

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **BUDGET 2022/23 - FINAL CLOSING STAGE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (a) That the revised additional budget requirement for 2022/23 be noted and approved;
 - (b) That the final proposals for the corporate efficiencies which will contribute to the budget be approved;
 - (c) That Cabinet recommends to Council a legal and balanced budget based on the calculation as set out in the report;
 - (d) That the open risks which remain to be managed in the 2022/23 financial year be noted;
 - (e) That an overall annual increase in Council Tax for 2022/23 of 3.3% for Council Services and 0.65% for contributions to North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Regional Coroners Service and Regional Education Consortium GwE – an overall uplift of 3.95%, be recommended to Council;
 - (f) That an additional £3.250m be transferred from the Contingency Reserve to the Emergency Reserve to safeguard against the ongoing financial risks of the pandemic in 2022/23;
 - (g) That Council be invited to pass the formal Council Tax resolution now that notification of the precepts of

the Police and Crime Commissioner and all town and community councils within Flintshire had been received; and

- (h) That the medium-term forecast as a basis for the next revision of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be noted.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Overview and Scrutiny Committees in September/October 2021.
Member briefing December 2021.
Consultation with the principle NNDR payers has been undertaken.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Chris Bithell - personal.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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Chief Officer (Governance)

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - 2022/23 POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) That the following be recommended 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits

- (b) That the following be recommended to County Council for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outstanding debt that:
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2022/23 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from debt fixed as at 31st March 2021. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years
 - Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2022/23 for all capital expenditure funded from debt from 1st April 2021 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
- (c) That is be approved and recommended to County Council that MRP on loans from the Council to North East Wales (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 (loan) repayments will be 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 2022/23 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

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet support and approve the HRA budget for 2022/23 as set out in the appendices.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Detailed consultation will be undertaken with tenants and elected Members to inform the preparation of the WHQS investment programme.

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

The proposed rent inflation uplift for 2022/23 was consulted on and accepted at the Tenants Federation meeting in January 2022.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who were supportive.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The HRA is a ring fenced budget. This HRA budget and Business Plan demonstrates that the Council can achieve the ongoing WHQS, can meet service improvement plans and commitments and with prudential borrowing can continue its Council house building programme in 2022/23.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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Chief Officer (Governance)

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23 -
TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT,
PRACTICES AND SCHEDULES 2022 TO 2025**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves for recommendation to
the Council the following documents:

- Draft Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23
- Draft Treasury Management Policy Statement 2022 to 2025
- Draft Treasury Management Practices and Schedules 2022 to 2025

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: Financial implications are set out within
the report and supporting appendices.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **DEVELOPING FLINTSHIRE'S HOUSING SUPPORT
PROGRAMME STRATEGY 2022-2026**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet consider and approve the HSP Strategy appended to the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Service User Engagement
A standardised consultation activity including questionnaire has been used across North Wales Local Authorities to inform the Strategy and ensure service user's insight informs strategic priorities.

The standardised approach to engagement will enable key themes and issues to be considered both at the local and regional level. 112 responses received for Flintshire. Total responses for North Wales was 428 so Flintshire engagement activity has been well supported by our service users. A copy of the Service User Feedback is attached as Appendix 3.

Service User feedback has been of great benefit and has offered significant insight that has helped identify and shape the priorities outlined within the HSP Strategy.

Service Provider Feedback
Online survey responses from local service providers have been very beneficial and again a standardised approach for North Wales enables shared challenges and issues for the region to be identified and reflected through specific

regional actions within the Strategy and Action Planning process.

Again take up and engagement in the process from Flintshire has been positive, with 42 Flintshire services engaging in the process. A total of 111 responses were received across the whole of North Wales. A copy of the Service Provider Feedback can be found attached as Appendix 4. Service Provider feedback has been of great benefit and has offered significant insight that has helped identify and shape the priorities outlined within the HSP Strategy.

Stakeholder and Key Partners Feedback on the Strategy

In order to ensure partners across public services, third sector and other departments of the Council endorse the HSP Strategy and sign up to the vision, priorities and action plan, a Draft Strategy was shared with Partners in early January 2022 for comment.

The overwhelming support for the HSP Strategy from partners has been greatly appreciated and will serve Flintshire well in regards to ensuring homelessness and housing related support is a multi-agency priority. Feedback from Stakeholders and Key Partners has been taken into account when fine tuning the Strategy and responses issued to those agencies who have contributed towards this final stage of consultation activity.

Welsh Government Feedback on the Strategy

A Draft Version of the HSP Strategy was required to be submitted to Welsh Government for review by the 31st December 2021 and feedback was received mid-January.

Positive feedback from Welsh Government was welcomed with some minor amendments and suggested changes which have now been

considered and actioned as felt appropriate by Housing & Prevention Service Manager and the Housing Support Planning Group.

Local Authorities are not required to adopt all suggested amendments or required to accept or action feedback. The feedback received was constructive and was carefully considered as part of the final HSP Strategy revisions.

Welsh Government are not required to “sign off” on the Strategy (this is a local issue for Members to adopt for Flintshire), but we are grateful for their observations and advice throughout, and have benefited from regular support and guidance from our designated Relationship Manager at Welsh Government.

Housing Support Planning Group
Flintshire’s Housing Support Planning Group (HSPG) is a multi-agency group with clear Terms of Reference and have Strategic oversight of the Housing Support Grant regime and now the HSP Strategy.

This group will be key to monitoring the success of the HSP Strategy and is a multi-agency group made up of key public services and 3rd sector representation. The Group met on the 20th January 2022 and unanimously support the HSP Strategy and have offered support and guidance on minor amendments in light of the suggestions of trusted partners and Welsh Government as referenced in section 4.03 and 4.04 of this report.

Regular progress updates on delivery of the HSP Strategy and Action Plan will be issued to the HSPG and the membership will be extended to engage more key partners who will help in the delivery of the HSP Strategy. This will ensure co-ordination and support for shared ownership of the agenda and Action Plan.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 9th February 2022.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Developing the HSP Strategy

The development of the Strategy sits with the Housing & Prevention Service.

Engagement with service users, service providers and other public sector and third sector partners is key to ensuring that we not only listen to the experiences of people on the front line, but also gain buy in from services and extended partners through a clear acknowledgement that housing support and homelessness is a shared agenda.

Delivering on the HSP Strategy

Detailed below are the cost implications associated with the delivery of Housing Support Programme Strategy in Flintshire for 2022-2026: Revenue: The Housing Support Grant award is usually shared with Council's annually in December. The Welsh Government have now given a 3 year allocation award for 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25.

Capital: Whilst HSG is a revenue grant, there are implications for Capital expenditure. Some services need to be delivered from specific housing settings and there will be a need to identify and potentially build new accommodation that will meet the needs of people who experience homeless. Both the Emergency Bed Provision and the Young Persons Homeless Hub referenced in Section 1.04 of this report will require significant capital investment and have been flagged early with in the Councils Capital programme and Housing Prospectus which have been approved by the Council.

Human Resources: The additional HSG funding provides an opportunity to

increase capacity across a range of services and some of this additional capacity will be fulfilled through the Councils recruitment process. Despite the appetite to increase the workforce both internally and through commissioned services, there is a shortage of appropriately skilled people within the local labour market presently. This is not unique to Flintshire. We have explicitly referenced this as a priority issue through the HSP Strategy in regards to workforce development and resilience.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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Chief Officer (Governance)

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**
REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**
SUBJECT: **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That progress made in delivering carbon reduction measures to date is acknowledged;
- (b) That the Climate Change Strategy for 2022-2030 and its aims therein be endorsed; and
- (c) That an all Member briefing be arranged to highlight the work undertaken to date and the commitments of the Council moving forwards.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations 1 and 2, with recommendation 3 being changed to (c) below, and an additional recommendation (d) below:

- (c) That a briefing for new Members following the election be arranged to highlight the work undertaken to date and the commitments of the Council moving forward, and that the Climate Change Strategy forms part of the Member Induction Programme; and
- (d) That the Council's website be updated to include the Climate Change Strategy.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation and engagement has been carried out both internally and externally.

Internal workshops both with Academi

and Members were carried out during 2019 and 2020 which identified work carried out to date and potential future projects to deliver on carbon aims.

A public engagement period took place during October and November 2021 where the strategy's themes and proposed actions were offered for agreement and comment. Feedback from this exercise was very positive with further action suggestions put forward.

A young person's engagement period was further developed in internal workshops with each of the portfolio areas across the Council's services. The Climate Change Programme Board and Officer Group carried out scenario planning to develop the interventions needed and the objectives and actions have been explored and reviewed with focus on wording and realistic timeframes.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Business cases will be developed as appropriate to support investment in decarbonisation and / or carbon sequestration activities.

Project management support and specific decarbonisation roles situated within relevant portfolios will be necessary to embed decarbonisation across the Council and achieve our net zero carbon aims.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC 10 YEAR PLAN
2022 - 2032**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet considers the feedback on the consultation for the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022-2032 and approves the Plan for implementation by the Council, subject to approval by Welsh Ministers.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Each Council is expected to consult for no less than 8 weeks on their draft plan with the following bodies/stakeholders:

- a. neighbouring local authorities;
- b. heads of all schools maintained by the authority;
- c. the governing bodies of all schools maintained by the authority;
- d. all further education sector institutions within the area;
- e. in respect of any foundation school or voluntary school in the area –
 - the person responsible for appointing governors
 - if the school has a religious character, the relevant religious body;
- f. The Welsh Language Commissioner (within the meaning of section 2 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011);
- g. The Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (within the meaning of "Early years development and Childcare Partnership" in section 119 of the Act 1998);
- h. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of

Education and Training in Wales;
i. providers of initial school teacher training;
j. such organisations providing services to children and young people as the local authority considers appropriate; and
k. such other persons or bodies as appear to the local authority to be appropriate.

Flintshire's consultation period started on Wednesday 17th November 2021 and ended on Wednesday 15th January 2022. The results from this consultation have been used to inform this Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022-2032, which will begin September 2022. The Consultation documents were available on the Council website and a high level summary of responses received is included in the appendices.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Education and Youth Portfolio leads the management of the WESP and it sits within the remit of School Improvement. Core budget is allocated to support this work. The team of Welsh Advisory teachers play an essential role in supporting the delivery of the WESP objectives and will continue to have a key role in supporting the Council to meet the requirements of this new ten year plan.

Capital Investment – the capital programme for the expansion of Welsh medium provision will be included in a future report on School Modernisation later in the Overview and Scrutiny cycle.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Glyn Banks - personal.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **MULTIPLYING IMPACT - FLINTSHIRE INTEGRATED
YOUTH PROVISION DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2024**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) Members positively acknowledge the vital work of the Integrated Youth Provision during the COVID-19 pandemic in supporting Flintshire’s children and young people; and
- (b) Members endorse ‘Multiplying Impact – Flintshire Integrated Youth Provision Delivery Plan 2021-2024’.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The plan was widely consulted upon by a range of young people and wider stakeholders and it is on this feedback that the priorities within the plan have been developed, alongside local and national priorities.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There are no implications for the approved revenue budget for this service for either the current financial year or for future financial years. The service operates within its budget.

There are no implications of this delivery plan for the approved capital programme of the Council for either the current financial year or for future financial years. The service will continue to manage a number of youth and community buildings but where appropriate will support others

to take control via community asset transfers. This is a more financially efficient model for the service who can then rent out space when it is needed.

Any change to current workforce structures or roles will be managed within the service budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 (MONTH 9)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) To consider the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2021/22 budget; and

 (b) To approve the carry forward requests.

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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Chief Officer (Governance)

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2021/22**
(MONTH 9)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) Approve the overall report; and
(b) Approve the carry forward adjustments.

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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL 2020/21**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet are assured by the content and observations of the Auditor General for Wales' Annual Audit Summary Report for 2020/21.

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.

Governance and Audit Committee will receive this report as part of their role of assurance in March.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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Chief Officer (Governance)

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION HOMELESSNESS
AUDIT 2021 FINDINGS REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet provide their comments and observations ahead of the report being presented to Governance and Audit Committee on 14th March 2022.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The report was presented to Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th February for their comments and observations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The following issues have been considered as part of the audit response and service improvement planning process and have a clear resource implication:

Human Resources

Dedicated Service Improvement (Project Management) – with current staffing capacity issues there will be a need to dedicate officer time to delivering some of the change in relation to policy, procedures and process. Funding for Project Management has been identified to bring in additional capacity through Grant Funding linked to housing support and homelessness services.

Capital

IT Infrastructure – The Open Housing System is the Councils core housing management IT system and has a

specific Private Sector Module that the Council already has access to but has yet to enable, test and implement this system functionality.

Revenue

Existing Budgets – A more efficient temporary accommodation portfolio will collect more rent, have shorter void periods, operate cost effective repairs and maintenance activities, offering efficiencies in revenue expenditure for the service.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**
ANNUAL LETTER 2020-21 AND COMPLAINTS
MADE AGAINST FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2021-22

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) That Cabinet note the annual performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales during 2020/21;
- (b) That Cabinet note the 2021/22 half year performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to services in line with its complaints procedure; and
- (c) That Cabinet support the actions outlined in paragraph 1.28 to improve complaints handling across the Council.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Social Services)**

SUBJECT: **SOCIAL VALUE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (a) Cabinet note the performance of the social value programme to date;
- (b) Cabinet endorse the proposal around performance reporting and to secure an achievable social value work programme for 2022/23, given available resource; and
- (c) Cabinet continue to support the social value programme, understanding that further opportunities exist to enhance this but these will require additional capacity/resource to progress.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: This report will be considered by Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 10th February 2022. Feedback from this meeting will then be shared with Cabinet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: In recognition of the benefits yielded by social value, in 2021 Cabinet made the decision to make the post of Social Value Development Officer permanent. Thus, resource was secured to maintain delivery against the corporate priority of delivering social value from Council activity and expenditure.

Some temporary support, in addition to

the Social Value Development Officer, had been provided to the social value programme during 2021. This additional support assisted the over achievement in relation to the corporate target of the number of contracts/procurement to include social value. However, this temporary support has now ceased and thus proposals made to revise the targets for 2022/23 ensure workload is manageable and sustainable.

Additional human resource would enable the level of performance in 2021/22 to be maintained, including the social value return to communities as achieved through the number of contracts supported to include social value. Additional human resource would also enable the social value work programme to grow. However, there is no available budget to fund additional human resource for the social value function.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **15 FEBRUARY 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **NORTH EAST WALES (NEW) HOMES BUSINESS
PLAN 2022/2051**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet considers and approves the North East Wales (NEW) Homes Business Plan 2022/2051.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Presented to NEW Homes Board on 6th January 2022.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th February 2022.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The Business Plan and the Profit and Loss Forecast details the financial implications of the company's Development Strategy for the duration of the Business Plan 2022-2051.

The Council had committed to borrowing to on-lend to NEW Homes. This is to fund the provision of affordable homes throughout the County.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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Chief Officer (Governance)

