

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 DECEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND
ANNUAL BUDGET 2021/22**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To approve the updated budget estimate for 2022/22;
- (2) To receive the feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- (3) To review and re-set the strategy to set a legal and balanced budget for 2021/22.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Overview and Scrutiny Committees in November 2020.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The revenue implications for the 2021/22 budget are set out in the report.

There are no new implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or future financial years. The capital programme will be subject to a separate report.

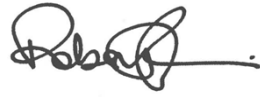
There are no implications for additional capacity or for any change to current workforce structures or roles at this stage.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 DECEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON COMBINED JOINT COMMITTEES (CJCS)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet approves the outline of a proposed response to the consultation on CJs and grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive to finalise a detailed response in consultation with the Leader and the respective Cabinet Members;
 - (2) That Cabinet endorses the response prepared by the Planning Strategy Group on the preparation of Strategic Development Plans; and
 - (3) That Cabinet endorses the response to the proposals in respect of Transport as recommended by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Welsh Government consulted widely on the proposals and further engagement events are planned. Welsh Government officials have also worked closely with local government in the design of the new bodies.

As mentioned within the report the SDP proposals have been discussed by

Planning Strategy Group.

The regional transport plan proposals will be taken to Overview and Scrutiny in December.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed CJs will be comprised of Council leaders and may well be supported by existing Council employees. This will impact upon those people. The NWEAB is already supported in this fashion by the constituent Councils and so the extent to which the new CJC will create extra demands on time or add extra bureaucracy will be a key factor.

The timescale for preparing and SDP is challenging and will require resource to support the process. This will be an additional burden on the constituent council's.

Paragraph 1.22 for the resource implications arising from the proposals for regional transport planning.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 DECEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 (MONTH 7)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum; and
- (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

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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DATE OF MEETING: **15 DECEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

SUBJECT: **FAMILIES FIRST - FUNDING ELEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: For Cabinet Members to approve an extension subject to the Welsh Government approving further funding for a period of 6 months, with the option of a further 6 months if required.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Flintshire Prevention and Support Leadership Operational Group which oversees the CCG and related prevention and support programmes supports the extension of the existing contracts for Families First consortia.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Council has specified in all contracts for services and roles funded through the Families First programme that any continuation depends wholly on Welsh Government funding and good performance. In this way, the Council is indemnified from any changes the Welsh Government may make.

Welsh Government CCG funding of £1,181,000 funds the three consortia in 2020/21. The current contracts conclude on 31/03/21, after 3 years. This request is for an extension, subject to further funding being approved, for a period of up to 12 months (i.e. 6 months with an option of a further 6 months should this be required).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

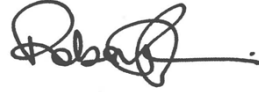
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RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The funding for the services currently purchased is met via the Social Services budget with a 50% contribution from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board for one of the support packages.

The weekly costs for a thirteen 'spot' purchased support packages purchased at rates paid when the day services were originally closed due to the lockdown related to the Covid-19 pandemic were £7,614.97. This equated to an approximate annual cost of £395,978.44.

The provider indicated that they required a significant inflationary uplift for the support packages currently purchased by the local authority. This equated to an uplift of 15.69% and weekly and annual costs of £8,310 and £458,120 respectively. This represents an annual increase in cost of £62,141.56.

The potential increase in cost stated is predicted on no change to the service levels for the individuals that access the day services according to the service levels indicated as of March 2020.

Another placing local authority has undertaken an open book accounting exercise with the service provider to ascertain and agree sustainable and competitive costs for the service provision. These costs are the rates requested by the service provider and have been agreed to be adopted by Flintshire County Council.

The proposed contract structure for the day service provision moving forward will not guarantee any minimum level of service provision for the duration of the contract. It is anticipated that service delivery will be reflective of service levels according to an Individual Placement Agreement which will be subject to the terms and conditions of any overarching contract.

There are no significant staffing resources for the potential change from spot-purchasing services to the implementation of a contractual agreement. The provider possesses pre-existing resources to enable the support subject to potential contract to be delivered successfully and to continue to achieve desired outcomes for individuals attending the day services.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 DECEMBER 2020** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the Modern Slavery Statement is approved and published.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Human Resources and the Joint Corporate Procurement Unit have contributed to the preparation of the action plan.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: It is anticipated that the commitments within the Modern Slavery Statement can be achieved within current resource levels.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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funding.

Welsh Government is awarding regional grant funding streams via the Regional Partnership Boards e.g. the Integrated Care Fund, Delivering Transformation grants. Partners agree the use of the grants and agree jointly on regional people capacity required to deliver its programmes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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None.

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REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

commissioned to advise on trust model options and VAT exemptions, trust legalities, Corporation Tax, State Aid and lease agreements.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in previous reports. The proposed transfer does not commit the Council to any financial obligations greater than those under the current internal governance model.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: SALE OF MORRISTON FARM, SEALAND

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet support the sale of Morriston Farm, Sealand.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The local Member has been consulted and her comments have been noted below in the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The proposal for sale will be subject to a restriction to the effect that the property will be used for agricultural and equestrian purposes only.

The sale will also be subject to a claw-back clause providing that if the purchasers obtain planning consent or develop the land which will increase value the Council will receive 30% of any uplift in value. This clause remains in effect for the next 25 years.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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HRA SHARP schemes.

In its Spring Budget 2020, Central Government announced a new, discounted rate of Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) lending to support social housing in England, Scotland and Wales. This new rate is available to any local authority with an HRA for loans that will finance expenditure within that account. The value of this discount is 100 basis points (1.00%) below the rate at which the local authority currently borrows from PWLB. The Council is only able to access this rate if it ensures this borrowing is solely used as funding within the HRA.

A commuted sum of £566k has been included in the model.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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