

CABINET
28TH JULY 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held virtually via Webex on Tuesday 28th July, 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Roberts (Chair)

Councillors: Glyn Banks, Derek Butler, Dave Hughes, Christine Jones, Billy Mullin and Carolyn Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Corporate Finance Manager, Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation), Chief Officer (Education and Youth) Managing Director - NEWydd, Strategic Finance Manager – Commercial and Housing, Project Manager, and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor David Mackie.

194. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

195. NEWYDD CATERING AND CLEANING LIMITED: COVID 19 RECOVERY AND FUTURE PROOFING THE BUSINESS

The Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) introduced the report and explained since transitioning to a Local Authority Trading Company in 2017, NEWydd Catering & Cleaning Limited (NEWydd) had strived to create a more modern and competitive model of operations which was a key feature of its pre-Covid-19 Business Plan for 2020/21.

The Managing Director of NEWydd provided a comprehensive presentation which detailed the proposals in full for organisational change and the development of a new operating model to secure the longevity of NEWydd Catering and Cleaning Limited (NEWydd).

A number of questions on opportunities were asked by Members and responded to, with the emphasis being on the business being progressive. Questions were also asked on the workforce and work being undertaken with Trade Unions.

As Chair of the Organisational Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Mackie made the following observation:

“I feel the report should have started with details from paragraph 2.08 which explains that the business had successfully built up reserves in their first 3 years. I have also heard that they have risen to significant challenges during the crisis and together these points would have shown them to be a successful and flexible business needing to change in the current climate”.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the current position of NEWydd Catering & Cleaning Limited in light of the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and the resulting drivers for organisational change within the company be noted;
- (b) That the commencement of a period of consultation with the Trade Unions, staff and clients on the proposed new operating model which will preserve the long-term future of the company be approved; and
- (c) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets and exercised with the Managing Director’s advice, to authorise and implement the new operating model.

196. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press or public in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 p.m. and ended at 2.05 p.m.)

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Chair