

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 20 DECEMBER 2022 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF:

SUBJECT: BUDGET 2023/24 AND THE FUNDING STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Verbal presentation to receive the information.

DECISION: That the information be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: As outlined in the verbal presentation.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: -

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As explained in the presentation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF VEHICLE PERMIT CRITERIA FOR
HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Informal Cabinet supports the review undertaken and endorses the proposed amendments to the Vehicle Permit Policy for Household Recycling Centres.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy.

Elected Members – two Workshops held on 26th September.

Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Streetscene workforce and waste strategy team.

Trade Unions.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT services support and assistance will be required to expand the back office booking system.

It is likely that an extension to the opening times of HRC sites will require additional resources and this will need to be assessed in light of available budgets and the medium term financial strategy.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **CONSULTATION ON THE FLINTSHIRE AND
WREXHAM PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB)
DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-28**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet considers and comments on the draft Flintshire and Wrexham Well-being Plan for 2023-28.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The draft Well-being Plan is now open for a statutory 12 week period of consultation. The consultation period will close in early February 2023.

When developing a Well-being Plan the PSB is required to consult fully with a number of statutory consultees. The local authority's overview and scrutiny committee is a statutory consultee and the Well-being Plan was presented to the Corporate Resources and Overview Scrutiny Committee on 15th December 2022 to fulfil this requirement. The scrutiny committee has been invited to provide their comments on the draft Well-being Plan.

Copies of the draft Well-being Plan have been shared with other statutory consultees via email and the draft Well-being Plan is also available on the Council's website.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: In recognition of shared local well-being priorities, and to enhance effective collaborative working to achieve the

outcomes in the Well-being Plan 2023-28, the Public Services Boards of Flintshire and Wrexham have agreed to come together as a single body from January 2023. This is in line with other PSBs within the region.

The local authority must provide administrative support to the PSB, this includes arranging meetings, preparing the agenda and papers for meetings and working on the annual report, amongst others. This function is fulfilled by an Officer of the Council, with appropriate management support and supervision.

The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which consists of officers across the public sectors, connecting organisations and communities across the region.

The NWIP is encouraging regional partnership working to align priorities and identify opportunities across the PSBs, the Regional Partnership Board, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

Welsh Government has provided a regional support grant for 2022/23. This grant is allowing the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped to shape the draft Well-being Plan. Welsh Government is considering making this support funding available for a longer period to enable sustainable collaborative working.

Working with partner organisations and communities, the Wales Cooperative Network is providing long term support for engagement and co-production.

The PSB is utilising the support of this

Network to help engage the local communities in well-being work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**

SUBJECT: **MEMBERSHIP OF THE RIVER DEE NUTRIENT
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet supports the establishment of, and Council involvement in, the River Dee Nutrient Management Board;
 - (2) That Cabinet nominates the Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection to represent the Council on the new board; and
 - (3) That Cabinet gives in-principle approval of the Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (November 2021), which was appended to the report, subject to considering further versions for approval as the new board develops and refines the strategy and associated action plan.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation with an amendment to recommendation number 2 to provide for a substitute should the Cabinet Member be unavailable to attend.

REASON FOR DECISION: As outlined in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The DCPRS was consulted on as part of the LDP Matters Arising Changes (MAC) consultation where no adverse comments were received in relation to the purpose or content of the strategy. As part of the work of the NMB, further enhancement of the strategy will be required in order to support

the development of an action plan and this will be the subject of reference to the NMB Stakeholder Group.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial consequences of the recommendations to create a coordinating board or the approval the strategy, although Welsh Government have identified the potential for a grant of £70,000 that can be applied for to support the establishment of the Board and/or fund the need for supporting studies etc. Wrexham Council will make the application to Welsh Government to secure this funding for the board.

There are no implications for the approved capital programme for the current financial year and any impact on future years will be informed by the outcome of further work being carried out for the Council by consultants into the viability of developing wetlands downstream of the three affected WWTW in Flintshire.

The Lead Member and Chief Officer (or his deputy) will need to represent the Council on the Nutrient Management Board. There may also be a need for a specialist adviser/project officer, but this could be a joint post funded by developer contributions or from Welsh Government grant.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW**
2022/23

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23.

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: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX BASE 2023/24**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Approve the Tax Base of 65,86 Band D equivalent properties for tax setting purposes for the financial year 2023/24;
 - (2) Continue to set a 'nil' discount for properties falling within any of the Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) and for this to apply to the whole of the County area; and
 - (3) For the purposes of setting the Tax Base, the Base incorporates planned changes to the Council Tax Premium Rates from April 2023 and reflects an up-lift from 50% to 75% for Long Term Empty properties and 100% for Second Homes.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Setting the Tax Base is part of an annual process of determining Council Tax charges for the next financial year as part of the Councils budget preparations.

The Tax Base is also used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their new Council Tax precepts, and which will be included in the 2023/24 bills sent to every Council Taxpayer.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **20 DECEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION ON DRAFT
REGULATIONS TO EXTEND EXCEPTIONS TO
SECOND HOME PREMIUMS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to consider and endorse the proposals of Welsh Government as set out in the consultation and authorise senior officers to respond positively to the consultation.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Welsh Government consultation is open until 22nd December 2022 and the purpose of this report is to provide cabinet with the opportunity to comment on the consultation proposals before the changes are implemented in April 2023.

For the purposes of providing a response to the Welsh Government consultation there are two main questions where cabinet is asked to endorse the brief response:

Question 1: Do the draft Regulations provide clarity on the circumstances in which a property with a planning condition can be excepted from the Council Tax premium? If not, how can it be improved?

The draft Regulations clearly set out the circumstances where an exception from the premium may apply in the case of properties with planning conditions and restrictions.

The Council therefore supports the introduction of the regulations.

Question 2: Are there any unintended consequences for the proposal to extend Class 6 of the Council Tax premium exception? Can you provide any examples?

None that can be identified.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposals as set out in the consultation paper, where planning restrictions are in place, may result in a small number of second home properties being entitled to an exception from the 50% Council Tax Premium. In other words, such properties would only be liable for Council Tax at the standard rate.

The loss of revenue resulting in applying the extended Class 6 exception is expected to be negligible, especially when considering the Council has, on average, 183 second homes currently subject to the Council Tax Premium – the majority of which will not have planning restrictions in place.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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REPORT OF: **Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets**

SUBJECT: **VICTIM SUPPORT'S HATE CRIME CHARTER**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet endorse the Council adopting Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Corporate Safeguarding Panel and Corporate Equalities Board are supportive of the Council adopting the Hate Crime Charter.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

SUBJECT: **THE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013, SCHOOL ORGANISATION CODE FOR AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE PREMISES OF A SCHOOL FOR DRURY C.P. SCHOOL AND PENYFFORDD C.P. SCHOOL**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is requested to consider the responses from the Statutory Objection period for Ysgol Penyffordd and Drury C.P. and make a final determination.

DECISION: That Cabinet support the enlargement of both schools.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Subject to Cabinet determination, no further consultations are required through the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code by the School Modernisation Team. The Council must publish the Objection Report at the same time that the decision is issued.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The financial resources required to undertake the expansion at both schools are already identified and will come from within the Council's Band B 21st Century Schools programme, from Section 106 contributions from the property developer and from the Council's own Capital Programme. There is no additional funding required.

The School Modernisation Team manage the Councils schools investment strategy & programme/s and is appropriately resourced for these

proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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