

CABINET
30TH MAY 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting in the Delyn Committee Room and on Zoom, on Thursday, 30th May 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor Dave Hughes (Chair)

Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Mared Eastwood, Dave Healey, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones, Ian Roberts and Linda Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Housing and Communities), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Chief Officer (Social Services), Senior Manager, Children and Workforce, Corporate Manager, People and Organisational Development, Strategic Executive Officer, Strategic Finance Manager, Democratic Services Manager and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, David Coggins Cogan, Carol Ellis, Dennis Hutchinson, Alasdair Ibbotson, Dave Mackie, Carolyn Preece, Sam Swash.

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

161. FUTURE OPTIONS: LEISURE, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUM SERVICES

Councillor Eastwood introduced the urgent report which provided a summary and update on leisure, libraries and museum services which was previously reported to Cabinet in April and to two Overview and Scrutiny Committees in May.

Further details of the situation as of that day were also provided.

The Strategic Executive Officer explained the scenarios outlined before Members and the advantages and disadvantages of each one.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the communications from Aura be noted;

- (b) That the feedback and opinion from Education, Youth and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted with the recommendation that Cabinet seek to continue with its arrangement with Aura;
- (c) That in light of the information received from Aura today following a request by officers, that officers continue to explore the grant option based upon the provision of a compliant subsidy control assessment. This is dependent upon Aura accepting a new short term grant in order to complete the necessary work on subsidy control;
- (d) That if satisfactory progress is not made in relation to recommendation (c) that a model based upon a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) is progressed; and
- (e) That due to the limited time available and further to the agreement of the Chair of Council, that these decisions are urgent and therefore exempt from call-in.

162. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and ended at 3.00 p.m.)

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Chair