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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM SCHEME FOR SECOND
HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

(1) For Cabinet to consider the current rate of premium of 50% on second homes and long-term empty properties and whether the rate should remain the same, or be varied, from April 2023, prior to a final determination being made by full Council; and

(2) For Cabinet to consider if the rate of premium charged on a second home should be different to that charged on a long-term empty property.

DECISION: That the current rate of premium of 50% on second homes and long-term empty properties remain the same.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** A full public consultation was undertaken in November and December 2021. The feedback from this consultation is set out in appendices 1 and 2.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Following the recent public consultation, if Cabinet (and Council) decide to raise the increase the level of the premium on long term empty properties and/or second homes following a public consultation, there is a possibility of increasing the Council Tax yield and to use any additional revenue generated to help meet local housing needs, in line with the policy intentions of the premium scheme.

To assist with Cabinet considerations of future premium rates up to 75%, the additional revenue generated to support services will depend on the revised level of the premium rates but would typically consist of an additional £101k for every additional 10% levy above 50% on long-term empty properties and an additional £28k for every additional 10% levy on designated second homes. This can be illustrated as detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

SUBJECT: **NORTH WALES MARKET STABILITY REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet approve the North Wales Market Stability Report 2022.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative set up a regional steering group to lead the work for the technical, engagement, data and other theme-based groups to lead on specific tasks. Membership of the groups are from each North Wales local authority, BCUHB, Public Health Wales and other parties with an interest in the needs assessment such as officers for the Public Services Board (PSB). The Governance structure can be found in Appendix 3.

Engagement for the MSR included: a questionnaire for organisations that asks for their views and evidence; engagement with different sector providers e.g. third sector and also local workshops with providers. This has provided rich qualitative data to inform the MSR. 38% of respondents operated in the Flintshire area.

Locally, workshops were held with Responsible Individuals across residential, domiciliary care and supported living services to understand where they felt the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

were to the market. The feedback from these events is embedded in Appendix 2.

Feedback was sought from senior managers and colleagues in Social Services to ensure a wealth of information has been submitted.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative has utilised existing staff to support the development of the MSR. Associated costs, such as translation and for specialist engagement was also funded by the partnership.

There has been a cost to the local authorities, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Public Health Wales in staff time and resource to support the project. This includes staff to carry out engagement work to support the analysis and writing of the report. The majority of this work took place between December 2021 and July 2022 for the MSR.

Going forward the MSR will identify regional and local priorities, it may be the case that these priorities require some level of investment at either regional or local level.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 4)**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: None specific.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**
2021/22

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet recommends the draft Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22 to Council on 18th October for final approval.

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: Addressed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION -
COUNCIL TAX REFORM**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet is asked to consider the proposals of the Welsh Government Consultation to reform Council Tax and authorise the Revenues and Procurement Manager to respond to the consultation, as set out in the report.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** This Welsh Government (WG) phase 1 implements the commitment to create a fairer and more progressive Council Tax system, which is contained within the Programme for Government and the cooperation agreement between WG and Plaid Cymru.

A phase 2 consultation will offer detailed proposals at a later date.

The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with the opportunity to comment on the phase 1 consultation proposals to reform Council Tax and to consider the proposed responses prepared by officers in the Revenue service.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Local authorities in Wales would see changes in their local tax-bases and potential changes in revenue in each area if Welsh Government undertake the national revaluation as set out. In other words, this would have a redistributive impact on the Revenue

Support Grant (RSG) which is allocated by a complex formula.

Following a national revaluation if a local authority tax-base decreased it would receive proportionately more in RSG to compensate for lower Council Tax revenue. On the other hand, if the tax-base increased it would receive less in RSG.

While there would be some effects on the tax-bases across Wales as a result of any revaluation, WG also advise there should be no significant overall changes in funding for council services.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To provide Cabinet with an update on cost of living support schemes and to seek support and approval for the development of warm hubs.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The winter fuel payment scheme is funded by Welsh Government.

The proposal for the Warm Hubs will be resourced by existing staff within the sheltered schemes and existing funding for the community hubs.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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weekly kerbside collections or HRC sites, and the income would transfer to these services.

Fly tipping and litter removal will be reduced allowing for the street cleansing team to focus on scheduled cleaning areas within the authority.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL VISITOR LEVY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet notes the latest developments for the development of a local Visitor Levy ahead of the formal Welsh Government consultation in the autumn 2022.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Welsh Government are expected to undertake a formal consultation in autumn 2022 on draft legislative proposals for a tourism/visitor levy. As a key stakeholder, the Council will have the opportunity to contribute to the consultation. A further report will be presented to Cabinet for consideration once the consultation is published.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The purpose of this levy is to raise revenue for local authorities, to enable investment in public services and infrastructure which make tourism a success.


At this early stage it is impossible to assess the timescales or income projections for a levy. It is envisaged to be around 4-5 years before the levy can be introduced by local authorities.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **26 SEPTEMBER 2022** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

SUBJECT: **COMMISSIONING OF RESIDENTIAL AND
THERAPEUTIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLINTSHIRE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet to approve the approach to directly award the contract for the delivery of Residential and Therapeutic Services for Children and Young People in Flintshire.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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