

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To endorse the 2013/14 Annual Performance Report for publication.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The Annual Performance Report must be endorsed by the full Council before publication.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation is undertaken throughout the year by Overview and Scrutiny Committees reviewing the quarterly performance reports.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no specific financial implications within this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013/14 - ASSESSMENT
OF PERFORMANCE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to note the progress made against the Outcome Agreement for 2013/14 and the Welsh Government's recommendation to the Minister.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: The Local Service Board will be informed of any collaborative or joint arrangements for achievement.


CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: The self-assessment report has previously been shared with the Chief Officers Team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Welsh Government has confirmed that they will recommend to the Minister that 100% of the grant is paid.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD
PROPOSAL**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) Cabinet agree the proposed structure for the Regional Safeguarding Children's Board to be known as the North Wales Safeguarding Children's Board
- (b) Cabinet agree that the temporary host authority (Conwy) be confirmed until a permanent arrangement is confirmed for April 2015
- (c) Cabinet note the minutes of the Regional Safeguarding Children's Board to be shared with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services and regular, initially twice yearly, update reports on the work of the Board be provided to Cabinet and the Social and Health Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Chief Officer, Social Services

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: None.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: These have involved:

- Welsh Government
- Association of Directors of Social Services (Cymru) (ADSSC)
- Welsh Local Government Association
- CSSIW

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As statutory partnership funding is required by its representative partners. A set of proposals made by an LSCB sponsored Finance task group in 2012.

- All statutory agencies' contributions be made to a regional fund
- These would be based on a proportionate formula basis
- Regional business support structure cost
- Costs towards training and other expenses to be identified

These matters have yet to be fully determined and will require full commitment from all agencies by 01.04.2015. The Council's financial contribution to the Regional Safeguarding Children's Board will not increase as a result of these proposed changes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **PRIORITISATION OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
SCHEMES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
VARIATIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That Cabinet approve the Highway Evaluation matrix which will be used to evaluate and prioritise future Highway Improvement bids to Welsh Government and the Council's own capital works programme;
- (b) That Cabinet approve the Traffic Regulation Order matrix which will be used to prioritise Traffic Regulation Order amendments, variations and requests to provide new Traffic Regulation Orders.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED:

None at this time.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

With Cabinet Member.

The two matrix were presented to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2014 and were recommended for approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Highway Improvement Matrix will help identify qualifying schemes and will strongly support the justification for any bids forwarded for funding.

The Traffic Regulation Order Matrix will improve budget monitoring arrangements allowing a specific number of requests to

be taken forward each year.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **LARGE SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY
OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That Members give approval for officers to identify all suitable large scale renewable energy sites within Flintshire County Council's ownership and undertake initial assessments of their viability, and potential yield. Details of these sites and a development programme to be brought back to Cabinet for comment/approval;
- (b) That Members approve the development of a 10 year action plan, detailing options and aspirational targets as a route map to achieving the Council's existing Carbon Reduction Strategy for renewable energy generation, and ultimately the potential to become a net exporter of electrical energy; and
- (c) That a budget of £50k be allocated for this work.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: APSE Energy, Steven Cirell (Energy Consultant), West Coast Energy (feasibility reports of identified sites) and David Kilduff (Walker Morris Co. regarding legal guidance).

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: APSE, Walker Morris, Steven Cirell-Energy Consultant, Welsh Government, internal Planning advice and Procurement

and Finance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Current indicative Prudential borrowing rates are 3.5% to 4% so with returns of between 6 and 15% (excluding additional benefits) dependent upon the technology employed and individual site requirements, such schemes should always produce a positive outturn.

An alternative financial option that warrants consideration would be to enter into a joint venture arrangement, where Flintshire County Council would perhaps provide suitable land, and a partner organisation some or all of the funding and undertake the development and installation works. However, as the partner organisation would have to manage most of the risks, the returns to Flintshire would be significantly diminished to reflect this. However, such arrangements should be considered as part of each site's financial assessment and any decision taken when all factors have been appraised.

A spreadsheet of Capital expenditure against predictive annual income (from FIT payments) and energy cost savings is attached, this shows annual income streams from a small number of hypothetical schemes, similar in nature to the sites already identified in the report.

As identified in paragraph 3.05 of the report, there are a number of ways to use the electricity generated from such schemes, but potentially 80% savings against the cost of purchasing energy from a utility company are achievable. One medium sized P.V. array of 400KWp would yield revenue reductions of circa £35,600 p.a. at today's prices.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 16 OCTOBER 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (MONTH 4)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

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

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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DATE OF MEETING: 16 OCTOBER 2014 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 (MONTH 4)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) That the report be noted and approved; and
(b) That the rollover adjustments be approved.

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

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

SUBJECT: **REVISED STAFFING STRUCTURE - STREETSCENE
AND TRANSPORTATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the proposed staffing structures for the new Streetscene and Transportation portfolio.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Staff have already been informed of the new structure and are currently engaged in a verification exercise to agree the scale and scope of its content.

The Trade Unions have been informed of the proposals and further engagement will take place during the formal consultation period.

With the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste Strategy and Public Protection.

With the CEO, Chief Officer Team and the OD & HR Service.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: On-going with staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The final cost of the staffing structure in Streetscene and Transportation will depend on the Business Planning process and the final assessment of the number of staff required to operate the service in the revised form.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **16 OCTOBER 2014** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

SUBJECT: **HIGH LEVEL STAFFING STRUCTURE - PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the proposed high level staffing structure for the Planning and Environment portfolio.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Staff have already been informed of this high level structure and have been encouraged to provide feedback on its content.

The Trade Unions have been informed of these proposals and will be engaged throughout formal consultation on the more detailed structures to follow.

With the Cabinet Members for Environment and Waste Strategy and Public Protection.

With the CEO, Chief Officer Team and the OD & HR Service.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: On-going with staff.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The final cost of the staffing structure in Planning and Environment will depend on the Business Planning process.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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