

EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS - DECISIONS TAKEN **REPORTED TO CABINET – 18.02.25**

Governance

- **Council Tax – Section 13(a) Discretionary Discount Awards**
Section 13(a) 1c of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, provides scope for the Council to use discretionary powers to reduce liability for Council Tax for individual cases or class(es) of properties that it may determine and where national discounts and exemptions cannot be applied or may have expired. The current policy of the Council is to award S13(a) when all other Council Tax exemptions, reductions and discounts have been explored and exhausted in cases where residents have been affected by natural disaster or civil emergency. An application for Section 13(a) Discretionary Relief has been awarded to taxpayers who had to leave their homes due to Storm Babet, and time limited council tax exemptions have expired. The application equates to a total award of £1,272.69 and providing a discretionary council tax discount is appropriate in line with the policy criteria.

Streetscene and Transportation

- **Proposal to Construct a Puffin Pedestrian Crossing on the A549 Mold Road in Buckley**
To note that a formal objection has been received as part of the statutory consultation procedure, which has been reviewed and considered impartially. This delegated report confirms the progress of the proposal to construct a puffin crossing facility on the A549 Mold Road, Buckley.
- **Street Works Fees and Charges for 2025/26**
The fees and charges levied for various licenses and applications issued within Street Works have been reviewed and the proposed charges for 2025/26 are set out in the table in the report. The CIH 12 month rolling rate as of October 2024 was 3.8%. This has been used as the normative inflation index amount and applied to all applicable fees and charges to generate the 2025 fees and charges amount payable. In order to allow applicants to set budgets for the forthcoming financial year, Street Works charges will take effect from 1st April 2025.

Copies of the Delegated Powers reports are retained by the Team Leader – Committee Services and available to view on request by Members.