

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL PLAN 2017 – 23**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To endorse the detailed Council Plan 2017-18 prior to adoption by the County Council for final publication.

DECISION: As in the recommendation including: “as amended in light of comments made during the Overview and Scrutiny process and at Cabinet”.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** All Overview and Scrutiny Committees will have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise measures and targets set for 2017-18. A summary of the considerations were appended to the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial planning arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC GROWTH DEAL BID PROGRESS REPORT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note and support the progress of the development of a competitive Growth Deal Bid for the region;
 - (2) To support, "in principle", the preferred governance model of a statutory joint committee model for further development with a full report on a recommended constitution and terms of reference, supported by an Inter Authority Agreement, to follow later in the year;
 - (3) That the Leader of the Council be authorised to act as a member of a 'Shadow' Joint Committee in the interim period;
 - (4) That the Leader of the Council as one of the Leaders of the six partner councils represented on the 'Shadow' Joint Committee be granted authority to enter into collective first stage negotiations with Governments over the scale and outline content of a Growth Deal Bid, noting that no financial or other commitments will be entered into at this first stage of negotiations; and
 - (5) That the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to

authorise an initial revenue contribution from 2017/18 expenditure for the detailed development of the Growth Deal Bid up to a maximum of £50,000.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Extensive prior consultation underpins the vision and strategy document as set out in the report. The development of the content of the Growth Deal Bid is an inclusive process with considerable participation across the public and business sectors.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None directly at this early stage beyond making an annual revenue contribution of £50k from 2017/18 budgets. There will be ongoing revenue costs of servicing a joint Committee, and the more significant costs for programme and project management for the development and implementation of the strategy from April 2018.

Potential capital costs are being evaluated with detailed consideration being given as to how the partners can limit their liabilities and financial risk exposure as part of the Growth Deal Bid negotiations. Capital schemes will be progressed on a rigorous business case evaluation which will look to establish benefits to the economy that substantially exceed investment costs.

As part of a Growth Deal UK Government will be requested to repay the principal capital sum proportion of borrowing for approved proposals. To date, most deals have involved Treasury Borrowing Approvals and some devolution of existing UK Government revenue funding to be integrated with existing local funding to gain better value from integrated programmes. In Wales, local spending includes Welsh Government revenue funding for specific programmes.

Delegation of a proportion of Business Rate growth to local authorities would provide an investment stream.

Growth Deal Bids elsewhere, including the Swansea Bay Partnership which is a useful comparator, are setting precedents for funding.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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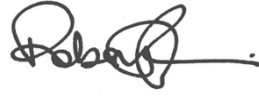
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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the action plan and the measures that will be publicly reported.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Action Plan was reported to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21st September. Its views will be verbally reported to Cabinet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Procurement Service has the necessary level of resource to carry out the actions in the Action Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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School Organisational Change models required formal consultation within the Legal Framework of the School Organisational Code.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resource implications associated with this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Christine Jones, Billy Mullin and Aaron Shotton - all School Governors.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Social Services)**

SUBJECT: **FREE CHILDCARE OFFER**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members receive the updated report on the Council's early implementation of the Childcare Offer and acknowledge the progress made.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Locally, the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment has been undertaken as well as a provider event which was held on 4th May 2017. Further consultations will be conducted as the offer develops. The next childcare provider consultation will take place at the provider workshop on 13th September at the Westwood Centre, Buckley.

A detailed consultation exercise called #talkchildcare was undertaken nationally by the Welsh Government. Engagement through the consultation resulted in 3768 responses from parents online; 180 queries and comments; 2000 parents spoke to at roadshows; 262 providers involved; 64 parents participated in focus groups; 6250 responses in total. Initial findings of the consultation will be published by the Welsh Government in the autumn.

A phase two of the #talkchildcare consultation is planned for the autumn 2017. The focus of this phase of the consultation will be on the views of

providers. It will build on consultation already undertaken with providers. The main themes will include Business Support and sustainability of the sector in relation to the delivery of the offer.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no immediate financial implications for Flintshire County Council resulting from “the Offer” as it is a grant funded programme by the Welsh Government. The Grant is administered by the local authority as the accountable body.

The Welsh Government has provided a budget for the administration of the offer locally for 2016/17 and 2017/18. This is a separate grant to the payments to settings.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Cabinet approves the revised Winter Maintenance Policy (2017-19) and the procedures contained therein for delivering the winter maintenance service; and
- (2) That Cabinet approves the details of the County's response to other adverse weather events and the new Sand Bag Distribution Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** With operational departments and stakeholders; with the Cabinet Member; with neighbouring local authorities in relation to their Winter Maintenance Operations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Previous years budgets against spend were detailed in the report.

The available budget for 2017/18 winter period was £832,408. The Winter Maintenance reserve which can be utilised to supplement the budget, in the event of a particularly poor winter, currently stands at £215,000.

Winter maintenance operations on the highway infrastructure are carried out by the Streetscene Staff and resources supplemented by local agricultural contractors as necessary.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S RESIDENTS PARKING POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the changes to the existing Residents Parking Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS With the Cabinet Member.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Once location identified – Local Member(s), residents in the locality, and businesses in the locality.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resident Parking schemes are provided from existing budgets within the Streetscene and Transportation portfolio.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT OF THE**
AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To accept the Annual Improvement Plan for 2016/17 and endorse the executive response to the Annual Improvement Report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee will be considering this report as part of their Forward Work Programme.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial planning arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: WALES AUDIT OFFICE STUDY REPORTS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To endorse the executive response to the reviews of the Wales Audit Office.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Wales Audit Office consult internally in the course of producing their reports.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no specific resource implications.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 (MONTH 4)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2018;
- (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA);
- (3) To agree a budget virement within Social Services to realign the budget to meet service needs; and
- (4) To approve an allocation of £0.052m from the contingency reserve to provide financial support to meet in-year budget pressures anticipated for 2017-18 in respect of regional economic development structures and support for events.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Revenue Budget Monitoring Report reflects the planned use of the financial resources of the Council for the current financial year and details the variations in the first four months and the risks as known.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

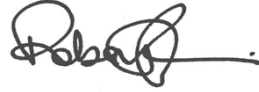
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DATE OF MEETING: 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2017/18
(MONTH 4)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet are requested to approve the overall report;
- (2) Cabinet are requested to approve the carry forward adjustments set out in the report; and
- (3) Cabinet are requested to approve the additional allocation as 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: 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT
2016/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2016/17.

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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

SUBJECT: **BUSINESS RATES – WRITE OFFS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the write off of the business rate debts, amounting to £73,932.05 for Lancashire Fuels 4U Ltd and £39,415.39 for Novo Drinks Ltd.

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.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct financial implications for the Council or local taxpayers by writing off these debts as business rates 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 these debts, amounting to a loss to the National Collection Pool of £113,347.44 is being recommended as a last resort and only on the basis that there is no prospect of successfully recovering these debts.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND
CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That Cabinet approves the procurement of a single Business Partner on a short term 2 year contract (with an option to extend based on performance) to undertake the enforcement of low level environmental crime, dog control and car parking offences on behalf of the Council; and
- (2) That Cabinet recommends Option 1 of Appendix 1 as the preferred method of managing the enforcement of side waste.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Consultation with existing staff will be required if approval is given to engage a Business Partner for the operations in future.

Consultation with relevant Unions will be required.

Consultation has been undertaken with the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation.

No equality implications have been identified resulting from this proposal as there are no exceptions made within legislation concerning the enforcement of environmental crime or Civil Parking.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The outsourcing of all low level environmental enforcement will impact on the existing enforcement team (5 FTE's) as there will be a requirement for up to 3 of them to transfer, under the TUPE Regulations 2014, with the contract in order to deliver all elements of low level environmental crime, dog control and parking enforcement on behalf of the Council. The current car parking and enforcement management role will be removed from the existing structure and be replaced by 'client' officer role responsible for managing the outsourced contract, managing a small team of in house enforcement officers along with managing the other elements of the Councils car parking service.

There are no negative financial issues relating to this proposal. The contract will be tendered on the basis of a 'no fee' financial model with all costs associated with provision of the service met through the issuing and collection of FPN's and at the provider's risk. The contract will also provide tenderers with an option to provide the Council with a fixed percentage of the money raised through the FPN's/PCN's issued, although this is not guaranteed. There will be a loss of income from PCN fines but this will be compensated from the savings generated from the transfer of up to 3 current employees.

The issuing of FPN's and PCN's is not intended to be an income generation exercise and the recovery of payments of FPN's levied is required by law to remain within the service area and for the benefit of the services provided.

In order to provide a similar level of enforcement but utilise Council staff, there would be a requirement to recruit an additional 5 enforcement officers and additional back office support to deal with the additional work loads. In order that

the enforcement role then continued to be 'cost neutral' the team would be required to at least match the number of tickets issued by the current provider each year.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

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

SUBJECT: **BIODIVERSITY DUTY PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY**
POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Members agree the vision, objectives and actions set out in the Biodiversity Duty Delivery Plan; and

(2) Members endorse the Environment & Sustainability Policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Both documents have gone through an internal consultation with key officers, to include the Chief Officer Team.

The document follows Welsh Government guidance and has been produced following consultation with specific Bionet members.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Biodiversity Duty Plan will be delivered through the existing workforce. The outcomes will be led by the Flintshire County Council Biodiversity Officer with support from the wider Access & Natural Environment Service and funded in part from existing service budgets and in part from external grant aid, specifically the ESD grant.

The Sustainability Policy should have a long term cost neutral implication, many sustainability practices have cost benefits over the long term. Sustainable development should be an integral part of

Council business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning and Environment), Chief
Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: **CONSULTATION OUTCOMES TO THE PROPOSED
CONDITIONS OF THE DRAFT DOG CONTROL
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Cabinet are requested to consider two options:

(i) Option 1

Following the period of consultation that Cabinet recommends the making of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to cover dog control and dog fouling in Flintshire with the following conditions.

The PSPO will require a person in charge of a dog to:

(i) Remove their dogs' waste from all public places within Flintshire.

(ii) Prohibit taking, or permitting the dog to enter or remain in

- All areas within school grounds,
- The playing areas of marked sports pitches
- The playing areas of formal recreational areas including but not exclusively bowling greens and tennis courts
- Fenced enclosed children's play areas.

(iii) Keep their dogs on a lead within a Cemetery.

(iv) Have means on their person, at all times, appropriate means to pick up their dogs' waste from all

public places in Flintshire.

- (v) Put their dog on a lead, when directed by an authorised officer, if the dog is loose and causing a nuisance or annoyance to any other person, bird or animal.

(ii) Option 2

As recommended by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, but subject to final determination by Cabinet, a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) with the conditions as in Option 1 is progressed, however the proposal of dogs being excluded from the playing areas of marked sports pitches is removed at the current time, to allow for further consultation work to be undertaken.

- (2) That Cabinet agree the Public Space Protection Order covering dog control and dog fouling commences on 20th October 2017, following a Notice period and publicity of the upcoming order.

DECISION:

As detailed in Option 1 with the addition of “That officers work with those communities who identified that marked sports pitches were the only space for dog walking to explore the provision of additional amenity space”.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

With Cabinet Member.
All Member Workshop on 5th January 2017.
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – January 2017.
Cabinet Meeting – February 2017.
Public and Statutory Consultation – June 2017.
Extensive consultation with Chief Officer

of Streetscene and staff.
Environment Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – 19th September 2017.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Budget – There will be costs associated with any signage for the new PSPO's in any areas where they may need to be displayed. These costs will be funded from current budgets.

Legal – Notice and publicity of the PSPO will need to be made prior to an order being made.

Staffing – A new PSPO would be enforced by Streetscene Enforcement staff supported by the current external enforcement organisation when required.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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