

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL PLAN 2018/19**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) To endorse the Council Plan 2018/19 for recommendation for adoption by the County Council; and
- (b) To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the format and presentation style for the published version.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

All Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan themes and priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise targets set for 2018/19. A summary of the considerations was appended to the report.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also considered the contents and amendments to the final published document that have been made.

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 review arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

There is extensive consultation across sectors in the development of the Bid and its priority content. The partners to the Bid have been encouraged to hold internal briefings with their respective memberships. Engagement of the private sector has been continuous, primarily through the North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council. Engagement with the Welsh Government and UK Government is at Cabinet Secretary and Secretary of State level.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

A Growth Deal Bid is a major investment in a region by Governments with risks and benefits shared with the local authorities and their partners in the region. Investment capacity is a major consideration in designing the Bid. The full cost implications of the possible Growth Deal will be reported at the Heads of Terms stage.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Education and Youth)**

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL MODERNISATION – SCHOOL
STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION ACT 2013 –
BRYNFORD AND LIXWM AREA SCHOOL REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) Cabinet is requested to consider the responses from the statutory consultation period for the Brynford and Lixwm Area School Review;
- (b) Cabinet is requested to consider the evidence and analysis provided by officers within the reports; and
- (c) Cabinet is requested to determine the next steps for school organisational change for the area.

DECISION:

- (a) That Cabinet withdraws the amalgamation proposal;
- (b) That Cabinet requests an extension of time from Welsh Government as allowed under the School Organisational Code;
- (c) That the Council applies to Welsh Government for capital when the grant for the early years education fund is released to undertake the necessary improvements for Brynford;
- (d) That Cabinet invites the two schools to work with the Council on a federated two-site model; and
- (e) That the Council holds its powers to enforce a federation in reserve.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Consultation has taken place in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code.

If the Cabinet decision is to proceed, the Council will publish a Statutory Notice providing a 28 day notice period for objections. If objections are received, the Council must publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and their responses to them within 28 days of the end of the objection period.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There is sufficient staff capacity to prepare the detailed transition plans for pupils.

Should the current proposals be implemented, it is envisaged there will be minimal staffing implication in the short term – aside from one Headteacher post which is currently being covered by a secondment from another local school.

In the medium term should the schools be amalgamated onto one site, the Council will support the new Governing Body to formally consult with affected staff and their trade union representatives to minimise any requirement for compulsory redundancies and develop a tailored support package as required.

In the short terms there is no change to transportation costs. However, in the longer term, should an area school be formed, the estimated annual costs of transport would be in the region of £52,250 (assuming 100% uptake in families applying for transport to the proposed new area school).

However, actual transport costs can only be assessed once all families have a school place confirmed at an alternative school.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

This will be dependent on the scale of consultation i.e determination to consult all or most areas of policy change as highlighted in the report. There would be a requirement to commission additional temporary project support within Education and Youth to assist in this programme of work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Shotton - personal.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

SUBJECT: **CODE OF ETHICAL EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPLY CHAINS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That the Council adopts the Code in partnership with the recognised Trade Unions. Flintshire embraces the principles which underpin the Code as a socially and responsible and ethical public body; and
- (b) That the Code be implemented as far as is practicable and affordable, with an action plan to be developed in partnership with the local recognised Trade Unions.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations with the inclusion of:

- (c) That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets be the anti-slavery champion.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation has taken place with Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association and officials of the recognised Trade Unions locally.

The Council and the local Trade Unions agreed the following joint statement:
“Flintshire County Council adopts the Code of Ethical Employment in Supply Chains in partnership with the recognised Trade Unions. Flintshire embraces the principles which underpin the code as a socially responsible and ethical public

body. The Code will be implemented, as far as is practicable and affordable, through a joint action plan with the local recognised Trade Union representatives. The Council is encouraging its public sector and third partners to similarly adopt the Code”.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the appendix to the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 JUNE 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9
REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO
TEMPORARILY DIS-APPLY PARAGRAPH 6.2 OF
TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE 1 (TAN1)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the basis for a response to go to Welsh Government as set out in the report and specifically in paragraph 1.07.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Present consultation and proposed response contained within the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Council's Service Manager Strategy will lead on the preparation and submission of evidence to the TAN1 review.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 JUNE 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: REPAIRING POTHoles AND PREPARING THE ANNUAL CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING PROGRAMME

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the programmes of highway resurfacing works contained within the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: With local Member on scheme commencement.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Capital budgets for planned maintenance activities - £600k. Additional Welsh Government funding support for resurfacing works - £1.427m. 2018/19 financial pressure from addition temporary repairs is approximately £60k.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to review and consider whether the draft report provides an accurate and clear account of Social Services for Children and Adults in Flintshire.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The views of Scrutiny Members were sought at a workshop where the proposed content of the report was discussed. Members also gave feedback on the key developments over during 2017/18 which should be included together with priorities for 2018/19. This workshop took place on 29th March 2018.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The priorities identified within the report are aimed at delivering service improvements, improving outcomes and meeting local needs within the context of achieving challenging financial efficiencies and value for money. The improvement priorities contained within the report have been identified for delivery within existing resources.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

SUBJECT: **HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL
WORKS – JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH WREXHAM
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR
LICENSED ASBESTOS REMOVAL & REMEDIAL
WORKS.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve the joint procurement of Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors, with Wrexham County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council, to procure a Framework of contractors to carry out all asbestos related activities.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** As this item relates to property compliance, no consultation with tenants is required.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Officers from all three Councils will be involved in the procurement process.

Annual budgets are set and approved by Cabinet.

Spend on asbestos removal for Flintshire County Council in 2017/18 was approximately £540,000. Projected spend for 2018/19 is £630,000 onwards. Over a four year contract (two year + optional two year) this contract value will be estimated at £2.52m.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR MAES GWERN, MOLD
STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION
(SHARP) SCHEME**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That Cabinet approve the development of 48 new social, affordable rent and shared equity schemes at Maes Gwern, Mold;
- (b) Approve funding through Prudential Borrowing to the value of £0.431m (subject to final approval and verification) is used to fund the proposed development of the new Council homes; and
- (c) Approve the use of shared equity reserves of £0.270m for the affordable element of this scheme.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Each of the schemes have been discussed in depth with planners, highways officers and local elected Members which have informed the current proposal.

The proposed scheme was subject to a further community consultation on Monday 13th February at the Daniel Owen Community Centre Association 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 (in English and Welsh) have been submitted along with the presentation and register as part of the planning application.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Prudential borrowing of £0.431m required and use of £0.270m shared equity balances.

All schemes continue to be reviewed in order to achieve best value for the Council and NEW Homes. Detailed Financial Appraisals have been undertaken for both the Housing Revenue Account (appendix 2a) and Affordable Rent units (appendix 2b). A confidential appendix contained financial appraisals.

A table in the report provided a breakdown of the annual Council Tax Yield which the proposed scheme will generate for the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **19 JUNE 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

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

SUBJECT: **SHARED PROCUREMENT SERVICE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) That subject to the changes being made as described below, Cabinet agrees to enter a further three year Service Level Agreement with Denbighshire County Council for the delivery of procurement services; and

(b) That the following changes are made to the service delivery model:

- There is a need to promote collaborative procurement where it is appropriate and where it will deliver savings;
- Business partners, senior management teams and chief officers need to actively engage with each other in order to flag up forthcoming projects and big contracts to plan the procurement route and consider collaboration;
- Encourage the delivery of community benefits;
- Clear and hard targets for the efficiencies to be achieved through the procurement process must be set;
- The systems and paperwork are seen to be onerous and need to be reviewed to ensure that they are appropriate for internal purposes and do not

become an unnecessary barrier to small firms bidding;

- There needs to be a review of experience following the procurement of major contracts;
- Chief officers need to be more involved in agreeing where to strike the balance between potential benefits and procurement process risks; and
- There is a need for performance reporting to Cabinet and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

The report has been considered by Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its views will be reported to Cabinet. The Audit Committee has also considered a summary of the audit findings and its views will likewise be reported to Cabinet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The service is currently spending slightly higher than was originally anticipated as a result of staffing changes which resulted in protected salary payments. The service does however have the resources it requires to provide the service set out in the Service Level Agreement.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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the detailed usage reports provided by the agency company.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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