

CABINET
3 DECEMBER 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held virtually via Webex on Thursday, 3rd December 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Roberts (Chair)

Councillors: Glyn Banks, Chris Bithell, Derek Butler, Dave Hughes, Christine Jones, and Carolyn Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation), Facilities Services Operations Manager, NEWydd Catering and Cleaning, Legal Services Manager and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor: Marion Bateman.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Banks, Butler, Jones and Mullin declared personal interests in agenda item number 3 – NEWydd Modernisation Programme as they were school governors.

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 item by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

52. NEWYDD MODERNISATION PROGRAMME

Councillor Mullin introduced the report which provided details of the proposed operational transition plan for NEWydd Catering and Cleaning Ltd and outlined the phases of implementation which were required to achieve the targets for NEWydd's Modernisation Programme.

The Chief Executive thanked the Chair of Council, who was observing the meeting, for agreeing to the special meeting to be due to the resolution being urgent and for expediency. He explained the reasons for that requirement, which was so that exit payments could be protected.

A number of questions were asked, and answered, on quality of food, the temporary meals provision, non-recyclable products and the new menu that would be available from January 2021.

Members thanked all officers for the work undertaken to enable employee requests to be granted.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed phased implementation of NEWydd’s Modernisation Programme, and the changes to the school catering service, as detailed in the operational transition plan, be approved; and
- (b) That the release of employees who had applied for voluntary redundancy by 31st September 2020 to help facilitate the implementation of the new operating model be supported.

53. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press or public in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m. and ended at 11.50 a.m.)

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Chair