

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

DATE: **TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHIEF OFFICER
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FINANCE MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16
AND INDICATIVE FUNDING TO 2018/19**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To present the annual Council Fund Capital Programme for 2015/16 and indicative funding levels to 2018/19.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The draft annual Council Fund Capital Programme for 2015/16 and the indicative funding levels to 2018/19 was considered by Cabinet on Tuesday 16th December 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 30th January 2015 (a meeting which was open to all Members), where Members offered comments and asked questions to clarify issues. A summary of these, together with Officers responses, is included in Appendix 3 of the attached Cabinet report.
- 2.03 The final budget proposals for 2015/16 and the indicative funding to 2018/19, 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 9.01 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 Flintshire has to achieve revenue efficiencies of circa £50m over the next three years and pressure on capital resources comes at the same time as these revenue pressures and is set to continue until at least the end of the decade. The combination of the two means that it is more important than ever that the Council's revenue and capital service delivery and financial planning are fully integrated.
- 3.02 In approving the 2014/15 Capital Programme Members endorsed a more prudent approach to setting the capital budget, particularly in relation to the recognition of capital receipts. This led to a reduced core programme in 2014/15 and in proposing the budget for 2015/16 this approach has been replicated again.
- 3.03 The Council is currently developing its Capital Strategy and integrated Asset Management Plan. The document will set out clearly the overall approach to capital management, alternative sources of funding and the effective delivery of its capital programmes of work in the future which are likely to move from the current core programme approach to one which is business case derived. This approach to future capital programme delivery will form one of the strands of an overall approach which will be set out within the Medium Term Financial Plan and will also assist and support a more structured and focussed delivery of the capital budget.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That Council approve the recommendations listed within the attached report from Cabinet at Section 9.01.

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 and Scrutiny.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 All Members and Overview and Scrutiny on 30th January 2015.

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix A - Report to Cabinet 17th February 2015: Council Fund Capital Programme 2015/16 and Indicative Funding to 2018/19.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

2015/16 budget papers, including Welsh government papers

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