

COMMUNITY PROFILE AND PARTNERSHIPS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
15 OCTOBER 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Monday, 15 October 2012.

PRESENT: Councillor B. Dunn (Chairman)

Councillors: C.J. Dolphin, R.J.T. Guest, R.G. Hampson, H.D. Hutchinson, I. Smith and N.R. Steele-Mortimer

APOLOGIES: Councillors R. Davies, G.D. Diskin, A.I. Dunbar, M.A. Reece and W.P. Shotton

SUBSTITUTIONS: Councillors D. Mackie for R. Lloyd and C.A. Thomas for B. Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor J.B. Attridge

CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. C. Evans and Mr T. Barham, Associates of the Community Foundation in Wales (minute No.18), and Policy, Performance and Partnerships Manager.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Member Engagement Manager and Committee Officer

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 July 2012, were submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Chairman introduced Mr. Colin Evans and Mr Tom Barham, Associates of the Community Foundation in Wales who would be giving a presentation.

The Policy, Performance and Partnerships Manager introduced a report to consider an in principle agreement to transfer existing moribund trust funds to a newly established Flintshire Community Endowment Fund. The Chairman then invited Messrs Evans and Barham to give a presentation on the proposed Flintshire Community Endowment Fund. Mr. Evans provided background information to the proposal and outlined the following key elements of the Fund:

- Endowment (capital)
- Flow through – to support grant making

He commented on grant funding made available to individuals for educational attainment, projects and initiatives that support educational development. Members were advised that the Fund would be managed and administered by the Community Foundation in Wales and decisions on grant support would be determined by local people. The Community Foundation in Wales (the Foundation) was a respected national charity which distributed grants on behalf of donors in excess of £1.7m per annum across Wales. Mr. Tom Barnum detailed the benefits and impact of the proposal to the Authority.

During discussion Mr. Evans and Mr. Barham responded to the questions and concerns raised by Members and gave an assurance that the proposals would not detract from the Community Chest arrangements. Further clarification was provided on the governance and administration arrangements for the Fund, the fees and financial management, and local involvement.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That an in principle agreement to transfer existing moribund trust funds to a newly established Flintshire Community Endowment Fund be endorsed; and
- (b) That a further report which included the Committee's considerations be submitted to Cabinet in November.

19. VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair indicated that there would be a change in the order of business to bring forward agenda item 6 on Community Strategy and Local Service Board – Mid Year Review. The remainder of the agenda would follow in the usual order.

20. COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL SERVICE BOARD – MID YEAR REVIEW

The Policy, Performance and Partnerships Manager introduced a report to seek endorsement of the ongoing work of the Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB).

She provided background information and commented on the key considerations in the report. Members were advised that the first Flintshire LSB Conference was scheduled for 21 November 2012. The purpose of the conference was to show the Authority's commitment to the priorities as outlined and to celebrate the successes from partnership working.

Councillor R. Guest commented on the reference to 'secondary' priorities within the report and suggested that alternative terminology be used to identify those supporting priorities for specialist partnerships.

RESOLVED:

That the ongoing work of the Local Service Board be endorsed.

21. UPDATE REPORT: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS, AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS

The Member Engagement Manager introduced a report to provide an update regarding preparations for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.

During discussion Councillor N.R. Steele-Mortimer expressed the view that there was insufficient publicity regarding the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for the region and that the general public were unaware of the candidates for the position.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

22. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Member Engagement Manager introduced the Forward Work Programme of the Committee.

Members reviewed the current programme and agreed that in addition to the item on Clwyd Theatr Cymru to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 26 November 2012, the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council also be invited to give a presentation to the Committee.

During discussion it was suggested and agreed that the new Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, and the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service be invited to attend either of the meetings of the Committee to be held on 4 February or 11 March 2013.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Work Programme be agreed;

- (b) That the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council be invited to give a presentation to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 26 November 2012; and
- (c) That the new Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, and the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service be invited to attend either of the meetings of the Committee to be held on 4 February or 11 March 2013.

23. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 11.00 a.m.

24. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public or the press in attendance.

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Chairman