

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** **TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2014**

**REPORT BY:** **HEAD OF FINANCE**

**SUBJECT:** **COUNCIL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15  
AND INDICATIVE FUNDING TO 2017/18**

**1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To present the annual Council Fund Capital Programme for 2014/15 and indicative funding levels to 2017/18.

**2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 The draft annual Council Fund Capital Programme for 2014/15 and the indicative funding to 2017/18 was considered by Cabinet on 21 January 2014 for initial approval and was also referred to Overview and Scrutiny for consideration.

2.02 The draft proposals were considered by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 February 2014 (a session open to all members) where Members offered comments and asked a number of questions to clarify issues. A summary of these, together with Officer responses is included in Appendix 3 of the attached Cabinet report.

2.03 The final budget proposals for 2014/15 and indicative funding to 2017/18, which were unchanged from the draft stage, were considered by Cabinet earlier today. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A.

2.04 Cabinet were recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in 8.01 of the attached report in full for recommendation to Council. A verbal update from Cabinet will be provided at the meeting. It is normal Council practice to approve the annual Capital Programme at the annual budget-setting meeting alongside the annual Council Fund Revenue Budget.

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.01 As discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting, and as explained in the report to Cabinet, the financial value of the annual Capital Programme is, in part, dependant on the sale of assets and the availability of the capital receipts from those sales to add to the Council's supported capital borrowing approval and general and specific capital grants.
- 3.02 The Asset Strategy sets out a programme of intended disposals and the capital receipts from those disposals are planned into the Capital Programme year by year. Sale of assets need to both occur during or before the financial year for which their capital receipt is needed, and at the financial value estimated, for there to be sufficient funds available for the total Capital Programme approved for that year.
- 3.03 As discussed at Overview and Scrutiny there is a degree of risk in planning capital receipts due to the unpredictability of market interest in purchase and variations in land valuations. Given the unpredictability this brings the attached report refers, in Sections 5.02.3 to setting a minimal capital receipts target of £1.250m for 2014/15 and subsequently a reduced core programme of £7.400m.
- 3.04 The report also recommends in Section 5.02.4 that any additional capital receipts generated in 2014/15 be kept until the 2015/16 financial year and added to Welsh Government (WG) funding (and continuing in future years) to ensure that the capital programme in future years is set based on an actual level of resources available.

### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.01 The Council is recommended to approve the recommendations listed within the attached report from Cabinet at 8.01.

### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.01 As set out in the report.

### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 Individual capital programme schemes may have specific anti-poverty impacts.

### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.01 Individual capital programme schemes may have specific environmental impacts.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 Individual capital programme schemes may have specific equalities impacts.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None directly as a result of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 All Members and Overview & Scrutiny.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 Initial capital workshops were held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 for all Members; Overview and Scrutiny on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix A – Report to Cabinet 18<sup>th</sup> February: Council Fund Capital Programme 2014/15 and Indicative Funding to 2017/18.

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

2014/15 budget papers, including Welsh Government papers

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