

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

REPORT OF: **Chief Executive, Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24 -
FINAL CLOSING STAGE**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) That Cabinet notes and approves the revised additional budget requirement for 2023/24;
 - (2) That Cabinet approves the final proposals for the cost reductions that will contribute to the budget;
 - (3) That Cabinet recommends to Council a legal and balanced budget based on the calculations as set out within this report;
 - (4) That Cabinet notes the open risks which remain to be managed in the 2023/24 financial year;
 - (5) That Cabinet recommends an overall annual increase in Council Tax for 2023/24 of 3.99% for Council Services and 0.96% for contributions to North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Regional Coroners Service and the Regional Education Consortium (GwE) – an overall uplift of 4.95%;
 - (6) That Cabinet invites Council to pass the formal Council Tax resolution now that we have had notification of the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner and all Town and Community Councils within Flintshire; and
 - (7) That Cabinet notes the medium-term forecast as a basis for the

next revision of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Member briefings in September/October 2022.
Specific Scrutiny meetings December 2022.
Workforce briefings January 2023.
Consultation with the principle NNDR payers has been undertaken.
Schools Budget Forum.
Primary and Secondary Headteacher Federations.
Education Consultative Committee.
Budget briefings for Headteachers and Chairs of Governors.
Group Leader briefings.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As set out in the report.

Any implications for increased/reduced capacity within Portfolios are as set out in the report. Any implications for schools would be a consideration for each individual school based on the funding received through the Schools Funding Formula.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - 2023/24 POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (1) Members approve and recommend to County Council for Council Fund (CF) outstanding debt that:-

- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in financial year 2023/24 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing fixed as at 31st March 2017. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2023/24 for all capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing from 1st April 2016 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2023/24 for all capital expenditure funded from unsupported (prudential) borrowing or credit arrangements. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital

expenditure is likely to generate benefits.

- (2) That Members approve and recommend to the County Council for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outstanding debt:-
- Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2023/24 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from debt fixed as at 31st March 2021. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 50 years.
 - Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA's MRP in 2023/24 for all capital expenditure funded from debt from 1st April 2021 onwards. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.
- (3) Members approve and recommend to County Council that MRP on loans from the Council to NEW Homes to build affordable homes through the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) (which qualify as capital expenditure in accounting terms) be as follows:-
- No MRP is made during the construction period (of short duration) as the asset has not been brought into use and no benefit is being derived from its use.
 - Once the assets are brought into use, capital (loan) repayments will be made by NEW Homes. The Council's MRP will be equal to the repayments made by NEW

Homes. The repayments made by NEW Homes will be classed, in accounting terms, as capital receipts, which can only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt. The capital repayment / capital receipt will be set aside to repay debt, and is the Council's MRP policy for repaying the loan.

DECISION:

As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

In changing the Council's MRP policy during 2017/18 and 2016/17 detailed discussions took place with the Council's Treasury Management advisors, senior internal officers and key Cabinet Members.

Audit Wales was also consulted as external auditors.

The revised MRP policy was considered by Council as part of setting the 2018/19 budget in March 2018.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The 2023/24 Council Fund and HRA budgets provide for the MRP charges in accordance with the calculations set out in the report.

There are no other resource implications as a direct result of this report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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

SUBJECT: **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To receive the report and note its contents;
 - (2) To support the improvement of internal communications to raise awareness of the Council's positive progress in moving to achieve its climate change ambitions;
 - (3) To support the introduction of embedding carbon measures into procurement processes within a pilot portfolio of the Council;
 - (4) To support the case for an Invest to Save post and resources to introduce Building Management Systems within more of our building assets to improve the management of energy use; and
 - (5) To support the embedding of climate change principles throughout the Council, through delivery of Carbon Literacy training to Elected Members, Senior Managers and other key decision makers.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Capital and revenue resource will be required to continue improvement of

energy efficiency in buildings assets. Where possible SALIX loans and external funding will support this programme. Costs still to be determined.

Capital resource will be required for improvement of electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support transition of fleet to EV. Installation cost approximately £600k supported by external funding.

Next stage large scale renewable energy generation estimated costs £1.1m. This could be funded through Prudential borrowing.

Dedicated staff resource is needed to progress the decarbonisation of both fleet and procurement. Opportunities exist to utilise a joint Procurement officer with Denbighshire County Council.

In order to educate and inform key decision makers on climate change actions it is essential that priority is given to completion of Carbon Literacy training. In-house provision of this is saving the Council approx £34,000 in training revenue. The estimated costs for delivery to all Elected Members and Senior Managers is £2,000.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 9)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget;
 - (2) To support the carry forward request included in paragraph 1.09; and
 - (3) To support the funding from Contingency Reserve in paragraph 1.10.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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

REPORT OF: **Corporate Finance Manager**

SUBJECT: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2022/23**
(MONTH 9)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Approve the overall report;
- (2) Approve the carry forward adjustment as set out in 1.13; and
- (3) Approve the additional allocations as set out in 1.15.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: No consultation is required as a direct result of this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

SUBJECT: **JOINT CORPORATE PROCUREMENT UNIT -
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021/22**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet is asked to consider and endorse the Procurement Annual Report for 2021/22; and
- (2) Cabinet is asked to note progress with the FastTrack and Free Pay initiatives.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The report for 2021/22 has been considered by the Procurement Joint Management Board which continues to meet on a quarterly basis and receives quarterly data and performance management information.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The service level agreement states that the Council's will split the running costs based on their share of the combined overall spend of both Councils and historically Flintshire has made a 55% contribution towards the overall running costs.

Spend inevitably varies from year to year but a recent analysis of the past four years of workloads indicates the need to now adopt a different split in favour of Flintshire. From 2023/24, there will be a revised 50:50 split on running costs. In other words, there is a 5% reduction in our funding contribution which will result in an efficiency saving of £9k for our Council.

The Collaborative Procurement Service is currently made up of:
1.0 full time equivalent Team Leader Post; 4.8 full time equivalent Procurement Business Partners; 1.0 full time equivalent Procurement Officer; 1.0 full time equivalent Systems Officer & Data Analyst.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

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

SUBJECT: **WEPRE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet endorse the new five year management plan for Wepre park.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Over the summer of 2021 a public consultation was undertaken to inform the development of the Wepre Park management plan. The full responses are detailed in Appendix 3.

A number of workshop style sessions have been held with Local Members, The Friends of Wepre Park and other park stakeholders to inform and shape the plan.

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the plan 7th February 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: The ongoing core funded FCC staff and revenue resource to deliver the plan is detailed in Appendix 2, and is expected to remain constant over the term of the plan.


Additional funding to progress development projects will be sourced externally.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

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

SUBJECT: **OPEN SPACES AND HIGHWAY MEMORIAL POLICY**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the policy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** Internal colleagues in the Streetscene &
Transportation portfolio.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: Potential positive resource implication
through additional income.

Potential costs for removal of
inappropriate memorials.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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DATE OF MEETING: **23 FEBRUARY 2023** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

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

SUBJECT: **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet notes the progress being made to develop age friendly communities in Flintshire;
 - (2) Cabinet approves the proposal for Flintshire to submit an application for membership of the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities; and
 - (3) Cabinet provides a commitment for the continued support of all Council services to collaborate with the Social Services team to make Flintshire a great place to live for the ageing population.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Older people, aged fifty and over in Flintshire will be engaged throughout this process to ensure that the 'Age-Friendly Flintshire Plan', to be submitted with the application, reflects the key priorities and needs of older people in the community.

The project team is working closely with third sector colleagues in Flintshire on related activities that will provide a positive benefit to the development of age friendly communities. For example, work is in progress with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) to support Welsh Government initiatives to develop more Connected Communities

and to reduce loneliness and isolation. Social Services is also working in partnership with North East Wales Carers Information Service (NEWCIS) to develop Dementia Friendly services and community amenities.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

An Ageing Well Engagement Officer post has been introduced for a fixed term period, to be reviewed throughout the project. There are no other implications for additional capacity or changes to current workforce structures or roles.

Support from all Council portfolio teams will be essential to develop age friendly communities and deliver successful membership of the network. This will not require additional resources as the scope and objectives align closely to the Council's current policies and commitments to older residents. Social Services will lead the project and seek information and support from other teams as required.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

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DATE OF MEETING: 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Governance)

SUBJECT: REPORT BACK FROM THE CALL IN OF DECISION
NO.4056 - WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) That the cabinet notes the decision of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee call-in meeting with regard to Record No 4056 Waste Strategy Review; and
- (2) The Cabinet is invited to confirm or amend its previous decision, having regard to the decision of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION: Deferred until 14th March 2023.

REASON FOR DECISION: To gather information.

CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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