FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 4</u>

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND

BUDGET 2023/24

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) To receive and note the revised additional budget requirement for

the 2023/24 financial year; and

(2) To note the budget solutions and risks that will need to be urgently

considered to enable the Council to set a legal and balanced budget in

February.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report

CONSULTATIONS Consultation has taken place with REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: Portfolio Management Teams and to

Portfolio Management Teams and the Chief Officer Team, the Finance Team, Cabinet Members, Group Leaders and Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Further consultation will be undertaken through Member briefings and specific

meetings during the Autumn.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The revenue implications for the 2023/24

budget are set out in the report.

The borrowing needs for the capital programme are built into the revenue

estimates for 2023/24.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

Chief Officer (Governance) REPORT OF:

COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM SCHEME FOR SECOND SUBJECT:

HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES

For Cabinet to consider the current **RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** (1)

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.

That the current rate of premium of 50% **DECISION:**

on second homes and long-term empty

properties remain the same.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

A full public consultation was undertaken in November and December 2021. The REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 6</u>

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.

CONSULTATIONSREQUIRED/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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH

<u>4)</u>

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

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8</u>

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2022/23

(MONTH 4)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Approve the overall report;

(2) Approve the carry forward

adjustments; and

(3) Approve the additional allocations.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONSNo consultation is required as a direct

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 9</u>

REPORT OF: Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

<u>2021/22</u>

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 Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: treasury management advisors.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Addressed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 10</u>

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.

CONSULTATIONSThis Welsh Government (WG) phase 1 imlements the commitment to create a

imlements 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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

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 None.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

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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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)

RECYCLING BRING SITES SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet approves the

recommended removal of the textile recycling bring sites across

the county; and

(2) That Cabinet notes that the current glass contractor will be removing

all glass igloos from bring sites

across the county.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS With the Deputy Leader and Cabinet REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

Member for Streetscene and Regional

Transport Strategy.

With the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A communications plan is being drawn up and will involve consultation with the businesses which currently store the bring site banks/igloos on their private land.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: There will be a saving of approx. £8,400

per annum for the approved revenue budget if the bring sites are removed.

The disposal of glass does offer a rebate per tonne of £15, which equates to an average income of £3,000 per year. It is anticipated that the removal of the bring sites would not impact the income levels, as residents would use alternative

collection services instead, such as the

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.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 13</u>

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 Welsh Government are expected to **REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** undertake a formal consultation in

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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<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 14</u>

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Education and Youth)

SUBJECT: EDUCATION & YOUTH SELF EVALUATION

REPORT 2021 - 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) To review the outcome of the

Education Portfolio's annual selfevaluation report on the quality of education services for the period

2021-2022; and

(2) To provide any observations to the

Portfolio Team on the report.

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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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF: Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets

SUBJECT: THEATR CLWYD PROJECT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) That Cabinet approve the

additional £1.5m required to proceed with the Theatr Clwyd

Project; and

(2) In doing so give approval to enter into a contract for the construction

phase, this being subject to confirmation of additional capital

funding from Welsh Government.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations, with

an additional recommendation of:

- That Cabinet refers the project to

County Council for a final decision

in the event that Welsh

Government is unable or unwilling

to proportionally increase its contribution in line with the increased costs of the project.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS Planning permission was gained for the

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: project, 26th August 2021.

A report was presented to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 23rd September 2022. The

Committees comments and

observations will be made available to

Cabinet.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

<u>DISPENSATIONS</u> None.

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<u>DATE OF MEETING:</u> <u>26 SEPTEMBER 2022</u> <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 17</u>

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 As detailed in the report.

REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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