

Notices of Motion
Flintshire County Council – 18 June 2019

(i) **Councillors Bernie Attridge, Carol Ellis, Helen Brown and George Hardcastle**

Limiting Council Tax Increases

We call upon Flintshire County Council to give a clear mandate to the Cabinet and the senior management team that the Council Tax be capped at 4.5% for the next budget setting process.

We call for this due to representations made by many residents in Flintshire that the 8.75% increase that has been set for the 2019/20 is causing hardship and poverty within our County.

(ii) **Councillor David Healey**

Cyber bullying

Council notes concerns about the impact of cyber bullying on the mental health of young people.

Council also recognises that this is a national problem and that adults, as well as young people often bully others on social media.

Council also believes that the vast majority of young people, within the County, are responsible in the way in which they engage with social media and do not engage in cyber bullying.

Council also notes that all members of the Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Officers stood, in the Council Chamber, on 20 May 2019, in order to pledge that they would not, themselves, engage in social media in ways which denigrate other individuals.

Members of this Council now rise to take a similar pledge so that Flintshire County Council, as a whole, can be seen to be leading the way in setting an example itself with regard to the shameful activity of cyber bullying.

Council calls upon Flintshire residents to make a similar commitment with regard to their engagement with social media so that, in the sixth largest county in Wales, we can all work together to stem the tide of toxic abuse which is causing mental health problems for others, young and old.

Council further requests the Officers to draw up an appropriate report to committees so that this expectation can be embedded in future practice within the Council.

(iii) **Councillor Andy Dunbobbin**

Raising Awareness of Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse

Members may recall that the Welsh Government has developed an e-learning package, to raise awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse. All staff are undertaking this e-learning, which we applaud

The package had been adapted to be available to Members. It would show our support for this worthy initiative if all Members were to do this training, which only takes about 40 minutes.

Can we all commit to giving 40 minutes to acquiring learning which may help all of us to deal more effectively with such issues which we may encounter in our wards?