

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND BUDGET 2018/19 – STAGE 2**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the verbal report.

DECISION: To note the verbal report.

REASON FOR DECISION: As described in the verbal report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** N/A.


RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: N/A.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL PLAN 2017/18 – MID YEAR MONITORING**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To agree the following:
 - The levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of high level activities which seek to deliver the impacts of the Council Plan;
 - The performance against improvement plan performance indicators; and
 - The current risk levels identified in the Council Plan.

 - (2) Cabinet Members be assured by plans and actions to manage the delivery of the 2017/18 Council Plan priority impacts.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Council Plan priorities are monitored by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.

Chief Officers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no specific resource implications for this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

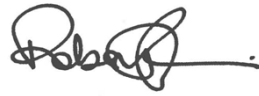
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DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **NORTH EAST WALES HOMES LIMITED**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To approve the appointment of Councillor Janet Axworthy and Councillor Sean Bibby as Directors of NEW Homes subject to NEW Homes Board approval; and
- (2) To approve an amendment to the NEW Homes Articles of Association to permit the appointment of a Vice Chair to NEW Homes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations, with the inclusion of the 3rd recommendation below:

- (3) To approve an amendment to the NEW Homes Articles of Association to provide for the termination of directorships due to board meeting non-attendance in any year or financial year with specific terms approved by the NEW Homes Board.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Not applicable.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no resource implications arising from this report.


DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **WELFARE REFORM UPDATE – INCLUDING
UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and continue to support the ongoing work to manage the impacts that Welfare Reform has and will have upon Flintshire's most vulnerable households.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Not applicable.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The on-going welfare reform 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 households, 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.

There are risks to the Council around increasing rent and council tax arrears.

The DWP have provided a grant to the Council to provide UC customers with Personal Budgeting Support and Assisted Digital Support. This funding is based on volumes determined by DWP.

Adjustments to this funding will be made for actual volumes between 5% and 20% below or above forecasted volumes. Payment of at least 80% is guaranteed if demand for support is low, or alternatively, if demand is high the Council could receive up to 20% more grant.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

SUBJECT: **3 - 4 YEAR OLD FUNDED CHILD CARE OFFER**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To consider the progress made with the implementation of the Childcare Offer and the proposed extension of the pilot to all areas within Flintshire.

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 and 13th September. Further consultations will be conducted as the offer develops.

A detailed consultation exercise called **#talkchildcare** was undertaken nationally by Welsh Government. Engagement through the consultation resulted in 2768 responses from parents online; 180 queries and comments; 2000 parents spoken to at roadshows; 262 providers involved; 64 parents participated in focus groups; 6250 responses in total. Initial findings of the consultation have been published by Welsh Government.

Phase two of the **#talkchildcare** consultation commented in October 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', this is a fully grant funded programme by the Welsh Government. The grant is administered by the local authority as the accountable body.

Should in the future Welsh Government decide to end the scheme there may be some redundancy costs.

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: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 (MONTH 6)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2018; and
 - (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 21 NOVEMBER 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 (MONTH 6)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet are requested to approve the overall report; and
- (2) 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 body of the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **21 NOVEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2018-19**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Approve the Council Tax Base of 63,835 band D equivalent properties (as detailed in the appendix) for the financial year 2018-19;
 - (2) Continue to set a 'nil' discount for properties falling within any of the Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) and for this to apply to the whole of the County area; and
 - (3) Continue to set a 50% premium for long term empty property and second homes falling into the Premium scheme.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Setting the Tax Base is part of an annual process of determining Council Tax charges for the next financial year as part of the Councils overall 2018-19 budget preparations.

The Tax Base is also used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their Council Tax precepts for 2018-19, which will be included in the bills sent to every Council Tax payer in March 2018.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: 21 NOVEMBER 2017 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF A NEW AGENCY CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To commence the procurement using the ESPO MSTAR2 Framework Number 653F; and
- (2) For Flintshire County Council to work collaboratively with Denbighshire County Council in managing the procurement process.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Discussions have been undertaken internally within the Collaborative Procurement Unit with regards to the benchmarking exercises undertaken and the options available for renewal.

Throughout the previous term of agreement, there have been regular quarterly business review meetings arranged with the incumbent supplier, attended by representatives of Procurement, Flintshire County Council Human Resources and Flintshire County Council Internal Audit.

Internal Audit at Flintshire County Council have recently undertaken a review of the Managed Agency Service and have been involved with follow up clarification review meetings and have agreed to use the MSTAR2 process and agreement.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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DISPENSATIONS

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