



**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **17 NOVEMBER 2020**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**REPORT OF:**                                      **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                      **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD -  
FINAL GROWTH DEAL**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet and Council approve the Overarching Business Plan as the document that sets out the arrangements to deliver the North Wales Growth Deal as the basis for entering into the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments;
  - (2) That Cabinet approves the provisions in Governance Agreement 2 relating to executive functions, recommends that Council approves the provisions relating to non-executive functions, and that Cabinet specifically adopts the delegations and Terms of Reference in "Governance Agreement 2: Appendix 1" thereof as the basis for completing the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments;
  - (3) That Cabinet formally endorses and recommend that the Council authorise the accountable body, Gwynedd Council, to sign the Grant Funding Offer letter on behalf of the Partners;
  - (4) That Cabinet formally endorses and recommends that Council approves the method used to calculate the cost of borrowing

notionally required to facilitate the negative cash flow for the Growth Deal, and to include a provision within the Council's budget to pay this contribution and the established core and supplementary contributions as set out in GA2 and paragraphs 2.5 – 2.7 of the report; and

- (5) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer be granted delegated authority to agree minor changes to the documents with the Partners as necessary to complete the agreement.

**DECISION:**

As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the contents of this report and the documentation was supported by the Executive Officers Group.

A report and the relevant documents have been circulated to all partner organisations. The covering report and appendices will be presented to all six local authority Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council meetings.

A report and the relevant documents was presented to the NWEAB on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. A copy of the covering report was attached at appendix 8 with the complete documentation available via a hyperlink.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There is a medium-term temporary funding gap between the expected expenditure profile of the Growth Deal and the expected profile of government funding received over 15 years. The NWEAB, through the host authority, will be responsible for managing this negative cash flow, and have worked with

Arlingclose to model the cost of borrowing notionally required to facilitate the negative cash flow for the Growth Deal, and the corresponding annual partner contributions required to meet this cost.

With a range of assumptions to consider, the NWEAB have forecasted a range of figures, modelled as the best case scenario (Version 1) and the worst case scenario (Version 2), to reflect the timing of finalising the Growth Deal and consequent timing of government grant funding. The difference between the best and worst case scenarios highlights the importance of finalising the Growth Deal by the end of the calendar year. In both versions the other variables, i.e. interest rate and NNDR income have remained the same. The interest rate used was 2.2% and is considered to be a prudent assumption. The NWEAB will utilise its "retained" NNDR grant from Welsh Government to offset against the negative cash flow, with the net total cost (£12.46M - £17.73M) met by the local authorities (proportional to population) for regional NWEAB projects, and with project lead sponsors responsible for the cost in relation to their projects.

Any changes to the projects will result in a reserved matter if it means increasing partner contributions (e.g. change from project lead sponsor to NWEAB, lower NNDR yield, higher cost, earlier spend profile).

With capital projects, there is always a risk of overspending, and controls will be put in place to limit overspending costs on specific projects. For regional projects, the Portfolio Management Office would be responsible for controlling expenditure and ensuring sufficient contingency budgets are included in the project business cases. Overspend would be for the Lead Sponsor to deal with in relation to their projects.

The table in 2.05 of the report shows the total (15 years) partner contributions to cover the cost of 'borrowing' notionally required to facilitate the negative cash flow.

The table in 2.06 shows the **annual partner contributions** to cover the cost of 'borrowing' notionally required to facilitate the negative cash flow.

These annual partner contributions are in addition to the established 'core' and 'supplementary' annual contributions shown in the table in 2.07.

The Corporate Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer) advises that the level of borrowing required to meet the negative cash flow is prudent and provides good value for money in the context of the timely delivery of such a major Project. The additional annual contributions will be built into the budget for 2021/22 as part of the current ongoing work on the budget process and are deemed affordable.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**SIGNED**



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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **17 NOVEMBER 2020**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPORT OF:**                                      **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                      **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORT NORTH WALES  
PARTNERSHIP**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**                      To support the establishment of Sport North Wales Partnership (SNW).

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**    Engagement has taken place with the following partners/stakeholders:

- Isle of Anglesey County Council
- Gwynedd Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham Borough Council
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- GwE (Regional Education Consortium)
- Disability Sport Wales
- Public Health Wales
- Bangor University
- Wrexham Glyndwr University
- Adra
- Cartrefi Conwy
- Wales and West Housing Clwyd Alun Housing Association
- Grwp Cynefin Housing Association
- Tai Gogledd Cymru (North Wales Housing)
- Cartrefi Cymunedol

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**    Policy Framework – the SNW Partnership will have a positive impact on all seven goals of the Well-being of Future

Generations Act, by delivering the vision of Sport Wales.

This partnership will contribute to the Council priority of Living Well.

Budget – currently Sport Wales provides separate funding directly to the six local authorities as well as other organisations, which are then responsible for spending in their respective areas. However, if SNW is approved, the cumulative funding from Sport Wales (estimated at c. £2.7M per annum for the region) will be directed through SNW and decisions on priority investment will be undertaken by the Partnership Board with over-sight by the Governance Board.

The indicative total 5 year funding for SNW from 2021/22 to 2025/26 is £13,529,494. This is for community sport, free swimming, lottery local grant scheme, an innovation fund and strategic operating support. (The Lottery and innovation funds will be held and administered by Sport Wales but will be available for SNW to draw against).

There is no financial risk to the Council. Aura Leisure and Libraries will still be able to apply for the funding to deliver regionally significant projects.

Legal – the draft Heads of Terms (HOT) for the SNW Partnership is set out in full in appendix 1.

Pursuant to section 2 Local Government Act 2000 and section 111 Local Government Act 1972 the SNW Members will enter into the Inter-Authority Governing Agreement to set out clearly their roles and responsibilities in relation to the governance and structure of SNW.

SNW Partners will sign up to the Partnership and the Heads of Terms for an initial term of five years from the date on which the Agreement is validated by

the SNW Members.

Staffing – there are presently no staffing implications or TUPE implications. Employees funded from within the identified grants will remain employed by Aura Leisure and Libraries Ltd.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 NOVEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **CAPITAL STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL  
INDICATORS 2021/22 – 2023/24**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) Cabinet approves and recommends the Capital Strategy to County Council; and
- (2) Cabinet approves and recommends to Council:
  - The Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 – 2023/24 as detailed within Tables 1, and 4-7 inclusive of the Capital Strategy
  - Delegated authority for the Corporate Finance Manager to effect movements between the separately agreed limits within the authorised limit for external debt and the operational boundary for external debt.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            The Capital Strategy and the proposed Capital Programme will be referred to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with their comments being fed back to Cabinet verbally before being discussed at County Council in December 2020.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            Financial consequences for capital and revenue resources are set out within the report and appendix.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 NOVEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**REPORT OF:**                            **Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                                **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 – 2023/24**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To approve the allocations and schemes in Table 3 for the Statutory/Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2021/22 – 2023/24;
  - (2) To approved the schemes included in Table 4 for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2021/22 – 2023/24;
  - (3) To note that the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2021/22 in Table 5 at this point in the approval process allows flexibility. Options including a combination of future capital receipts, alternative grants (if available), prudential borrowing or the re-phasing of schemes will be considered during 2021/22, and included in future Capital Programme reports; and
  - (4) To consider and approve the schemes included in Table 6 for the specifically funded section of the Council Fund Capital Programme which will be funded in part through borrowing.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                                The proposed Capital Programme will be referred to the Corporate Resources

Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with their comments being fed back to Cabinet verbally before being discussed at County Council in December 2020.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial consequences for capital resources are as set out in the report.

As previously stated there are revenue consequences of borrowing in interest costs and revenue provision for debt repayment which will bear on the MTFS as new pressures.

Assuming the shortfall is as estimated (£1.317M), and that the asset life of schemes is 50 years, the pressures on the revenue budget are shown in the table in 2.02. The pressures for previously approved school building works and Joint Archive Facility have been built into the current MTFS. Pressures for the shortfall in Council Funding and new school schemes will be built into future MTFS calculations as necessary.

The table in 2.02 does not include the Mockingbird Family Model as the loan will be repaid from revenue savings generated as a result.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **17 NOVEMBER 2020**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **YOUTH SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    To approve FIYP consultation on developing the FIYP Plan 2021/2024.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Through October 2020 – February 2021, FIYP will consult young people, families, staff and partners to inform and structure these priorities as part of a FIYP plan for 2021/2024 to be launched in April 2021.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                There are no revenue/capital implications. There are no implications for additional capacity or for any change to current workforce structures or permanent roles. FIYP will achieve staffing savings from the changes to assets. FIYP will meet these through not filling some vacancies.

There are no technology implications. Digitally excluded learners' needs have been addressed through Council work, in partnership with schools, as part of the Welsh Government 'Stay Safe, Stay Learning' programme. FIYP has made available digitally-enabled methodologies for staff engagement and participation. This is supported with training and coaching.

Asset implications relate to FIYP transfer of three buildings to schools where these are on school-sites and five buildings to the community through community asset transfer. This offers savings of:

1. Premises management savings potential of £70.6K (over 40% of youth club element of budget)
2. Potential staff savings of £28K (20% saving of youth club element of budget)

FIYP transfer to schools and associated premises management saving potential:

1. Broughton £12K
2. Leeswood £7.5K
3. Treuddyn £11K

FIYP managed buildings for community asset transfer and associated premises management saving potential:

4. Carmel £2.8K
5. Deeside £7.9K
6. Greenfield £3.3K
7. Mold £1.5K
8. Penyffordd £11.6K

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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