





external colleagues will directly inform the content of Flintshire's Place Plans over the next two years. Consultation findings will help to influence how repayable loans and non-repayable grant funding should be invested in the future.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

### **Financial resource**

As outlined in this 1.10 of this report, a total of £2,450,000 repayable loan funding for town centre regeneration has been awarded to the Council from Welsh Government to administer, this includes:

- £860,000 from the Vibrant and Viable Places initiative repayable by 31/03/2030;
- £840,000 Town Centre Loans (for administering to third parties), repayable by 31/03/2036; and
- £750,000 Town Centre Loans (for use by the Council to deliver regeneration projects), repayable by 31/03/2036.

In addition, £510,000 non-repayable revenue grant was secured from Welsh Government in March 2022, for use over the next 2-3 years. This funding will support economic development activity and cover costs of additional regeneration staff recruited in 2022 and place making plan development activity in 2023 and 2024.

In addition to the above, the following Welsh Government funding is available for town centre regeneration from 1 April 2023:

- £2.6 million available across North Wales, with up to £250,000 available per application; and
- £150,000 allocation per annum for the delivery of small-scale property development projects in Flintshire -targeting Buckley and Shotton as a pilot.

A town centre investment programme for

Flintshire has also been developed and funding application (stage 1) submitted by the Council's Regeneration Team to seek funding from Flintshire's Shared Prosperity Funding allocation. This application was successful at stage 1 and has been invited to submit a stage 2 application, the outcome of which will likely be known in June 2023.

The funding already secured and sought from live funding applications currently as outlined above, provides good opportunities for regeneration projects in Flintshire. There is, however, an amount of the funding either repayable or requires significant match funding. Without capital funds the Council will not be able to take full advantage of these opportunities to regenerate town centres.

### **Capacity**

The regeneration team has recently recruited an additional 3 staff, with the team now comprising 7 officers in total. This temporary growth in the team is because of Cabinet approving extra staff resource in 2021, and the need for prioritising the development of Place Making Plans between 2022 and 2024.

The additional resource brings a broader range of skills, knowledge and experience to the regeneration team particularly in property-related regeneration work and the delivery of loan investments. This resource is needed to successfully deliver the regeneration priorities detailed in the Regeneration Programme including those outlined in this report and to manage risks to the Council.

### **Specialist advice and expertise**

The management and implementation of the repayable town centre loan funding will place demands upon other

teams in the Council to deliver specialist advice and support, for example property, legal services and finance. Colleagues within these services has been involved in developing the way forward for the repayable loan scheme in terms of the process and documentation needed. Their input will continue to be needed to deliver the Regeneration Programme.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**Democratic Services Manager**

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 MAY 2023**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**  
**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**  
**SUBJECT:**                                      **COMMUNITIES FOR WORK**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That the closure of the Communities for Work programme and the new arrangements to support long term unemployed people are considered and supported.

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendation, with the additional recommendation below:  
  
    (2)      That the details, including a resume of the programme, be shared with all Members.

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

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                      The programme is 100% funded by Welsh Government so there are no resource implications currently arising from the programme. The Welsh Government funding for 2023/24 is £865,853.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                      None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                      None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **23 MAY 2023**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**  
**REPORT OF:**                        **Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)**  
**SUBJECT:**                            **DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**  
**REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet endorses the Statement of Gambling Policy in advance of its presentation to Council for consideration.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Consultation took place between 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Relevant parties were invited to make representations.

The following stakeholders were consulted in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005:

- The Chief Officer of Police for the Authority's area
- One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the Authority's area
- One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the Authority's functions under the Act

In addition to mandatory consultees, the consultation was extended to all Members of Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils.

The consultation was available to Members of the public:

- On Flintshire County Council's website
- By way of a Public Notice displayed in the reception areas at County Hall and Ty Dewi Sant
- By way of a Public Notice displayed in libraries across the County

No responses were received from any interested party.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The document has no effect on fees and charges for licenses and permits.

Officers will continue to implement and enforce the policy as required by the Gambling Act 2005.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 MAY 2023**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **SCHOOL MODERNISATION UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- (1) To note the content of this report and progress relating to school modernisation;
- (2) To approve entering into a construction contract for the proposed project at Ysgol Croes Att, Y Fflint subject to Welsh Government approval of the full business case; and
- (3) To approve entering into a construction contract for the proposed project at Ysgol Penyffordd C.P.

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

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

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Consultation has been undertaken and approved through the planning application process for both Ysgol Croes Atti, Y Fflint and Ysgol Penyffordd.

Consultation to enlarge the school through statutory legal processes has already been undertaken for Ysgol Penyffordd. Consultation to enlarge the school is not required for Ysgol Croes Atti, Y Fflint.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**             As detailed in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                             None.

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