



**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** 18 JULY 2017 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:** Corporate Finance Manager, Chief Executive

**SUBJECT:** MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** Cabinet adopts the framework for the revision of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 and accepts the forecast as the first stage.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Consultation with Group Leaders, Overview and Scrutiny Committees, external partners, external advisors and representative bodies, and eventually the communities of Flintshire will follow. The strategic approach advocated for the MTFs builds on the current approach which had majority member and public support in planning the previous 2 years annual budget process.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** The 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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with the Standards and are aware of their responsibilities.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **UNIVERSAL CREDIT ROLL OUT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      To note the report and continue to support the ongoing work to manage the impacts that Universal Credit Full Service has and will have upon Flintshire's most valuable households.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Not applicable with this report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The ongoing welfare reforms will generate additional financial problems for low-income Flintshire households, many of whom will have been impacted by the previous reforms of their benefit entitlements.

These households will require appropriate advice and support to help them to manage the difficulties the reduction in their household budget will generate.

In addition, the latest welfare reforms will impact on new Flintshire household, for example, working households, who may also seek advice and support on how to manage their loss of income.

To manage the increased demand from Flintshire households experiencing social welfare problems, the Council has supported the development of the Flintshire Local Advice and Housing Support Gateways.

Both Gateways aim to reduce pressures on internal and external providers by effectively triaging referrals to ensure a person is referred to the most appropriate service provider. In addition the Welfare Reform Response Team is in the process of recruiting two full time positions to assist in the proactive and reactive engagement activities, supporting vulnerable customers.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 JULY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014 – HOMELESSNESS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (a) Cabinet notes the update on the management of the new legislation within the Housing (Wales) Act 2014;
- (b) Cabinet notes the challenges that the Council has faced finding suitable housing options for households and the further risks to this should transition funding cease and/or Supporting People funding reduce; and
- (c) Cabinet approves, in principle, the proposals to develop new housing provision to alleviate homelessness in the county.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                None.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                Welsh Government recognised that the implementation of the new homelessness prevention duties would lead to increased costs for Local Authorities. Therefore, in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 they made transitional funding available to assist Local Authorities to meet these additional costs on a sliding scale. Flintshire has received £130,000 in 2017/18 which is less of a reduction than originally projected. The funding is provision two additional homeless prevention officers in

the team and supporting some key roles in the Private Sector Team and Environmental Health. Removal of this funding in 2018/19 will mean a reduction in 4.5 important posts. The service would be unable to prevent homelessness and with reduced capacity and would need to submit a budget pressure.

The new developments will be reliant on successful bids to the Innovative Housing Fund for initial capital investment. The exact figures for these developments will be scoped and included in detailed bids for funding. The initiatives would realise a significant reduction in ongoing spend on temporary accommodation.

The Housing First Model on a small scale could be implemented within existing resources in Housing. The model does rely on sign up and commitment of staffing resources from other services but this should be achieved by targeting existing resources in a preventative approach. If implemented successfully this initiative can reduce pressure on statutory services by reducing hospital admissions, custodial sentences, costs of mental health and drug and alcohol services as well as reduced evictions and temporary accommodation costs.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 JULY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 (OUTTURN)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Cabinet are requested to approve the overall report; and  
(b) Cabinet are requested to approve the carry forward adjustments set out in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No consultation is required as a direct result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 JULY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18**  
**(INTERIM)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Cabinet is recommended to note the report.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                None required.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The Budget Monitoring Report reflects the planned use of the financial resources of the Council for the current financial year and details the variations occurring to date.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 JULY 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE  
(CSSIW) PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF FLINTSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL SOCIAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet receive this report for information.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR THE FORMER  
RESOURCE CENTRE, MELROSE AVENUE,  
SHOTTON**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

(a) Cabinet approve the development of 9 new Council homes on the site of the former Melrose Centre, Shotton; and

(b) Cabinet approve that prudential borrowing to the value of £1,191,092 (subject to final approval and verification) is used to fund the proposed development.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The scheme has been discussed in depth with planners, highways officers and local elected Members which has informed the current proposal.

A public consultation event was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the adjacent primary school hall, although this event was sparsely attended the principle of residential development was welcomed. The principle concerns raised at the event were:

- Noise and disruption from construction activities;
- Parking of contractors vehicles, particularly during school drop off and collection times; and
- Safety of children and pedestrians during construction activities.

Subsequent to this event a full planning application was submitted at the beginning of April and we are currently awaiting approval of the proposals.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

£15.5m borrowing approval is available for a council house building programme. The Financial Appraisal for the proposed scheme at the former Melrose Resource Centre is appended to the report. This shows the total scheme cost of £1,191,092 and how the scheme performs against Development Scheme Assumptions identified in paragraph 1.22 of the report. The scheme will achieve pay back in year 50 and excludes Welsh Government Grants.

The scheme will be batched with the former Dairy, Connah's Quay (which is scheduled to start on site later in 2017) to generate savings in site mobilisation costs.

The scheme has been assessed as providing best value for the Council by the Council's Design and Consultancy and Finance Teams.

Total Council Tax yield on the Melrose development would be in the region of £10,872 per annum.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **18 JULY 2017**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **NORTH EAST WALES (NEW) HOMES BUSINESS PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet is asked to approve the NEW Homes Business Plan 2017/22; noting that any proposed developments requiring capital funding will be brought to Cabinet for specific scheme by scheme approval following approval by NEW Homes Board.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**      No consultation undertaken as part of this report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                The Business Plan details the financial implications of the company's Growth Strategy for the duration of the Business Plan 2017-22.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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recommended Cabinet approve both the changes to the collection service and the operating arrangements at HRC sites.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Engaging a Business Partner will result in the possible TUPE transfer of the staff that currently operate on the HRC sites. The staff will be entitled to apply for existing vacancies within the service if they wish to remain with the Council.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S CAR PARKING STRATEGY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (a) That Cabinet approves the phased roll out for implementing the Flint Car Parking Strategy;
  - (b) That Cabinet approves the review of on-street parking orders, the review of the Church Street Cycleway and Resident Parking Scheme within Flint Town Centre;
  - (c) That Cabinet approves that Buckley and Holywell Town Councils are requested to undertake informal consultation to establish their position in respect of a formal review of the pedestrian zones within the respective town centres; and
  - (d) That Cabinet approves the inclusion of Well Street car park into the Holywell car parking strategy.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                      With the Cabinet Member; with elected Members in effected wards; with local Town or Community Council; and with residents and businesses.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the changes at their meeting in June 2017 and

recommended Cabinet approve the proposals detailed in the report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of the formal legal consultation for the traffic orders and the installation of Pay and Display facilities in Flint have been accrued within capital budget for car parks.

There are no budgets available to fund the changes to the Pedestrian Orders for Buckley and Holywell and if these are supported funding will be required to develop the projects.

Additional Pay and Display infrastructure and lease payment will be recovered from projected income in Well Street, Holywell.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **UPDATE ON THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT UNIT  
PROCUREMENT PROJECT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet notes the likely impact from the School Transport procurement process detailed in the report.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                With the former and new Cabinet Member.

The existing contracted operators have attended a number of stakeholder engagement events and 'drop-in' sessions with staff from the ITU and have been consulted regularly on the proposed changes to the procurement arrangements.

All school transport escort staff and passenger assistants have attended briefing sessions to keep them informed of the proposed changes to the procurement arrangements.

Consultation has been undertaken with the Head Teachers Forum and with staff at the Special Schools on the proposals.

Further consultation with parents, school and day care centres will be required once the new routes have been procured and awarded to the successful operators.

Consultation is ongoing with internal departments, such as Social Services and

Education.

Consultation has taken place with the Chief Officer Team.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the changes at their meeting in June 2017 and supported the proposed changes to the procurement process.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The new procurement arrangements will deliver the savings planned for the service, identified by the Business Partner and detailed within the Portfolio Business Planning proposals for 2017/18.

The Council currently employs around 120 school transport escorts and passenger assistants, whose purpose is to support and ensure the safe transportation of children with additional learning needs and vulnerable adults. It is not anticipated that there will be a change in roles or reduction in the number of posts as part of this procurement project. However, some staff may be required to travel on different routes with different pupils and different operators from September 2017, which may require minor changes in the number of hours worked by some individual employees. Briefing sessions have been held for staff to ensure that they have been kept informed of the main changes and it is intended that any individual changes will be communicated to staff in early July 2017.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **HALKYN MOUNTAIN SUSTAINABLE  
MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Members note this collaborative initiative and support the grant application to Welsh Government's Sustainable Management Scheme.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                In 2008 the Integrated Strategy and Action Plan for Halkyn Mountain Common was the subject of a comprehensive participatory exercise to secure the views and comments on all individuals and parties with an interest and stake in the future of the common, including the Halkyn Mountain Joint Consultative Board (HMJCB), a group of representatives from organisations which have an interest in Halkyn Mountain Common. The HMJCB's purpose is to provide a platform for the exchange of views and the discussion of issues of mutual concern thus helping to improve communication between public and private sectors, commoners and graziers, commercial organisations, statutory agencies, conservation and recreational interests who have steered this initiative from the outset.

Additional consultation has been carried out with the Graziers Association.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                As outlined in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **18 JULY 2017**                            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 23**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS - ACTUALS 2016/17**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Members note and approve the report.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**                                No consultation is required or carried out.

**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:** **18 JULY 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 26**

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

**SUBJECT:** **MAES GWERN DEVELOPMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** Cabinet approves the sale of land at Maes Gwern, Mold, to Wates Residential at a price to be confirmed.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendation noting that the confirmed price was £2.85M.

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** There has been significant community consultation through Flintshire County Council for the site prior to a planning application being made for the scheme.

The proposed scheme was subject to a further community consultation on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Daniel Owen Community Association Centre from 3pm until 7pm. For the event Wates Residential provided 12 information boards on the proposal. The consultation was attended by members of Wates Residential and Halliday Clark Architects. A register was taken with 37 names signed. Consultation comments have been submitted along with the presentation and register as part of the planning application.

The proposed disposal of the site will also be presented to the Council's Asset Programme Board for consideration.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** As outlined in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **18 JULY 2017**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 27**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **LEISURE AND LIBRARIES ALTERNATIVE  
DELIVERY MODEL CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (a) To formally agree the development of new health and fitness facilities and changing space at both Mold Leisure Centre and Jade Jones Pavillion;
  - (b) To agree that the capital costs (excluding equipment) be paid for by Flintshire County Council. The scheme will be added to the 2017/18 capital programme funded by prudential borrowing;
  - (c) To reduce the funding to Aura Leisure and Libraries from the level already approved as outlined in the report, on the basis that these developments will enable additional income to be raised and the level of Council subsidy reduced. Resulting in a net nil cost to the Council of adding the scheme to the Capital Programme; and
  - (d) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer (Organisational Change) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education to sign off the detail of the schemes.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**                        Initial discussions have taken place with

**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Aura Leisure and Libraries Board and the headteachers at Mold Alyn and Elfed High School.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As outlined in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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