FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>16 MARCH 2021</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 4</u>

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: FOOD POVERTY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Cabinet note and welcome the

progress made to tackling food poverty and food insecurity in

Flintshire;

(2) Support the ongoing work and the

delivery plan for the next 12

months; and

(3) support the development of a

"Right to Food" policy for Flintshire.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS None.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Funding Bids – Circular Economy Capital

Fund (Welsh Government) – Grant Value

£300,000.

Well-fed is a classic circular economy model as it is set up to recycle/re-purpose tons of farm produced vegetables into fresh nutritious meals. Circular economy models are favoured by Governments because they provide solutions to

prominent waste problems – recycling/repurposing food waste or surplus from farms is one such problem Governments want to tackle. Our circular model will take surplus vegetables directly from farms to create meals ready to supply to households across the County. The circle of supply we will create, will take produce directly from the farm fields, through our production kitchen and onto the dining tables of homes across Flintshire. With our focus on feeding the whole community, we believe this to be a first of its kind approach. Once launched, the model will generate new job opportunities and become a prominent feature in the move to support a lower carbon economy.

The full model will be ready for launch in May 2021.

Sustain Food Power (UK Charity) – Grant Value £29,000.

This grant is being used as the subsidy funding for the Well-fed at Home meal box scheme described in the report. This funding will be used as a subsidy/catalyst and initially support the diet of up to 200 families per month.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF ASPECTS OF THE CAPITAL

PROGRAMME THROUGH A MEASURED TERM

CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet support and approve the

procurement method noting the requirement is in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules and will

support delivery of elements of the Capital

Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The three year funding requirements were

approved at Council on 17th November 2020. The specific elements of the

Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24 to be procured under the JCT Measured Terms Contract are listed below:

(a) Equalities Act – Individual Pupils (Statutory / Regulatory) - £0.9m (part only)

(b) School building works (Statutory / Regulatory) - £0.3m (part only)

(c) Corporate property works (Statutory /

Regulatory) - £0.9m (part only) (d) School building works (Retained

Assets) - £4.2m (part only)

(e) Corporate property works (Retained

Assets) - £0.9m

None required.

Additional funding may be provided by Welsh Government grants, Section 106 monies, direct funding from schools, etc.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>16 MARCH 2021</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 6</u>

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) That Cabinet approves the suspension of car parking charges in Flintshire's town centre car parks until 30th June 2021;

- (2) That Cabinet approves providing delegated authority to the Chief Executive, after discussions with the Deputy Leader and portfolio holder, to further extend the car parking charge suspension arrangement until 30th September 2021, if the circumstances in place at the time support such a move; and
- (3) That Cabinet supports a review of alternative methods of payment for parking charges such as contactless payment or pay by phone.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Countryside.

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education.

Chief Officer Team.

Neighbouring Authorities (information

purposes only).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The financial impact of suspending car parking charges from 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2021 will be £0.260m (if all claims to WG are successful). The financial impact of suspending car parking charges from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 will be known following assessment of utilisation, maximum loss of income should a claim not be successful would be £0.211m.

There will be an additional loss of income of approximately £0.088m for the reduction in issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) due to service users not being required to purchase Pay and Display tickets. A claim has been made to WG for Q1, Q2 and Q3 income to the value of £0.071m and has been settled. A claim for Q4 will be made.

There will be an approximate saving of £0.025m paid for the management of cash collections and purchase of Pay and Display tickets.

Cost of upgrading officer uniform will equate to approximately £4k and will be paid from the service revenue budget.

A claim to WG for the loss of income for Q1 and Q2 has been successful with £0.335m awarded to date. Claims for Q3 and Q4 will be made, however the outcome cannot be confirmed.

There will be no impact on staff resources due to this proposal. The seven Enforcement Officers employed will still be required to patrol town centre car parks for compliance with set rules. They are also required to undertake on street parking enforcement and environmental crime (fly tip, dog control, littering) patrols and investigations.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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(Proper Officer)

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 (MONTH

<u>10)</u>

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; and

(3) To approve the carry forward

requests included in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

None.

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 MARCH 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: COMMENCEMENT OF THE SOCIOECONOMIC

<u>DUTY</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) To note the requirements of the

Socio-economic Duty;

(2) To be assured of our preparedness

in meeting the new Duty; and

(3) To agree that this report is shared

with all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to ensure they are familiar with the requirements of

the legislation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

<u>CONSULTATIONS</u>

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

None required.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE OF THE WELSH HOUSING

QUALITY STANDARD (WHQS) CAPITAL PROGRAMME – ASSURANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet notes the progress made in

delivering the WHQS programme and supports the Capital Investment Programme in its final year.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

CONSULTATIONS Prior to the Capital Investment

Programme commencing, the team held Member Workshops in 2014 where the majority of Members attended and were actively involved in the design and delivery of the current Capital

Programme.

We also held Tenant Federation
Workshops where we engaged with the
federation with regards to what priority
and which order the works should be
completed along with discussing the
potential to merge certain work streams,
i.e. Internal Works were prioritised first
with both the Kitchen and Bathroom
Upgrade works merging into one work
stream.

We also held Tenant Consultation Workshops in our FCC Connects Centres and community centres engaging with our tenants and discussing the Capital Programme along with ascertaining what order tenants would prefer to have

components of their home upgraded first.

We also sent 7,200 Tenant
Questionnaires asking for feedback and
comments on the proposed Capital
Programme and initially completed circa
50 interviews with Contractors utilising
Tenants and Volunteers. This has
increased year on year when new
contracts are awarded.

Moving forwards and as part of the next phase of the Capital Programme and retrofit programme the Capital Works Team will again be consulting with Members, tenants and tenant groups to ensure that each is engaged with and to ensure their preferences and concerns with regards to this next phase are considered and implemented as we have previously.

In addition to the work detailed in the report, there is a wider issue that needs to be considered around the potential to undertake regeneration schemes on some of our estates rather than continue to commit funding to assets that will be expensive to continue to maintain and run, have high numbers of voids and which are expensive to heat and run for the tenant.

Consultations will need to be held with Members and tenants as the Council progresses with its investment plans and this will be completed prior to any works being procured and delivered.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are always concerns that staff retention may be difficult to maintain. Given that the Construction Industry is an ever changing sector, staff may seek opportunities elsewhere i.e. New Build, Private Sector etc.

The Capital Works Team has made adjustments to the teams structure to incorporate a degree of resilience and robustness to the delivery model.

When creating our delivery programme, budget estimates were made for the required upgrade works to our existing properties with contingency sums included for unforeseen work such as Structural Repairs etc.

Procuring the various WHQS works can be challenging. The Council must ensure that all contracts are measured not only by cost but by quality. Quality forms an important part of the assessment process where the Capital Works Team interviews all its Contractors and assesses Quality Submission Papers before any contracts are awarded. The team have been able to secure further efficiencies by merging some contracts so that internal and external resources can be shared.

There is a risk that many Contractors are opting for New Build contracts rather than Refurbishment contracts. Engaging with our supply chain early on and sharing our Capital Investment Programme aspirations with our Contract Framework Partners assists us to procure longer term contracts and therefore reduces risk of inflated costs based on long term contract arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

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

(Housing and Assets)

SUBJECT: SCHOOL MODERNISATION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To approve the commission of a

contractor or contractors to enter into a two stage design and build contract for proposed projects at Ysgol Croes Atti, Y Fflint and Drury County Primary school.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS Consultation will be undertaken through

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: the planning application process.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The scheme at Ysgol Croes Atti, Y Fflint,

was included in the Capital Programme 2021/22 – 2023/24, and the associated pressures were built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

calculations.

The scheme at Drury County Primary school was not included in the recent Capital Programme. Pressures relating to this scheme will need to be built into future MTFS calculations as necessary.

The respective estimated costs of these schemes are outlined in the table in the report. Direct costs were also outlined in

the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022/23

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed admission

arrangements for 2022/23 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS All statutory consultees have been

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: consulted in accordance with the School

Admissions Code.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13** REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION TENDERS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the revised

timescale to extend existing school

transport tenders for a period of one year.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

Member for Streetscene and Countryside.

Advice from the Council's internal audit team on the matter has been sought.

Consultation will be required with

Operators, Schools and Head Teachers.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The tenders are managed through the

Council's Integrated Transport Unit.

The budget for the services provided are within the Streetscene Portfolio revenue

budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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