

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 JULY 2024 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Executive, Corporate Finance Manager

SUBJECT: BUDGET 2025/26 MTFS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: (a) To receive the update on the additional budget requirement for the 2025/26 financial year; and  
(b) To agree the process and timeline for budget setting for 2025/26.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: The Forecast for 2025/26 – 2027/28 will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committees during September and October.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: **Revenue:** the revenue implications for the 2025/26 budget are set out in the report.

**Capital:** there are no new implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years – the capital programme will be subject to a separate report.

**Human Resources:** there are some potential implications for additional capacity as set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Executive**

**SUBJECT:**                                **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL 2023**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet is assured by the content and observations of the Auditor General for Wales' Annual Audit Summary Report 2023.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Governance and Audit Committee, Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet will receive this report.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no specific resource implications as part of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **23 JULY 2024** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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

**SUBJECT:** **GOVERNANCE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** That Cabinet approves the:-  
I. Criteria for selecting transformation projects.  
II. Democratic governance structure for the transformation programme, and  
III. endorses the allocation of reserves to fund the additional capacity required to support the programme.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The governance structure for the transformation programme does not impact upon the delivery of services to our residents.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** As detailed in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 23 JULY 2024 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Housing and Communities)

SUBJECT: TENANT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: To support and approve the Tenant Involvement Strategy.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT: In bringing together the strategy and the associated action plan, the views of our residents from the census STAR survey completed in 2022 have been taken into consideration.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

DISPENSATIONS None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

**SUBJECT:**                                 **THE COUNCIL'S TRANSITION TO A RESTRICTED  
CAPACITY RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION  
MODEL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) That Cabinet acknowledges and notes the outcomes of the modelling work undertaken on restricting the capacity of residual waste collections; and
- b) That Cabinet supports a transition to the most effective service delivery model of retaining a comprehensive weekly recycling collection service and reducing residual waste collections to once every four weeks while retaining the 180L black wheeled bin to realise maximum recycling performance increase, greenhouse gas emission reduction and cost reduction.

**DECISION:**

- a) That Cabinet acknowledges and notes the outcomes of the modelling work undertaken on restricting the capacity of residual waste collections; and
- b) That Cabinet supports a transition to the most effective service delivery model of retaining a comprehensive weekly recycling collection service and reducing residual waste collections to once every three weeks while retaining the 180L black wheeled bin to realise maximum recycling performance increase, greenhouse gas emission reduction and cost

reduction.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy has taken place.

Flintshire residents were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Elected members were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Town and Community Councils were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Members of the Senedd were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Members of Parliament were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Flintshire County Council officers and employees were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Groups with protected characteristics were consulted on the Resources & Waste Strategy and a communications plan will be developed if the proposals are approved.

Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee – to be held on 16th July 2024.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The work is being supported by Local Partnerships and Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) Cymru.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **DIGITAL STRATEGY – AUDIT WALES REVIEW,  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet approves the action plan.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Corporate Resources Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee have received  
this report as part of their scrutiny role. It  
has commented on whether the  
proposed actions are the right ones to  
meet the recommendations,  
whether any more could be done etc.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                Work is continually ongoing to ensure that  
the projects and ambitions  
within the strategy have accurate costings  
assigned; this will create a  
funding plan and ensure that any potential  
funding gaps are identified as  
early as possible.

It is already clear that the level of ambition  
within the Council and  
expectation from residents outstrips the  
available funding and capacity of  
the IT Service to support new projects  
alongside day-to-day delivery and  
necessary renewals of software/hardware  
(so called “keeping the lights  
on”). Only those projects which are a  
clear priority can be taken forward  
and portfolios will assist in prioritising and  
managing conflicting priorities.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2023/24**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet review and approve the Social Services Director's Annual Report 2023/24 and priorities identified for the 2024/25 financial year.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                Work began with Social Services Managers in October 2023 to gather updates on progress made with achieving the priorities set for 2023/24.

The draft Social Services Annual Report has been discussed at SSMT, Business COT and Scrutiny Overview Committee.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                The priorities identified within the report are aimed at delivering service improvements, improving outcomes, and meeting local needs within the context of achieving challenging financial efficiencies and value for money. The improvement priorities contained within the report have been identified for delivery within existing resources.


**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                                **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24**  
**(OUTTURN)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) To note the overall report and the Council Fund contingency sum available as at 31 March, 2024 (subject to audit);
- b) To note the final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (subject to audit); and
- c) Approve the carry forward requests as outlined in paragraph 1.13.

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                      As in the report.

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                      The financial impacts as set out in the report are a combination of actual costs and losses to date and estimates of costs and losses for the future. There is the possibility that the estimates will change over time. The budget will be monitored closely, and mitigation actions taken wherever possible.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                      None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                      None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                                **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25**  
**(INTERIM)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) To note the report and the potential financial risks on the 2024/25 budget; and
- b) To note the allocations of £0.200m from the Contingency Reserve for Cambrian Aquatics and £0.277m for Free School Meals holiday provision – Paragraph 1.14 refers.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

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

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                As set out within the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**                None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

**REPORT OF:**                              **Corporate Finance Manager**

**SUBJECT:**                                **PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS - ACTUALS 2023/24**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Members approve the prudential indicators within this report.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                No consultation is required or carried out.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**            There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**        None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                            None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                  **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) That Cabinet approves the schedule of fees and charges documented in Appendix A for implementation on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
  
- b) That Cabinet agrees that a customer friendly version of the schedule of fees and charges, documented in Appendix A, be produced and published.

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                      As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

The principles and process for the annual review of fees and charges were considered and endorsed by the Corporate Resources and Overview Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in July 2019. These were included within the Council's Income Generation Policy (version two), which was endorsed by Cabinet in July 2020. An update to that Policy was endorsed by Cabinet in July 2022 and this is attached as Appendix B.

New discretionary fees and charges are approved under Delegated Powers/Authority processes, prior to which an IIA should have been completed considering the Sustainable Development Principles, Wellbeing Goals and Council's Wellbeing Objectives, along with any potential equality and/or diversity issues.

For the purposes of transparency, it is recommended we publish a customer friendly version of the schedule of fees and charges, which shows the frequency of charging (one off, weekly, monthly, etc.) for 2024.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The generation of income from fees and charges is part of the budget strategy of options that contributes to meet the challenge of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Estimations of income generated through the application of fees and charges, and any increases to them, is monitored and factored into the budget setting process. The 2024 review is estimated to generate an additional £0.085m per annum, with £0.050m of that already built into 2024/25 budgets, so this is an additional contribution of £0.035m to the 2025/26 budget.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      To note the progress of the Sheltered Housing Review.

**DECISION:**                                 As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                The approved communications plan includes the consultation process. Consultation will be an ongoing on a scheme-by-scheme basis.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**             The actions identified as a result of scheme reviews shall ensure that the housing stock is utilised most effectively and is sustainable over the longer term.

No decant costs have been accounted for as the scheme re-designation proposals shall be delivered through letting void properties to general needs applicants rather than decanting existing tenants.

The options appraisal process shall involve a detailed technical assessment of schemes and whilst most of this work can be conducted in house there may be a need for some specialist support and input when assessing potential for scheme reconfiguration or new build options.

The decision to redesignate schemes or undertake options appraisals shall necessitate a significant investment in

staff time particularly from the housing management service which shall lead on any decant process which can be intensive, challenging, and sensitive work. Any decision to de-commission schemes shall present a significant challenge to the housing asset service to ensure the scheme remains safe and secure throughout the decanting process.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **CHILDCARE AND EARLY YEARS CAPITAL  
PROGRAMME 2022-25**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) Cabinet are asked to approve a submission to the Childcare and Early Years Capital Programme 2022-2025 for the Cornist Park Flint, scheme to proceed from the 'starting a project' stage and to request agreement to the 'design and build' phase of the programme from Welsh Government;
- b) Cabinet approves a Direct Award process to appoint an experienced contractor to meet the WG deadline of 31 March 2025. The award will be through the existing Pagoba framework; and
- c) Cabinet notes the identification of the Ysgol Terrig/Ysgol Parc Y Llan, Treuddyn as a potential second project, subject to further work with partners. If options are viable within the timescales prescribed by Welsh Government approval will be sought from Cabinet to proceed based on the timelines, costings and partnership agreement.

**DECISION:**    As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                              As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                              Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues within Education's School Modernisation Team and the umbrella childcare organisation CWLWM.

Consultation will be undertaken through the planning application process for each individual project.

Consultation has been undertaken with the Headteacher, Governing Bodies and childcare providers for each individual project. Further work is required to ensure a collaborative and partnership agreement for the preferred scheme in Treuddyn.

Consultation has taken place between the project team and FCC's financial team.

Consultation has taken place with colleagues from FCC's Design and Build Team.

Consultation has taken place with colleagues from FCC's Legal Team.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The funding for the Childcare and Early Years Capital Programme will be agreed by Welsh Government and is funded by the Welsh Government on approval.

The programme can be managed within existing Council staffing resource.

There are no revenue impacts on the Council.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **THE NATIONAL RESIDENTS SURVEY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) That Members approve Flintshire’s acceptance of the offer to participate in the free core modules of the National Resident Survey.
- b) That Members support Flintshire’s implementation of the National Resident Survey before the end of the summer 2024.
- c) That Members champion supplementary consultation and engagement activity based on the findings of the National Resident Survey to better understand the ‘*why*’ behind the data collected.

**DECISION:**                                 As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                 As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                 At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that council should consult annually with residents via a survey sent out with council tax bills. This survey, whilst not being posted with council tax bills, would meet that recommendation.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                 **Revenue:** there are no implications for the approved revenue budget for the implementation of the core survey for the current or future financial years. Flintshire will utilise existing channels to communicate and inform



residents when the survey is launched e.g., website, social media.

From 2025, it will be possible for individual councils to commission bespoke additional question modules relevant to their own business need, at a small cost. Should this be considered beneficial at that time a further report will be presented to Cabinet for approval.

**Capital:** there are no implications for the approved capital programme for either the current financial year or for future financial years.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **23 JULY 2024** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

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

**SUBJECT:** **BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFFS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:** Write off the sums of £40,986.72 for Ace Rotomould Ltd, £33,062 for Premier English Manufacturing Ltd, and £25,036.87 for Premier Grip Trading Ltd.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** All write offs must be approved by the Corporate Finance Manager, but in the case of write offs over £25k, Cabinet must be consulted before a decision is taken.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no direct financial implications for the Council or local taxpayers by writing off the three debts as business rate losses are picked up by the National Collection Pool for Wales. As the Collection Pool is supported by Welsh Government, non-payment of rates does though have a wider impact on the Welsh taxpayer.

Writing off the three debts amounting to a total loss of £99,085 income to the National Collection Pool, is being recommended as a last resort and only on the basis that there is no realistic chance of successfully recovering the debts.


**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS** None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **23 JULY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

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

**SUBJECT:**                            **ENFORCEMENT OF CLOSURE NOTICES AND**  
**CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL**  
**BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That the Chief Officer for Planning, Environment and Economy on behalf of Flintshire County Council be given delegated authority to issue Closure Notices under section 76 of The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and authorise officers to enforce, closure orders, in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

**DECISION:**                              As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**              As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS**  
**REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**              The recommendation has been considered and endorsed by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024. At the committee members asked a number of questions and these have been addressed in this amended report. The questions members asked were:-

Could the committee wait to approve the report until after the issue with the Dog Control PSPO had been resolved? This has been addressed in section 1.03.

Who can sign Closure Notices if the Chief Officer for Planning, Environment and Economy is absent for a length of time? This is addressed in section 1.04.

Can Closure Notices and Orders be

issued to areas such as children's play areas or market stalls? This is addressed in section 1.11.

Is the court cost of applying for Closure Order recoverable by the County Council? This is addressed in section 2.01.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Officer time gathering and compiling the evidence. There is a fee of £260 to be paid to the Court to hear the application for a Closure Order, which would also require assistance from Legal Services. The cost of the application fee is non recoverable. Any appeals against closure orders are heard in the Crown Court and will incur legal costs.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                   **23 JULY 2024**                   **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

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

**SUBJECT:**                           **OPEN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH FRESHWAVE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) That Members support the proposed development of Open Access Agreements as a tool to improve digital connectivity in Flintshire;
- b) That delegated authority is given to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to sign the proposed Open Access Agreement with Freshwave Facilities Limited and to amend the agreement in the future as required; and
- c) That delegated authority is given to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to develop and amend further Open Access Agreements with other companies.

**DECISION:**                           As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**           As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**       Internal consultation taken place with technical Highways, Assets and Legal teams.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**       No resource implications arise directly from this report. The operation of Open Access Agreements is fully cost neutral to the Council with all reasonable costs, including administration and officer time,

met by the other party to each agreement.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **23 JULY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 22**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **INVESTMENT ZONE FOR FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Members recognise the progress of work on the Investment Zone and supports the Council to work with Wrexham County Borough Council and the Corporate Joint Committee to work at risk through the required Gateways outlined over the next six months, to secure the funding of £160m over the next 10 years.

**DECISION:**                                      As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                      As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**      There was considerable consultation undertaken with the private sector in the period up to the announcement of the Investment Zone for Flintshire and Wrexham. Since then, there have been two further discussions with private sector representatives to provide an update on progress and ensure that the development of the Investment Zone is responsive to business priorities.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                      In the short term, the only direct financial cost to the Council is the £25,000 indemnity to NWCJC highlighted above. In addition, there will be a significant call on officer time from a number of teams to support NWCJC in developing the package of interventions and information needed to progress through the Gateway process.

The Gateway process is designed to



allow the NWCJC, the two Councils, and wider stakeholders to identify the package of interventions that they wish to deliver over the ten years of the Investment Zone programme and the 25 years of the NNDR retention period. The operating costs of the Investment Zone can be reclaimed through a specific budget of up to 4% of programme value.

The Investment Zone provides an opportunity for the Council to identify priority projects that would contribute to the success of the advanced manufacturing cluster and to secure significant capital and revenue funding towards their delivery. Match funding, from Council as well as wider funding sources would be required and could include borrowing to enable capital investment. The availability of the NDR retention income for 25 years provides an opportunity to, for example, cover the costs of borrowing.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **23 JULY 2024** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 23**

**REPORT OF:** **Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Social Services)**

**SUBJECT:** **CARE CLOSER TO HOME: PLACEMENT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) Cabinet approves progress to deliver phase one of our 'Care Closer to Home' strategy; and
- b) Cabinet supports a workshop for Elected Members in September/October 2024 to outline the new legislation, the context of current placement commissioning (often referred to as Out of County Placements) and to explore options for developing a strategic approach for placement commissioning and further development of in-house placement provision.

**DECISION:** As detailed in the recommendations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** The North Wales Population Needs Assessment (April 2022) collated stakeholder feedback relating to children's services and service providers.

Proposals for residential expansion will be shared at an early point with Young Voices Out Loud Group, which consists of young people who are looked after as well as care leavers, to look at the options and seek their expertise on what young people would want.

We have held three workshops with local residential care providers to commence

the discussions about the implications of the eliminating profit agenda and their emerging intentions to help with constructive market assessment. Providers are eager to understand the detail of the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill to enable them to assess the implications for their operating model and to inform their intentions as to whether they move to a not-for-profit entity, focus on provision under a specific exemption, or exit the market. Once we have a clearer picture of the future of the local market, we can form our strategic developments to meet known market gaps.

It proposed that we hold a workshop for Elected Members to outline the new legislation, the context of current placement commissioning (often referred to as Out of County Placements) and to explore options for developing our strategic approach for placement commissioning and further development of in-house placement provision. This will be a joint Education and Social Services workshop. The outcome will inform the development of an updated phase 2 'Care Closer to Home' Strategy.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

A combination of Welsh Government grant programmes and financial investment through the Council's Medium Term Financial (MTF) Plan are being used to fund the development of the Residential Homes.

An allocation of £1m has been identified for further expansion of residential care through the local authority's Capital funding. However, we will require significant additional capital and revenue support from Welsh Government if we are to realise the scale of the rebalancing of care envisaged through their Programme for Government. We await clarity and confirmation of further funding streams beyond the current national three year

programme which ends in 2024/2025.  
Any expansion plans will be informed by  
available funding and resources.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.


**DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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**Democratic Services Manager**

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 24**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **CHARGING FOR APPOINTEESHIP**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      Cabinet approve the implementation of a charging structure for local authority managed Appointeeship cases.

**DECISION:**                                 As detailed in the recommendation.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**                As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS  
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**                An initial consultation was conducted with all individuals who receive Appointeeship service and their carers as well as advocacy services and representative agencies.

Prior to full implementation we would look to undertake a full consultation regarding proposed charging structure and implementation.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**                None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**            None.

**DISPENSATIONS**                                None.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                    **23 JULY 2024**                    **AGENDA ITEM NO. 26**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) Cabinet notes the information provided on third sector funding, along with the progress made in implementing a former review;
- b) Cabinet supports a further review of Strategic Funding to address the issues identified, including those highlighted by the recent Internal Audit. Noting that the option to extend current grant funding agreements to 31st March 2027 be taken to allow time to undertake and implement this review; and
- c) That Cabinet endorse a continuation of the Community Chest grant funding scheme, subject to a review to be conducted in 2024/25, to include the terms of reference.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**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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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 27**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                **RECOMMISSIONING OF UNPAID CARERS SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**

- a) Cabinet acknowledge the feedback received locally with regards to carers services as part of the review; and
- b) Cabinet consider and approve the proposals made for the re-commissioning of carers services for a five year period starting from April 2025 as per our Contract Procedure Rules.

**DECISION:**                                As detailed in the recommendations.

**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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**CABINET RECORD OF DECISION**

**DATE OF MEETING:**                      **23 JULY 2024**                      **AGENDA ITEM NO. 28**

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

**SUBJECT:**                                 **THEATR CLWYD BUSINESS PLAN – ANNUAL  
UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**      That Cabinet notes the content of the  
Theatr Clwyd Business Plan, the  
achievements delivered as identified in  
the Impact Report, and the financial  
position as detailed in the accounts  
provided.

**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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