

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

SUBJECT: **MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR LIBRARIES –
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A NEW HUB LIBRARY
AT DEESIDE LEISURE CENTRE AND RE-LOCATE
HAWARDEN, MANCOT AND QUEENSFERRY
LIBRARIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet consider the results of the consultation, the views of Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the final options appraisal to determine the way forward.

Cabinet agrees to the development of a library at Deeside Leisure Centre re-locating services from Hawarden, Mancot and Queensferry Libraries.

Cabinet agrees that the Council should work with the three communities specifically to:

- Address the concerns raised about the Deeside location
- Plan community library services for each of these areas
- Identify if a community asset transfer is feasible and can be supported
- Finalise the design and resources available at the new library at Deeside Leisure Centre

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation has taken place as identified in the report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Whatever decisions are taken by Cabinet

in May further work will take place with all three communities to implement these decisions in the best way possible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The capital cost of the proposal for a new library development at Deeside Leisure Centre are approximately £0.230m for which a grant application has been successfully made to CyMAL for over £0.090m with the remainder to be found within existing budgets.

The proposed re-location of three buildings into a new library facility 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. This is estimated at over £0.050m. This will contribute to the overall £0.600m savings that are anticipated will be needed in library services.

If a new library was to be built in the future, and it is the equivalent size of the current Mancot library, either to serve these communities or replace current provision which is not sustainable in the long term, then it is estimated that this would cost in the region of £0.750m (based on today's prices) for the building alone.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Helen Brown.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **BUS SUBSIDY / DEMAND RESPONSIVE**
TRANSPORT REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION OF
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT UNIT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the proposed review of the Subsidised Bus Service and support the proposed development of community transport services.

That Cabinet approve the proposals for the Deeside Shuttle service.

That Cabinet support the realignment of all operational service delivery areas in order to establish the Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) within the Streetscene and Transportation portfolio.

That Cabinet approves the engagement of a suitably qualified business partner on a gain share basis to assist with the assessment and delivery of the financial benefit that will be derived from the new ITU.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: With internal stakeholders prior to implementing the service changes and in accordance with HR Policy.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: With Cabinet Member. Consultation is ongoing with affected staff. With internal stakeholders in respect of the ITU. With Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – the Committee supported the recommendations contained in this

report at its meeting in April 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The changes to bus services will deliver the three year financial savings detailed in the service Business Planning proposals.

Savings predicted in Year 1 (2015/16) - £50k.

The total level of Bus service is as follows:

- Council subsidy £1,046,180
- WG subsidy £546,661

The savings detailed in respect of the Deeside Shuttle will be generated by a reduction in back office staff costs accommodated within the ongoing Streetscene and Transportation service review.

Financial benefit from forming an Integrated Transport Unit is currently being evaluated and the benefit will be included in the 2016/17 budget proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **CHILDREN'S EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS MATCH
FUNDING SCHEME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet agree the way forward for the Play Area Match Funding scheme in 2015/16 as outlined in this report, with any balance to be allocated to play areas subject to Community Asset Transfer.

From 2016/17 the Play Area Community Grant Scheme be established, as outlined in this report, with its primary focus on supporting play areas that are transferred to, or managed by, communities.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Communication with Town and Community Councils about the continuation of the grant scheme for 2015/16 and the revisions for 2016/17 onwards.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Regular consultation has taken place with Town and Community Councils about the match funding scheme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: These proposals outline the use of the current £105,000 budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON
COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS FOR SECOND HOMES
AND LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Cabinet to consider the proposals to exempt certain properties from the Council Tax premium for periods as laid out in the consultation and to authorise senior officers to respond appropriately to the consultation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise), in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Management, to amend the consultation response in light of comments from the Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The purpose of the report is to provide Members with the opportunity to comment on the latest consultation proposals to exempt certain properties from the Council Tax premium and to endorse the responses as prepared by officers in the Revenues service.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: This latest WG consultation builds on two previous consultations undertaken in 2012 and 2013 and as part of the development of proposals contained in the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 to introduce a Council Tax premium on second and long term empty homes.

The Council's response to the latest consultations have been referred to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Cabinet to also consider any comments or observations coming from Scrutiny.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Any additional funds raised through the Council Tax premium on second homes or long term empty homes would be retained locally and would not be incorporated into the tax base for the calculation of Revenue Support Grant.

Welsh Government are recommending that any additional funds generated by this policy are deployed in such a way to address local housing needs and to alleviate some of the impacts second homes and long term empty properties can have on local communities. These include impacts on the availability of affordable housing for example.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Social Services)**

SUBJECT: **MELROSE CONSULTATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendation Option 2, the transfer of the service to a new organisation, for the future provision of day care services, previously provided by the Melrose Centre.

Cabinet approve that where it is people's choice that Option 3, the transfer of day care to another Local Authority day centre, is made available to day care service users.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: To consult with key stakeholders, staff, service users, and with Social and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: This report was considered by Social and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 May. The outcome of the meeting was fully supportive of the recommended option, the recommendation being "having due regard to the outcome of the consultation, the Committee endorses the intention to proceed with option 2" (the recommended option).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The proposed change to day care services will achieve £130k efficiency already planned in the Council's annual budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 MAY 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.

DECISION: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

REASON FOR DECISION: As stated on the agenda.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: N/A.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: N/A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 MAY 2015** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Authorisation for the Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise) in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Housing to enter into the contract for the SHARP with the preferred bidder, subject to the Chief Officer receiving from the preferred bidder satisfactory confirmation of tender commitments.

In the event the Chief Officer (in her opinion) has not received satisfactory confirmation of tender commitments from the preferred bidder, Cabinet authorises the Chief Officer in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Housing to enter into the contract for the SHARP with the reserve bidder, subject to the Chief Officer receiving from the reserve bidder satisfactory confirmation of tender commitments.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: There were 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. Bidders have been

asked to submit a communication; consultation and customer satisfaction programme, which will be evaluated as part of their final tender submission.

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.

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.

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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