

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18 DECEMBER 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Friday, 18th December, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Clive Carver (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Dunbobbin, Richard Jones, Vicky Perfect, David Roney, Nigel Steele-Mortimer and Arnold Woolley

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robin Guest

SUBSTITUTIONS: Councillors: Haydn Bateman (for Marion Bateman), David Cox (for Richard Lloyd) and Paul Cunningham (for Ron Hampson)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Christine Jones and Mike Peers

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Aaron Shotton, Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Organisational Change (1)), Corporate Finance Manager

IN ATTENDANCE: Member Engagement Manager and Housing & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

64. BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2015/16

The Chairman welcomed the contributors to the meeting.

The Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager gave a presentation on the Local Government Provisional Settlement 2016/17 which had been given at Cabinet on 15th December, 2015. The presentation covered the following areas:-

- Settlement Context
- Settlement Headlines
- Flintshire Position in the Settlement
- Known Impacts for Flintshire
- Ongoing Local Budget Work
- Ongoing National Budget Work
- Timescale for Phasing the Budget

The Leader of the Council commented on specific grants, particularly the Outcome Agreement Grant, and the continued lobbying of Welsh

Government (WG) to allow Local Authorities greater freedom and flexibility to decide how these grants were spent.

The Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance) and Corporate Finance Manager gave a detailed presentation which covered the following areas:-

- Purpose of today's meeting
- Corporate Overview
- Corporate Finance Efficiency Proposals 2016/17
- Corporate Finance Local Pressures and Inflation
- Inflation
- Service Business Plan Proposals
- Budget Closure Strategy
- National Budget Timetable

The comments and questions which were raised by Members of the Committee on the presentations, together with the responses given, are detailed in Appendix 1 (attached).

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

65. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

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

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.27 am)

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Chairman