

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

SUBJECT: **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) -
FORECAST 2019/20**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to note the detail within the forecast and the range of solutions within scope, and to re-support the case to Welsh Government with the latest information.

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 as part of the annual budget process.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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Welsh Government, the funding of educational services remains under significant pressure.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
2018-2028

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) Members give consideration to the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and Policy and Procedures booklet; and

(2) Members agree, subject to their considerations, that the Plan and Policy booklet be released for the statutory 3 month public consultation period.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The following organisations were consulted in the development of this draft:

- British Horse Society, Clwyd Branch
- Exercise Referral Scheme, Deeside Leisure Centre
- Flintshire Disability Forum
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
- Farming Union of Wales
- National Farming Union
- Natural Resources Wales
- Public Health Wales
- Rambles Flintshire (Footpaths Officers)
- Walkabout Flintshire

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The draft ROWIP details the likely resource implications over the next 10

years, and it is expected to be delivered from existing Portfolio budgets and additional grant aid and income.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 25 SEPTEMBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION
PROGRAMME (SHARP)

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:
- (1) Cabinet approves the rationale for changing tenure mix for the SHARP to a proposed 303 Social Rented (HRA) and 197 Affordable Rent and Shared Equity properties (subject to detailed scheme feasibility, appraisal works and increased borrowing capacity); and
 - (2) Cabinet approve implementation of the Review Report recommendations.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No consultation required.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Full details in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE (SUDS) APPROVAL
BODY (SAB)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That approval is given to establish the SuDS Approving Body (SAB) to undertake this new statutory function upon commencement of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act on 7th January 2019;
 - (2) A letter is end to the relevant Cabinet Secretary to seek an extension to the implementation date and to properly resource Local Authorities to enable them to successfully plan and implement effective SABs;
 - (3) That this letter is circulated widely amongst other Local Authorities to encourage common support for such an extension of time; and
 - (4) A Member and officer seminar/workshop is undertaken in addition to a Developer Forum to raise awareness of the upcoming changes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations, with the following added to recommendation 1: “and authority be delegated to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) to issue decisions in respect of applications for approval made to the SAB”.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Internal consultation with officers in Planning, Finance, Legal, Building Control, Highways Development Control, Streetscene teams remains ongoing. A regional SAB working group has been established with officers from the six North Wales based LLFAs to share information, solutions and potential approaches to SAB delivery. Communication with Welsh Government and the WLGA remains ongoing.

Consultation and engagement with Councillors will be required as further details emerge.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Welsh Government (WG) have advised that the SAB is intended to be self-funding through the associated application, inspection and long-term maintenance fees and charges. It is understood that the application and site inspection fees will be set nationally and there is the opportunity for additional fees in relation to pre-application discussions. The funding mechanism to cover costs associated with the maintenance for the lifetime of the development under adoption remains unclear and is expected to be left to individual Authorities to resolve.

Estimates of the expected number of applications in Flintshire make it difficult to understand how the SAB would be initially self-funding, and shortfalls of income should be expected in the early stages/years. No funding or resource has been made available to support individual Councils to set up their representative SABs. To date, resource from within the Flood Risk Management Team has been diverted to prepare for the new duty which has not been without disruption to other duties and workloads.

The present lack of detail means there is a high degree of uncertainty against

which to accurately consider the resources, costs and best delivery mechanisms for the new function. Greater certainty will develop as details are clarified over the coming months. Beyond the Flood Risk Management Team additional resource demands can be reasonably expected in relation to Admin and Customer Support, Communications, Finance, Legal, Enforcement and Maintenance requirements.

Historic planning applications have been reviewed and indicate the number of SAB applications could be in the region of 150 annually and would generate a potential income of £100k. Further analysis is required to refine these estimates. There is less certainty in relation to the corresponding costs. A key factor will be whether the Council has existing adequate systems, methods of working and knowledge to deal with applications received. The short lead in time and the fact that the processes and Regulations are untested will result in more time and effort in the short term.

A 'Business Case' may be necessary in 2019/20 to reflect the cost of implementing this legislation. Once an initial SAB delivery model has been designed there will be scope to further assess actual costs with future reviews as necessary once the SAB is functioning.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 (MONTH 4)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2019;
 - (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA);
 - (3) To approve an allocation of £1.084m from the Contingency Reserve to meet the additional budget pressure in 2018/19 for the agreed pay award over and above the 1% included in the Council Fund budget for 2018/19;
 - (4) To approve an allocation of £0.100 from the Contingency Reserve for the ongoing resourcing of the Victim Contract Team within Social Services;
 - (5) To approve a transfer of the Contingency Reserve for an amount of £1.400 recovered from the change in accounting policy for the Minimum Revenue Provision;
 - (6) To approve a transfer to the Contingency Reserve for an amount of £1.940m due to the amount received from the VAT rebate; and
 - (7) To approve the earmarking of

£296m from the Carbon Reduction Commitment budget for consideration of funding costs associated with the solar farm project agreed at Cabinet in July.

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: 25 SEPTEMBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 (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 paragraph 1.17; and
- (3) Cabinet are requested to approve the additional allocation of £0.500m for the relocation of services to Unity House.

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: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **BAILEY HILL – TRI-PARTITE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND PROJECT UPDATE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To have delegated authority to enter into a grant agreement with the Heritage Lottery Fund for £963,700;
 - (2) To give delegated authority to progress the Bailey Hill Project with authority to spend (funding from HLF) and Tourism Amenity Investment Support (TAIS) and authority to procure lead consultant and subsequent contractors; and
 - (3) To agree to enter into a legal agreement for the development and management of Bailey Hill with Mold Town Council and the Friends of Bailey Hill. To have delegated approval to facilitate minor changes to the document.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: A wide programme of public consultation was completed during the initial scoping of the project in 2011/12. This included open days, questionnaires and a brain storming exercise with stakeholders and partners. The results helped to form the project scope.

Extensive consultation has been carried out over the last 12 to 18 months to further develop and form the project.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

A capital allocation of between £0.50m and £0.100m towards the play area was agreed by Cabinet in March 2017.

The project is being managed by the Museums, Culture and Heritage Manager. The post-holder has considerable experience and success in delivering Heritage Lottery Projects.

Ian Bancroft, the former Chief Officer (Organisational Change) has been instrumental in bringing the project together. During the delivery phase, Ian will be replaced by the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Bithell.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 SEPTEMBER 2018** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL WORKS - PROCUREMENT OF WELSH
HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD (WHQS) KITCHEN
& BATHROOM PROGRAMME FOR INTERNAL
WORKS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet approve the procurement of a new contractor to complete the WHQS bathroom and kitchen programme through the Procure Plus framework; and
- (2) That Cabinet give delegated authority to the Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing to negotiate and accept the contract once finalised.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Customers will be involved in the selection process at the interview stage. These will be members from the Tenant Federation Group.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Appropriate officers from the Capital Works team will be involved in the procurement process.

Annual budgets are set and approved annually by Cabinet members.

Budget will be made available alongside Grant Funding from Welsh Government, to carry out these essential works.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

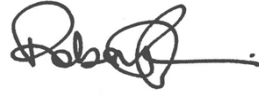
DISPENSATIONS

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