

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 20 November 2018
<b>Report Subject</b>	2019/20 Council Fund Budget: Updated Forecast and Stage 1 and 2 Budget Proposals
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance
<b>Report Author</b>	Corporate Finance Manager and Chief Executive
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Cabinet will be considering a report on the *2019/20 Council Fund Budget: Updated Forecast and Stage 1 and 2 Budget Proposals* at a meeting on the morning of 20 November. This report is attached as Appendix A. A presentation will be made to Council which will include a verbal report from the Cabinet meeting.

The budget is being developed in stages:

Stage 1: Corporate Finance

Stage 2: Service Portfolios

Stage 3: National Solutions and Balancing the Overall Budget

The Cabinet Report provides an update on Stage 1 and 2 proposals. Council is set to approve the final balanced budget in February and receives the recommendations of Cabinet in stages for approval.

This report gives the latest budget forecast for 2019/20. Once the known impacts of the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement have been taken into full account – and the cost reductions and income generation of the Stage 1 and 2 budget proposals have been accounted for – there is a remaining budget ‘gap’ of £6.7m still to be bridged.

The appendix updates on renewed campaigning activity. Members will be asked to individually and collectively support the campaign for fairer funding for local government and for Flintshire, and to make a formal response to Welsh Government on the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement which is out for consultation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Council approves the Stage 1 and Stage 2 budget proposals.
2	That the Council both supports the proposed campaign and makes a formal response to Welsh Government on the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement.

## REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>STAGE 1 AND 2 OF THE BUDGET FOR 2019/20</b>
1.01	Cabinet will be considering a report on the <i>2019/20 Council Fund Budget: Updated Forecast and Stage 1 and 2 Budget Proposals</i> at a meeting on the morning of 20 November. This report is attached as Appendix A. A presentation will be made to Council which will include a verbal report from the Cabinet meeting.
1.02	The budget is being developed in stages:  Stage 1: Corporate Finance Stage 2: Service Portfolios Stage 3: National Solutions and Balancing the Overall Budget
1.03	This report gives the latest budget forecast for 2019/20. Once the known impacts of the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement have been taken into full account – and the cost reductions and income generation of the Stage 1 and 2 budget proposals have been accounted for – there is a remaining budget ‘gap’ of £6.7m still to be bridged.
1.04	The Stage 1 budget proposals for corporate finance total £7.937m.
1.05	Stage 2 budget proposals for service portfolios total £0.963m and will contribute £0.630m to the budget once income targets and workforce cost reductions, which have been transferred across for inclusion in the Stage 1 targets, have been deducted.
1.06	The appendix updates on renewed campaigning activity. Members will be asked to individually and collectively support the campaign for fairer funding for local government and for Flintshire, and to make a formal response to Welsh Government on the Provisional Welsh Local Government Settlement which is out for consultation.

## 2.00 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

2.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 20 November 2018 attached as Appendix A.
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<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 20 November 2018 attached as Appendix A.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 20 November 2018 attached as Appendix A.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix A - 2019/20 Council Fund Budget: Updated Forecast and Stage 1 and 2 Budget Proposals. Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees are appended to this report.

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS AND CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
6.01	As listed in the appendix.  <b>Contact Officer:</b> Colin Everett, 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>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 20 November 2018 attached as Appendix A.