

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To recommend Part 1 of the Council Plan 2019/20 to Council for adoption.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

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 through the two workshops and a survey.

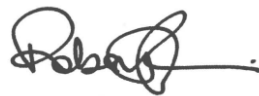
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Council Plan ambitions are reflected in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the annual budget setting process.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **DISCRETIONARY TRANSPORT POLICY REVIEW –
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet make decisions on the transport policy issues which are the subject of this review, taking into account the outcomes of the consultation; and
 - (2) That negotiations be re-opened with Coleg Cambria on the level of recharged cost for the discretionary transport service.

DECISION: As detailed in recommendation (2).
Recommendation (1) to be amended to the following:

- (1) That from September 2020 the termly charge for post-16 transport should be set at a maximum of £150 per term;

All students entitled to free school meals should receive free transport to school or college. This measure should be paid for by the Council funds – not from the charge for transport – as a discretionary benefit;

That during the year between now and the introduction of the charge, the Council should examine the possibility of operating a hardship fund for supporting families where access to education is denied due to the charge through extenuating circumstances, noting the continuation of free transport

entitlement under the free school meal criterion;

That during the year between now and the introduction of the charge, as suggested by the Liberal group, the Council should examine the possibility of a form of 'Oyster' type pre-payment card which would allow residents who cannot pay the termly charge to top up their card on a regular basis; and

That post-16 is defined to be years 12 and 13 in school year terms, and only extended in exceptional circumstances.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Consultation has been carried out with all stakeholders in accordance with the requirements of the Learner Travel Measure.

Consultation was conducted over 6 weeks from 18th February to 5th April 2019. Adequate notice of any changes to the policy must be given in order that parents/learners have sufficient information about travel arrangements prior to expressing a preference for a school/college. In order to publish the policy in time for the 2020/21 academic year, approval to any changes must be agreed by July 2019 at the latest.

Any new options put forward as part of decision-making would be subject to a new consultation exercise.

The Education & Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the outcome of the consultation at their meeting on 20th May 2019. Their observations will be reported verbally.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Council has adopted a policy under which it will seek to recover the full cost of providing a service, where possible,

through the level of charges it sets. Should the Council not opt to fully recover the cost of discretionary transport services then a funding pressure will remain to be met. If a termly charge of £100 were set, for example, then a sizeable funding pressure of £355,000 would remain as the opportunity cost of continuing with a subsidised service.

A cost pressure of £621,000 would equate to a 0.9% Council Tax increase in the absence of any other available resources to fund the continuing service subsidy.

If a charge is agreed, an additional resources will be required in the Integrated Transport Unit to administer and manage the process, including liaising with parents and students, collecting income and chasing any arrears. If a discretionary arrangement was introduced to provide concessions for siblings at post 16, this would potentially increase the administrative workload to undertake financial assessments.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllrs Banks, Butler, Jones and Thomas.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: THE COUNCILS CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SERVICE AND A SHARED SERVICE WITH WREXHAM

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet supports the merging of the CCTV monitoring function with Wrexham.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Discussions have taken place with Wrexham to understand service scale and dimension.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The current monitoring contract delivered through the external service provider has now ended. Staff who delivered that service have now transferred into the Council under TUPE and the service is being directly managed by the County Council.


In terms of financial impacts, a joint CCTV monitoring service with Wrexham has a number of clear benefits including increased resilience and the sharing of costs. Financial information is appended to the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) Cabinet to consider the effectiveness of the Council's strategic response to securing sufficient, sustainable, and high quality childcare within the county that is responsive to the needs of the children and their families; and

(2) To support the on-going work and commitment to the delivery of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment every five years and the annual Progress Report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** As detailed in full in the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The local authority is required to carry out a full CSA every five years and produce and annual review of the CSA's action plan. The Flintshire County Council Childcare Budget is used to support the expenditure for these processes, however, the budget has been considerably reduced since 2015/16 and the Childcare Development Officer post and administrative support post are funded from a grant. During 2018-19 the childcare grant was used by December. A business case was presented to Welsh Government (WG) and extra grant monies secured for a further quarter to meet parent and setting requests.

The FIS Training Schedule is funded from the Childcare and Communities grant. This Training Schedule generates a small income which provides for delivery of a further Training Schedule for childcare providers across the county.

Occasional additional funding streams are secured to support the work of the Childcare Development team. For examples the Disabilities Consortia applies grant funding administered by Action for Children which enables the processing of the Extra Hands grants, including the Childcare Offer SEN grant.

Significant childcare capital funding has been secured for 2019-21. Governance arrangements have been developed to ensure appropriate oversight and project support/management both within Flintshire and with WG as part of the grant conditions.

There is also £440k allocated for small capital grants to support all registered providers with the Offer. Decisions are made on a partnership basis with key stakeholders, including the school modernisation team, head teachers, early years support team, umbrella organisation partners including Early Years Wales, Mudiad Meithrin, PACEY and National Daycare Nursery Association.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

SUBJECT: **SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve following review, the draft report, ensuring it provides an accurate and clear account of Social Services for Adults and Children 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 during 2018/19 which should be included together with priorities for 2019/20.

The draft Social Services Annual Report has now been discussed at Social Services Programme Board, COT and Informal Cabinet.

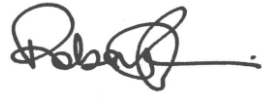
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The priorities identified within the report are aimed at delivering service improvements, improving outcomes and meeting local needs within the context of achieving challenging financial efficiencies and value for money. The improvement priorities contained within the report have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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To re-approve the Corporate Debt Recovery Policy, as amended, for the collection of Sundry Debt, Council Tax, Business Rates, Housing Rents and overpayments of Housing Benefit.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Officers continue to develop the latest best practice and working techniques into the revised policy attached to the report to ensure collections across all areas are maximised and which take account of the latest regulations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Taking a pro-active approach to the collection of debt ensures that income due to the Council is maximised and bad debt is minimised.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: COMMUNAL HEATING CHARGES 2019/20

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve changes to the current heating charges at council properties with communal heating schemes as outlined in table 1 of the report. All changes will take effect from 1st August 2019.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No formal consultation required.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As identified in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**
REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**
SUBJECT: **RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2028**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members approve the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and policy and procedures booklet.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

- 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
- Ramblers Flintshire (Footpaths Officer)
- Walkabout Flintshire

An electronic survey disseminated to members of Ramblers Flintshire and Walkabout Flintshire walk leaders received 40 responses.

A pre-consultation letter was sent out in 2017 to Town and Community Councils and neighbouring Authorities.

A statutory 3 month public consultation was undertaken and the summary responses are included in the

appendices. Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee have also been consulted on the ROWIP and Policies and Procedure booklet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The ROWIP details the likely resource implications over the next 10 years, and it is expected to be delivered from existing Service budgets and additional grant aid and income.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **NEWYDD CATERING AND CLEANING LTD –
PROGRESS REVIEW AND REVISED BUSINESS
PLAN FOR 2019-2022**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet notes the progress of
NEWydd Catering and Cleaning
Limited during the first year of
trading; and

(2) That Cabinet approves the future
Business Plan for the service.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Reports have been submitted to Cabinet
and Overview and Scrutiny at regular
intervals, presentation made by staff and
the Board.

The progress in the first year and the
Business Plan were considered by
Organisational Change Overview and
Scrutiny in May 2019. The Committee
were satisfied with the progress of the
organisation and recommended approval
of the Business Plan.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As noted within the report, all staff
transferred to NEWydd under TUPE.

The new financial system is functioning
effectively, however there will be a need
to review some process issues not solely
restricted to the financial system so as to
make NEWydd more effective within the
commercial markets that it needs to
operate within.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Butler.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: AURA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To support and endorse the Business Plan with Aura noting the comments of the Organisational Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Partnership Board meetings have taken place in May 2018, November 2018 and February 2019 to ensure effective communication, co-operation and partnership working between the Council and Aura.

Aura has consulted its employees, key partners and the Council in relation to its 2019/23 Business Plan.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no changes to the financial resource implications for the Council arising from this report. The Council has already agreed to re-phase the planned third year reduction in its revenue subsidy into a fourth year.

There are no human resource implications for the Council arising from this report. However, Aura will need to agree a pay policy to meet future annual pay awards for its workforce.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 JUNE 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

REPORT OF: Chief Executive, Senior Manager, Human Resources & Organisational Development

SUBJECT: PAY MODEL AND PAY POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet welcomes the progress made in adopting a new Policy Model, and notes the actions taken in using the delegated authority to agree with the Trade Unions, and implement the new Model.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultations have taken place with Chief Officers and their portfolio management teams.

Consultations have also taken place and concluded with the recognised Trade Unions.

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 consultation and is sufficient to meet the cost of the new pay model.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 JUNE 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **THEATR CLWYD TRUST MODEL**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That the recommendation of the Theatr Clwyd Board of Governors for the preferred governance model for the future be supported; and

(2) That a full and final report on due diligence for the preferred model be brought back to Cabinet for a final decision to be made, no later than December 2019.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Board of Governors, Theatr Clwyd Management Team, Cabinet Members and senior officers of the Council, and the Arts Council for Wales have been consulted. The workforce and the recognised Trade Unions are aware of the review; it has been explained to both in the course of negotiations on a local pay agreement.

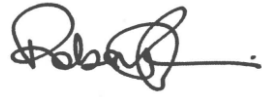
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The financial risks and benefits of transferring to a new governance model will be evaluated at the next stage of the review. The financial commitments of the Council to Theatr Clwyd will remain unchanged during this review.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Banks and Butler.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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