

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL PLAN 2023-28 DEVELOPMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To agree the Council Plan 2023-28 Part 1 and Part 2 documents that outline the actions, measures and risks that underpin the Priorities, Sub-Priorities and Well-being objectives of the Council Plan 2023-28.

DECISION:

- (1) That the Council Plan 2023-28 Part 1 and Part 2 documents that outline the actions, measures and risks that underpin the Priorities, Sub-Priorities and Well-being objectives of the Council Plan 2023-28 be agreed; and
- (2) That the Chief Executive be given authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure, to amend the Council Plan to reflect comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** To date, all Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the draft Well-being objectives, priorities and sub-priorities before these were agreed in October 2022.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees have had the opportunity to review the Council Plan Part 1 and Part 2 documents and scrutinise any actions, measures and/or targets set for 2023-28.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Resources implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial review arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u>	<u>25 APRIL 2023</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 5</u>
<u>REPORT OF:</u>	<u>Chief Executive</u>	
<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>CORPORATE SELF-ASSESSMENT 2021-22</u>	
<u>RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:</u>	(1) To accept and approve the findings of the Corporate Self-Assessment 2021/22; and (2) To support and approve the opportunities for improvement identified in Corporate Self-Assessment 2021/22.	
<u>DECISION:</u>	As detailed in the recommendations.	
<u>REASON FOR DECISION:</u>	As in the report.	
<u>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:</u>	Chief Executive, Chief Officers and Senior Officers (Senior Leadership Academi) have all been consulted on the Corporate Self-Assessment. Cabinet now has the opportunity to consider and review the content of the Corporate Self-Assessment and Improvement Plan. The report and Improvement Plan was also reported to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 th March 2023 and Governance and Audit Committee on 22 nd March 2023.	
<u>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:</u>	Resource implications were felt as this was the first time of carrying out the Corporate Self-Assessment. However now the work has been completed the implications in the future will be less.	
<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	
<u>DISPENSATIONS</u>	None.	
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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **DELIVERING PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE 21ST CENTURY, AN OVERVIEW**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet notes the different models that can be used as alternatives to deliver services;
 - (2) Cabinet recognise the wider factors, such as legislative parameters and core principles, which need to be observed when considering the delivery of services through alternative delivery models;
 - (3) Cabinet is assured that the Council considers all appropriate alternative delivery models, and the benefits and limitations of these, as part of a broader options appraisal when reviewing services.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Not applicable.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The financial benefits and limitations of any alternative delivery model are likely to vary depending on the specific model, activity or collaborative venture undertaken, the desired outcomes at the time of action and a host of other factors that will have shaped decision making and which may be unique to the specific situation. There will also be a range of other potential benefits, and limitations and challenges, which go beyond those

purely related to finances.

The implementation of alternative delivery models in most cases will have solely a revenue budget impact related to ongoing operational delivery costs, which may include human resource costs.

To successfully move to any alternative delivery model requires significant time and staff resource to prepare and implement. The preparation time is likely to vary depending on the model and scope but 12 to 18 months preliminary work would not be unreasonable as a guide.

In most cases use of an alternative delivery model will require some form of contractual arrangement between the Council and the provider. In this respect there will be an ongoing resource requirement from the Council in terms of ensuring those contractual arrangements are compliant with legislation and regulations. For example, a dedicated contract manager may be needed to provide ongoing contract monitoring and management, including checking performance is within contractual requirements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 25 APRIL 2023 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8
REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)

SUBJECT: HYNET CARBON CAPTURE PROJECT; THE COUNCIL'S LOCAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CROSS COUNTRY CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE AND CONTINUED MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Approve the content of the draft Local Impact Report; and
- (2) Any addendum to the Council's Local Impact Report that may be required be delegated to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The DCO process requires developer led pre-application consultation which has taken place.

The planning application for works and modifications at the Point of Ayr Terminal has now been submitted and the consultation period commenced on 14th April 2023.

The planning application for the three blocked valve stations has also been submitted. However, the consultation on this application is pending due to the Change Request that had been requested for the DCO, and the potential change to the Cornist Lane Blocked Valve Station which would affect the application area of

the planning application.

All consultations will be carried out in accordance with the Development Management Procedure Order.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**
REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**
SUBJECT: **NORTH WALES ENERGY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN AND LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) To consider and endorse the North Wales Energy Strategy and Action Plan; and
- (2) To note the commencement of Local Area Energy Planning in the county.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: ANW has shared the draft Action Plan with each proposed lead and enabling organisation identified in the Plan, ANW Energy Programme Board, North Wales Planning Officers Group, North Wales Decarbonisation Group, Welsh Local Government Association, and all workshop attendees (circa 100 individuals representing 60 organisations).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: For certain actions within the North Wales Energy Strategy and Strategic Action Plan, further detailed work on establishing funding requirements and sources has commenced by the Task and Finish Group.

Many of the actions identified with LAs as the lead are “engage” / “input into” type actions with “no funding required”. This will involve staff time across a range of service areas within FCC including the Climate Change Team, Planning, Energy Management, Public Health, Housing, Property

Services, Fleet Management, Procurement, Public Protection, Transport, Communications and Business Support at a time when resource is constrained.

Local Area Energy Planning is being funded by WG. Consultants ARUP have been appointed by ANW to deliver the LAEP for Flintshire. Three roles have been recruited by ANW to support the delivery of these plans working with the Local Authorities in North Wales and ARUP.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**
REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**
SUBJECT: **PLANNING FOR DARK NIGHT SKIES SPG**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet endorse the recommendation of the Planning Strategy Group to formally adopt the Supplementary Planning Guidance Note Planning for Dark Night Skies.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** As set out in the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS AND
ENFORCEMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** (1) That Cabinet notes the historical issues associated with parking within the vicinity of schools and recognises the responsibilities of highway users in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Code;
- (2) That Cabinet notes the hierarchy of responsibility in relation to the management of traffic within the vicinity of schools and acknowledges the role of enforcement as a reactive measure rather than a means to prevent initial occurrence; and
- (3) That Cabinet supports the creation of a joint task and finish group, which will involve elected members from the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees, officers from both the Education and Youth and Streetscene and Transportation portfolios, the Police and Head Teachers to explore the issues in further detail and develop a collaborative and preventative approach with key stakeholders.

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 Regional Transport Strategy.

The creation of a joint task and finish group, which will involve elected members from the two Scrutiny Committees, officers from both the Education & Youth and Streetscene & Transportation portfolios, the Police and Head Teachers, in order to explore the issues in further detail and develop a collaborative and preventative approach with key stakeholders. Members will be appointed on a task and finish basis to assist in the key aspect of policy development, working with the relevant Cabinet Members for Education & Youth and Streetscene & Transportation.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Civil Parking and Environmental Enforcement (CPEE) service is a multifunctional team of only ten officers who are required to provide enforcement across a broad spectrum over 7 days.

The Council's Transport Strategy and Road Safety team consist of a small number of officers who are required to implement safer routes and active travel infrastructure schemes (including the implementation of legal Traffic Regulation Orders).

Limited funding opportunities and a worsening financial climate dictate that the implementation of improved infrastructure can only be provided via a targeted, incremental approach.

Advancements in technology are required before remote enforcement opportunities are a viable option.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors: Sean Bibby; David Healey; Christine Jones and Billy Mullin.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **UNIVERSAL PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL MEALS
(UPFSM)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet notes the progress made to date on implementation of UPFSM; and
- (2) Cabinet consider the resource implications and risks identified in relation to UPFSM.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Parent and Child Survey
To help with preparations for UPFSM, to ascertain likely meal uptake, a parent and child survey was undertaken between June and July 2022. This was advertised on the Council's website and primary schools were asked to circulate the link to parents of children attending their school. The information from the surveys was useful to the project team to gauge potential take-up of the UPFSM offer.

Further surveying work with parents/carers and pupils will be undertaken to assess the impact of the rollout in the summer term.

School Survey
To enable effective planning and to inform procurement requirements, especially to enable delivery to Reception aged children from September 2022, a further survey was developed and

launched in July 2022 for completion by schools. The information from the surveys was useful to the project team to gauge the schools' own challenges in relation to delivery of the UPFSM project.

Further surveying work with schools will be undertaken to assess the impact of the rollout in the summer term.

Uptake Rates

The current uptake rates for Reception aged children across Flintshire schools has been 75.9%, a positive result. There is no comparative uptake data available from other Council's at present.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors: Christine Jones and Ian Roberts.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **HOUSING REGENERATION GRANTS AND LOANS
POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That the update on the work of the Housing Regeneration team is noted and that the future priorities for the service are approved; and
- (2) That grants and loans schedule is approved, and that delegated authority is given to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Countryside and the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) to vary the schedule as funding availability or requirements change.

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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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

SUBJECT: **HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPER UPDATE REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note the update report and continue to support the work being undertaken by the Housing and Prevention Service.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Consultation with Housing Associations and Local Authority partners, via the SARTH Steering Group, ensures there is a consistent approach being adopted across all three counties for social housing allocations and confirms ongoing commitment to the 50% Homeless Direct Let's approach.

Officers from the Housing & Prevention Service have attended a number of workshops and consultation events led by Welsh government in relation to recent changes in housing and homelessness legislation.

Feedback from residents who access our services is important so we can learn from issues of poor performance and celebrate successes. During the delivery of this report 2 case studies will be shared from 2 residents who have accessed Homeless Services in Flintshire and these experiences will be presented on Video.

Service user feedback is not currently

captured on a routine basis; however plans are in place for 2023-2024 onwards to gather feedback from people accessing our services to enable service improvement and action planning activities.

The report was presented to the Community, Housing and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 19th April, 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Detailed below are the cost implications associated with the delivery of Homelessness and Rough Sleeper activity in Flintshire:

Revenue: Statutory Homeless Services are funded through Council Fund. Additional duties placed on Councils and the current demands on services and homeless accommodation results in additional expenditure and budget pressures. Whilst some grant is available for 2023-2024 for emergency housing and other discretionary funding for crisis interventions, this is not sufficient to cover the full scale of the financial risk.

Capital: Creating a new Homeless Hub and additional social housing will require significant capital investment and has been flagged early within the Councils Capital Programme. The Flintshire Housing Prospectus has been approved by Council and shared with our Housing Partners and Social Housing Grant (SHG) supports ambitious plans to increase housing supply at scale and pace.

Human Resources: The Homeless Team has seen a significant amount of turnover in staff over the last three years. Recruitment in the last six months has been positive but officers new to the role require significant training and development.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

SUBJECT: **NEWYDD BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet note the strategic risks facing the business and endorse the Business Plan 2023/24, which includes the mitigation of the risks identified.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The NEWydd Business Plan is required to go through a process of review, scrutiny and sign off as part of the governance and oversight process. This commenced with the NEWydd Board of Directors who agreed the Business Plan at their meeting held on 2nd March 2023.

The Business Plan and accompanying report will be presented to the Council's Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20th April 2023.

The Business Plan and this accompanying report are presented to the Council's Cabinet for final endorsement/sign off by the Council.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

SUBJECT: **THEATR CLWYD BUSINESS PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet endorse the Theatr Clwyd Business Plan 2023-29.

DECISION: That authority to approve the updated Theatr Clwyd Business Plan 2023-29 be delegated to the Corporate Manager – Capital Programme and Assets in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure following receipt of the updated Business Plan.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Education, Youth and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23rd March 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **25 APRIL 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

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

SUBJECT: **COMMISSIONING / RE-TENDERING HOUSING
SUPPORT GRANT FUNDED DOMESTIC ABUSE
SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to approve the commissioning / re-tendering of Flintshire's Domestic Abuse Services funded by the Housing Support Grant.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The Housing Support Team have carried out numerous consultations with people using all the current services, staff and stakeholder.

The consultations carried out have resulted in the proposed changes to the current provision so there is still communal refuge accommodation but there will also be dispersed units which will still be classed as crisis refuge accommodation (short term accommodation).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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