

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Flintshire County Council on Tuesday, 15 February 2022

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A1	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor Chris Bithell declared a personal interest on the Council Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 – Final Closing Stage (agenda item 4) and North Wales Population Needs Assessment and Market Stability Report (agenda item 9) as a Board Member and Trustee of DASU.</p> <p>Councillors Bernie Attridge, Chris Bithell and Ted Palmer declared a personal interest on the Council Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 – Final Closing Stage (agenda item 4) as they each had family members who were employed by the Social Care sector within Flintshire County Council.</p> <p>Councillors Andy Dunbobbin, Chris Bithell and Arnold Woolley declared a personal interest on the Council Tax Setting for 2022/23 (agenda item 5). Councillor Dunbobbin in his capacity as Police and Crime Commissioner and Councillors Bithell and Woolley as Members of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel, as the report detailed the precept for North Wales Police.</p> <p>Councillors Ted Palmer and Martin White declared a personal interest on the Housing Revenue Account 30 year Financial Business Plan (agenda item 6) as Council house tenants.</p>
A2	Petitions	None were received.
A3	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 - Final Closing Stage	<p>(a) That the recommendations of Cabinet, as detailed above, for balancing the budget for 2022/23 be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the level of Council Tax for 2022/23 as recommended by Cabinet be approved.</p>
A4	Council Tax setting for 2022/23	<p>(a) That the 2022-23 Council Tax be set as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>(b) That the continuation of the policy of not providing a discount in the level of 2022/23 Council Tax charges for second homes and long-term empty homes be endorsed. Also, where exceptions do not apply, to charge the Council Tax Premium rate of 50% above the standard rate of Council Tax for second homes and long-term empty dwellings; and</p>

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		(c) That approval be given for designated officers to issue legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council in the Magistrates' Court for unpaid taxes.
A5	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Financial Business Plan	That the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2022/23 as set out in the appendices be supported and approved.
A6	Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23	<p>(a) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 be approved;</p> <p>(b) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2022 to 2025 be approved; and</p> <p>(c) That the Treasury Management Practices and Schedules 2022 to 2025 be approved.</p>
A7	Minimum Revenue Provision - 2022/23 Policy	<p>(a) That the following be approved for Council Fund (CF): -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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		<p>(b) That the following be approved for Housing Revenue Account (HRA): -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>(c) Members approve 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: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
A8	North Wales Population Needs Assessment and Market Stability Report	<p>(a) That the North Wales Population Needs Assessment be supported; and</p> <p>(b) That the process for the approval of the Regional Market Stability Report, as outlined in the report, be approved.</p>

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A9	Public Question Time	None were received.
A10	Questions	None were received.
A11	Notice of Motion	None were received.