

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **22 SEPTEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**  
**REPORT OF:** **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**  
**SUBJECT:** **FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN –  
CONSIDERATION OF DEPOSIT CONSULTATION  
REPRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES AND  
SUBMISSION FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

(1) That the Cabinet note the representations made during the Deposit Local Development Plan consultation and endorse the proposed responses, and agree that they will be forwarded to the Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate for consideration as part of the examination in Public; and

(2) That the Cabinet resolve that the Flintshire Local Development Plan (2015-2030) be submitted to Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate for Examination in Public, and recommend that the Council agree to this.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Section B in the report details the public consultation on the Deposit LDP. A summary of the representations received is contained in Appendix 1 to the report and the original representations are available to be viewed on the LDP consultation portal and website.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** The Council has committed funding via in-year budget provision as well as a specific balances to undertake the preparation of

the LDP including provision for the EiP stage in the process. This provision is considered adequate to cover the remaining stages of the plan process to this stage and the resulting costs of the Inspector(s) and Programme Officer. The Council has estimated that the PO costs will not amount to more than £35k to £40k while the cost of the inspector currently stands at £508 per day (excluding travel and subsistence). PINS can now also charge for Planning Officer and administrative support as part of the EiP process, the details of which are set out in The Local Inquiries and Qualifying Procedures (Standard Daily Allowance) (Wales) Regulations 2017. An allowance in the budget/balances of £250k to cover all EiP costs has been made which should be sufficient.

Submission of the LDP is based on the existing staffing levels within the planning policy team (1 FTE team leader, 1.6 FTE senior planners, 2 FTE planners, 1 FTE technician) supported by the service manager, strategy, and also utilising wider portfolio administrative and technical support as required. One of the FTE planner posts is currently vacant but a business case will be made to fill this post to support submission and the EiP to follow.

It is unclear at this stage whether investment in technology will be required to facilitate the ability of interested parties to 'attend' Examination sessions virtually rather than in person, if Covid-19 restriction dictate once the start date of the Examination is known and the process of identifying suitable Council venues is carried out.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 22 SEPTEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: CARE INSPECTORATE WALES (CIW) ANNUAL  
PERFORMANCE LETTER

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet notes and is assured by the content of the Annual Performance letter and CIW's assessment of the authority's performance during the year 2019/20; and

(2) That Cabinet notes the CIW Performance Review Plan for 2020/21 has been paused, and they will notify us once the programme of inspection re commences.

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.

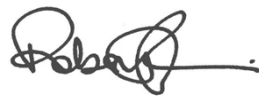
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct resource implications as a result of this letter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                                **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 (MONTH 4)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021;
  - (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA);
  - (3) To approve a budget virement of £0.300M between Older People's Purchasing budget (Localities) and the Older People's Provider budget (Resources and Regulated Services); and
  - (4) To approve an allocation of £0.134M from the Contingency Reserve for the resourcing of the Children's Services 'Front Door Pressures' within Social Services.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations, with the additional resolution below:

- (5) That the claims for car parking income loss for Quarter two and Quarter three be pursued with Welsh Government.

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    None specific.

**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 SEPTEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2020/21  
(MONTH 4)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That the overall report be approved;

(2) That the carry forward adjustments be approved; and

(3) That the additional allocations be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No consultation is required as a direct result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**REPORT OF:**                    **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                        **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2019/20**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    Members approve recommendation of the draft Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20 to Council.

**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:**        As outlined in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**    None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                        None.

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future Welsh Government Grant funding.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **SUSPENSION OF TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING CHARGES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                    That Cabinet approves the suspension of car parking charges in Flintshire's town centre car parks until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation, with the addition of the following resolution:

That the claims for car parking income loss for Quarter two and Quarter three be pursued with Welsh Government.

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation.

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education and Youth.

Chief Officer Team.

Neighbouring Authorities (information purpose only).

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                    The financial impact of suspending car parking charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 will be £0.431M. There will be an additional loss of income of approximately £0.054M for the reduction in issuing Penalty Charge notices (PCNs) due to service users not being required to purchase Pay and Display tickets.

There will be an approximate saving of £0.025M paid for the management of cash collections and purchase of pay and display tickets.

There will have been no impact on staff resources due to this proposal. The seven enforcement officers employed will still be required to patrol town centre car parks for compliance with set rules. They are also required to undertake on street parking enforcement and environmental crime (fly tip, dog control, littering) patrols and investigations.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**            **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

**SUBJECT:**                        **BUS NETWORK REVIEW UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet approves the outcome of the review of Local Travel Arrangements which has been necessary due to the pandemic and the further loss of local commercial bus services.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation.

Elected Members.

Town and Community Councils.

Members of the public and community groups and forums.

Bus operators.

Neighbouring authorities.

Welsh Government.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The requirement for larger vehicles to provide fully disabled accessible services that can operate on key strategic transport corridors and accommodate larger passenger numbers.

Investment to establish Quality Partnerships on each core network route to ensure ongoing stability of the network is being provided by Welsh Government.

The Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG) and its predecessor equivalents have been intended to supplement Council's own expenditure, not replace them. Welsh Government has indicated that it is the duty of each Council to determine how to spend its own un-hypothecated funding. Nevertheless, reflecting the fact that BSSG exists to Council's own expenditure, and Welsh Ministers' discretion in relation to the scheme, it should be expected that future BSSG allocations, from April 2019, will be determined to reflect in part Council's own expenditure on supporting bus and community transport services. Any potential reduction in Flintshire's own revenue support funding could therefore result in a reduction of the grant received from Welsh Government.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Social Services)**

**SUBJECT:**                                **CHILDCARE CAPITAL GRANT UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    (1)    Cabinet consider the contents of the report and confirm their support for the criteria used to prioritise projects within the programme; and

(2)    Cabinet endorse a programme-based approach which aligns funding streams to co-ordinate and maximise funding opportunities.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations, with the inclusion of the following resolutions:

- (3)    That a decision on Trelawnyd VA School and Ysgol yr Esgob, Caerwys be deferred until the following month to allow them time to submit any new evidence; and
- (4)    That Ysgol y Llan VA School, Whitford, be moved from the reserve list to the projects approved list.

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    A report to Cabinet in June 2019 provided Members with an overview of the Council's strategic response to securing sufficient, sustainable, and high quality childcare within the county. The report included an overview of progress in responding to the childcare sufficient assessment and confirmed the allocation

of the childcare capital grant to the authority.

In order to gather the information required to achieve and deliver a successful Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan, consultation took place with a wide range of stakeholders. Under schedule 2 of the Statutory Guidance appropriate stakeholders were identified and involved in the undertaking of the Assessment and the development of the Action plan.

Meetings and conversations have taken place with settings to provide information and guidance on the development of business cases which have formed an integral part of assessing the sustainability of proposals.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The Childcare Capital funding envelope has been agreed by Welsh Government and is 100% funded by Welsh Government.

Revenue implications have been tested through submission of school business cases and only projects that have demonstrated that they are viable and sustainable have been chosen to proceed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**REPORT OF:**                                      **Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

**SUBJECT:**    **QUEENSFERRY CAMPUS – CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

(1)      That the Full Business Case be submitted to Welsh Government on the basis that the project shortfall of £216,588 is met from an additional allocation in the Council's capital programme; and

(2)      That subject to Welsh Government approval of the Business Case that the Council enter into a construction contract with Kier Construction (North West).

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**    Reports on the SOP for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools have been to Education and Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

Consultation was undertaken through the planning application process. Full planning permission for the project has been granted.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**    The Queensferry campus project has been included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The shortfall of £216,818 is considered as an additional allocation to the Council's capital programme.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

**SUBJECT:**                                **YSGOL CASTELL ALUN - CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves entering into a contract with Willmott Dixon construction for the construction phase of the investment project at Ysgol Castell Alun;
  - (2) That Cabinet approves the amendment of the project scope to bring it in line with the available budget; and
  - (3) That Cabinet approves the inclusion of the removed items from the project as costed options within the contract for potential reinstatement if funding becomes available.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                    The project has been approved by Cabinet/Council for inclusion in the Council's capital investment programme.

Consultation was undertaken through the planning application process. Full planning permission for the project has been granted.

Regular project updates are taken to the Capital and Assets Programme Board.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                    The project at Ysgol Castell Alun has

been included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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