

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 21 January 2025

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Part A – Items considered in public		
A2	Minutes	That the minutes of the meetings be confirmed as a correct record.
A4	Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2025/26	That the financial implications of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement and the remaining work which needs to be completed prior to agreeing a set of recommendations for Council to set a legal and balanced budget on 18 th February (which will be subject to prior consideration and comment by Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.
A5	Council Plan (2023-28) Mid-year Performance Report 2024/25	<p>(a) That the levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as detailed within the Council Plan 2023/28 for delivery within 2024/25 be endorsed and supported;</p> <p>(b) That the overall performance against Council Plan 2024/25 performance indicators/measures be endorsed and supported; and</p> <p>(c) The Members be assured by the explanations given for those areas of underperformance.</p>
A6	Corporate Risk Register	<p>(a) That the Council's Corporate Risk Register report be accepted;</p> <p>(b) That the next steps (as outlined in the report) of embedding Risk Management including ownership of Corporate Risk Register alongside the Chief Officer Team be agreed; and</p> <p>(c) That the following three risks be added: reputational risk; legal compliance/regulatory/contract risk; and operational/loss of assets.</p>
A7	Flintshire Local Area Energy Plan	<p>(a) That the Flintshire Local Area Energy Plan Main Report and Technical Report be endorsed, understanding that the LAEP actions assigned to Flintshire County Council are subject to securing and maintaining necessary funding; and</p> <p>(b) That the content of The Coal Authority report 'Flintshire County Council: Mine Water Heat Opportunities' in conjunction with the Local Area Energy Plan.</p>

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		(c) That Cabinet requires that the hydrogen referenced in the report is Green and if not, then it be reported back to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.
A8	Provision of Transit Site accommodation for the Gypsy Roma Traveller Community in Flintshire	Deferred.
A9	Review of Car Parking Policy	<p>(a) That the proposed Car Parking Management Policy be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the introduction of car parking charges at Wepre Park be approved and the introduction of traffic management on the roads in the vicinity of the park entrances to deter visitors who do not want to pay to use the car park from parking on the residential streets adjacent to the park be supported.</p>
A10	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2024/25 (Month 8)	<p>(a) That the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2024/25 budget be noted;</p> <p>(b) That the measures being put in place to improve the financial position by the end of the financial year be supported; and</p> <p>(c) The carry forward request of a £0.125m underspend in Customer Contact to the Digital Strategy Reserve be approved.</p>
A11	Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS 2 2023) and Housing Disrepair (HDR) Update	<p>(a) That the capital investment programme in the next phase of delivery be endorsed as it moves towards complying with the new updated Welsh Housing Quality Standards and requirements; and</p> <p>(b) That the Housing Assets service be supported to continue to manage the Housing Disrepair (HDR) protocol on behalf of the Council, ensuring the obligations placed upon the Council are met.</p>

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A12	Food Poverty Update	(a) That the progress of the work in relation to addressing food poverty in Flintshire be supported; and (b) That the use of earmarked reserve to continue to deliver the food poverty programme to March 2026 be endorsed.
A13	Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 and the Introduction of Special Procedures' Licensing	(a) That the delegation to officers of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 be approved; and (b) That the Constitution be amended accordingly to reflect the delegation.
A14	Council Carbon Emissions Update 2023/24	(a) That the work of the portfolio in its delivery of grass cutting services be noted; and (b) That the preparations being made for the 2025 grass cutting season be acknowledged.
A15	Grass Cutting and Weed Control Performance Review	(a) That the work of the portfolio in its delivery of grass cutting services be noted; and (b) That the preparations being made for the 2025 grass cutting season be acknowledged.
A16	Update on Unpaid Carers Services in Flintshire	(a) That the update on the process of recommissioning unpaid carers services be acknowledged; (b) That the outcome of the PSOW's "Own Initiative" Investigation into Carers Services and the resulting action plan be acknowledged; (c) That the outcome of the Carers Wales "Track the Act" report be acknowledged; and (d) That the positive work underway with NEWCIS to develop our unpaid carers services and the Carers Centre as a hub for unpaid carers in Flintshire.
A17	Microsoft Licensing Contract Extension	That the Council's Microsoft Licensing Contract be extended up to 31 st December 2025.

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A18	EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS	Noted.