

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Overview and Scrutiny Committees in November 2020.
Member Briefing in December 2020.
Consultation with the principle NNDR payers has been undertaken.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

SUBJECT: **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30 YEAR
FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet to support and approve the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2021/22 as set out in the attached appendices;
 - (2) Cabinet to support and approve the rent increase of up to 0.68% (plus up to £2);
 - (3) Cabinet to support and approve a garage rent increase of £0.20 per week and a garage plot increase of £0.03 per week;
 - (4) Cabinet to support and approve the freezing for one year an increase in Service Charge recovery; and
 - (5) Cabinet to support and approve the proposed HRA Capital Programme for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix C.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Detailed consultation has been undertaken with tenants and elected Members to inform the preparation of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard Investment Programme.

Full local consultation is carried out for each new build scheme.

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30

Year Financial Business Plan was presented to Community Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2021 where the Committee supported the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The HRA is a ring fenced budget. This HRA budget and Business Plan demonstrates that the Council can achieve the WHQS by 2021, can meet service improvement plans and commitments and with prudential borrowing can continue its Council house building programme in 2021.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)**

SUBJECT: **STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION
PROGRAMME (SHARP) UPDATE REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To note progress with the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) to date;
- (2) To support the use of delivery routes for new social and affordable rent homes including the Housing Construction North and Mid-Wales Framework Agreement; and
- (3) To support the re-allocation of £121k budget for scheme investment and feasibility works to support new delivery routes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** None required as part of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: In the Spring Budget in 2020, the UK 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.

Given the above development and the imminent announcement of capital grant funding becoming available for social and affordable new build housing programmes, both the HRA Business Plan and NEW homes Growth Strategy will be reviewed to reflect the emerging financial position and funding arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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the John Summers Site Total Vision,
Deeside Leisure Centre and Shotton Care
and Repair land and assets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL 2019/20**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To be assured by the Auditor General for Wales' Annual Audit Summary Report for 2019/20.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Cabinet will receive this report for endorsement. They will continue to receive future reports relating to external regulatory work as part of their Forward Work programme.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive this report as part of their scrutiny role in February.


RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 16 FEBRUARY 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 (MONTH 9)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To note the overall report and the projected Council Fund contingency sum as at 31st March 2021;
- (2) To note the projected final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA); and
- (3) To approve the carry forward requests included in paragraph 1.22.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

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: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021/22**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves for recommendation to Council the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22.

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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DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - 2021/22 POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Members approve and recommend to County Council for Council Fund (CF) outstanding debt that:

- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in financial year 2021/22 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing fixed as at 31st March 2017. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2021/22 for all capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing from 1st April 2016 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2021/22 for all capital expenditure funded from unsupported (prudential) borrowing or credit arrangements. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years.

- rs, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- (2) That Members approve and recommend to County Council for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outstanding debt:
- Option 2 (Capital Financing Requirement Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2021/22 for all capital expenditure funded from debt.
- (3) Members approve and recommend to County Council that MRP on loans from the Council to NEW Homes to build affordable homes through the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) (which qualify as capital expenditure in accounting terms) be as follows:
- No MRP is made during the construction period (of short duration) as the asset has not been brought into use and no benefit is being derived from its use.
 - Once the assets are brought into use, capital repayments will be made by NEW Homes. The Council's MRP will be equal to the repayments made by NEW Homes. The repayments made by NEW Homes will be classed, in accounting terms, as capital receipts, which can only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt. The capital repayment/capital receipt will be set aside to repay debt, and is the Council's MRP policy for repaying the

loan.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

In changing the Council's MRP policy during 2017/18 and 2016/17 detailed discussions took place with the Council's Treasury Management advisors, senior internal officers and key Cabinet Members.

Audit Wales was also consulted as external auditors.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The 2021/22 Council Fund and HRA budgets provide for the MRP charges in accordance with the calculations set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2021** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE COMPLAINTS
POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet approve the Concerns and Complaints Policy for implementation on 1st April 2021;
- (2) Cabinet approve the Managing Customer Contact Policy for implementation on 1st April 2021; and
- (3) Cabinet support the performance reporting timetable as outlined in paragraph 1.15.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales undertook extensive consultation prior to issuing the model complaints handling procedure for listed authorities in Wales. Subsequently, the three document attached to this report have been developed based on an all Wales model and key officers from the Council have had the opportunity to comment on them.

The Complaints Standards Authority has been consulted to seek approval for the minor changes to reflect local priorities.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

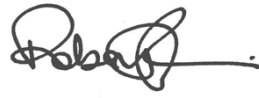
DISPENSATIONS

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 FEBRUARY 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: NORTH EAST WALES (NEW) HOMES BUSINESS PLAN 2020/2049

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approve the NEW Homes Business Plan 2020/2049.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation and development through the NEW Homes Board.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Business Plan attached at Appendix 1 details the financial implications of the company's Growth Strategy for the duration of the Business Plan 2020/2049.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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