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.

<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> Overview and Scrutiny Committees in

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: 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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief

(1)

Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy),
Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON

COMBINED JOINT COMMITTEES (CJCS)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

That Cabinet approves the outline of a proposed response to the consultation on CJCs 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.

CONSULTATIONSWelsh Government consulted widely onREQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: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 CJCs 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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>15 DECEMBER 2020</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 7</u>

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 None specific.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out within the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>15 DECEMBER 2020</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8</u>

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW

2020/21

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves and recommends to

Council the Treasury Management Mid-

Year Report 2020/21.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: treasury management advisors.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Financial implications are addressed in

the report. No other resources

implications directly as a result of this

report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

CONSULTATIONS 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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: COMMISSIONING OF LEARNING DISABILITY

(AUTISM) DAY SERVICE PROVISION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: This report seeks approval for the direct

award of a contract to the present service provider for the Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) as detailed within the

report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: man

There has been dialogue between managers within the Social Services commissioning function and the current service provider to ensure sustainability of service delivery (where feasible according to local and national Covid-19 related restrictions) since the onset of the Covid-

19 pandemic.

A collaborative approach has been undertaken with the host local authority to ensure that any rates agreed subject to any future contract are fair, competitive and represent value for money.

Engagement was sought via other stakeholders (associated Social Services professionals) to ascertain the suitability of the current support arrangements.

Elements considered related to the extent to which access to the current services promoted achievement of outcomes and wellbeing, availability or lack of equivalent bespoke provision and the sustainability of individuals' other support networks.

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 contractural 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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: JOINT CORPORATE PROCUREMENT UNIT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet notes the annual

performance report, and endorses the proposed actions to improve performance

where required.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS The report has been considered by the

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Procurement Joint Management Board.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The SLA states that the Council's will split

the costs based on their share of the combined overall spend of both Councils. That spend will vary from year to year depending on capital projects but

Flintshire broadly spends 55% and so its

share of the running costs is 55%.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MODERN SLAVERY

<u>STATEMENT</u>

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 Human Resources and the Joint

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: 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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet confirms that it has

read, understood and taken into account the work that is required to be undertaken by the Regional

Partnership Board; and

(2) That Cabinet notes the work and progress in 2019/20 on the work

areas that are being taken forward regionally through the North Wales

Regional Partnership Board.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS When the Board develops regional

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: reports, strategies or documents, officers

and elected Members who site on the Board bring these to relevant meetings within their own organisations to be formally agreed. Regional Partnership Boards do not have arrangements for regional scrutiny, this is undertaken at a

local basis.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The 6 local authorities in North Wales

pool funding to support regional working across North Wales, this is used to pay for staff to deliver on its work and also to fund the meetings. In 2019/20, through the award of partnership funds and grants to the Board, it has been possible to fund

some activities of the Board and

additional members of staff to manage the work streams of the Board utilising this

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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: THEATR CLWYD ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODEL

(ADM) FINAL TRANSFER DUE DILIGENCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) That Cabinet is satisfied with the arrangements for the transfer of Theatr Clwyd and the Music Service, and is assured that due diligence has been exercised;

- (2) That the offer from the new Trust Shadow Board to take over the management of Theatr Clwyd based on the principles and proposals as set out in the previous report to Cabinet is accepted;
- (3) That the Chief Executive is delegated authority to enter into a formal agreement for the transfer between the Council and the Trust based on the principles and proposals as set out in the previous report to Cabinet;
- (4) That the transfers of Theatr Clwyd, Theatr Clwyd Productions Ltd and the Music Services to Theatr Clwyd Trust Ltd ownership take effect on 1st April 2021; and
- (5) That the revised pay scale for the Music Service is approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS External consultancy has been

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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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.

<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> The local Member has been consulted

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: 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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR PURCHASE AND

REFURBISHMENT OF PROPERTIES AT

MEADOWBANK HOLYWELL

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the purchase and

refurbishment of five properties at

Meadowbank, Holywell.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The HRA capital programme approved by

Council in February included a

programme of housing regeneration works with anticipated spend beginning in 2021/22. The slippage of the 2020/21 capital programme due to Covid-19 has meant that the HRA has available capital resources to start this regeneration

programme of works this year.

The purchase of these units will be funded from available CERA reserves in 2020/21 and the net rental income from this scheme will pay back the funding required for purchase by year 15.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) REPORT OF:

FFORDD HIRAETHOG AND FFORDD PANDARUS, SUBJECT:

> STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION PROGRAMME (SHARP) SCHEMES COST PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) To approve the funding plan for the development of 30 new Social Rent homes at Ffordd Hiraethog and Ffordd Pandarus. Maes Pennant, Mostyn; and

(2) To approve prudential borrowing to the value of £3,758,569 (subject to final approval and verification) to fund the development.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: To comply with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2018 the Local Planning Authority is only required to write to any owner or occupier of properties adjoining the land to which the proposed application relates.

However in order to be accountable and transparent, a letter drop to all residents was arranged and undertaken by Wates prior to the Consultation Event held at Mostyn community centre on Monday 11th

February 2019.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The total projected HRA borrowing

> requirement will be £3,758,569. The schemes show a positive NPV of

£386,119, with an IRR of 2.95% which is within the financial parameters set for the

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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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