

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY, 2014**

REPORT BY: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2014/15**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To set out the consultation arrangements with Overview & Scrutiny for 2014/15.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The practice for holding budget consultation meetings with Overview & Scrutiny has developed and been refined over the last few years. In recognition of the challenge for 2014/15, members agreed to a change to the original process and timetable for consideration of the budget proposals. This year we shall be holding six meetings, as follows:-

Tuesday 21 January – AM	Housing (HRA)
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Joint Housing and Social & Health Care (Community Services budget – non HRA)
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Environment
Tuesday 28 January – AM	Corporate Resources (Corporate Services and Central budgets)
Thursday 30 January – PM ordinary meeting)	Lifelong Learning (budget item during the ordinary meeting)
Monday 3 February – AM	Corporate Resources (Capital Programme and revenue feedback review meeting)

The Capital Programme and revenue feedback review meeting is open for all Members to attend, as has been our previous practice.

2.02 In addition to the meetings listed above, Members have attended Budget Introduction Workshops which were held on 16 and 18 December, 2013.

2.03 A Budget Overview Workshop for all Members has also been arranged and will be held on Monday 27 January, 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 A presentation to each of the meetings will be made by the relevant Director and/or Heads of Service together with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance. The Leader and the appropriate Cabinet Members have been invited to attend each meeting.

3.02 The budget papers for each meeting are the report to Cabinet on 21st January, and a copy has been sent to each Member. You are asked to bring your copy of that report to each of the budget meetings which you attend.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 The Committee is advised to note the arrangements for budget consultation for 2014/15 and make comments and observations on the budget proposals to the Cabinet.

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 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

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12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 None.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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