

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                **COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18**  
**STAGE ONE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    (1)    Cabinet formally recommends the service portfolio efficiency proposals listed in the appendices for adoption by Council as stage one of setting the Council Fund Revenue Budget for 2017/18; and

(2)    Cabinet notes the ongoing work on reviewing corporate financing options, and the national activity around the funding formula and Local Government Settlement.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Consultation with Group Leaders, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and external partners have been held to date in the development of the business plans, budget proposals and resilience assessments.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The financial resource implications are significant. The Medium Term Financial Strategy will continue to carry many risks. Careful risk assessment in planning and decision-making will continue to be a central feature of review and debate.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **A GROWTH VISION AND STRATEGY FOR THE ECONOMY OF NORTH WALES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

(1) To approve the “Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales” as the basis for negotiation with the UK and Welsh Governments over a Growth Bid for the region; and

(2) To support and endorse the prospectus for Rail Improvement “Growth Track 360”.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                        As in the report.


**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                        Extensive consultation underpins the vision document as set out in the report. The Growth Track 360 prospectus attached to the report includes a selection of the endorsement and support for the rail improvements identified and needed across the region, from a broad range of stakeholder groups and individual businesses.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                        None at this early stage.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                        **WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) To agree the Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report for the period 2015/16. The report is attached as an Appendix; and
- (2) Note progress being made to implement the Welsh Language Standards and areas for improvement.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**        As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**        Consultation was not required for this report, but services have contributed to the content of the Annual Report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

It is difficult to estimate the full financial cost of implementing the Standards. There will be an increased use of interpretation and translation services to meet many of the Standards and meet the needs of Welsh speaking customers and employees. Non-compliance with individual Standards may result in the Commissioner imposing financial penalties on the Council. Continual breaches by services may have a significant cumulative financial impact on the Council.

There are training implications for employees. Both Welsh language skills training and Welsh language awareness training needs to be increased. Managers need to ensure that employees comply

with the Standards and are aware of their responsibilities.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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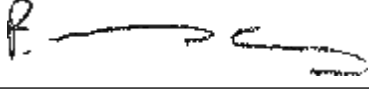
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**           None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                           None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Officer (Governance)**

**SUBJECT:**                                **CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet recommends Council:

- Adopts the proposed CPRs
- Harmonises delegated authority levels for spending decisions within the Constitution with effect from 1 November 2016

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The proposed CPRs have been considered by a cross portfolio working group of officers from Audit, Finance, Housing, Legal, Properties & Valuations and Streetscene.

After approval by Cabinet the CPRs will need to be considered by the Audit Committee (26 September 2016) before going to the Constitution Committee (5 October 2016) and then Full Council (19 October 2016).

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                There are no financial implications arising directly out of this report.

Following approval of the proposed CPRs there will be a programme of training for officers. This will commence with awareness sessions at portfolio DMTs with longer sessions for those actually undertaking day to day procurement.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.



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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                      **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2015/16**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16.

**DECISION:**                      As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.


**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**        Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's treasury management advisors.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**        Financial implications are addressed in the report. No other resources implications directly as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**    None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AS  
DIRECTORS, NEW HOMES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet approves the appointment of Cllr Glyn Banks, Cllr Hilary McGuill and Cllr Nigel Steele-Mortimer as Directors of North East Wales Homes Limited.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.


**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            Following Cabinet approval, the NEW Homes Board should formally appoint the proposed 3 directors at the next board meeting.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no direct resource implications for the Council arising from this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            Councillor Attridge.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFF ABOVE £25,000**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Approve the write off of the business rate debt for Richmond Investment Properties Ltd amounting to £25,881.51.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            All write offs must be approved by the Corporate Finance Manager, but in the case of write offs over £25,000 Cabinet must be consulted before a decision is taken to write off debts.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no direct financial implications for the Council or local taxpayers as business rates which are collected (or not collected) are borne by the National Collection Pool for Wales. As the Collection Pool is supported by Welsh Government, non-payment of rates does though have a wider impact on the Welsh taxpayer.

Writing off this debts, amounting to losses to the National Collection Pool of £25,881.51 is being recommended as a last resort and only on the basis that there is no prospect of successfully recovering this debt.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **20 SEPTEMBER 2016**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **HIGHWAYS AND CAR PARK INSPECTION POLICY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet approves the reviewed Highway and Car Park Inspection Policy outlining the Council's approach to all safety inspections, intervention criteria and response times.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**                      With Cabinet Member.


**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**        The new revised policy confirms the existing arrangements and there will be no detrimental impact on operations or costs as a result.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**      None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                      None.

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