

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **30 MAY 2024** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

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

SUBJECT: **FUTURE OPTIONS: LEISURE, LIBRARIES, AND
MUSEUM SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:

- (1) Cabinet consider the current position in relation to leisure, libraries, play and museum services, which has been detailed in information provided: at its meeting on 24th April 2024; the confidential reports and documents that have since been made available to view; at a recent Member workshop; and as contained in this report;
- (2) Having considered all the information that has been made available to it, Cabinet decides on a preferred future option; and
- (3) That further reports are brought back to Cabinet as the work progresses.

DECISION:

- 1 Cabinet notes the communications from Aura
- 2 That Cabinet notes the feedback and opinion from EYOSC and its recommendation that Cabinet seek to continue with its arrangement with Aura
- 3 That in light of the information received from Aura today following a request by Officers, that

officers continue to explore the grant option based upon the provision of a compliant subsidy control assessment. This is dependent upon Aura accepting a new short term grant in order to complete the necessary work on subsidy control

- 4 That if satisfactory progress is not made in relation to recommendation 3 that a model based upon a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) is progressed.
- 5 That due to the limited time available and further to the agreement of the Chair of Council, that these decisions are urgent and therefore exempt from call-in.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Aura have been asked to provide their feedback and opinions on the future options being explored. The Aura Board met on Tuesday 14th May 2024 to consider its options.

On Friday, the 17th May 2024, the Council received an indication from Aura regarding its position in relation to the grant funding agreements. Council officers are seeking further clarity from Aura this week and will provide Members with an update at the members workshop on the 23rd May 2024.

Council officers continue to meet Aura on a weekly basis.

Feedback from the Education Youth and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as provided during its

meeting on 28th May 2024, will be provided verbally at the meeting.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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SIGNED



Democratic Services Manager

