

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 25 th September 2024
Report Subject	Report back from the Call In of Decision No.4243 – Annual Review of Fees and Charges
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance and Social Value
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision of the Cabinet - Record No 4243 Annual Review of Fees and Charges was called in.

The call-in meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee was held on 7th August 2024 at 2pm.

Having considered the decision, the committee chose Option 3: to refer it back to the decision-making person or body (i.e. Cabinet) for reconsideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the cabinet notes the decision of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee call-in meeting with regard to Record No 4243 – Annual Review of Fees and Charges.
2	The Cabinet is invited to confirm or amend its previous decision, having regard to the decision of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE CALL IN
1.01	<p>At the meeting of the Cabinet which was held on 23rd July 2024, the Annual Review of Fees and Charges report was considered.</p> <p>The recommendations of that report, which were approved by Cabinet were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That Cabinet approves the schedule of fees and charges documented in Appendix A for implementation on 1st October 2024.b) That Cabinet agrees that a customer friendly version of the schedule of fees and charges, documented in Appendix A, be produced and published.
1.02	<p>The decision of the Cabinet, which was published as Record No 4243 is as follows:</p> <p><i>As detailed in the recommendations.</i></p>
1.03	<p>That decision was called in by Councillors Alasdair Ibbotson, Carolyn Preece, Gillian Brockley, Sam Swash and Dan Rose on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>The fees approved contain significant reductions in fee levels in cash terms, which would impact on the council's ability to recover costs;</i>2. <i>That the decision is inconsistent with the Income Generation Policy, and</i>3. <i>That cabinet has not given reasons for its departure from policy</i>
1.04	<p>The call in was heard by the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee at 2pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024.</p> <p>The decision of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee was option 3, referral back to Cabinet.</p> <p>The Cabinet is therefore invited to reconsider this issue at its meeting on 17th July 2024 in the light of the call-in.</p> <p>To assist Cabinet in its reconsideration of the previous decision, a <i>draft</i> copy of the minutes is included at Appendix 2.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<p>Appendix 1 – Report of the Corporate Finance Manager and Chief Executive on <i>Annual Review of Fees and Charges 2024</i> considered at Cabinet on 23rd July.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – <i>Draft</i> minutes: Call In, Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Revised Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024</p>

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Appendix 1 – Report of the Corporate Finance Manager and Chief Executive on Annual Review of Fees and Charges 2024 considered at Cabinet on 23rd July.</p> <p>Flintshire County Council Overview & Scrutiny Call-in Arrangements</p>

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Steven Goodrum, Democratic Services Manager</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702320</p> <p>E-mail: Steven.Goodrum@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Call in: under section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview & Scrutiny committee can review a decision which has been made but not implemented. This is known as a ‘call in’.</p>