Control Committee and meetings of County Council.

That the Chief Officer (Governance) be authorised to enter into a contract for 3 years for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

For the Chief Officer (Governance) in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to make recommendations to the Democratic Services Committee on how webcasting can be accommodated within available staffing resources.

For the Chief Officer (Governance) to recommend to Council the attached protocol on webcasting of meetings.

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: The Council has previously received a one off grant from the Welsh Government of £40k of which a balance of £37k remains. The upfront cost and the service costs for either a year or a three year contract could be met from the balance of

the Welsh Government grant.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FLINTSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM - 2013/14

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the twelfth annual report of the Flintshire Local Access Forum, for 2013/14 be noted and approved by the County Council, and be submitted to NRW for their records.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The report has already been submitted to the Local Access Forum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are continuing costs associated with the administration of the Local Access Forum, which is funded through the Planning and Environment budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 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: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the recommendation.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: N/A.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: N/A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 APRIL 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: FORMER EUTICALS SITE, SANDYCROFT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the grant offer of Welsh Government be accepted and the Council proceeds with phases 1 and 2 of the project plan to remove the risk to the public and dispose of the site as set out in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Statutory partners and Welsh Government have been fully consulted and support the two phase action plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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