

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held in the Town Hall, Rhyl on Tuesday 1 May 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillors E.C. Edwards (Leader), I.M. German, D.M. Holder, R.W. Hughes, G.M. Kensler, D.M. Morris, E.A. Owens, A.E. Roberts, K.E. Wells and E.W. Williams.

Observers - Councillors M.Ll. Davies, S. Drew, P. Douglas, M.M. Jones, M.A. German and W.G. Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive, County Clerk, Director of Resources, Financial Controller.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor W R Webb.

1 URGENT MATTERS

The Leader gave notice of the following items which in his opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972:-

Circulation of the Special Cabinet minutes of 20.03.2001.

Appointment of Recruitment Consultants for Recruitment of Chief Executive - the CEO to give verbal update.

2 MINUTES OF THE CABINET

The Minutes of the Cabinet held on 19 April 2001 (previously circulated) were submitted.

Accuracy of Minutes:-

Item 7 Culture and Leisure Conference "A Foundation for the Future" - Councillor E A Owens pointed out that if there was high attendance having a substantial effect on the budget, financial help might be forthcoming.

Item 13 Petition - Rhyl Road, Denbigh - Councillor G M Kensler referred to the possibility securing funding via the Safer Routes to Schools. Unfortunately such funding had been sought but was not available.

Item 23 Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen - New Classroom Block - Councillor K E Wells asked that "To complete the proposed works a shortfall of £38k existed which would be repaid from another source to ensure no breach of the Council's proposed capital allocation procedures." be included as part of the Resolution.

Matters Arising:-

Item 28 Ruthin Gaol - Councillor R W Hughes referred to the fact that she had mentioned there were possible revenue implications arising from the scheme, in particular the possible need for additional staffing in next year's budget round to support the project.

RESOLVED that subject to the above, the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 April 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 March 2001 (circulated at the meeting) were submitted.

RESOLVED the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 March 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

3 RECRUITMENT

The Leader of the Council submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking approval for external advertisement:

Scale 2 Full Time Admin Assistant/Telephonist ~ Personal Services: Administration HQ temporary to 31 October 2001.

Councillor G M Kensler enquired whether this post was Welsh essential and the Deputy Chief Executive responded it was not since there was sufficient provision existing at Ty Nant.

RESOLVED that the external advertisement of the above post be approved.

4 CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

4(i) The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members nomination to attend the Welsh Coalfields Conference Pontypridd on 17 May 2001.

RESOLVED that Members agreed that attendance at the Conference was not required.

4(ii) The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' nominations for 1 Member and 1 Officer, namely the Cabinet Member for Personal Services and the Corporate Director: Personal Services to attend the National Social Services Conference 2001 at the Harrogate International Centre on 17-19 October 2001 arranged jointly by the LGA and a Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS).

Councillor A E Roberts suggested that as the Corporate Director: Personal Services was due to retire shortly after the Conference, the Senior Officer of Social Services should attend with the Cabinet Lead Member.

Councillor E W Williams asked that a report back from the Conference be made to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that Members approved the attendance of the Cabinet Member for Personal Services and a Senior Officer from Social Services at the National Social Services Conference 2001.

5 GLOBAL WARMING CONFERENCE

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' support for the Denbighshire Agenda 21 Global Warming Conference to be held on 19 May 2001 at Rhyl High School, arranged by the Denbighshire Agenda 21 Forum as part of its programme of raising public awareness of Agenda 21 issues.

Members were asked to inform the Assistant Chief Executive: Strategy if, for example, Group Leaders had not received notice of the Conference.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report and agreed to support the Denbighshire Agenda 21 Global Warming Conference.

6 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE INSTITUTE OF WELSH AFFAIRS AND THE NUCLEAR FREE FORUM

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to continue to fund membership subscriptions to the Institute of Welsh Affairs and the Nuclear Free Forum. Members have in the past attended Nuclear Free Forum meetings and conferences. The Institute of Welsh Affairs produces literature which assisted in policy formation in local government and this year would be carrying out work on regeneration in Wales, the Irish lessons on Objective 1 and on the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Councillor R W Hughes spoke on the importance of the IWA's work, particularly on policy areas. Councillor G M Kensler supported the funding of the subscription and was seconded by Councillor R W Hughes.

Councillor G M Kensler highlighted the importance of the Nuclear Free Forum, particularly for North Wales. Councillor E A Owens asked that a written submission be made to Cabinet from the Members attending the Forum. Councillor E W Williams replied that Councillor G Jones had recently attended a Forum meeting and his written report was with the translator. Councillor A E Owens suggested that Councillor G Jones be asked to include in his report the reasons why the County should continue to subscribe to the Forum and that the matter be deferred until the report is received.

RESOLVED that Members:-

- (a) agreed to continue to fund the membership subscription to the Institute of Welsh Affairs , and
- (b) agreed to defer a decision to fund membership to the Nuclear Free Forum until our Councillor representatives on the Forum have been consulted over the value of continuing membership.

7 FORMER CYNWYD YOUTH CLUB

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to declare the former Cynwyd Youth Club surplus to requirements. As the property has fallen into a state of disrepair, to dispose of it the Council must take steps to trace the successors in title to the original owners and establish an Educational Trust to be approved by the Charity Commissioners.

Councillor E W Williams asked for information on the Trust scheme when available.

Councillor E A Owens asked that the Cost Implications be amended to read "All costs of the disposal will be funded from the proceeds of the sale."

RESOLVED that Members agreed to declare the former Cynwyd Youth Club surplus to requirements, the appropriate steps taken to trace the original owners and to establish a Trust scheme to be approved by the Charity Commissioners, and otherwise to be sold on the open market on terms to be agreed by the Head of Consultancy Services in consultation with the County Clerk, with all costs of the disposal to be funded from the proceeds of the sale.

8 DELEGATED APPROVAL FOR POLICY AGREEMENTS

Councillor E.A. Owens, the Lead Member for Resources and Councillor E.W. Williams, the Lead Member for Best Value submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' agreement to a recommendation to Council seeking Council authority for delegation for Cabinet to approve the policy agreements following consideration by Resources Policy Review and Scrutiny Committee.

County Council agreed on 13 February to participate in principle to enter into agreements regarding implementing aspects of the Better Wales policy framework. Members were asked to agree to recommending to Council that delegated power be given to the Lead Member for Finance and the Lead Member for Best Value to sign the agreements to enable the Authority to draw down the money funded from the National Assembly for Wales.

RESOLVED that Members recommend to Council that authority for delegation for Cabinet to approve the policy agreements following consideration by Resources Policy Review and Scrutiny Committee.

9 APPROVAL OF BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN

Councillor E.W. Williams, the Lead Cabinet Member for Best Value submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' agreement to a recommendation to Council seeking Council authority for delegation for Cabinet to approve the Best Value Performance Plan following its consideration by the Best Value Scrutiny Committee.

Council was required to publish the Best Value Performance Plan by 30.06.2001 but no Full Council meeting was scheduled for agreeing the plan under the current proposed timetable.

It was suggested that copies of the final draft be circulated to all members and that it, subject to Council approval, be discussed at the Best Value Scrutiny Panel and for the final draft to be approved by Cabinet for publication. It was further recommended that the Cabinet Lead Member for Best Value be delegated responsibility for signing off the final agreed text.

Councillor E.W. Williams said the Business Planning and Best Value Manager had been successful in attaining a new post with Wrexham County Borough Council and wished to thank her for her work and wished her well in her new post.

RESOLVED that Members recommended to Council that the procedure in the report be adopted for approving the Best Value Performance Plan.

At this juncture (10.30 a.m) the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to allow Members to consider the following two papers on Foot and Mouth.

10 FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ~ ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

Councillor D.M. Morris, the Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking Members' approval to adopt a risk assessment process for the consideration of areas of land and/or footpaths/tracks prior to consideration being given to reopening to public and for authorisation to open identified areas where they met the criteria laid down in the risk assessment, indicating minimal or no risk should they be opened.

Councillor A.E. Roberts said nothing had changed since the last report and he felt it wise to keep the paths closed.

The Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services outlined various aspects of the paper and said the guidelines being followed in Wales on risk assessments were more stringent than those guidelines issued by the DETR.

Councillor K.E. Wells agreed with Councillor A.E. Roberts and said that the situation was being monitored by Cabinet on a fortnightly basis and that this should be sufficient for the National Assembly for Wales. If certain parts of the County were to be open, it would be extremely difficult to monitor. Councillor R.W. Hughes agreed that the County's paths should remain closed.

Councillor G.M. Kensler expressed her concern that a false and harmful message that the countryside was closed was being sent.

Councillor E.W. Williams said the Forestry Commission had now opened some of their footpaths. Councillor Williams suggested that the Llangollen and Loggerhead sites in particular should now be opened to the public and that signage be provided to show where the footpaths start and finish.

The Chief Executive said over the last month or so, letters had been received from the WLGA, MAFF, DETR, NAFW regarding the opening of footpaths whilst on the other hand new outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease were being reported outside the County. The Chief Executive mentioned the National Eisteddfod to be held in Denbigh in August and the contractor vehicle traffic which would shortly commence. With regard to the National Assembly for Wales, he said the authority given by them to close paths could be recinded at any time, whilst advice received from outside bodies is to gradually relax the closure of paths.

The Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services said it was imperative signage be provided if some paths were to reopen.

RESOLVED that Members agreed the paths stay closed pending a report to the next Cabinet.

Councillors G.M. Kensler and E.W. Williams asked for their vote for opening the paths be recorded.

11 FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ~ SPECIAL NAFW SUPPORT

The Leader submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking Members' approval to the financial assistance processes and promotional material required in order to give effect to the £880,000 financial assistance which has been provided to the Authority to disperse to businesses affected by the Foot and Mouth Disease. The finance would need to be committed by 30 June 2001. If the proposed application forms were approved, the forms should be despatched by 4 May 2001.

The Director of Resources detailed talks with the WLGA, NAFW and other Local Authorities.

The Head of Economic Regeneration outlined the application form for financial assistance. The forms had been produced following advice given by the National Assembly for Wales.

Councillor E.W. Williams said although bed and breakfast businesses on farms were ineligible, they had been hard hit. He asked if Denbighshire was progressing in a similar way to other North Wales Authorities. The Director of Resources said other Authorities were progressing in a similar way, although the processes were not exactly the same.

The Head of Economic Regeneration said farm businesses were excluded from financial assistance but could be eligible if farmers were able to separate their farm and bed and breakfast accounts.

Councillor G.M. Kensler asked that riding establishments be given in the examples on the application form. The Head of Economic Regeneration said the examples given had been suggested by the Assembly and that any business may apply.

Councillor E.A. Owens said all Members should encourage businesses to apply and that staff would be available to help with the completion of the application forms. Councillor K.E. Wells said if a 10% response to a mailshot of 4,500 is received we must have enough staff available to deal with both telephone calls and applications.

Councillor E.W. Williams asked to see costs when figures became available, to ensure the bulk of the money was given to businesses and not to the Authority for administering the scheme.

Councillor R.W. Hughes said extra staff would be required to administer the scheme. Councillor Hughes also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Director of Resources, Financial Controller and Head of Economic Regeneration and staff involved with this work.

Councillor I.M. German asked where the staff administering the scheme would be based. The Director of Resources said the staff would be based either at Rhyl or Prestatyn.

The County Clerk suggested an amendment to the Recommendation at 7.2, that authority be given to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Finance and the Leader. This was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED that Members approved the:-

- (a) *application forms which are attached together with the list of affected business sectors and priority areas;*
- (b) *establishment of a temporary unit in order to evaluate all applications. It is likely that the staff for this will be recruited from external agencies and possibly charged to Bellwin as an approved element of the special grant;*
- (c) *that authority be given to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Finance and the Leader to approve all consequential matters arising from this report including the staffing arrangements for the Foot and Mouth Unit;*
- (ch) *that criteria for grant allocation be reported to the next Cabinet;*
- (d) *that the evaluation will be managed by the Director of Resources, Director of the Environment, Financial Controller, Head of Revenues and Head of Economic Regeneration. Their*

recommendations should be placed before a panel of the Cabinet to consist of the Leader, the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance and the Lead Cabinet Member for Tourism;

- (dd) *that a report from the panel recommending awards shall be placed before a special Cabinet meeting on the 18 June 2001, and*
- (e) *the proposal to promote 2 specific forms of grant namely the Section 2 Local Government Act 2000 direct financial assistance to companies and Hardship Relief under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 . Opportunity will be taken also to draw businesses attention to the opportunities of Rural Rate Relief under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997.*

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

***RESOLVED** under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 8, 9 and 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*

13 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD, DENBIGH

(The Chief Executive declared a private or personal interest in the following item but this was not clear and substantial).

The Chief Executive sought Members' views on the continuing of the National Eisteddfod's preparations in Denbigh for this year's Eisteddfod despite the general closure of the County's footpaths at present. In addition, there was a need to consider involving the County's PR Unit in helping to publicise that this event was proceeding.

Councillor A.E. Roberts suggested that decisions appertaining to the Eisteddfod were in the end a matter for the Eisteddfod Committee to determine. Councillor R W Hughes added that the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod was also continuing.

***RESOLVED** that preparations for the Eisteddfod should continue, and that the Eisteddfod Committee be advised accordingly.*

14 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Following on the decision from Council the Chief Executive reported that 6 expressions of interest in providing recruitment consultancy services had been received. Four tenderers were of a standard which would justify their being interviewed having regard to their expertise in the field and their indicative tenders, though costs varied considerably.

Councillor E.A. Owens proposed that the four tenderers identified by the Chief Executive be invited to make a presentation.

A mutually convenient date was identified as being 2.00 p.m. on 17 May 2001.

***RESOLVED** that four tenderers identified by the Chief Executive be invited to make a presentation to the Special Appointment Committee at 2.00 p.m. on 17 May 2001.*

15 POST 16: COMMUNITY CONSORTIA (CCET) ELWA

Councillor K.E. Wells submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking Members' agreement to Denbighshire's preferred option for membership of a Community Consortia for Education and Training (CCET) to inform ELW_a (Education and Learning Wales) responsibilities for Post-16 education and training in Wales.

Members discussed the three options outlined in the report in particular the Denbighshire preferred option, option 3, to set up a Denbighshire CCET with a place on the executive for Yale, Deeside, Celyn, Llysfasi and Llandrillo Colleges. Members and officers would have oversight of the County's needs and provision whilst taking the best from all college and business based providers.

Councillor G.M. Kensler said she was pleased to support Councillor Wells and agreed with the preferred option 3. She asked what was meant by the lack of further funding to develop 11 learning centres. The Chief Executive said the Assembly had encouraged the development of learning centres under Objective 1 and this had been oversubscribed but Denbigh had been successful.

RESOLVED that Members agreed Denbighshire's preferred option, Option 3 as outlined in the report, for membership of a Community Consortia for Education and Training (CCET) to inform ELWa (Education and Learning Wales) responsibilities for Post-16 education and training in Wales.

16 YSGOL DINAS BRAN ~ SALE OF THE CATHOLIC FIELD

Councillor K.E. Wells, Lead Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to declare the Catholic Field at Ysgol Dinas Bran surplus to requirements and to pursue the sale of the Catholic Field and to further develop the school complex.

Councillor E.W. Williams gave his support for any development in Llangollen but was concerned about the value of the land due to its location.

Councillor E.A. Owens said Members should see some revenue savings when the capital receipts were received.

RESOLVED that Members:-

- (a) agreed that the LEA declare the Catholic Field site surplus;
- (b) agreed give permission to seek planning permission for the redevelopment of the Catholic Field site at Ysgol Dinas Bran, and
- (c) agreed that permission is given to seek planning permission for the redevelopment of the school as detailed in the report.

17 LAND AT MAES Y WAEN, CARROG

The Leader submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to the sale of land at Maes y Waen, Carrog comprising approximately 375 sq m and outlined black on the plan attached to the report.

Councillor I.M. German asked about the sale of allotments. The County Clerk said the sale of the allotment would not affect the overall balance of the allotment land package.

RESOLVED that Members agreed:-

- (a) to declare approximately 375 sq m of land at Maes y Waen, Carrog surplus to requirements and to be sold to Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd Housing Association for the provision of a property with disabled facilities, and
- (b) other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Consultancy Services in consultation with the County Clerk.

18 RUTHIN GAOL

Councillors D.M. Morris and R.W. Hughes submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members approval to let the contract of £1,794,927 for the main phase of the refurbishment of Ruthin Gaol.

Councillor D.M. Morris said Mr. Phil Ebbrell, the Conservation Architect had received an e-mail from CADW regarding the funding of £110,000 which had been agreed in principle. The letter of confirmation from CADW would follow. Councillor E.A. Owens questioned the "in principle" mentioned in the e-mail. The Conservation Architect said CADW allocate funding on the basis of works carried out at the end of the contract and costs that had been incurred.

Councillor R.W. Hughes thanked the Conservation Architect for all the hard work he had undertaken on this and other projects in the County.

RESOLVED that the Members approved the contract for the next phase of Ruthin Gaol for the core project (HLF funded work) in the sum of £1,794,927 be awarded to Watkins Jones Ltd of Wrexham.

At this juncture (12.30 p.m) the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments.

19 JOB RE-EVALUATION FOLLOWING RESTRUCTURING

The Leader introduced Alan Broomhead, Director Alansco.

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the background to the Job Re-evaluation following the Management Restructuring. The final figure remained to be confirmed although likely indications were a saving of £111,000.

Mr. Broomhead gave Members details from his report. Members raised a number of issues which Mr. Broomhead responded to.

A revised salary structure was proposed and agreed. Individual staff members who sought job re-evaluation will be informed of the outcome of the review.

RESOLVED that Members approved the recommendations contained within Alan Broomhead's report with an implementation date of 1 April 2001.

The meeting concluded at 1.00 p.m.

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER

DATE: 17 MAY 2001

SUBJECT: NORTH WALES FIRE AUTHORITY - MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY AND OF THE EXECUTIVE PANEL

1. DECISION SOUGHT

To appoint four Members to serve on the North Wales Fire Authority and from amongst that membership to nominate two Members to serve on the Executive Panel of the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 A request has been received from the Clerk to the North Wales Fire Authority for the County Council to appoint four Members to serve on the Fire Authority and from amongst that representation, to nominate two Members (instead of one as in previous years) to serve on the Executive Panel of the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002. Both appointments to the North Wales Fire Authority and nominations to serve on the Executive Panel are made on an annual basis.

2.2 For Members' information, Denbighshire's current representatives are Councillors M.LI. Davies, N. Hugh-Jones, D. Jones and D.M. Morris with Councillor D.M. Morris appointed to serve on the Executive Panel of the Fire Authority.

2.3 Named substitutes were also appointed as follows -

Fire Authority Representatives -	M.LI. Davies (M.M. Jones)
	N.Hugh-Jones (T.M. Parry)
	D. Jones (no name given)
	D.M. Morris (no name given)
Executive Panel Representative -	D.M. Morris (M.LI. Davies)

3. COST IMPLICATIONS

Approved duty.

4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

N/A

5. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT

N/A.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING CORPORATE

N/A.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That four County Council representatives be appointed to serve on the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002;

7.2 That from amongst the County's representatives, two Members be appointed to the Executive Panel of the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002; and

7.3 That named substitutes for the above representatives be appointed if desired.

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- 8 MAY 2001
CABINET/ADMINISTRATION

**VACANCY CONTROL
APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL
ADVERTISEMENT**

Directorate: Social Services Section: Cefndy Children's Resource Centre

Post Title: Social Worker temporary post Salary Grade: SW 1-3 full time

**JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT
(This part must be completed for all posts)**

Due to the shortage of Social Workers within Social Services Children's Section at this present time, the Service Manager is anxious to advertise externally for this Children's First post which is funded until 31/3/2004.

Signed: Meirion Hughes (Corporate Director) Dated: 2/5/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts (Lead Member of Service Committee) Dated: 3/5/2001

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 8 May 2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons Agreed - funded until 31/3/2004

Please return this form to the Director of the Employing Directorate.

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VACANCY CONTROL APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Directorate: Personal Services Section: Community Agency, Rhyd

Post Title: Community Development Officers Salary Grade: SO1, 1@ f/t & 1@ 14 hrs p wk

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

These posts has been recently advertised internally with no response, these posts need to be filled in order to support the Community Agency. One post is full time permanent, the second post is 14 hours per week and is funded by Sure Start until 31/3/2002.

The Community Workers work with communities experiencing disadvantage, to enable them collectively and individually to identify needs and rights, clarify objectives and take action to meet these within a democratic framework which respects the needs and rights of others. The Agency plays a major part in the community development of its area and these jobs, by giving active and practical support to individuals and groups assists them to make a major and vital contribution to the development and/or generation of their community.

Signed: Merion Hughes (Corporate Director) Dated: 3/5/2001

Signed: AER Roberts (Lead Member of Service Committee) Dated: 4/5/2001

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 8 May 2001

Approved Refused [checkbox checked] [checkbox]

Comments/Reasons

[Blank lines for comments]

Please return this form to the Director of the Employing Directorate.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: LEADER PLUS

1 DECISION SOUGHT

To approve the submission of an approximate total bid for 2001-2006 of £800,000 for LEADER Plus funding for a local action group serving rural areas of Denbighshire and Flintshire.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

The European Union's "LEADER" programme supports innovative approaches to rural development which would not qualify for financial assistance through its mainstream funding. The National Assembly for Wales (NAW) has invited competitive bids from local action groups (LAG's) for funding from the latest phase of the programme, which is known as "LEADER Plus". On the advice of NAW and following discussions with officers of neighbouring unitary authorities, the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) and the existing Cadwyn LEADER II group, the course of action most likely to secure access to LEADER Plus funding for Denbighshire has been determined to be the submission of a bid for a LAG based on rural areas of Denbighshire and Flintshire. To this end, a partnership comprising the two County Councils and the WDA has appointed consultants to determine the scope and nature of the application which would be most likely to gain approval taking into account the themes for the programme and criteria relating to population density and the coherence of the area, and to prepare a bid accordingly.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

If the application is successful it will enable the County to access 90% grant aid for rural development projects.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The application for 90% funding does not automatically mean an obligation on the Council to provide the matching 10%. This can come from other sources and all available sources will be pursued.

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Neighbouring unitary authorities, WDA, Cadwyn LEADER II group, National Assembly for Wales and a representative group of the public, private and voluntary sectors from rural Denbighshire and Flintshire.

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

Assists with the implementation of the Council's economic development, Objective One, anti-poverty and countryside strategies.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council should approve the submission of an approximate total bid for 2001-2006 of £800,000 for LEADER Plus funding for a local action group serving rural areas of Denbighshire and Flintshire.

REPORT TO CABINET

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

CABINET MEMBER: Lead Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: Local Member Nominations for LEA Governor Vacancies

1. Decision Sought

1.1 To consider nominations received for LEA Governor vacancies from the Local Member(s) for the area in which the schools are located subject to Council having previously approved the criteria for selection.

2. Reason for Seeking decision

2.1 Prior to 1st April 1996, the appointment of LEA Governors was administered by the previous Clwyd County Council as Local Education Authority.

2.2 Under the Education (School Government) regulations 1989 this function now falls to Denbighshire county Council in respect of those schools within county.

2.3 Council on 15th May will have considered revisited Criteria against which the nominations have been assessed.

3. Cost Implications

No additional cost to the Council.

4. Financial Controller statement

No additional cost to the Council.

5. Consultation carried out

Nominations have been sought and assessed against LEA Criteria approved by Council.

6. Implications on other policy areas

None

7 Recommendation

That the following nomination(s) for LEA Governor appointment(s) be approved the names listed below being the names nominated by the Local Member(s) for the Schools.

CORWEN C.P.

Local Member: Councillor W.R. Webb

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Mr William Richard Jones, Garth, 2 The Terrace, Corwen 18.12.04

Mrs Susan Snow, Ty Eira, Godre'r Gaer, Corwen 18.12.04

Mrs Zena Mabel Jones, Gwynfryn, The Crescent, Corwen 26.2.01

NOMINATION

Mrs Zena Mabel Jones, Gwynfryn, The Crescent, Corwen.

CYFFYLLIOG C.P.

Local Member: Councillor P.O. Williams

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 2

Mrs Bethan Lloyd, Pentor, Bontuchel, Ruthin 18.12.00

Mrs Bethan Clwyd Thomas, Heulfryn, Cyffylliog, Ruthin 18.12.00

NOMINATIONS

Mrs Bethan Lloyd, Pentor, Bontuchel, Ruthin.

Mrs Bethan Clwyd Thomas, Heulfryn, Cyffylliog, Ruthin.

LLANRHAEDR YNG NGHINMEIRCH C.P

Local Member: Councillor P.O. Williams

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr P.O. Williams 21.9.03

Mr Kenneth Samuel Armstrong, Wern Neidr, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh 22.4.01

NOMINATION

Mrs Lisa M. Leece, Ben Y Bryn Isa, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh.

MELIDEN C.P. (YSGOL MELYD)

Local Member: Councillor Ms R.W. Hughes

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr Ms R.W. Hughes 30.3.02

Mr Rick Abbas, 42 Ffordd Tanrallt, Meliden 18.11.02

Mrs Belinda Ann Ward (Barrett), 83 Ffordd-Ty-Newydd, Meliden Resigned

NOMINATION

Mrs L. Galley, 4 Lon Cwybr, Rhuddlan, Rhyl.

PENTRECELYN C.P.

Local Member: Councillor G. Jones

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 2

Mrs Carol Ward, Pen y Bryn Isaf, Graigfechan, Ruthin	28.1.01
Mr Peter Rees, Affallon, Old Gate Lane, Llandegla, nr Wrexham	18.12.00

NOMINATIONS

Mr Timothy W. Jones, Ty Hir, Pentrecelyn, Ruthin.

Mr A.J. Best, 3 Maes Cantaba, Ruthin.

PRESTATYN YSGOL BODNANT JUNIOR C.P.

Local Member: Councillor S. Drew - N. Hugh-Jones

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 3

Mr Alan Roberts, 7 Brig-y-Don, Prestatyn	28.1.01
Mr John E. Williams, 99 Gronant Road, Prestatyn	28.1.01
Mr William Derrick Parry, 23 Tudor Avenue, Prestatyn	28.1.01

NOMINATIONS

Mr Alan Roberts, 7 Brig-y-Don, Prestatyn.

Mr John E. Williams, 99 Gronant Road, Prestatyn.

Mr William Derrick Parry, 23 Tudor Avenue, Prestatyn.

PRESTATYN YSGOL Y LLYS C.P.

Local Member: Councillor G.A. Clague - K.E. Wells

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Mr Gareth Davies, 81 Victoria Road, Prestatyn	31.8.04
Mr R.G. Griffiths, Errigal, 8 Clwyd Avenue, Dyserth, Rhyl	14.12.03
Mr John Purser, 13 Rhodfa Derwen, Nant Parc, Prestatyn	22.4.01

NOMINATION

Mr John Purser, 13 Rhodfa Derwen, Nant Parc, Prestatyn.

RHUDDLAN C.P. (YSGOL Y CASTELL)

Local Member: Councillor F.D. Jones - S. Thomas

No. of LEA Governors: 4

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr F.D. Jones	12.4.02
Cllr S. Thomas	14.10.01
Mrs Jane Elizabeth Colclough, The Warren, Hylas Lane, Rhuddlan	2.2.04
Mrs Angela Rich, Bryn-y-Wal, Pentre Lane, Rhuddlan	Resigned

NOMINATION

Mr John McCormick, 5 Cwrt Gwindy, Gwindy Street, Rhuddlan.

RHYL, YSGOL DEWI SANT

Local Member: Councillor A.E. Fletcher-Williams - Frank Shaw

No. of LEA Governors: 4

No. of Vacancies: 4

Cllr A.E.W. Jones	22.4.01
Mr Rufus Adams, 10 Grange Park, Rhyl	22.4.01
Mr Dafydd Timothy, Blaen y Coed, Ffordd Derwen, Rhyl	22.4.01
Mr Sion Tudor Evans, 15 Tower Gardens, Rhyl	22.4.01

NOMINATIONS

Mr Rufus Adams, 10 Grange Park, Rhyl.
Mr Dafydd Timothy, Blaen y Coed, Ffordd Derwen, Rhyl.
Mr Sion Tudor Evans, 15 Tower Gardens, Rhyl.
Mr Alun V. Edwards, 29 Rhodfa Madryn, Rhyl.

ST. ASAPH JUNIOR C.P. (YSGOL ESGOB MORGAN)

Local Member: Councillor J.A. Smith

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr J.A. Smith	21.9.03
Mrs Christine Litherland, Bryn Mawr, Cwm, Dyserth	23.5.04
Mrs Rosie Gilmartin, Ridgemere, Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph	28.1.01

NOMINATION

Mrs Rosie Gilmartin, Ridgemere, Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph.

BRYNEGLWYS/LLANDEGLA (YSGOL DYFFRYN IAL) (C)

Local Member: Councillor D.M. Holder

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 1

Mr Ifan Dilwyn Hughes, Felin Fechan, Bryneglwys, Corwen	21.9.03
Mrs Sheila Rosemary Byrne, 2 The Village, Llandegla, nr Wrexham	22.4.01

NOMINATION

Mrs Mavis Holder, Ty'Hir, Chester Road, Llandegla, Wrexham.

PRION (C)

Local Member: Councillor P.O. Williams

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 2

Mr John Evan Davies, Tan y Garth, Prion, Denbigh 22.4.01

Mrs Gwenfair Davies, Fron Haul, Prion, Denbigh 22.4.01

NOMINATION

Cllr P.O. Williams.

Mrs Gwenfair Davies, Fron Haul, Prion, Denbigh.

TREFNANT (C)

Local Member: Councillor M.LI. Davies

No. of LEA Governors: 2

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr M.LI. Davies 31.8.04

Mr Arthur Ellis Williams, Bron Derw, 14 Ffordd Pen y Coed, Trefnant 9.2.01

NOMINATION

Mr Arthur Ellis Williams, Bron Derw, 14 Ffordd Pen y Coed, Trefnant.

DENBIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Local Member: Councillor N.J. Hughes - R.E. Jones

No. of LEA Governors: 5

No. of Vacancies: 2

Cllr R.E. Jones 21.9.03

Mr David Crossley, Plas Castell, Bull Lane, Denbigh 2.2.04

Mr Morton E. Evans, Doverhay, Ruthin Road, Denbigh 14.12.02

Mr Robert Clwyd Parry, Bryn Clwyd, Waen, Bodfari, Denbigh 22.4.01

Mr Edward Emrys Williams, Highfield, 2 Llewellyns Est, Denbigh 22.4.01

NOMINATIONS

Mr Robert Clwyd Parry, Bryn Clwyd, Waen, Bodfari, Denbigh.

Mr Edward Emrys Williams, Highfield, 2 Llewellyns Est, Denbigh.

LLANGOLLEN DINAS BRAN HIGH SCHOOL

Local Member: Councillor R.J.R. Jones - A.J. Tobin

No. of LEA Governors: 5

No. of Vacancies: 3

Cllr R.J.R. Jones 21.9.03

Cllr W.R. Webb 18.12.00

Cllr A.J. Tobin 8.12.00

Mr David George Henry Wolton, 2 Bryn Derwen, Rhewl, Llangollen 23.5.04

Mr T.J. Clutton, 9 Trem y Castell, Regent Street, Llangollen 18.12.00

NOMINATIONS

Cllr W.R. Webb.

Cllr A.J. Tobin.

Mr Berwyn Clwyd Jones, Springfield, Fron Bache, Llangollen.

PRESTATYN HIGH SCHOOL

Local Member: Councillor D.M. Morris - T.M. Parry

No. of LEA Governors: 5

No. of Vacancies: 2

Cllr K.E. Wells	12.4.04
Cllr N. Hugh-Jones	21.9.03
Cllr D.M. Morris	22.4.01
Mr Huw Harris, 27 Palmeira Gardens, Prestatyn	21.9.03
Mr Ian Papworth, Tryfelin, Cwm Road, Trelawnyd, Rhyl	Resigned

NOMINATIONS

Cllr D.M. Morris.

Mr W.D. Weston, Ashlands, Fforddlas, Prestatyn.

Mr D. Thomas 46 Plas Uchaf Avenue, Prestatyn.

PLEASE NOTE ONLY 2 VACANCIES

RUTHIN YSGOL BRYNHYFRYD

Local Member: Councillor E.C. Edwards - K.N. Hawkins - M.M. Jones

No. of LEA Governors: 5

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr M.M. Jones	18.12.04
Cllr K.N. Hawkins	21.9.03
Cllr E.W. Williams	16.9.01
Cllr E.C. Edwards	22.4.01
Mr Dewi Vaughan Jones, Ty'n Llanfair, Pentrecelyn, Ruthin	18.12.04

NOMINATION

Cllr E.C. Edwards

RHUDDLAN YSGOL TIR MORFA

Local Member: Councillor F.D. Jones - S. Thomas

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 2

Cllr R.W. Hughes	31.8.04
Cllr F.D. Jones	15.3.01
Mrs Margaret Pamela Green, 4 Groom Avenue, Rhyl	15.3.01

NOMINATIONS

Cllr F.D. Jones.

Mrs Margaret Pamela Green, 4 Groom Avenue, Rhyl.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Lifelong Learning

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: Mobile Classrooms - Future Requirements

1 DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 Approval to a programme of additional mobiles to cater for increased school rolls and a phased replacement of existing stock.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 As part of the revenue settlements for Lifelong Learning Directorate in 2001/2 Council has approved a sum of £250k to pursue a programme of phased replacement of mobiles based on condition factors. Additionally, mobiles needed for increased numbers or curriculum reasons may also be provided and furnished from within this allocation.

2.2 A Directorate analysis has confirmed that 10 additional mobiles will be required for September 2001 as follows:

Ysgol Brynhafryd	(3 Classrooms & 1 Laboratory)
Prestatyn High School	(4 Classrooms)
Ysgol Esgob Morgan, St Asaph	(1 Classroom)
Ysgol Bryn Hedydd, Rhyl	(1 Classroom)

2.3 In terms of existing mobile classrooms, there are currently 58 on school sites of which 5 are considered to be in immediate need of replacement based on condition factors:

Ysgol Maes Hyfryd, Cynwyd
Ysgol Heulfre, Denbigh
Ysgol Twm o'r Nant , Denbigh
Ysgol Hiraddug, Dyserth
Ysgol Borthyn, Ruthin

2.4 A replacement programme for the remaining 53 mobiles needs to be considered against a number of factors - flexibility in view of potential additional Capital Funding, falling primary school rolls generally, School Organisation Plan/ Asset Management plan requirements.

2.5 Tender documents were sent out to six contractors to provide various options for rental. Rental for a short period for a limited number of mobiles to a comprehensive replacement over a longer period. Costs were to include for all installation works and fitting out and compliance with current legislation. The mobiles were to be rented and fully maintained by the installer. Unfortunately only three tenders were returned . One of which was void as they had not returned their tender on the due date. On analysis one tenderer was clearly lower and was in line with the anticipated costs.
Professional fees were incurred in the contract documentation of this and will be incurred for the site supervision.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

15 mobiles within 2001/02 financial year of which the additional 10 mobiles referred to above will be in place for start of term in September 2001 - £210K (This includes a nonrecurring setting up cost of approximately £150K which would allow for further mobiles to be rent in yrs 2 & 3)

Furniture purchase for additional mobiles - £35K

Fees for contract documentation and site supervision - £ 5K

Total - £250K

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The report is in accordance with the additional budget provided. Before putting the agreement in place Design Services will need to consult with Central Accountancy to ensure that the transaction does not constitute a credit arrangement under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act (1989).

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

5.1 Headteachers

5.2 Corporate Property Unit

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

6.1 In line with overall Asset Management Plan requirements

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That the contract be let initially for the rental of 10 mobiles for September 2001 and for a further 5 replacement mobiles during the financial year.

7.2 That an option to terminate is built into the contract should the need arise.

7.3 That an ongoing review of future replacement mobiles be undertaken in consultation with Corporate Property Unit and Design Services having regard to the cost implications, condition surveys, Asset Management Plan developments and potential additional capital monies.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor K E Wells

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: **Plas Brondyffryn School, Redevelopment**

1 DECISION SOUGHT

Approval to submit Planning Applications in relation to the redevelopment of Plas Brondyffryn School.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

Following the consultation period on the proposed redevelopment of the school, the Authority will in due course need to apply for Planning Permission.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

Planning fees of £190 per application.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

£2 million has been promised by the Assembly towards the redevelopment. Detail costings of the scheme will need to be carried out at the Design and Planning stage in order to keep within the overall budget.

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Consultation to date has been carried out by means of the Plas Brondyffryn Redevelopment Consultation Document. Further consultation will be carried out in due course.

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

None.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That Members endorse Officers actions in seeking Planning Permission in relation to the redevelopment of Plas Brondyffryn school.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR A E ROBERTS

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: CHILDREN FIRST SUMMARY ACTION PLAN

1 DECISION SOUGHT

Endorsement of the Children First Summary Action Plan.

Key recommendations are made in respect of

- improving the health and educational outcomes of children looked after by the local authority
- reducing offending by children looked after by the local authority
- improving the stability of placements for children looked after by the local authority
- increasing the number of children adopted, where this is in their best interests
- improving the involvement of children and families receiving services from the Social Services Department in the planning of those services
- improving arrangements to protect children from abuse or neglect
- ensuring a timely and effective response to requests for a service from the Social Services Department
- ensuring that social care workers and foster carers are appropriately skilled, trained and qualified, and promoting the uptake of training at all levels
- planning to meet the requirements of the Children (Leaving Care) Act which has to be implemented from Oct 2001

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

Endorsement of the plan is required by the National Assembly for Wales as stated in circular 4/2001.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

The Children's Services Grant from the National Assembly for Wales allocates £320,480 to Denbighshire for the Children First programme for 2001-2002. Subject to the Authority achieving designated objectives, the programme will continue to be funded until 2004.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The Action Plan will detail the services that will be funded from the Children's Services grant for the current year.

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Consultation is underway with the following:

- Corporate Management Team
- Children's Strategic Planning Forum
- Local Health Group
- North Wales Health Authority
- Conwy/Denbighshire NHS Trust
- Children's Rights Service
- Care Leavers

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

Members of the County Council have a corporate responsibility for children looked after by the authority.

The Children First Programme has been incorporated into the planning and delivery of services by the Social Services Department to children and families in Denbighshire.

It will be shared with those planning and delivering educational, health and youth justice services to children and their families and will require a joint approach in many areas.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That the Children First Summary Action Plan be endorsed by the Cabinet.

A full Children First Plan setting out the authorities proposals in respect of all eleven Children First objectives will be presented to Cabinet and the National Assembly for Wales by 31st July 2001

Section 1 - Give details of baseline figures and targets for the following Children First objectives:

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
<p>2.1 To promote inclusion of children looked after in the school agenda.</p> <p>Key indicator: the proportion of children looked after at 31st March who have been continuously looked after for more than 12 months (a) permanently excluded from school; and (b) those who had a fixed term exclusion during the year.</p>	<p>(a) 0% permanently excluded (b) 11% had a fixed term exclusion</p>	<p>(a) 0% permanently excluded (b) 17% had a fixed term exclusion</p>	<p>Target: to ensure that no looked after child is permanently excluded from school</p> <p>Target: to reduce the number of fixed term exclusion's by 50%</p> <p>Action: Further strengthen existing liaison arrangements between Education and Social Services in respect of looked after children.</p> <p>The new post of Education Liaison Officer, which is funded from Children First, will have a key role in this respect.</p> <p>Designated teachers have been identified within schools to ensure effective communication .</p>
<p>2.2 To promote the performance of individual children looked after at key stage SAT's, GCSE and GNVQ</p> <p>Key indicator: the percentage of young people leaving care aged 16 or over with at least one GCSE grade A to G or GNVQ</p>	<p>16% of looked after children achieved at least 1 GCSE or GNVQ</p>	<p>5 looked after children achieved 2 or more GCSEs: 1 child achieved 1 GCSE: 5 children achieved Certificate of Education Awards in 2 subjects 1 child of 16+yrs achieved 2 A levels</p>	<p>Target: at least 50% of children leaving care aged 16yrs or over to have 2 or more GCSE/GNVQ by 2002, and 75% by 2003</p> <p>Action: Individual pupil records, which will become a personal education plan, are being developed in respect of looked after children. This will be introduced at the first Statutory Review after Sept. 2001.</p> <p>Improving the quality of management information available from the implementation of the Looking After Children System.</p> <p>A Children First training event involving Social Workers, Foster Carers, County Councillors, Residential Care Workers and staff from other agencies will be held. This will emphasise the importance of educational opportunities for looked after children.</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
<p>2.3 To promote the healthy development of individual children looked after.</p> <p>Key indicator: the percentage of looked after children at 31st March with recent health checks</p>	<p>An audit was undertaken by the Consultant Community Paediatrician against the key indicators with results as follows: 79% of looked after children had a Health Assessment carried out within a satisfactory time scale 98% of looked after children were registered with a GP 56% of looked after children were registered with a dentist 76% of looked after children had completed immunisations up to date 1 looked after child became pregnant</p>	<p>Medical assessment of looked after children within last 12 months (111 children on 12.3.01) 68.5% completed up to date 4.5% overdue by less than 3 months 1.8% refused 1.8% overdue but DNA 3.6% were seen by Health, but no LAM requested 19.8% were not seen Meningitis C 82.8% completed Children receiving Respite Care (17 on 12.3.01) 100% annual medical, 53% looked after medical.</p>	<p>Target: 100% of children looked after to have appropriate health checks</p> <p>Action: Children who have not received health checks will be identified and steps taken to ensure these take place.</p> <p>Procedures for ensuring that all health checks take place will be strengthened</p> <p>The Children First Training event referred to above will also include a session on the health of looked after children.</p>
<p>2.4 To reduce the rate of offending by children looked after</p> <p>Key indicator: the relative rate of offending for looked after children</p>	<p>numerator : 7 children who were looked after for 12mths or more, out of 70 children looked after for 12mths on 31.3.00 = 10 % denominator: not known</p> <p>relative rate of offending: not known</p>	<p>numerator: 6 children who were looked after for 12mths or more, out of 53 children looked after for 12mths on 31.3.00 = 11.3% denominator: % of all children in the local police force area who were cautioned, received final warnings or were convicted during the year = 3.3% Relative rate of offending = 3.4%</p>	<p>Target: to reduce by 10% the relative rate of offending by children looked after .</p> <p>Action: Procedures and protocols will be established with the YOT to ensure closer working together.</p> <p>Improvement in general factors such as the stability of placements are expected to reduce the rate of offending</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
<p>4.1 To reduce the number of changes of main carer for children looked after</p> <p>Key indicator: the percentage of children looked after at 31st March with three or more placements during the year</p>	11.63%	20.7%	<p>Target: No more than 10% of children looked after should have three or more placements by 2002</p> <p>Action: Increase placement choice through the recruitment of additional carers</p> <p>Improve the skills of foster carers through NVQ training</p> <p>Recruitment of an additional team manager for Children's Services will enable one team manager to concentrate on Family Placement services.</p> <p>A 'matching needs and services' exercise is being completed.</p> <p>Strengthening the specialist fostering scheme, Foster Plus.</p> <p>Develop better information about reasons for placement breakdown</p>
<p>4.2 To maximise the contribution adoption can make to providing permanent families for children in appropriate cases</p> <p>Key indicator: The number of children adopted from local authority care during the year as a percentage of the number of children looked after at 31 March at the end of the year</p>	<p>Previous indicator was length of time child is looked after by the local authority before a decision is taken to place for adoption</p> <p>Average was 18.3 months</p>	2 as % of 111 = 1.8%	<p>Action: Implementing 'Achieving the Right Balance' and the Adoption Standards will be given high priority.</p> <p>Adoption will be considered as an option during the statutory reviews of individual children where appropriate.</p> <p>A special training event will be held regarding latest developments in the Adoption area. This will involve staff from SSD, Education and Health as well as foster carers, residential care staff and members of the Adoption and Fostering Panel.</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
<p>5.4 To maximise the number of young people leaving care on or after their sixteenth birthday, who are engaged in education, training or employment at the age of 19.</p> <p>Key indicator: Percentage of those young people who were looked after on 1 April in their 17th year (aged 16) who were engaged in education, training or employment at the age of 19.</p>	<p>38%(5 out of 13) were in employment or further education/training 7%(1 out of 13) was unemployed but linked to the New Deal 7%(1 out of 13) was a single parent 23% (3 out of 13) had left the area with their families 23% (3 out of 13) not known</p>	<p>36% (4 out of 11) were in employment, education or training 9% (1 out of 11) was a single parent 18% (2 out of 11) were in YOI 9% (1 out of 11) had left the area with his family 27% (3 out of 11) not known</p>	<p>Target: 60% of the level amongst all young people of the same age living in Denbighshire</p> <p>Action: This issue will be brought to the attention of Denbighshire's Social Inclusion Unit.</p> <p>Management arrangements in relation to leaving care will be strengthened by the additional team manager post.</p> <p>Two `Personal Adviser' posts will be created. One of these will concentrate on improving accommodation resources available for young people leaving care.</p> <p>Implementation of the Children (Leaving Care) Act- see Section 4</p>
<p>6.1 To maintain an accurate and up to date profile of the numbers and circumstances of children with special needs and the services being provided for them</p> <p>Key indicator: The existence of a comprehensive joint local authority/health authority database which identifies children with particular needs and the service response.</p>	<p>A database is already in existence and Denbighshire's Children's Services Plan contains details of the needs of children and the services available.</p>	<p>An audit has been undertaken of children looked after to identify those with special needs</p>	<p>Action: A programme will be drawn up to build on the work already undertaken in respect of a joint Health/ Education/ Social Services database.</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
<p>9.1 To demonstrate that views of children and families are actively sought and used in the planning, delivery and review of services.</p> <p>Key indicators:</p> <p>i) Children's Services Plans clearly specify consultation structures, mechanisms and processes for seeking the views of children and families</p> <p>ii) Local authorities carry out regular audits and surveys and from time to time commission research to determine the effectiveness of their consultative arrangements</p>		<p><i>Children with Health Needs and Disabilities</i> Children with Disabilities & Health Needs Planning Group extended representation of parents on the group.</p> <p>Above group produced regular newsletter for families and children, inviting contributions from families.</p> <p>Above group convened a Forum for families and children - consulted on topic of Care Coordination.</p> <p>Parent representative involved in care coordination planning sub group and assisted with design and delivery of a planning day for professionals.</p> <p>Worker appointed via Children's Rights to obtain the views of children with disabilities and feed into planning process. Worker attends the planning group.</p>	<p>To continue to promote representation of parents on the planning group. Target: 4.</p> <p>To continue to produce the newsletter and develop user and carer contributions. Target : 3 per year.</p> <p>Action: To respond to the concerns raised by families regarding more coordinated services.</p> <p>To ensure the views of children and young people with disabilities feed into the planning process</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
		<p><i>General</i> Draft consultation policy for the Department developed.</p> <p>The Children's Rights Service is commissioned by Denbighshire to consult with children and young people who are looked after.</p>	<p>The implementation of Best Value within the service will require additional mechanisms for obtaining the views of service users.</p> <p>Action: To ensure that terms of reference for the Children's Services Planning sub groups include the requirement to involve users and carers in drawing up plans.</p> <p>To provide training for the above sub groups on involving and consulting users and carers.</p> <p>Number of users and carers consulted to be included in the Children's Services Plan.</p> <p>To agree the Consultation Policy for the Department</p> <p>Systems will be developed to aggregate the views expressed by children and young people in their statutory reviews</p> <p>A closure summary form has been developed which requires the views of service users to be obtained. This information will be aggregated to inform future service developments</p> <p>'Safe in our Care' survey of younger children is planned</p> <p>Children's Services Plan and Children First Plan will be published.</p> <p>Results of user-satisfaction surveys will be published</p>

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/anticipated outcome)
		<p><i>Carers</i></p> <p>Parents of children with disabilities consulted on Breaks for Carers via questionnaire</p> <p>Portion of the Carers Special grant used to respond to the specific issues raised in the above consultation</p> <p>Young carers consulted on Breaks for Carers via Young Carers Project meetings.</p> <p>Portion of the Carers Special grant used to respond to the specific issues raised in the above consultation</p>	<p>To monitor and evaluate use of Carers Special Grant, including user and carer input, and to develop the use of the grant in response to findings.</p> <p>To agree a multi agency Carers Strategy for Denbighshire, based on consultation with carers.</p>

Section 2

Children First objectives which Denbighshire regards as a priority:

Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/outcome anticipated)
<p>3.1 To reduce the incidence of repeated significant harm</p> <p>Key indicator: number of cases involving the same child suffering significant harm on more than one occasion</p>	<p>5 children re registered actual neglect and likelihood of physical injury x1 physical injury x 1 neglect x3</p>	<p>4 children re registered : moving out of county and back again x3 neglect x1</p>	<p>Target: 100%</p> <p>Action: A detailed action plan has recently been prepared to strengthen child protection services. See attached.</p> <p>An Inspection of child protection services will take place in May 2001 and this will be followed by preparation of an action plan.</p> <p>Implementation of the Framework for the Assessment of children in Need and Their Families will inform work with children and families.</p> <p>Implementation of the All Wales Child Protection Procedures and new 'Working Together' will ensure coordinated practice and procedure in cases of child protection.</p> <p>A new Senior Practitioner post has been created with Children First money in the Intake and Assessment Team which undertakes most Section 47 enquiries. This will strengthen the team in time for the implementation of the new Framework.</p> <p>A comprehensive training programme in relation to child protection will be implemented. In particular, this will address the new child protection procedures and The Framework for the</p>

			Assessment of Children in Need and their families. An additional Training and Staff Development post has been created with Children First money and additional Children First money will also be used to purchase additional training on an inter-agency basis.
Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/outcome anticipated)
<p>3.2 To minimise the incidence of looked after children suffering significant harm.</p> <p>Key indicator: number of cases involving the same child suffering significant harm on more than one occasion.</p>	1 child re registered as moved out of county and back again	<p>2 children have complained of being assaulted by other looked after children.</p> <p>1 child has repeatedly self-harmed</p> <p>4 children registered due to contact issues</p>	<p>Target: 0%</p> <p>Action: Above actions apply</p> <p>Bullying policy in respect of children looked after has been prepared and will be implemented.</p> <p>Services for children looked after are being strengthened by the appointment of Senior Practitioner and additional social workers.</p>
<p>3.3 To ensure that all children who fall within the provisions of Part III of the Children Act 1989 have access to complaints procedures which ensure that effective mechanisms are in place to handle complaints.</p> <p>Key indicators: complaints procedures drawn up in consultation with children looked after and which involve</p>			<p>Action: All children over the age of 10yrs who have been looked after for 4 months are provided with Denbighshire's 'Looked After Guide' which contains details of the Representation and Complaints Procedure.</p> <p>A new information leaflet is being prepared in collaboration with children and will be available by July 2001.</p>

open access by children to persons other than those directly responsible for their care			
Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/outcome anticipated)
7.3 To deal effectively with referrals on the first occasion Key indicator: number of all instances of repeat referrals in respect of same child within six months, as a percentage of total referrals.	Total no. of referrals 3718 No. of repeat referrals 830 Percentage 22.32%	Total no. referrals 3478 No. of repeat referrals 895 Percentage 25.73%	Target: 10% Action: Implementation of the Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families together with Eligibility Criteria should result in timely and appropriate responses to referrals The Intake and Assessment Team (North) will be strengthened by an additional Senior Practitioner post
9.3 To ensure that all children looked after have access to an independent visitor when they need one. Key indicator: i) Percentage of all statutory reviews which include consideration of the need for an Independent Visitor ii) Authorities have in place arrangements /services to provide Independent Visitors for all children identified as needing one.		i) 100% ii) Children requiring Independent Visitors have been identified and referrals made to the Children's Rights Service who have been commissioned to provide this service for Denbighshire	Action: ii) The SLA with the Children's Rights Service will be monitored and redrafted if necessary. Denbighshire regards the provision of Independent Visitors as a priority.
Objective	Baseline 1999-2000	Baseline 2000-2001	Action 2001-2002 (including relevant target/outcome anticipated)

<p>11.1 To ensure that child care workers and foster carers are adequately trained for the job</p> <p>Key indicator:</p> <p>i) Percentage of eligible residential staff meeting TSP target</p> <p>ii) Percentage of eligible social workers- children and families- meeting TSP target</p> <p>iii) Percentage of foster carers meeting TSP target.</p>		<p>i) Denbighshire's residential service is contracted out to NCH Action for Children</p> <p>ii) 93%</p> <p>iii) 1%</p>	<p>Target: ii) 96%</p> <p>iii) 11%</p> <p>Action: iii) An Assessor to take forward NVQ for foster carers is being sought. 12 foster carers have registered and started their underpinning knowledge</p> <p>A comprehensive strategy for training in Children's Services is being developed.</p> <p>This will include training in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child Protection Procedures/Working Together - Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families. - Adoption : Latest Developments - Implementing Children First Objectives (Particular emphasis on Education and Health) - Undertaking assessments and preparing reports for the courts. - The legal aspects of child protection work - The new Leaving Care arrangements - Meeting the needs of Children with Disabilities - Best Value & Performance Management.
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Section 3 - Financial Summary

Total Children's Services expenditure 1999-2000 £000s	Total Forecast Children's Services expenditure 2000-2001 £000s	Forecast Children's Services budget 2001-2002 (including Children First Development Fund allocation) £000s
2,978	3,586	3,823

Section 4

Additional Information on Care Leavers

24 young people have been identified who will fall within the category of **eligible** children under the new arrangements in the period from 1 Oct. 2001 to 31 March 2002

It is expected that no more than 6 of these young people will become **relevant** children between 1st October 2001 and 31st March 2002

2 young people will become **former relevant** children between 1st October 2001 and 31st March 2002

Proposals for the implementation of the new arrangements:

- meetings of the North Wales regional implementation group are being attended to share ideas and information
- a multi agency steering group for Denbighshire has been established to oversee implementation
- an accommodation task and finish group for Denbighshire has been established to address accommodation needs of young people moving out of residential or foster care
- aims and objectives of the service and possible models of service delivery are being developed
- consultation is taking place with young people on the possible structure of a 'leaving care team'
- it is understood that NAW is preparing guidance in relation to financial support. Preliminary estimates have been based on benefit rates.
- A new Team Manager post with responsibility for Leaving Care is being established with Children First money.
- Personal Advisers will be recruited.
- Training programmes on the new leaving care arrangements will be implemented.

Costing:**a) For individual young people**

Item	cost per week in £	cost for 6 young people for 26 weeks in £
Maintenance and water rates	£42 + £7.50 = £49.50	7,722
Housing costs	65	10,140
Deposits for housing		1,800
Support costs		2,808
Leaving Care grants		6,000
Travel/interview/ exceptional leisure/ Christmas & birthday		2,000
		2,260

Sub total: £32730**b) Management and Administration**

item	cost for 26 weeks in £
Personal Advisers	10,000
Administrative support, equipment and office accommodation	10,000
Managerial costs	5,000
Training costs	5,000
Traveling costs	1,000
Reviewing costs and Family Placement time	3,270
Cost of making payments to young people, auditing finances etc.	?

Sub total: £32270**Total = £65000 for 6 months**

REPORT TO CABINET

Agenda Item No: 10

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor D M Morris, Lead Member for the Environment

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: Liquor Licensing Deregulation - Consultation on Licensing Hours for New Years Eve, 2001 and during Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee in June, 2002.

1 Decision Sought

1.1 Authorisation is sought for the Head of Public Protection in consultation with Environmental Services Director, Lead Member for the Environment and Chair of the Licensing Committee to forward observations on behalf of the Council to the Home Office in respect of the Consultation Document concerning the above.

2 Reason For Seeking Decision

2.1 The Home Office has issued a document seeking Local Authority comments on the Liquor Licensing Deregulation concerning Licensing Hours for New Years Eve 2001 and during Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

2.2 Members may recall that the Deregulation (Millennium Licensing) Order 1999 allowed licensed premises and Registered Members Clubs to remain open for 12 hours after the end of the normal permitted hours on 31st December, 1999. This allowed the premises, should they wish to do so, to remain open for a continuous period of up to 36 hours.

2.3 The Government has reviewed the impact of the Order over the millennium period and considers that the widely held view is that the millennium celebrations were successful.

2.4 The Government has made two proposals in connection with the forthcoming special national occasions.

2.5 New Years Eve, 2001.

2.5.1 The proposal is that the premises may remain open for 12 hours after the end of normal permitted hours on the 31st December, 2001, so to remain open until 11.00 am on 1st January, 2002.

2.5.2 It is intended that a review would need to be undertaken immediately following New Years Day, 2002 and this would necessarily involve consultation with all relevant parties.

2.6 Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee

2.6.1 The national celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's Succession to the Throne are to take place on the 3rd and 4th June, 2002.

2.6.2 The Government proposes that on 3rd June permitted hours should be extended in England and Wales from the normal end at 11.00 PM until 1.00 AM on the morning of the 4th June.

2.7 General

- 2.7.1 Approximately 5% of Liquor Licensed Premises also hold an annual Local Authority Issued Public Entertainment Licence.
- 2.7.2 The Local Authority sets the hours in respect of public entertainment licences, but where a Licensee obtains a special order of exemption to sell liquor to the public, Entertainment Licence Hours are automatically extended in line with it.
- 2.7.3 The proposal described above would not have that effect, because they would alter the standard permitted hours for liquor, rather than provide for a special order of exemption.
- 2.7.4 It is not proposed by the Government that this Deregulation Order should automatically vary Public Entertainment Licences. Local Authorities already have and will retain complete discretion about their duration.
- 2.7.5 Local Authorities will therefore be able to consider how late organised entertainment's should be allowed when they consider applications for Annual Entertainment Licences.
- 2.7.6 The Government acknowledges that these arrangements have worked well during the millennium and should be applied to each New Years Eve and on occasions such as the Golden Jubilee.

3 Cost Implications

- 3.1 There are no cost implications involved in the proposals.

4 Financial Controller Statement

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Consultation Carried Out

- 5.1 None at present.

6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate

- 6.1 Environmental Issues and Public Safety.

7 Recommendation

- 7.1 That the Cabinet authorises the Head of Public Protection in consultation with the Environmental Services Director, Lead Member for the Environment and Chair of Licensing Committee to reply on behalf of the Council to the Liquor Licensing Deregulation Consultation Paper.

REPORT TO CABINET

Agenda Item No: 11

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor David Morris, Lead Member for the Environment

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: Criminal Law Act 1977

1. Decision Sought

1.1 For Members to reaffirm that the officers from the Public Protection Section in consultation with the County Clerk are authorised to investigate infringements of this Statute and when necessary the Head of Public Protection & Regulatory Services may institute proceedings on behalf of the Authority.

2. Reason for Seeking Decision

2.1 In May 1996 Members agreed to authorise the Director of Housing and Environmental Services when necessary to institute proceedings or take other appropriate enforcement action under various Trading Standards and Environmental Health legislation. There were in excess of 150 Statutes which imposed a statutory duty on the Authority to enforce.

2.2 As well as this legislation members were asked to also authorise these officers to investigate and when necessary institute proceedings for offences under other criminal legislation. There was no duty on the Authority to enforce these statutes but often investigations made by Public Protection officers revealed infringements. One such statute is the Criminal Law Act 1977

2.3 Amongst other things this Act deals with the offence of conspiracy to commit a crime. Charges of conspiracy are always heard at Crown Court.

2.4 It was felt that at the time of drafting the agenda item in May 1996 that a general reference to the Act was sufficient to allow proceedings to be instituted on behalf of the Authority. However in a recent investigation undertaken by officers there is evidence to suggest a charge of conspiracy against two people for offences contrary to Trading Standards legislation. Counsel's advice given to the officers is that there needs to be a Council resolution authorising the Head of Public Protection & Regulatory Services, and in his absence the Public Protection Manager, to be able to institute proceedings for both common law and statutory conspiracy.

3. Cost Implications

None

4. Financial Controller Statement

None

5. Consultations

None

6. Implications on Other Policy Areas including Corporate

May supplement work in the area of Crime and Disorder Act.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the Head of Public Protection & Regulatory Services (and in his absence the Public Protection Manager) in consultation with the County Clerk is authorised to institute proceedings for offences of conspiracy both under common law and also for statutory conspiracy under Section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or any subsequent amending legislation.

REPORT TO CABINET

Agenda Item No: 12[A]

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor D M Morris, Lead Member for the Environment.

DATE: 17 May 2001

SUBJECT: Foot and Mouth Disease - Access to the Countryside and land

1 Decision Sought

1.1 Authorisation to adopt a risk assessment process for the consideration of areas of land and/or footpaths/tracks prior to consideration being given to reopening to public access.

1.2 Authorisation to open identified areas where they meet the criteria laid down in that risk assessment, indicating minimal or no risk should they be so opened.

2 Reason For Seeking Decision

2.1 Members will recall that the subject was debated at both the meeting of Cabinet held on 3rd April, 2001, at the special meeting of Cabinet held on 11th April, 2001 and at the meeting held on 1st May 2001 .

Owing to concern for the potential spread of the disease members deferred any decision regarding re opening areas for public use until such time as matters appeared to be more under control and accordingly it was resolved that a report be brought to this meeting of the for further consideration

2.2 Members are well aware of the concerns issued by the tourism industry concerning the lack of access to some areas of the county, and of course this has to be balanced by the need to ensure that we do nothing to create problems for the farming community by opening up too soon.

2.3 This must also be balanced by the advice given by the National Assembly and the Government / MAFF who are advising that authorities should start to relax the restrictions previously imposed to allow a move back to "normal business" in the country side as far as practicable.

2.4 This is as a result of the downward trend in fresh confirmed outbreaks of the disease. The recent report of new confirmed outbreaks in one day was 3 having fallen from 40 to 60 approximately at the peak.

2.5 This of course will be balanced against the isolated suspected outbreaks, the reasons for which are not yet clear

2.6 Accordingly many Authorities have allowed a gradual opening up of areas and all advice received indicates that we should also be moving forward with a programme of re opening,

2.7 Following on from this, Flintshire have now opened up the Leete path which places pressure on the Loggerheads Country Park end of the path following the necessary consultations and appropriate risk assessment process being followed.

2.8 The Government is keen to see areas of forestry opened up, together with other land over which it has control, including waterways etc. and this is seen as the first move to open up parts of the countryside. By opening up these areas in isolation, pressure will be placed on other areas and on staff time if proper control is to be exercised in a meaningful way to maintain a proper control of those areas which should remain closed to access.. risk should access be granted.

2.9 Accordingly, in line with continuous NAW / Government requests and MAFF Guidelines, consideration is being given by officers to looking at areas of countryside within Denbighshire which pose little or no risk should access be given.

2.10 Members are respectfully reminded that should the County decide against opening up areas the National Assembly for Wales or the Government could step in and do so by default, something which I am sure that members will wish to avoid.

2.11 The opening of some areas will provide a positive sign to both bodies and hopefully assist the tourism industry/ local people and the farming community who in some areas rely on tourism for income. The areas will also provide a safety valve by allowing limited access to the countryside.

2.12 I set out at **Appendix One** to this Report, a copy of a risk assessment which has been drawn up and adapted from one which has been used by the Forestry Commission, in respect of areas referred to above for the information of members.

2.13 The risk assessment will take into account amongst others the following main points:-

Site Location - Avoidance by the public of all livestock areas.

Presence of Stock - Stock should be removed from areas or access stopped.

Presence of deer, goats and feral sheep - species are all susceptible to Foot and Mouth Disease - must be treated as livestock and the hazards associated with these are the same as for other stock.

Vehicular Access - vehicles should not be parked in areas where livestock have/have not had recent access.

The Visitor - Most important part of the risk assessment is the visitor whose actions are likely to be the only impact of recreational access. - A good Code of Conduct is essential with all visitors being treated equally as likely vectors of spreading the disease - **signage and advisory leaflets are essential if visitors are to be properly controlled.**

Contingency - should measures put into place to minimise risk not have the desired effect, then the fall back position of further restriction may be necessary - although it should be noted that in the absence of a national promotion of such policy, this may not be easily achieved. The Community - it is essential that the local community is involved before any decision is taken on opening up areas for access and the mitigating actions required to ensure that it is done safely. - It could be that the consequences of not providing access outweigh the risk of providing managed access to the community as controlled access is likely to draw people away from potentially higher risk areas.

Consultation - It is essential that consultation takes place with the local members, Community Council and the organisations representing the Farming Community with material objections/comments being taken into consideration in formulating the decision with regards to the opening up or otherwise of the land.

It should be noted that large areas of Denbighshire remain open to the public and this of course includes the coastal strip with all the town and villages and peripheral footpaths within those areas which do not give access onto or lead through farmland.

I set out below a list of areas on which preliminary investigations have been carried out which may be considered suitable for open to access for members of the public. It should be noted that consultation with the appropriate bodies has not yet been carried out in many cases until the instructions of Cabinet are known in order to avoid expectations being raised or concerns which might be groundless.

3 Cost Implications

3.1 There will be cost implication should the Cabinet decide to open up the various areas as recommended in this report. However, the cost is not quantifiable due to the fluid nature of the potential opening up programme. The cost will relate to the provision of signage together with additional personnel hours incurred by the County's Warden Service.

3.2 The costs incurred should be chargeable for all works carried out before June 2001 against the Bellwin fund as part of last years claim which will help considerably.

4 Financial Controller Statement

No financial implications as long as recovery can be made through Bellwin (see 3.2)

5 Consultation Carried Out

5.1 An Initial meeting has been held with the following:-

Country Land Owners Association
Farmers Union For Wales
National Farmers Union

Further consultations will be held with all above including the individual land owners (where the proposed opening up results in members of the public passing within 10 metres of areas holding livestock) Any material objections/comments will be taken into account in considering if land is to be opened up.

6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate

N/A

7 Recommendation

7.1 That Cabinet approve the following:-

7.1.1 The opening up of the areas referred to in **Appendix 2** to this report.

7.1.2 A detailed risk assessment be carried out on areas / footpaths etc. on request which are identified within the county using criteria as recommended by NAW / MAFF. If found to be suitable for opening up, against the criteria, the Crisis Manager in liaison with the Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Corporate Director for the Environment be authorised to open up such areas following a consultation process, taking into account the material comments of those consulted.

APPENDIX 1 NOT AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE/ LAND

List of land / property recommended for opening, following detailed risk assessment

SITES IN OWNERSHIP OF COUNTY COUNCIL

A County Council owned sites

1 Loggerheads Country Park

- Currently split into two sites separated by the river, but served by one common car park.
- Useful as a visitor centre / information centre
- Flintshire will open the will open the very popular leete path which joins the park.
- Easy to control visitors and to erect signage allowing walkers a circular route within the opened area regardless of the actions of Flintshire.

2 Moel Findeg

- An open nature reserve accessed off the tarmac highway.
- No livestock on land.

3 Bishopswood, Prestatyn

- Direct access off tarmac road
- Place mainly for local walkers

4 Llantysillio Green Llangollen

- Car Park and toilet on site
- Adjacent to Chain Bridge giving direct access to the canal tow path which is now open leading direct to Llangollen
- Picnic site is popular with public with no animals

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE/ LAND

Private Sites

Llandegla Forest - Shotton Paper

- Car Park accessed directly off main road
- Well known forest with longer walks
- Need to place restrictions at some boundaries to protect livestock.

Big Covert, Maeshafen - Tarmac Quarries

- Access directly off road
- Popular with local walkers
- Limited on highway parking
- No livestock

Peny Coed, Llangollen - Woodland Trust

- Access direct from road
- Popular with local residents
- No livestock

Sites in ownership of Forestry Commission

Clwyd Forest

- Car park
- Toilets
- Access direct off road
- No livestock
- Well marked walks

Clocaenog Forest - Part only

- Car park
- Access direct off road
- Mainly access for local residents
- Promotion of cycling
- Self contained land