

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2014**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

SUBJECT: **PROTOCOL ON COLLABORATION**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To approve the updated protocol on collaboration.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 At the Audit Committee meeting on the 12 June 2013 it received a report on collaborative project arrangements. That report set out details of the arrangements in place in Flintshire to address the governance of collaboration and performance monitoring. The committee resolved to note and monitor the arrangements in place and also that the protocol be developed to include the role of the Audit Committee.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The protocol referred to at the Audit Committee meeting existed in the minutes of the Council and the then Executive where arrangements had been agreed. The four parts of those arrangements have now been embodied in paragraphs 2 to 5 of the protocol which is attached as Appendix 1.

3.02 At the Audit Committee meeting of the 12 June the resolution was confined to adding to the protocol reference to the role of the Audit Committee and this is set out in paragraph 7 of Appendix 1. In preparing the amendment pursuant to the resolution it became clear that there is a need for the protocol to also refer to the roles of Overview & Scrutiny Committees and this is included as paragraph 6 in Appendix 1.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 For the committee to approve the protocol set out in Appendix 1.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 With relevant officers.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – Protocol on Arrangements for Collaborative Projects

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Report and minute of the Audit Committee meeting of the
12 June 2013.

Contact Officer: Peter Evans
Telephone: 01352 702304
Email: peter.j.evans@flintshire.gov.uk