FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>23 OCTOBER 2018</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 4</u>

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) To endorse the 2017/18 Annual

Performance Report;

(b) To endorse the improvement actions for the areas of service under-performance during

2017/18; and

(c) To receive a mid-year progress report against the improvement

actions in November.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS The Member workshop on 29th May and

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th June gave Members the opportunity to consider which areas of performance needed additional focus and continued attention.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Council Plan actions and measures

have resources which need to be taken into account and balanced against priority

and capacity.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: A GROWTH DEAL FOR THE ECONOMY OF NORTH

WALES: PROPOSITION DOCUMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a)

That Cabinet endorse the **Proposition Document for** recommendation to Council for adoption as (1) the basis of a longer-term regional strategy for economic growth and (2) the regional bid for the priority programmes and projects from which the content of a Growth Deal will be drawn as the Heads of Terms Agreement stage with Governments. Adoption does not commit the Council to any financial investment of its own at this stage and is subject to the financial risks and benefits of the final Growth Deal being set out in details, for full consideration, when the final Deal is presented for approval at a later date; and

(b) That the Leader be authorised to commit the Council to entering Heads of Terms with Governments alongside the political and professional leaders from the nine other statutory partners represented on the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, and the North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council, with the *Proposition Document* setting out the parameters for the Heads of Terms agreement.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

There has been extensive consultation across the public and business sectors in the development of the Proposition Document. Members have been engaged in each of the six councils through briefings and workshops. A regional conference has been organised for partner bodies and this information has been made available internally.

Engagement of the private sector has been continuous, primarily through the North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council and through the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). Intensive challenge sessions with selected business leaders by sector, consultation with a newly formed Business Leadership Stakeholder Forum, and latterly engagement with the Business Services Association (BSA) have been undertaken.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report there is likely to be an interest cost of borrowing which will need to be serviced. Until we have the detail of the final Growth Deal, to be negotiated with the Governments, and the capital grant payment arrangements to finance the Deal, the regional partners will not know the number and the combined cost of the approved projects. The combined cost of the approved projects, and how they are to be phased over a period of years, will have a bearing on the contributions to the borrowing costs each partner might be expected to make.

In approving the recommendations of this report the Council will not be making any commitment to financial investment of its own, and will only be authorising the submission of a formal Bid for consideration by Governments. As explained in 4.01 of the report the financial risks and benefits of a final Growth Deal will be reported at the second and final approval stage, along

with the model for sharing any borrowing

costs amongst regional partners.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: PROGRESS FOR PROVIDERS - CREATING A

PLACE CALLED HOME DELIVERING WHAT

<u>MATTERS</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Cabinet to recognise the impact of

'Progress for Providers – Creating a Place Called Home Delivering

What Matters'; and

(b) Cabinet to consider actions and

initiatives underway to further develop the programme.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS During the initial design and

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: implementation phase, consultation

events and activities were held with all

stakeholders.

With the development of the programme into Domiciliary Care and Nursing Care

further consultation and collaboration

work is being undertaken with representatives from both sectors to ensure the tools and guidance is fit for

purpose.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Continued development through the

Commissioning and Contract Monitoring team with one individual to be seconded to the team on a short term basis to adapt

the programme for Domiciliary Care.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet endorse the North Wales

Learning Disability Strategy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

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REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

The strategy was based initially on findings from the consultation carried out as part of the population assessment and regional plan. In addition, we consulted using:

- An online questionnaire and easy read questionnaire circulated widely to staff, partner organisations, the citizens panel, service users and other members of the public between April and July 2018. We received 175 responses.
- Discussion groups and interviews with children, young people and adults with learning disabilities, parents/carers and parents with learning disabilities. This element was led by the North Wales Citizen's Panel.
- Consultation events for service providers and local authority and health staff. We had around 60 providers and over 100 staff attend the events.

A full consultation report is available.

The strategy has been written based on

the findings of the consultation and the draft strategy is now being shared widely for further comments. This includes:

- A joint meeting of members of the North Wales Learning Disability Partnership, Managers of Services for Disabled Children Group, representatives from BCUHB from children's and adults services and representatives from Additional Learning Needs Education services.
- Consultation with representatives from Public Health Wales, North Wales Regional Equality Network, Supporting People, Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Welsh Government's Improving Lives Programme and a lead for primary care services in BCUHB.
- Around 280 people on the mailing list for the project including service providers, staff and members of the public.

The draft strategy has also been or will be going to the following regional groups before approval by the six local authorities and the health board:

- BCUHB Strategy, Partnerships & Population Health Committee
- BCUHB Stakeholder Reference Group
- North Wales Adult Services Heads (NWASH)
- North Wales Heads of Children's Services (NWHoCS)
- North Wales Leadership Group
- Regional Partnership Board

The final draft of the strategy is due to go to the Regional Partnership Board for approval in November 2018 after which it will go through the approval processes of the six local authorities and the health board.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Putting the strategy into action has staff and financial resource implications for the six local authorities and BCUHB. The aim of the strategy to improve the way we use our resources but there is likely to be a need for additional resources initially to manage the project and to deliver the work packages. These resource implications will be prepared in detail as part of the development of the five work packages. We have submitted a bid to the Welsh Government transformation fund to ask for support with these additional costs.

A comprehensive and compelling case for the Welsh Government parliamentary review transformation fund has been submitted, and we expect a positive response from Welsh Government.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF MANAGED LETTINGS AND

OVER 55'S SCHEMES BY NORTH EAST WALES

HOMES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to approve NEW Homes (a)

withdrawing from these schemes and approve removing the following corporate objective "To

provide a competitive offer to landlords to encourage growth of the private rented sector" from the

business plan; and

(b) Cabinet to approve the exploration of alternative delivery mechanism

for the managed lettings as part of the wider development of the Private Rented Sector (PRS)

provision.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS NEW Homes Board have been consulted **REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

and have agreed as part of their formal

Board decision process, to cease delivering the managed lettings and over

55s scheme and relinquish their involvement in the existing properties.

It is proposed the consultation process with landlord and tenants is as follows:

- Report recommending withdrawal from Managed Lettings and Over 55s scheme - Informal Cabinet -October 2018
- Appointments arranged with

- landlords to communicate withdrawal from Managed Lettings and Over 55s scheme w/c 22nd October 2018
- NEW Homes stop actively promoting either of the Managed Lettings or Over 55s schemes and remove all reference to both schemes from the NEW Homes website and marketing information – beginning of November 2018

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

It is anticipated that there will be no cost implications to the Council once the managed lettings are taken over by our strategic RSL partner, and until that is agreed they will be retained as part of NEW Homes.

There will be a minimal resource implication for the 2 over 55s properties to the Council, as it will have to continue to manage the properties until the end of the lease (maximum 5 years).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION SERVICE FEES AND INCOME

GENERATION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Cabinet support the Registration

Service in its review to identify opportunities to extend the range of services to customers thus generating new income streams for

the Local Authority;

(b) Cabinet approve the revised schedule of fees for 2019/20; and

(c) Cabinet approve a new schedule of

fees for 2020/21.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS No consultation is required as a direct

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: A review of the Registration Service to

extend the range of services available will generate new income. It is difficult to predict the level of additional income at this time due to a number of factors including partnerships, implementation

timescales, and demand. More

information and expected income levels will be projected as new services are

launched.

The revised schedule of non-statutory fees for 2020/21 will generate an increase

in income in the circa of £5,000.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 (MONTH

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(a) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2019:

- (b) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA);
- (c) To approve in principle an allocation from the Contingency Reserve for the resourcing of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA); and
- (d) To agree how to proceed with the implementation of the Teacher Pay award.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations, with recommendation (d) being:

That 1% of additional funding from Welsh Government to help meet the costs of the pay award in-year for the period 1st September 2018 to 31st March 2019 be distributed in full to our local schools network once the funds have been received. Schools will be required to find the remaining 1% of the award from within their own budgets for this period. In planning the budget for 2019/20 it is the Council's intention that it will make provision for an uplift in the base funding for schools to meet 1% of the pay award, as a minimum. It is the Council's

aspiration to be in a position to provide an uplift for the full amount. However, the Council is not in a position to confirm either the minimum or the aspirational provision at this point in the national budget setting process as the Council faces a potentially unmanageable gap in its budget-setting forecast for 2019/20, with such a poor provisional Local Government Settlement as outlined by Welsh Government.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> None required. REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

<u>SUBJECT:</u> <u>THEATR CLWYD - CONSTITUTIONAL</u>

ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the recommendations of the Theatr

Clwyd Board for its constitutional and governance arrangements be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS The Theatr Clwyd Board, senior officers

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: of the Theatr and the Council, and the

Arts Council of Wales have been consulted in the compilation of the

recommendations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

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

DRAFT INTERIM HOUSES IN MULTIPLE SUBJECT:

OCCUPATION (HMO) DEVELOPER ADVICE NOTE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the content of the

> Draft Interim HMO Developer Advice Note attached to the report, and for it to be published for public consultation at the

earliest possible opportunity.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS Six week public consultation period REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

required following approval of the draft

Interim Advice Note by Cabinet.

None. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

None. **DISPENSATIONS**

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: DOUBLE CLICK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE -

PROGRESS REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Cabinet to recognise the progress

achieved after 2 years; and

(b) Cabinet to continue to support and

promote Double Click as a social

enterprise.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Flintshire County Council contribute

None.

£110,000 to Double Click. This amount has not increased over the past 2 years, so is effectively a cost reduction, taking inflation and other factors into account.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Cabinet to support the report and

the ongoing work to manage the impacts that Welfare Reform has and will continue to have upon Flintshire's most vulnerable

households; and

(b) Cabinet note the changes to grant funding arrangements for Universal

Support as announced by Central Government on 1st October 2018 and consider future risks to the Council that may come as a result

of these changes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS None.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Although there have been some changes

to Welfare Reform legislation, 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.

Delivery of Personal Budgeting Support has provided the Council with challenges

in delivering in line with the funding arrangements to provide basic financial advice. Experience has shown that at least 80% of appointment time is spent dealing with and trying to resolve UC related issues, time spent contacting DWP Service Centres often resulting in the need for further appointments rather than delivering personal budgeting advice.

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 clear 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.

For 2018/19 an advance payment of 50% of the grant funding is made available to the Council and adjustments to this funding will be made for actual volumes for more than 20% above forecasted volumes. Additional quarterly payments based on actual volumes delivered will be paid for Q1, Q2 and Q3 where take up is more than 50% of each quarter's relevant target.

Following the DWP announcement on 1st October, consideration will need to be made around the loss of funding for Universal Support from April 2019. Further details will be made available to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity once the implications have been worked through.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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DATE OF MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 2018 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: CENTENARY FIELDS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) That Cabinet agree to an application to be submitted to

Fields in Trust to dedicate the following sites as Centenary Fields:

Green opposite Croes Atti

School, Flint;

 Memorial Gardens, Holywell;

 Leeswood Memorial Garden; and

Willows Park, Hope

(b) Cabinet authorise the Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust to be signed on behalf of the Council, if the applications are successful; and

(c) Cabinet agree to a series of events being held to mark the occasion of the sites being designated as Centenary Fields.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:Consultation has been undertaken with Town and Community Councils, Estates,

Legal Services, Planning and

Streetscene.

Further consultation will take place with the Town and Community Councils prior to the applications being submitted to

Fields in Trust.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Changes to the site will need to be

registered with the Land Registry at a cost

of £80 for up to three titles.

Plaques will be provided by Fields in Trust but the Council will be responsible for the

installation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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