

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, WREXHAM ON
TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2013

MEMBERS

Councillor Neil Rogers, Chair
Councillor Mark Pritchard, Vice-Chair

Councillor	David A Bithell	Councillor	M C King, OBE
"	R J Dutton, OBE	"	Mrs J M Lowe
"	D J Griffiths	"	Carole O'Toole
"	Hugh Jones	"	Michael Williams

* Absent

Also present – Councillors Andrew Bailey, William Baldwin, Brian Cameron, R Alun Jenkins, Arfon Jones, David Kelly, Lloyd Kenyon, Paul Pemberton, John Pritchard, I Roberts, Mrs JMB Roberts, Graham Rogers, Barbara Roxburgh, JR Skelland, Steve Wilson and Phil Wynn.

91 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

The following Councillors gave notice of their intention to declare a personal interest in respect of the items indicated:

Councillors MC King OBE, Carole O'Toole and John Pritchard – Agenda Item 5 – Revenue Budget 2014/15.

Councillors MC King OBE and Phil Wynn – Agenda Item 13 – Improving Outcomes for Young People.

92 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board held on 12 November 2013 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

93 REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (HF/61/13) to provide an update on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget prior to publication of the final Local Government Revenue settlement and the results of the consultation.

The Lead Member informed the Board that today's report provided a draft balanced budget for 2014/15 following conclusion of a workforce wide invitation to employees to declare an interest in voluntary early retirement or voluntary redundancy which had identified further savings.

The Lead Member stated that preparation for the 2014/15 budget remained an ongoing process and a further report would be submitted to the Executive Board in

January, following the publication by Welsh Government of the Final Local Government Settlement.

Members were reminded that the Council had adopted a package approach to reshaping its services, whilst prioritising the most vulnerable.

The Lead Member stated that consultation on the draft budget remained open until 11 December 2013 and encouraged as many people as possible to participate.

In consideration of the report, the following matters were referred to by Members:

- The All Member Workshop to be held on 16 December would include initial analysis of the results of the consultation on the Revenue Budget.
- Confirmation that the proposed savings identified in respect of subsidised bus services was only the Wrexham County Borough Council element. The Lead Member reported that discussions with commercial bus companies were ongoing to attempt to clarify what the potential impact may be of the reduced service.

RESOLVED – That the 2014/15 Revenue Budget, prior to publication of the final Local Government Revenue settlement and the results of the consultation, be noted.

Reason for decision

To enable the Council to determine its Revenue Budget for 2014/15.

(Pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, Councillors MC King OBE, Carole O'Toole and John Pritchard all declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in respect of this matter (Councillor King as Chief Officer of The Venture and Councillors O'Toole and Pritchard as relatives of Wrexham County Borough Council employees). They all remained in the meeting for the consideration and voting thereon).

94 CITIZEN SELF SERVICE

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (LR/15/13) to approve investment in a web based project aimed at transforming the way the Council interacts with customers, providing a modern and professional image of the Council and introducing new and innovative ways of working.

In presenting the report the Lead Member advised the Board that the proposal demonstrated an opportunity to improve customer service and satisfaction whilst also driving efficiencies across the Council. It was recognised that there was an increasing trend to use digital services and that across the UK, government websites offered limited services. Investment in the Council's website would provide access to a wide range of transactional services, enable Council services to be accessible at all times and enable the organisation to prioritise resources on those more vulnerable customers or those with complex needs. The project would be funded as outlined in paragraph 4.37 of the report.

Members considered the report and made reference to the following issues in debate:

- The proposal would place the Council at the forefront of modern public service provision.
- Some disappointment that the matter had not been considered by a Scrutiny Committee. Members were reminded that each Scrutiny Committee determined the issues they wished to consider as part of their work programme planning.
- Noted that an element of funding was proposed to be met from the Transformation Fund.
- Justification sought for the need for investment at a time when the Council was facing severe financial difficulties. The Lead Member reminded the Board that it was anticipated that there would be a need for efficiency savings to be made for at least the next 5 years and the proposal would enable the organisation use resources more effectively and efficiently in the longer term with the business case identifying significant savings over 10 years.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the procurement of a Citizen Self Service portal be approved.**
- (ii) That the proposal to submit bids to the Wales Assembly Government and the Armed Forces Covenant to support funding of the project be approved.**
- (iii) That the virement of £135k from the transformation budget to the Customer Services budget from 2014/15 be approved.**

Reasons for decisions

The proposed investment will enable the Council to:

- (i) address the Welsh Government aspiration of making “online services in Wales the very best in Europe”.**
- (ii) meet the increasing desire of Wrexham customers to use on line services.**
- (iii) raise the standard of service provided to our customers.**
- (iv) have the potential to generate efficiencies associated with channel shift and increased automation of services.**

95 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2014 TO 2016

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (HF/60/13) to approve the Procurement Strategy 2014-16 and its associated action plan.

The Lead Member reported that the Council procured goods and services with an estimated value of £80m each year. The Council actively sought to improve its

procurement activities to ensure that value for money was obtained from purchases whilst also developing opportunities for local supply chains. The proposed strategy brought together the Council's strategic procurement aims and Welsh Government's National Procurement Policy initiatives.

RESOLVED – That the Procurement Strategy 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016 be approved.

Reasons for decision

- (i) To enable the Council to have a clear Strategy as to how it undertakes its procurement activities.**
- (ii) To enable the Council to adopt the principles of the Welsh Procurement Policy Statement and the Construction Commitment Charter for Wales.**

96 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2014/15

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (HF/62/13) to approve a Council Tax Reduction Scheme to commence in April 2014, for the 2014/15 Financial Year.

The Lead Member reported that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014/15 had been developed in accordance with the regulations laid by the Welsh Government on 26 November 2013. There remained limited discretion to Councils to apply additional discretionary elements and it was proposed to leave the discretions adopted for the current year's scheme unchanged for 2014/15. A consultation exercise had been undertaken and the responses were highlighted in the report.

The Lead Member further reported that, following notification from the Welsh Government, it was necessary to ensure that the Board's recommendations incorporated the updated financial figures approved by Welsh Government for the scheme and moved an additional recommendation accordingly.

Noting that the matter was due to be considered by full Council later this week the Lead Member requested that the matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43 (1) of the Council's Standing Orders.

In discussion of the report a Member expressed concern that the costs of the scheme were likely to exceed the funding provided by the Welsh Government. The Lead Member stated that it was not possible to determine the level of applications and it was therefore difficult to predict the shortfall.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the making of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations ("the Prescribed Requirements Regulations") by the Welsh Assembly on 26 November 2013 be noted.**
- (ii) That the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken by the Council on its local discretions in its Council Tax Reduction Scheme (section 5) be noted.**

- (iii) That Council be recommended to adopt The Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirement (Wales) Regulations 2013, as the Scheme for 2014/15, subject to the local discretions that the Council is able to exercise as set out in paragraph 6.1 of report HF/62/13.
- (iv) That Council be recommended to adopt the uprated financial figures in line with cost of living increases which Welsh Government will lay as soon as possible after 5 December.
- (v) That this matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43 (1) of the Council's Standing Orders.

Reason for decisions

The Council is obliged to approve a Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014/15 under the Prescribed Requirements Regulations by 31 January 2014.

97 UPDATE REPORT – NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SERVICE AND INVITATION TO JOIN THE WELSH PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (HF/58/13) to consider the progress made by the National Procurement Service (NPS) against the expected timescales set out in the initial Business Case and a separate invitation to join the Welsh Purchasing Consortium (WPC).

The Lead Member reported that the National Procurement Service would procure common and repetitive categories of goods and services for member organisations. Membership of the NPS could provide the authority with access to an increased number of collaborative contracts which should deliver increased savings. He further reported that the Finance Minister Jane Hutt had stated that "By procuring centrally through the NPS the public sector could save up to £25m a year".

In consideration of the report the following matters were raised by Members:

- The importance of mitigating where possible the potential negative impact on the local economy and the need to ensure that good processes were developed to monitor the ability for local suppliers to interface with large national purchasing organisations. The Lead Member commented on the need to balance the tension between ensuring that local suppliers were protected as much as possible and the need to ensure that value for money was achieved for the Council.
- Requested that the update report clearly identified the savings made for Wrexham. The Lead Member amended the recommendation accordingly.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That the following reports be provided setting out:

- the NPS's progress against expected timescales and savings for Wrexham (September 2014).
 - the details of the Partnership Agreement which will include the terms and conditions of the Council's membership of the NPS (when available).
- (iii) That the Council becoming an official member of the Welsh Purchasing Consortium for the next 3 years up to 31st March 2016, with an annual contribution fee of £13,500 be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (i) Membership of the NPS, subject to certain caveats, was agreed by the Executive Board on 11 December 2012 (HF/47/12) and as part of the Compact Agreement on 6 March 2012 (CLF/07/12).
- (ii) The NPS Business Case highlights strong improvement outcomes and financial benefits for Wrexham.
- (iii) Membership of the NPS will demonstrate a commitment to the principles of achieving procurement savings for common and repetitive spend.
- (iv) The Executive Board can assess the financial and operational impact of any delay in the NPS becoming operational.
- (v) The Executive Board can fully assess the legal, financial and economic risks of entering into membership of the NPS and how these risks are mitigated.
- (vi) Membership of the WPC will demonstrate a collaborative approach to procurement which will deliver further savings.

98 SUMMARY QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (CLF/24/13) to provide the Executive Board with a summary update on progress against the Council Plan as at quarter two 2013/14.

In presenting the report the Lead Member acknowledged that areas for improvement remained but also drew Members' attention to areas of improved performance which included the Homelessness Service, the number of affordable homes produced and services in Children's Social Care in particular.

Members made reference to the following matters in debate:

- The significant improvement in performance in aspects of Children's Social Care was pleasing to note.
- Further explanation regarding the percentage of pupils achieving the Level 2 Threshold including English or Cymraeg and Mathematics was provided.
- The actions being taken that were expected to improve performance on occupational therapy waiting times.

RESOLVED – That the content of report CLF/24/13 be noted.

Reason for decision

To enable the Council to monitor performance against the Council Plan

99 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME JANUARY – APRIL 2014

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance submitted a report (HCCS/137/13) to approve the current list of items included in the Forward Work Programme for the period January to April 2014.

In consideration of the report concern was expressed by some Scrutiny Chairs regarding the short notice at which some items were included on the Executive Board Forward Work Programme and that the purpose of the report was not always fully descriptive.

The Lead Member for Policy, Finance, Performance and Governance commented that where possible information regarding future reports would be made available more quickly.

The Leader reminded Members that the Executive Board Forward Work Programme aimed to highlight future items for consideration and that in some circumstances it was not possible to provide fuller description of the purpose of the report owing to the stages of report development and preparation.

It was noted that the first eight items listed on the Forward Work Programme had been listed for in excess of 12 months.

Members were reminded that Scrutiny Committees were free to identify issues that they wished to scrutinise and that there was no requirement for pre-decision scrutiny of all Executive Board items.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Work Programme be approved.

Reason for decision

To approve the current list of items included in the Forward Work Programme.

100 THIRD AND FAITH SECTOR COMMISSIONING PROJECT AND FUTURE VISION FOR WIDER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Lead Member for Health and Adult Social Care submitted a report (LR/19/13) to provide Executive Board with an outline of the approach being undertaken to review Third and Faith Sector Commissioning in Wrexham County Borough Council and also to update Members on the work being considered to develop sustainable communities by increasing and enhancing opportunities for volunteering.

The Lead Member reported that reviewing Third and Faith Sector Commissioning would establish a consistent approach to managing commissioning contracts with the sector, with the aim to reduce duplication and to ensure that services provided

positive outcomes and value for money. An update report providing the outcome of the review would be submitted in Spring 2014.

The Lead Member also advised Members of the time credit approach to volunteering proposed within the report and requested the Board's support to establish a pilot scheme in two communities in the County Borough to evaluate the potential of the approach.

Members considered the report and commented on the following matters in debate:

- The significant contribution already made by volunteers in the County Borough.
- Support for the proposed approach to wider community involvement and to develop a framework where opportunities to volunteer could prosper. It was felt that more detailed information was required and it was suggested that a workshop be held to provide more information regarding the Council's future vision for community involvement. The Lead Member confirmed that arrangements to hold a workshop were already underway.
- The need to ensure that local Members were kept informed of developments in the pilot areas. The Lead Member amended recommendation (iii) accordingly.
- Suggested that consideration be given to an option to enable the time credit approach to be reinvested back into community projects.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the approach to reviewing Wrexham County Borough Council's funding arrangements with the Third and Faith Sector as outlined within report LR/19/13 be noted.**
- (ii) That the time credit approach to volunteering be noted and the establishment of a partnership approach to set up a time banking framework within Wrexham be agreed.**
- (iii) That the Strategic & Performance Director be granted delegated authority to work directly with Lead Members to choose appropriate communities to pilot any potential time credit or time banking approach to wider community involvement and that Local Members are kept fully informed of such pilots.**
- (iv) That a workshop be held as soon as possible and before March 2014 to provide more detailed information about the Third and Faith Sector Commissioning Project and future vision for wider community involvement.**

Reasons for decisions

- (i) To ensure that services commissioned by Wrexham County Borough Council provide positive outcomes and value for money.**

- (ii) **To ensure a robust volunteering framework is in place which allows new initiatives to exist and develop and to ensure a consistent approach to volunteering is encouraged.**

101 IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Lead Member for Children's Services and Education submitted a report (HLL/18/13) to obtain Executive Board approval to consult with local people over proposals to review, and potentially make significant changes to, the way that education is provided in Wrexham town centre to improve the aspirations, learning and achievement of young people.

The Lead Member reminded the Board that Estyn had placed two Wrexham secondary schools – Ysgol Clywedog and Ysgol Rhosnesni – into special measures. During the past two years, the Local Authority had provided support, challenge and significant additional financial resources in order to support improvement. Academic results at both schools had demonstrated limited improvement and the schools remained in special measures. The Lead Member reported that the Head of Lifelong Learning had now written to the Minister to request that Interim Executive Boards be established at each school to take over the role of the Governors.

The Lead Member then drew the Board's attention to the options contained in the report and provided further detailed explanation of each proposal.

In consideration of the report Members made reference to the following matters:

- Acknowledgement of the urgent need to address the failings of the two schools and the importance of securing improved educational outcomes for young people.
- Concern was expressed by some Members regarding the pace of change, lack of time for consultation and lack of consultation with local Members prior to the commencement of the consultation.
- Suggestion that the initial consultation period be extended to enable more time for responses in light of the busy Christmas period. The Lead Member agreed to extend the evidence gathering exercise to mid February 2014.
- The need to explore whether there were other options for improvement and for consideration of the resultant impact of the proposals on other schools in the County Borough. It was suggested that a more holistic review of all education provision be considered.
- Some Members felt that more detail of the evidential base was required prior to making a decision and it was suggested that the matter be deferred to enable discussion by all Members prior to the commencement of the consultation.
- The Lead Member reminded Members that today's report sought approval to undertake a consultation exercise on the options and was the first step in the evidence gathering process. No decision regarding the future provision of secondary education in the town centre had yet been made. Once a preferred option was identified, more detail would be provided to enable Members to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. It was necessary to address the falling number of applications for places at

Ysgol Clywedog and Ysgol Rhosnesni and the increasing demand for primary school places in the County Borough and to ensure that the Council's vision for education in Wrexham was achieved in all schools. The Lead Member advised that a small working group had considered possible courses of action in order to make an informed recommendation and Members were advised that any other options suggested as part of the consultation exercise would be taken into account. The Head of Lifelong Learning advised the Board that as part of the timetable for evidence gathering, a date had been identified for an All Member Workshop in February 2014, which would enable all Members to debate the matter, prior to the Executive Board's decision on the preferred option in March.

- Request for time to allow the new leadership arrangements in Ysgol Clywedog to be embedded. In response, the Lead Member for Children's Services and Education reminded Members of the significant amount of support that had already been provided to the school and the urgent need for improvement.
- The implications for the future of education provision in Wales arising from the Hill review which would need to be considered in the development of a preferred option.
- The responsibility of governors in effectively challenging and supporting schools to ensure that educational improvements were made.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to defer the commencement of the consultation process pending further debate with all Members. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That a consultation process with local people on the three proposed options for improving educational provision in the town centre set out at Appendix 1 to report HLL/18/13 be approved, save that the first stage evidence gathering period be extended to mid February 2014.**
- (ii) That based on the proposed options, a preferred option be identified and brought back to Executive Board. If this preferred option includes significant changes to the ways in which either school operates a further, detailed, public consultation to be undertaken.**
- (iii) That the public information set out at Appendix 1 be approved for publication.**

Reasons for decisions

- (i) To ensure that education provision within the town centre delivers improved outcomes for young people.**
- (ii) Estyn have placed both Ysgol Clywedog and Ysgol Rhosnesni in special measures, having found that each school's current performance and prospects for improvement were unsatisfactory.**
- (iii) The numbers of pupils and parents choosing to go to Ysgol Clywedog and Ysgol Rhosnesni are falling.**

(Pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, Councillors MC King OBE and Phil Wynn both declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of this matter (as an LA appointed school governor) but claimed the exemptions in paragraphs 12 (2)(a)(iii) or (iv) or (b)(ii) of the Member Code of Conduct. They remained in the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon).

102 FUNDING OF COMMUNITY FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The Lead Member for Environment submitted a report (HE/18/13) to present for consideration the introduction of a Special Expense on Council Tax on those Communities who currently do not fund the costs associated with the provision and maintenance of footway lighting in their areas.

The Lead Member reported that consultation had been undertaken with the relevant Community Councils regarding the proposals and a summary of the responses was contained in the report. It was recommended to introduce a Special Expense on Council Tax on those Community Councils who refuse to fund the provision of footway lighting through the Community Council Precept in response to inequalities in the current funding mechanisms and budget pressures on the street lighting service. The Lead Member advised that as a result of concerns raised, a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board reviewing the Special Expense and to ensure a fair charging policy for the provision of the service across the County Borough.

The Lead Member reported that the issue was also due to be considered by full Council later this week and accordingly requested that the matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43 (1) of the Council's Standing Orders.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Council be recommended to introduce a Special Expense on Council Tax on those Community Councils who refuse to fund the provision of footway lighting through the Community Council Precept.**
- (ii) That this matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43(1) of the Council's Standing Orders.**
- (iii) That a County wide review of footway lighting be undertaken and reported back to the Executive Board as soon as practicable.**

Reason for decision

To promote equality in the way Community footway lighting is funded through the County Borough.

103 ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

The Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships and Collaboration submitted a report (HCWD/44/13) to seek Executive Board approval for the formation of a Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Nominations were sought for two Executive Board members to serve on the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the establishment of a Joint Committee, with appropriate delegated powers be approved.**
- (ii) That the Joint Committee arrangements as set out in the Draft Legal Agreement appended to report HCWD/44/13 be approved.**
- (iii) That Councillors R J Dutton OBE and Hugh Jones be nominated to sit on the Joint Committee.**
- (iv) That the Joint Committee be requested to keep the operational costs to the minimum necessary for the effective working of the Committee.**

Reason for decisions

To establish a joint committee of the three local authorities to oversee management of the AONB in accordance with the relevant statutory framework and approved plans.

104 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO OUTSIDE BODY – BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

The Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships and Collaboration submitted a report (HCCS/132/13) to consider the Council's representation on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) Stakeholder Reference Group

RESOLVED – That the Lead Member with responsibility for Health and Adult Social Care be appointed on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group.

Reason for decision

To ensure that the Council is appropriately represented on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group.

105 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT – RUABON SITE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, LAND APPROPRIATION NOTICE

The Lead Member for Housing and Planning submitted a report (PAW/15/13) to seek Members' approval to the appropriation of land on the Ruabon site for public car parking and authorise publication of notice advising of intention to appropriate.

RESOLVED –

- i) That approval be given for the Council to appropriate the land shown hatched on Appendix 1 of report PAW/15/13 for car parking [and to facilitate the development of the adjoining land shown shaded on Appendix 1 for housing purposes].
- ii) That the Head of Corporate and Customer Services be authorised to publish notice of the Council's intention to appropriate the land shown hatched on Appendix 1 for car parking to facilitate the adjoining proposed housing development in accordance with Section 122(2A) Local Government Act 1972.
- iii) That the Head of Corporate and Customer Services report to Executive Board on any objections to the intended appropriation of the areas of land referred to but that in the absence of objections the land be appropriated for car parking [and to facilitate a housing development].
- iv) That this matter to be dealt with as an urgent item in accordance with Standing Order 43(1) of the Council's Standing Orders.

Reason for decisions

To enable the provision of additional affordable housing throughout the County Borough. Members are asked to approve the appropriation and the publication of an advisory public notice to this effect as a matter of urgency to allow the necessary procedures to be undertaken in time for Social Housing Grant funding to be secured before the end of the financial year 2013/14.

106 PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda Item 18 – Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Members determined in considering this report that Paragraph 14 should apply. Their view on the public interest test was that while they were mindful of the need to ensure that transparency and accountability of public authorities for decisions taken by them in relation to the spending of public money, the right of a third party to the privacy of their financial/business affairs outweighed the need for that information to be made public. This information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered. On that basis they felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

107 SUPPORTING PEOPLE LOCAL COMMISSIONING PLAN 2014/16

The Lead Member for Health and Adult Social Care submitted a report (HHPP/92/13) to seek Member approval of the Wrexham Supporting People Local Commissioning

Plan for 2014/16, prior to its submission to the Regional Collaborative Committee and Welsh Government.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Wrexham Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2014/16 be approved.**
- ii) That submission of the Plan to the Regional Collaborative Committee and the Welsh Government be authorised.**
- iii) That the Spend Plan for the financial year 2014/15 be agreed.**

Reasons for decisions

- i) To comply with the requirement of the Supporting People Programme Grant Guidance (Wales) 2012 for the administration of the Supporting People Programme Grant in Wales 2012.**
- ii) To ensure that the Council is ready and able to make the best use of any Supporting People Programme Grant funding that it receives.**

Councillor Neil Rogers
Chair