

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21**
STAGE THREE POST-SETTLEMENT

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet notes and accepts the revised budget forecast for 2020/21 (the forecast sets out the budget requirement for the financial year and the remaining budget gap to be closed at stage three;
 - (2) That Cabinet notes (1) hat the revised forecast is based on a risk management strategy and (2) the 'open' risks which remain to be managed in the course of 2020/21;
 - (3) That Cabinet notes the analysis of the Provisional Local Government Budget Settlement, and the contribution the additional national funding will make to closing the remaining budget gap;
 - (4) That Cabinet approves the proposals from the completed work on corporate financing options to contribute to closing the remaining budget gap;
 - (5) That Cabinet recommends to Council a legal and balanced budget based on the calculations within the report and taking into full account (1) the contribution the additional national funding can make and (2) the proposals from the completed work on corporate financing options;

- (6) That Cabinet recommends the level of Council Tax for 2020/21 at 5% or below;
- (7) That Cabinet notes the medium-term forecast as a basis for the next revision of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS); and
- (8) That the Cabinet calls upon both Governments to commit to three-year medium-term budget planning with local government settlements in Wales to be at a minimum level of 4% in each of those years, and for national pay awards and reforms and pension reforms and revaluations to be funded in full at a national level at source.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations, with recommendations number 5 and 6 to be amended as:

- (5) That Cabinet recommends to Council a legal and balanced budget based on the calculations within this report and taking into full account (1) the contribution the additional national government funding will make (2) the Stage Three proposals for corporate financing solutions and (3) the expected uplift in the specific grant for social services of £0.426M;
- (6) That Cabinet recommends an annual increase in Council Tax of 4.5% for Council needs. Once the levy of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority is added the full Council Tax increase will be 4.75%.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Consultation with Group Leaders, Overview and Scrutiny Committees, internal partners, external advisors and representative bodies, local schools, the

workforce and trade unions have been completed. An interactive feature has been mounted on the Council's website – this shows how our budget works, the efficiencies we have made over the years and our budget situation, and how our resources are used. Consultation has also been carried out with the principle NNDR payers.

The Council has responded to the Welsh Government consultation on the Provisional Settlement and Group Leaders were consulted in the process of making our response.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications for the 2020/21 budget are set out fully in the report. There are no direct implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years. The capital programme for 2020/21 onwards was reported in January.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None,

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020/21**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves for recommendation to Council the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Arlingclose Ltd. being the Council's Treasury Management Advisors.

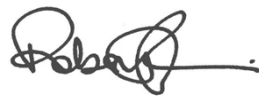
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Financial implications are addressed in the report – no other revenue implications directly as a result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - 2020/21 POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Members approve and recommend to County Council for Council Fund (CF) outstanding debt that:

- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in financial year 2020/21 for the balance of outstanding debt expenditure funded from supported borrowing fixed as at 31st March 2017. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2020/21 for all capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing from 1st April 2016 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2020/21 for all capital expenditure funded from unsupported (prudential) borrowing or credit arrangements. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of

years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.

- (2) That Members approve and recommend to the County Council for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outstanding debt:-
- Option 2 (Capital Financing Requirement Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2020/21 for all capital expenditure funded by debt.
- (3) Members approve and recommend to County Council that MRP on loans from the Council to NEW Homes to build affordable homes through the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) (which qualify as capital expenditure in accounting terms) be as follows:-
- No MRP is made during the construction period (of short duration) as the asset has not been brought into use and no benefit is being derived from its use.
 - Once the assets are brought into use, capital repayments will be made by NEW Homes. The Council's MRP will be equal to the repayments made by NEW Homes. The repayments made by NEW Homes will be classed, in accounting terms, as capital receipts, which can only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt, and is the Council's MRP policy for repaying the loan.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

In changing the Council's MRP policy during 2017/18 and 2016/17 detailed discussions took place with the Council's Treasury Management advisors, senior internal officers and key Cabinet Members.

Wales Audit Office were also consulted as external auditors.

The revised MRP policy was considered by Council as part of setting the 2018/19 budget in March 2018.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The 2020/21 Council Fund and HRA budgets provide for the MRP changes in accordance with the calculations set out in the report.

There are no other resource implications as a direct result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **QUARTER 3 COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20 MONITORING REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet notes and endorses levels of progress, performance and risk levels in the quarter three Council Plan 2019/20 monitoring report; and
- (2) Cabinet is assured by plans and actions to manage the delivery of the 2019/20 Council Plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The Council Plan Priorities are monitored by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.

Chief Officers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no specific resource implications for this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 (MONTH 9)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2020; and
- (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

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: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2019/20**
(MONTH 9)

- 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 the report;
 - (3) Cabinet are requested to approve the funding of schemes from the current 'headroom' as set out in the report and use of savings identified in the report; and
 - (4) Cabinet are requested to approve the use of the Economic Stimulus funding as set out in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: MARLEYFIELD HOUSE EXPANSION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Members note the current design for the extension including its affordability with the current estimated costs and funding envelope available; and

(2) Members provide approval for the Council to enter into contract with the construction firm during March 2020, with delegated authority to the Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Social Services) and Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) to negotiate the final cost plan, within a 5% variation of current estimates detailed in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: As part of the planning application, all statutory consultation have been carried out.

In addition a public consultation event was held at the site on 27th June 2019.

Continued engagement with the residents, their families and staff at the home will take place throughout the construction to inform and support them throughout the construction to inform and support them throughout the construction period.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Flintshire County Council has approved

£3,006,000 of its own capital funding towards the project. In addition grants from IHP and ICF capital funding has been allocated to a total of £6 million to support the project development. This gives a total funding envelope of £9.028 million.

It is expected a pooled budget arrangement can be established with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to assist with the revenue costs of the larger establishment. The development will support the process of hospital discharge and appropriate assessment for care packages to support people when they move home. The extended sixty four bed care home would provide:

- Permanent support – for people who require ongoing residential care
- Short- term respite – designed to support people over a short period to help carers, families or the individual
- Intermediate Care and Discharge to Assess, to support the Step Up / Step Down process

As a revenue budget pressure for 2020/21 of £0.104M has been approved to allow for recruitment and training of staff in preparation for the opening in April 2021. A further revenue budget pressure of £0.425 for 2021/22 is being considered with the potential for contribution from the ICF revenue programme subject to ICF continuing.

In order to operate the entire site effectively, additional care staff, therapeutic staff and assistant management will be required to support the additional residents. The workforce requirements are currently being planned based on the service model developed for the scheme.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **CARE INSPECTORATE WALES ACTIVITY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet note the positive feedback received from CIW following their recent focussed activity / engagement with Social Services;
- (2) Cabinet to note our response to any areas of improvement identified by CIW during the year; and
- (3) Cabinet are informed about forthcoming focussed activity to be carried out by CIW in Flintshire.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Regular meetings between managers and CIW representatives. Information about and feedback from regulatory activity is shared with the workforce.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Resources necessary to implement improvements identified by CIW are within existing budgets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC CONVENIENCE IN MOLD TOWN CENTRE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves the upgrade to the existing public convenience facility at King Street Bus Station and that the toilet in New Street Car Park is demolished to increase parking availability, following the Town Council's decision not to take up the option to take on maintenance liability for the facility; and
 - (2) That Cabinet approves for the completion of the Bus Station improvements.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** With Cabinet Member. With Town Council. With local businesses and visitors.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As identified in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Chris Bithell.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet supports the report and the ongoing work to manage the impacts that Welfare Reforms has and will continue to have upon Flintshire's most vulnerable households.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **18 FEBRUARY 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF SIDEWAY-FORCE COEFFICIENT
ROUTINE INVESTIGATION MACHINE (SCRIM)
POLICY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves the reviewed SCRIM Policy and Operational Manual for managing Skid Resistance on the Adopted Highway Network; and
 - (2) That Cabinet support the review of the network to reclassify sites following changes to infrastructure and local speed limits.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Operational departments and stakeholders. With Cabinet Member.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: It is the intention of the service to maintain budgets and deliver the service with cost neutral implications.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: INSURANCE SERVICES TENDER 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) That Cabinet note the arrangements for the procurement of Insurance Services; and

(2) That, following a full and robust evaluation of submitted bids, authority be delegated to the Corporate Finance Manager to authorise the award of the LTA(s) to the successful bidders.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation has taken place with the Collaborative Procurement Unit throughout the process to ensure compliance with Contract Procedure Rules and EU Legislation.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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