

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **15 JUNE 2021**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **MERSEY DEE ALLIANCE (MDA) ECONOMIC  
STIMULUS PACKAGE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That the stimulus package be supported by the Council as a partner to the Mersey Dee Alliance.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                A "soft" launch event was held in March 2021. Formal launch and communications strategy to be triggered from June 2021.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**              This is seeking a package of external funding from Welsh and UK Governments. Depending on their response, the Council will have to consider the implications on its revenue budget.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                              None.

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DATE OF MEETING: 15 JUNE 2021 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Social Services)

SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER  
CONSULTATION - REBALANCING CARE AND  
SUPPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Members consider the White Paper; note the consultation response submitted from Flintshire and approve the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The consultation period has now closed and the full response was appended to the report. Senior managers from Social Services were consulted with to develop the response. The summary and response was also shared with the Chief Officer Team, Social Services Programme Board and Informal Cabinet prior to submission.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **15 JUNE 2021**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL MONITORING  
REPORT 2020/21**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) Approve the Annual Monitoring Report prior to publication, noting areas for further progress and improvement;
- (2) The Welsh Language Annual Report is included on the forward work programme of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration; and
- (3) Cabinet to receive a mid-year report on the progress made in-year.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**              No formal consultations were required for this report but key officers and services have made a contribution to the content of the report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**              A training programme is required to ensure employees have the skills and knowledge to meet these statutory duties. A budget for Welsh language training is held by the Learning and Development Team.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**              None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                              None.

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The Council's Capital programme has funded the refurbishment of Arosfa. Social Services has secured ICF funding to the value of £200k per annum toward the total costs of the Arosfa service. Other grant funding, including BCU health funding such as CHC, will be maximised wherever possible towards the service. We will work within the IFC funding envelope (200k) for the next 12 months and work with Action for Children to establish service cost based on the needs of children/ young people. This inform a funding bid to the next iteration of ICF.

### **Ty Nyth**

£500k ICF funding has been secured for the acquisition of Tŷ Nyth. An initial high level estimate, which is based on a number of assumptions, indicates a refurbishment cost of £1.1m for the main Ty Nyth building. ICF capital grant funding has been identified to meet this cost. However, the semi-detached properties would be an additional cost, but they require significantly less investment. This may necessitate a phased approach to the site with refurbishment and establishment of the service at the semidetached properties depending on the actual cost and whether Wrexham become a funding partner.

A proposal for a Welsh Government grant to support the development of 'safe accommodation for children with complex, high end emotional and high end needs' has also been submitted which, if successful, will provide an additional funding source for the refurbishment. However, we are advised that funding submissions far exceed the available grant provision. A framework has been identified which offers the potential for us to commission a contractor to develop of the site with pace given the grant requirement for works to be completed

within the 2021/22 financial year. As we move forward through this framework we will have a more detailed precise costing schedule and understanding of the priority areas for completion in 2021/22 within the funding envelope.

Revenue funding has been secured through the Welsh Government Transformation Fund to cover the initial set up and revenue expenditure in 2021/22 for the registered care and support Team as well as the provision of the MST support. A detailed costed business case is being developed to identify associated revenue costs from 2022 onwards with anticipated costs being identified through the Medium Term Financial plan.

#### **Small Group Homes**

A costed business case is being developed to ensure a full analysis of the financial costs associated with Small Group Home provision. Based on a premise of supporting children with a high acuity of need, and therefore staffing support we are estimating a top end cost of 300k revenue costs for each provision. Whilst expensive this still compares favourably with the annual costs of commissioning this care. Again the associated cost pressures are being built into the Medium Term Financial plan

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **15 JUNE 2021**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**  
**REPORT OF:**                        **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**  
**SUBJECT:**                            **UPDATE ON THE BIODIVERSITY DUTY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**    That Cabinet recognises and supports the progress with the biodiversity strategy.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**            Some areas of work have been subject to consultation with the nature partnership. Where changes in land management are planned, consultation often involves Councillors, communities and town/community councils.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            The Council's revenue budget enables employment of the Biodiversity Officer part time, who works closely with the wider Access and Natural Environment Service and other portfolio colleagues to maximise resources for biodiversity benefit. Resources to deliver action are secured through external funding streams.

The biodiversity update provides a detailed breakdown of grant funded action.

Grant income for biodiversity projects (excluding Countryside Service projects) for 2020/21 exceeded £220,000.

Confirmed biodiversity grant funding for 2021/22 is approximately £232,000.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            none.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **15 JUNE 2021**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **PROCUREMENT OF WELSH HOUSING QUALITY  
STANDARD (WHQS) ENVELOPE WORKS TO  
COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTIES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet support the Direct Award to the contractor named, to carry out the Whole House Envelope programme, through the Procure Plus framework.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                No involvement required for Direct Award.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            Appropriate officers from the Capital Works team have been involved in the procurement process.

Annual budgets are set and approved annually through approval at Council of the HRA Business Plan.

Budget will be made available through the 30 year business plan.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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