

**CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**29 JANUARY 2016**

Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held at County Hall, Mold on Friday, 20 January 2016

**PRESENT: Councillor Clive Carver (Chair)**

Councillors: Peter Curtis, Robin Guest, Ron Hampson, Richard Jones, Vicky Perfect, David Roney, Nigel Steele Mortimer, Arnold Woolley

**SUBSTITUTES**

Councillors: Haydn Bateman (for Marion Bateman), Ian Dunbar (for Andy Dunbobbin) and David Healey (for Richard Lloyd)

**ALSO PRESENT (as all Members had been invited to attend)**

Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Chris Bithell, Helen Brown, Kevin Jones and Dave Mackie

Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee Co-optees: Mr David Hytch, Mrs Rebecca Stark and Mr Bernard Stuart

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor: Ian Smith, Carolyn Thomas, Derek Butler and Christine Jones

**CONTRIBUTORS:**

Councillor Aaron Shotton, Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance) and Finance Manager (Corporate Accounting and Systems)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Member Engagement Manager and Overview & Scrutiny Support Officer

**78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**79. BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2015/16**

The Chair welcomed Members and the contributors to the meeting.

The Chief Executive thanked Members commenting that this was the final Overview & Scrutiny meeting that the Council Fund Revenue Budget would be debated. Following the December mop up session there was only a need to call Overview & Scrutiny back to Education & Youth and Corporate Resources. For Education & Youth it was not because there was new information but the situation in Education & Youth was unclear. For Corporate Resources Stage 1 (situation as at today) with Phase 2 the final proposals to close the 'gap' for report to Cabinet, prior to Council, in February.

## **Council Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17 Stage One Proposals**

The Chief Executive and Finance Manager gave a detailed presentation on the following areas:-

- The budget States, list of Tables to the report and Recommendations to the Committee
- Building Blocks of the Budget
- Initial Budget Forecast
- Budget Stage 1 Phase 1
- Budget Stage 1 Phase 2
- Budget Stage 2
- Ongoing work to balance the Budget
- First Revision of the MTFS 2017/18 Forecast
- MTFS Forecast 2017/18
- Decision making steps
- Closing steps and timetables

Councillor Dave Healey congratulated the Leader and Chief Executive on the “This is our Moment” Public Engagement Events. Focusing on finance he sought clarification on how the savings being made could be communicated to the public.

The Leader responded saying these were the best events Flintshire had held and were a success. There were lessons to be learned, but this was a model to build on, especially when the individual hits on the website were also included. The Chief Executive commented that the feedback from the public events was excellent. He also stressed that many more people had booked to attend than who actually attended.

The comments and responses sheet from the meeting are attached.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be received and that the Member’s comments and the responses thereto be incorporated into the budget consultation section of the report to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

## **80. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 12.00 noon)

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**Chairman**