

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Report Subject</b>	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 – Final Closing Stage
<b>Report Author</b>	Corporate Finance Manager and Chief Executive

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Council has received full reports on previous stages of the budget setting process for 2022/23 and previous reports and appendices are attached as background information.

Cabinet set a revised minimum budget requirement for 2022/23 of £20.696m at its meeting on 14 December.

In January, Cabinet considered a progress report on the key headlines and financial impacts of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement and the work that was needed to be completed to understand the implications of some new responsibilities. The outcome of this work is set out in the attached Cabinet report.

Cabinet considered the report at its meeting this morning which set out how the Council can achieve a legal and balanced budget.

The report is attached as Appendix A and confirmation of the Cabinet Resolution will be provided at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	That the Council approves the recommendations of Cabinet for balancing the budget for 2022/23.
2	That Council approves the level of Council Tax for 2022/23 as recommended by Cabinet.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE CURRENT POSITION – BALANCING THE BUDGET FOR 2022/23</b>
1.01	The Council has received reports at all stages throughout the budget process for 2022/23.
1.02	Council has been updated on the financial forecast for 2022/23 throughout the year and received an update on the additional budget requirement of £20.696m for 2022/23 on 14 December.
1.03	In January, Cabinet considered a progress report on the key headlines and financial impacts of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement and the work needed to be completed to work through the implications of some new responsibilities. This work has now been completed.
1.04	Cabinet considered a report at its meeting this morning which included a recommendation for setting a legal and balanced budget. The report is attached as Appendix A.
1.05	Cabinet’s resolution for balancing the budget will be provided to Members at the meeting and a presentation on the budget will be made to Council.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 15 February 2022 which is attached.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 15 February 2022 which is attached.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 15 February 2022 which is attached.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix A – Cabinet Report 15 February 2022.

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	As included in the Cabinet Report 15 February 2022.

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<p><b>Contact Officer:</b>  Neal Cockerton, Chief Executive  Gary Ferguson, Corporate Finance Manager  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702271  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk">gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	As set out in the attached report.