

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive, Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND
BUDGET 2020/21

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Members are asked to note the changes to the forecast.

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: The revenue implications for the 2020/21 budget are set out in the report.

There are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years – the capital programme for 2020/21 onwards will be subject to a separate report.

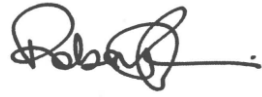
The implications for additional capacity or for any changes to current workforce structures or roles are set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To endorse the 2018/19 Annual Performance Report prior to approval by County Council.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: A Member workshop was held on 10th July 2018 which gave Members the opportunity to better understand how performance information was presented. Consultation is undertaken throughout the year by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committees reviewing the quarterly performance reports.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no specific resource implications as part of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**
2018/19

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet is assured that progress has been made during the year to meet our statutory duties; and
- (2) Cabinet endorse the progress made against the Strategic Equality Plan 2018/19, prior to publication of the annual report on the Council website.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Relevant officers were consulted in order to update the progress report and provide information for the annual monitoring report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Revenue: There are no implications for the approved revenue budget for this service for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Capital: There are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Human Resources: There are no implications for additional capacity or for any change to current workforce structures or roles.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

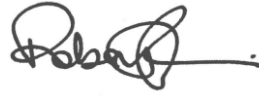
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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: CARE INSPECTORATE WALES (CIW) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW LETTER

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet note the content of the Annual Performance letter and CIW's assessment of the authority's performance during the year 2018/19; and
(2) That Cabinet note CIW's Performance Review Plan for 2019/20.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: There are no consultation requirements as a result of this letter.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct resource implications as a result of this letter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **22 OCTOBER 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

SUBJECT: **ON STREET CAR PARKING IN TOWN CENTRES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet approves the re-designation of a section of Brunswick Road car park in Buckley to provide some free, short stay car parking to compensate for the shortage of on-street, short stay spaces within the town centre; and

(2) That Cabinet supports the pilot de-pedestrianisation of Buckley town centre and approves the introduction of such an arrangement for a fixed period, which is sufficient to measure the impact on footfall in the town. The introduction of the pilot scheme would be subject to receiving support for the proposals from Buckley Town Council.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** With Town Council on the proposed changes to car parking tariffs in Brunswick Road car park.

With Town Council regarding support for the proposed de-pedestrianisation pilot.

Consultation has already taken place with the Cabinet Member.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The cost of advertising and reconfiguring the signage and ticket machines in

Brunswick Road car park would be £5k.
The estimated annual loss of income from the existing pay machines would be £14k.

The cost of advertising, signing and promoting the de-pedestrianisation scheme would be approximately £5k and staff resources from the portfolio would be required to deliver the scheme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **22 OCTOBER 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **HOUSING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet supports and adopts the Housing Strategy and Action Plan for 2019/2024.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The draft Housing Strategy was considered by the Chief Officer Team in December 2018 with a number of comments/amendments provided.

On 14th January 2019 there was a Member workshop which provided feedback, comments and observations for consideration and inclusion within the report where relevant.

A further workshop took place in February 2019 with key stakeholders to consider the action plan and identify gaps / further actions and outcomes.

Wider and extensive consultation was undertaken over the summer through the Council's website and ended on 20th September 2019. The responses have been collated and form an appendix to the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Revenue: There are no implications for the approved revenue budget for this service for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Capital: There are no implications for the

approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Human Resources: There are no implications for additional capacity or for any change to current workforce structures or roles.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet support the revised policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Review and initial consultation with an
Officer Working Group undertaken to
review and revise the previous policy.

The Policy was presented to the
Community and Enterprise Overview and
Scrutiny Committee on 18th September
2019, who were supportive of the revised
policy.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None as a direct result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That the revised Procurement Strategy is adopted; and
- (2) That further reports are brought back to Cabinet on the changes that are proposed to the Procurement Strategy in order to reduce the Council's carbon footprint.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Revenue: There are no immediate implications for the approved revenue budget arising from this strategy for either the current or future financial years. The impact of the move to carbon reduction may be cost neutral or achieve a small saving.

Capital: There are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

Human Resources: There are no implications for additional capacity or for any change to current workforce structures or roles.

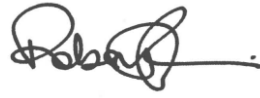
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DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **22 OCTOBER 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**
ANNUAL LETTER 2018/19

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet notes the annual performance of the Council and the number of complaints resolved at an early stage;
 - (2) That Cabinet support the actions to reduce the number of complaints to the Ombudsman's office; and
 - (3) That Cabinet support a review of the Council's complaints procedure upon receipt of the Complaints Standards Authority (Wales) model concerns and complaints policy for public service providers in Wales.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: A copy of the Annual Letter is published on the Ombudsman's website.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **AROSFA UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to consider the plans and support the refurbishment plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** At the time of the original refurbishments, extensive local neighbourhood events were conducted. Work will be needed to ensure the community is advised of the plans but it is not expected that extensive consultation will be required given no additional demands will be placed on local amenities or parking demands.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: A capital allocation of £150k has been allocated to fund the work. A recently refreshed assessment for the refurbishment work has identified an anticipated build cost of £177,162.43. A request has been submitted for regional ICF capital funding to be redirected to fund the £27,162.43. If this funding is not forthcoming there is a Corporate commitment to realigning funding to enable the completion of the work.

The revenue implications is £200k per annum, and that will be completely funded by the ICF. The arrangements will support two young people as an alternative to out of county residential placements. The proposals will enable young people to remain in Flintshire, enhancing opportunities to facilitate family and friend connections. The minimum

annual cost for a residential placement is £182k with many placements exceeding this. Supporting two young people through the open market would therefore cost a minimum of £364k per year, and so this is a minimum anticipated cost avoidance for the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

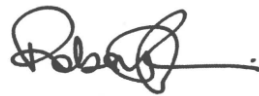
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DATE OF MEETING: **22 OCTOBER 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING FAMILIES TO ACCESS THE FREE
CHILDCARE OFFER**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to receive the report, and
acknowledge the work being undertaken
to support families to access the Offer.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Locally, the Childcare Sufficiency
Assessment continues to be completed
annually, the results of which are used to
plan to ensure sufficient childcare is
available in all parts of Flintshire to meet
demand for childcare and Foundation
Phase education. Family Information
Service are actively working towards
increased consultation and feedback from
parents.

Regular provider events and ‘surgeries’
continue to be held by the Childcare Offer
Team to ensure existing and new
providers are kept up-to-date with the
latest developments of the Offer and to
ensure providers have an opportunity to
feedback their experiences of the Offer to
the Childcare Offer Team.

The Welsh Government has
commissioned Arad Research who is
commissioned by Welsh Government to
gather the views of setting who provide
the offer and parents who receive the
Offer. In June 2019 an email containing a
survey link and unique access code was
sent to settings inviting them to complete
a short 15 minute online survey. The

information collected will help to improve early education and childcare in Wales.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for Flintshire County Council resulting from the Childcare Offer as this is a fully grant funded programme by the Welsh Government. The Childcare Offer Capital Grant is also fully funded by Welsh Government, so consequently requires no capital intervention from the Council. The grants are administered by the local authority as the accountable body.

Should in the future Welsh Government decide to end the scheme, as in all such cases there may be some redundancy costs or reallocation of grants to cover posts.

The Welsh Government continue to provide a budget for the administration of the Offer. Flintshire now has a full quota of staff to administer the Offer for all 3 counties. There is also a separate grant for SEN for the Offer that is funded by Welsh Government.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **22 OCTOBER 2019** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING PEOPLE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT
AND USER FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: This report is for information purposes only to evidence how Supporting People funding is helping people, some with multiple complex needs.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Service User Questionnaire is part of the consultation process to gather the views of people in Flintshire being supported through the provision of Supporting People funding.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Previous research has demonstrated the financial benefits to the public purse that are attained due to the positive outcomes from interventions delivered through the Supporting People programme.

The key research in Wales indicated that for every £1 spent on the provision of housing related support, £1.68 is saved across other budgets, with the health, social care and homelessness budgets seeing the most significant savings, primarily due to the preventative nature of Supporting People services.

Therefore, the possible reductions in the Supporting People Programme Grant due to redistribution is a cause for concern. The risks associated to this are around an additional expenditure burden on the local authority in order to continue to deliver

crisis intervention services and in the fulfilment of its social care and homelessness statutory duties.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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

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

SUBJECT: **WINTER MAINTENANCE AND SEVERE WEATHER
POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the reviewed Winter Maintenance Policy (2019/21) which contains the procedures and processes for delivering the Council's winter maintenance and adverse weather service.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Consultation took place with:

- Operational departments and stakeholders
- With the Cabinet Member
- Neighbouring local authorities in relation to their Winter Maintenance Operations
- Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the policy at their meeting in September 2019 and recommended Cabinet approve the revised document.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Winter Maintenance budget is ring-fenced and supported by a small reserve which is reviewed annually to ensure adequate funding is available to deliver the service throughout the winter season.

Winter maintenance operations on the highway infrastructure are carried out by the Streetscene staff and resources supplemented by local agricultural contractors as necessary.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


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DATE OF MEETING: 22 OCTOBER 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: FLINTSHIRE CONNECTS ANNUAL REPORT

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:
- (1) That Cabinet note the high performance and customer satisfaction across Flintshire Connects Centres;
 - (2) That Cabinet support the review of the services supported by Flintshire Connects in 2019/20; and
 - (3) That Cabinet note the important role of Flintshire Connects to support the Council's Customer and Digital Strategies.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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