

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **COUNCIL FUND BUDGET 2019/20 – THIRD AND CLOSING STAGE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet note the updated budget forecast position as the basis for setting a legal and balanced budget for 2019/20;
  - (2) Cabinet advise Council that in the absence of an improvement in the Local Government Settlement by Welsh Government then the Council will have to rely on a Council Tax rise in the region of 8.5% to meet its own expenditure requirements for 2019/20 (excluding the increase in the levy of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority); and
  - (3) Cabinet invite Council to make a final request to Welsh Government for an improved Local Government Settlement in order to suppress Council Tax rises in Flintshire and across Wales.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in recommendations (1) and (2). Recommendation (3) to be amended to read:

- (3) Cabinet invite Council to engage with Welsh Government – through a cross-party delegation - for an improved Local Government Settlement, in order to suppress Council Tax rises in Flintshire and across Wales, by specifically increasing recurring funding for

schools and children's services;  
and

An additional recommendation (4) to be added, to read:

- (4) Officers provide information on those non-mandatory services where Council could review its policies and funding commitments. The information to include financial values (to the Council Tax payer) and the risks associated with making any changes to current commitments.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Many people and organisations have been engaged in the development of the budget over seven months from July 2018 to now. There has been no singular consultation exercise or set period. There has been ample public communication and the opportunity for open debate on social media particularly through the #backtheask campaign. There has been no specific public consultation exercise – such as the series of public meetings held on each of the past three budget years – as there are no meaningful options on public services remaining on which to consult.

Engagement has taken place over this three-stage interactive budget setting process with:-

- Group Leaders
- Members through three stages of workshops in July and September
- MPs, AMs and Regional AMs
- Welsh Government
- Welsh Local Government Association
- County Forum (of local town and community councils)
- Flintshire Joint Trade Union Committee
- Schools Budget Forum

- Education Consultative Committee
- Primary and Secondary Heads Federation
- Flintshire Governors Association
- Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all local schools
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
- Flintshire Public Services Board partners
- Chief Officers
- Service Managers
- Portfolio Teams (through the business planning process)
- The workforce (through two seminars with a combined attendance of 225)

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As set out within the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **WELSH GOVERNMENT INNOVATIVE HOUSING  
PROGRAMME - LAND AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
GARDEN CITY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet approve the delivery of 12 new apartments on land at St Andrew's Church, Garden City at a projected cost of £2.199m following the award of £1.1m capital grant through Welsh Government's Innovative Housing Programme (IHP); and
  - (2) Cabinet approve Housing Revenue Account borrowing of £1.099m to fund the balance of the total projected scheme cost.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                A consultation event has been undertaken with local residents as part of the formal planning process at St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The responses received from this event will be included in the planning application for the scheme.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                The projected costs of the scheme are £2.199m. A capital grant offer of £1.1m has been received by the Council following the successful completion of all the checks and processes referred to in the report by Welsh Government. This is equivalent to £0.996m capital grant and £0.126m for the cost of innovation for the

originally submitted scheme. The scheme meets the Council's payback requirements and will achieve pay back in year 35. A summary of financial assumptions is detailed in the appendix.

The properties will be managed within the Council's HRA, with the balance of £1.099m funded by prudential borrowing.

The timeframe to finalise these costs with Welsh Government is January 2019. Welsh Government were advised by the Council at the time of the original submission that these were indicative costs and that further work was being undertaken to finalise Stage 1 Cost Plan Costs.

Where final costs of successful schemes are higher than the estimate the rationale for the increase must be clearly stated and verified as being reasonable or unforeseeable by an independent cost consultant before the Grant Offer Letter is issued.

A Grant Offer Letter will only be issued when final costs are known and agreed. Local housing authorities can only be paid in arrears.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Bithell and Thomas.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **22 JANUARY 2019**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **REGIONAL CARERS STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That the Council be committed to sign up to the North Wales Strategy.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            As referred to in the report, consultation was carried out by the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The main reasons for the strategy are taken forward by the Regional Partnership Team which supports the Regional Partnership Board.

Flintshire contributes towards these arrangements as part of an overall regional infrastructure but no specific financial resources are required for the implementation of this carers strategy. Flintshire already provides significant financial support to voluntary organisations working with carers, which will continue.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            Councillors Chris Bithell and Carolyn Thomas.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 JANUARY 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE FLEET CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet is assured that the new fleet working arrangements are achieving the objectives agreed prior to awarding the Fleet Contract.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS With the Cabinet Member.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: With Fleet Contract Partner at regular contractual meetings.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny reviewed the progress of the contract at their meeting in January 2019.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: No implications, other than those detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **REVIEW OF GARDEN WASTE CHARGES IN  
FLINTSHIRE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet supports the continuation of the charging policy for the garden waste service for 2019 and in subsequent years;
  - (2) That Cabinet approves that the existing charge of £30 for the garden waste service is retained;
  - (3) That Cabinet approve that from 2019, the annual review of the garden waste charge should be included in the annual portfolio review of fees and charges; and
  - (4) That Cabinet requests the service explore an alternative, technology based system to monitor payments and notify the waste collectors of a paid subscription, in readiness for the 2020 season and approves that £30k of the funds raised in the 2018/19 financial year are set aside to fund the new arrangement.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**                            With the Cabinet Member.

**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The outcome of the review was presented to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2018. Full details of the discussions and

recommendations made by the Committee will be provided to Cabinet at the January 2019 meeting by the Overview and Scrutiny Facilitator.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The financial benefit from introducing the charge is significant and detailed in the report.

The delivery and receipt of the payment and stickers places a high demand on the service support team.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE REVISED CAR  
PARKING CHARGES**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet notes the content of the 6 month review of the new car park charging arrangements introduced in May 2018;
  - (2) That Cabinet approve the associated changes to the charging arrangements, as highlighted in the report, which are considered to be within the boundaries and limitations of the overall strategy; and
  - (3) That the car parking arrangements and charges for railway station be reviewed and options be reported back to Cabinet within three months.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations, with an additional recommendation (4) to read:

That officers revise permits to enable part time workers to purchase lower cost permits that do not cover the whole week.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                    As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    Suggested changes have been received from various sources during the period of revised charges.

Consultation took place with the Cabinet Member on all of the proposed changes to parking policy contained within the report.

The outcome of the review was presented to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2018. Full details of the discussions and recommendations made by the Committee will be provided to Cabinet at the January 2019 meeting by the Overview and Scrutiny Facilitator.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Total in year (2018/19) projected shortfall - £240,000.

The figure includes £80 delay in introducing the new charges in the current financial year.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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The issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices is not intended to be an income generation exercise, the recovery of payments of Fixed Penalty Notices levied is required by law to remain within the service area and for the benefit of the services provided.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 JANUARY 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME -  
CONNAH'S QUAY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT -  
PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the contents of the report and approve the additional expenditure required to deliver the project.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Planning Application approval has previously been granted.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: A project team is in place to deliver the project.

The additional cost of this project can be delivered within the agreed funding envelope of the overall programme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **BUSINESS RATES – WRITE OFFS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approve the write off for the business rate debts as set out in the report.

**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 £217,396 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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**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There is a base provision within the draft 2019/20 Council Fund Budget of £3,250,910 (inclusive of the £1,084.012 year one pay pressure). The provision was derived from an initial calculation and should be sufficient to meet the cost of the emerging pay model.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Bernie Attridge, Aaron Shotton and Carolyn Thomas.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **22 JANUARY 2019**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **CAPITAL PROGRAMME - YSGOL CASTELL ALUN,  
HOPE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet approve option 1 for the continuation of the capital project.

**DECISION:**                        As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**            As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            Cabinet were consulted in December 2016 in respect of the formation of the capital programme.

The Capital and Assets Programme Board have been consulted prior to the formation of the report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            Both options can be managed with the current staff resource.

Option 1 would require the Council to find £591,008 to frontload the existing capital project.

Option 2 carries no additional resource implication, however would reduce in actual terms the investment in the school.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            Councillor Carolyn Thomas.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 JANUARY 2019**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **THE PROCUREMENT OF TRANSPORT  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARC ADFER**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approves the commencement of a procurement process to engage a regional transport provider for the waste material transported to the new NWRWTP at Parc Adfer facility.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The requirement and associated cost for transporting residual waste from the partner authorities has previously been through Member approval within the Council with WTI at various stages in the NWRWTP project during the procurement of the main contract with WTI and beyond.

The Partnership is managed by the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee, which comprises of two Cabinet Members from the five partner authorities. As part of its remit, the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee has been overseeing the work of developing the haulage contract, and been regularly updated on progress by their relevant partner authority officers.

The contract and tender documentation has been drawn up in consultation with relevant Council legal and procurement officers and relevant partner authority officers.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As part of the Member approval process, the estimated costs of transporting waste to Parc Adfer have previously been through Member approval and have been included in the all the partner authorities' financial planning for 2019/20 and beyond.

It is estimated that the total value of the procurement was detailed in the report. It is based on tonnage produced by all the partner authorities and a full contract term of 5 years, which is considered the optimum time period for such contracts based on market feedback and extensive partner authority experience.

It should be noted that the cost is shared between the partner authorities on a tonnage basis.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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