

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held in the Town Hall, Denbigh on Tuesday 12th June, 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, W.R. Webb, K.E. Wells and E.W. Williams.

Observers - Councillors S. Drew, D. Jones, R.E. Jones, R.J.R. Jones, W.G. Thomas and P.O. Williams.

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive, County Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources.

Councillor D. Jones, Chairman welcomed the Cabinet to its first meeting at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

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:-

- (i) External Recruitment: Public Relations Assistant SO1~ Chief Executive's Department
- (ii) Deloitte and Touch Report on the Llangollen Boundary Review ~ Part II
- (iii) Llangollen Pavilion Financial Assistance ~ Part II
- (iv) A Living Countryside Conference at Caernarfon on 13.07.2001
- (v) Scala Cinema Prestatyn ~ Report circulated

2. MINUTES OF THE CABINET

The Minutes of the Cabinet held on 29 May 2001 (previously circulated) were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 May 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

3. LOCAL MEMBERS NOMINATIONS FOR LEA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) for LEA Governor vacancies from the Local Member(s) for the area in which the school(s) are located.

RESOLVED that the LEA Governor appointment(s) be approved as listed.

4. CONTRACTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING SCHEMES FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY (MENTAL HANDICAP)

Councillor A.E. Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services presented the report and appendix (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to amendments, as detailed in Appendix 1, to the Contract for Community Living Schemes for People with a Learning Disability (Mental Handicap) (approved on 1 April 1997 by the Social Services Committee) for use by Social Services, as follows:-

- (i) for renewing any existing Community Living contracts when the current contracts have expired and Cabinet approves the contractor to continue supporting the scheme, or
- (ii) for tendering for any new Community Living schemes or when a current contract is due to expire and the scheme is to be put out to tender.

The current contract for Community Living Scheme was four years old and needed revision. The major revisions are detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. All current contracts will need to be considered by Cabinet in the next three months for renewal or retendering and two new schemes should be considered for tender.

Councillor G.M. Kensler queried amendments 5.8 and 16.4.1 in the Appendix. The Corporate Director of Personal Services explained that in regard to amendment 5.8, the providers of the services are expected to have quality assurance procedures in place which includes staff supervision. Any recommendations made by Audit were actively pursued by managers and staff in the Department. The Corporate Director of Personal Services agreed with Councillor Kensler that item 16.4.1 should read "absent from his or her home".

RESOLVED that Members approve the revisions to the Contract for Community Living Schemes for People with a Learning Disability (Mental Disability) as detailed in Appendix 1, with item 16.4.1 in the Appendix further amended to read "If the Service User is absent from his or her home for a period of up to six weeks, then the Contractor can invoice for support to the Service User for that period at the usual rates".

5. SPORTLOT CAPITAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Councillor R.W. Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' agreement to a priority list (circulated at the meeting) of potential capital projects for upgrading sport and leisure facilities to be submitted to the Sports Council for Wales (SCW).

The SCW had announced a new Sportlot capital programme of approximately £15-20m across Wales over the next 2-3 years specifically aimed at refurbishment and upgrading existing community facilities where there were clear sport development benefits. Grants of up to 80% were available for successful projects. Local Authorities have been asked to submit a prioritised list of up to five projects by 20 June 2001.

Councillor E.A. Owens said she was pleased to see the balance contained within the report of both the range of facilities covered and the geographical area.

Councillor E.W. Williams asked how the order of priority for the selected projects had been arrived at and asked for a list of all the projects which had been under consideration. The Head of Countryside and Leisure Services explained that a long list of projects had been considered and those listed had been selected from both geographical area and best suited to the Sportlot criteria. The Head of Countryside and Leisure Services also undertook to provide Councillor Williams with a full list of the projects considered.

RESOLVED that Members agreed the priority list of sport and leisure capital projects as circulated at the meeting for submission to the Sports Council of Wales under the Sportlot Capital Community Investment Programme.

6. FOOT AND MOUTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Leader presented the report and appendix (previously circulated) seeking Members' acceptance of the findings of the consultation exercise on the Denbighshire Scheme to disperse £880,000 provided by the National Assembly for Wales to businesses affected by the foot and mouth outbreak, with some of the £880,000 available for use for administrative purposes. The guidance received from the National Assembly indicated that the finance had to be committed before 30 June 2001 following consultation with the business community. However, the National Assembly for Wales had this week extended the deadline to the end of July 2001.

RESOLVED that Members approved the results of the consultation exercise.

7. APPROVAL OF BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN ~ DRAFT REPORT

Councillor E.W. Williams, Lead Cabinet Member for Best Value presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to the draft Best Value Performance Plan. Councillor Williams stressed how important the report was and said the Authority was to be commended for providing Performance Plans within each Directorate and said he hoped that all Scrutiny Committees would consider the report fully. Councillor Williams also thanked the Best Value officers and Directors for all their work on Best Value. Councillor Williams drew Members' attention to various sections within the report, for example Corporate Governance, Community Services and Principal Roads etc, highlighting targets set and the outcomes achieved.

The Leader said he wished to amend the Foreword to the draft report.

Councillor G.M. Kensler queried whether the Corporate Strategy to reduce crime and disorder would be produced by the Autumn of 2001 (Crime and Disorder 12.4 item on page 13). The Chief Executive said this document would be produced by the Autumn of 2001.

***RESOLVED** that after amendment to the Foreword, Members approved the Draft Best Value Performance Plan .*

8. RECRUITMENT

The Leader submitted the following application for approval:-

- (i) Public Relations Assistant SO1 ~ Chief Executive's Department: Public Relations

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

9. A LIVING COUNTRYSIDE

The Leader presented the report seeking Members' approval for the appropriate Lead Member to attend the one day Conference to be held at Caernarfon on 13 July 2001.

***RESOLVED** that Members approved Councillor R W Hughes attend the Conference on 13 July 2001.*

10. LLANGOLLEN BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Leader submitted the report and asked the Assistant Chief Executive: Strategy to outline the background to the report and its findings.

The Assistant Chief Executive: Strategy reminded Members that the Hale Study had indicated that Llangollen and Llantysilio becoming part of Wrexham would have no significant impact on Denbighshire with perhaps only a small reduction in Council tax in Denbighshire.

Deloitte and Touche were commissioned to study both the figures that Denbighshire and the Hale Study had produced and they have found that Denbighshire's original analysis was substantiated. The transfer of Llangollen and Llantysilio to Wrexham would mean £1.36m funding would have to be found either from existing budgets or by raising Council Tax by an average of £42.00 for Band D properties.

The report had been sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales to enable them to review the evidence produced within the Hale's Study.

Councillor E.A. Owens hoped that having the Denbighshire figures validated would help Denbighshire's case. If the Boundary Commission transferred the areas to Wrexham it could mean a considerable rise in Council taxes.

Members agreed with Councillor W.R. Webb's suggestion that the report and a letter be sent to all of Denbighshire's MPs and AMs.

Councillor E.W. Williams said the possible £42.00 per household Band D increase should be highlighted to MPs and AMs.

The Chief Executive said cost of overheads rise as the size of an Authority is decreased but that Wrexham's overheads would not significantly increase if Llangollen and Llantysilio became part of that Authority.

The Leader said a press release on the report would be issued.

RESOLVED that Members:-

- (a) approved the report, and
- (b) agreed a letter and a copy of the report be sent to Denbighshire's MPs and AMs.

11. 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 7 and 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(The Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Personal Services declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber).

The Chief Executive gave Members a verbal update on the recruitment of the new Chief Executive and said until an appointment was made an Acting Chief Executive would be required for approximately 3-4 months after the end of June. The Chief Executive asked Members to approve Meirion Hughes, the Corporate Director of Personal Services and the current Deputy Chief Executive, be the Acting Chief Executive after the end of June 2001.

RESOLVED that Meirion Hughes, Corporate Director of Personal Services be appointed Acting Chief Executive on the retirement of H Vaughan Thomas, Chief Executive pending the new Chief Executive taking up his/her post.

13. DENBIGHSHIRE WELSH CHURCH ACTS SCHEME: GRANT APPLICATIONS

(Councillor E.W. Williams declared an interest in item 2.5 (i)).

The Leader submitted the report seeking Members' approval for a number of applications for grant aid from the Denbighshire Welsh Church Acts Fund.

Councillor E.W. Williams stressed the importance of the Scheme to local communities and although funds in the Scheme were low he would not wish the funds to be amalgamated with any other funds.

RESOLVED that Members approve the list of grants as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

14. DENBIGH MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK: OUTSTANDING CLAIM

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members approval for a payment in full and final settlement of an outstanding claim on a building contract inherited from Glyndwr DC.

Councillor E.A. Owens asked whether the report should be considered by Council as it was a capital item. The County Clerk explained that the original payment had been a capital item.

Councillor W.R. Webb indicated that the previous payment was also referred to as a final payment. It was agreed that the County Clerk would review the terms of the previous payment before this latest payment was made.

RESOLVED that Members agreed the report be considered by Council.

15. SCALA CINEMA, PRESTATYN

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking Members approval to the revised emergency works at the Scala Cinema, Prestatyn. Councillor Morris explained that the auditorium was in a dangerous state and that the structural engineers reported that the situation changed on a daily basis.

Both Councillors I.M. German and R.W. Hughes agreed with the course of action proposed in the report.

Councillor D.M. Holder queried why cheaper internal scaffolding was not being used. The Head of Consultancy Services informed Members that the building was deteriorating on a daily basis and it was too dangerous to use internal scaffolding.

RESOLVED that Members approved the course of action for the demolition of the auditorium to the Scala.

16. FOOT AND MOUTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD

The Leader submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking Members' agreement to funding for the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod (LIME) to cover the cost of a targeted television marketing campaign in the Granada region.

The Corporate Director of Resources reported that he, along with the Head of Economic Regeneration and the Corporate Director of Lifelong Learning, had seen that figures for the advance ticket sales were down on last year. Both the National Assembly of Wales and District Audit agreed that this is within the scope of the financial assistance allocated to Local Authorities.

Councillor D.M. Morris suggested that the Wales Tourist Board could be asked to help fund the campaign. In reply, the Assistant Director of Culture said the Wales Tourist Board had already provided assistance with marketing to the LIME.

Councillor E.W. Williams expressed his concern that if the funding was approved by Members, would there be sufficient funds available to help all Denbighshire business applicants. He stated that his priority were the businesses who had suffered financial losses due to the Foot and Mouth Outbreak.

The Chief Executive said the financial assistance to the LIME would generate visitors to the Llangollen area.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the funding as detailed in the report to allow LIME to undertake a television marketing campaign in the Granada region.

TRAINING

Councillor E.A. Owens congratulated Councillor D.M. Holder on the recently held seminar on the Human Rights Act and urged all Members to attend future sessions of the seminar.

The meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER

DATE: 28 JUNE 2001

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON THE COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES

1. DECISION SOUGHT

To nominate three Members to represent Denbighshire County Council on the Court of the University of Wales for the remainder of the current term of office (1.4.1999 - 31.3.2002)

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

The University of Wales has informed the Council that as a result of changes to their Statutes, the membership of the Court has been reduced. Each of the local government authorities for the time being existing within Wales are now entitled to appoint three persons to represent them on the Court of the University of Wales.

Currently Denbighshire is represented by the following Members:-

Councillor M.Ll. Davies
Councillor N. Hugh-Jones
Councillor R.W. Hughes
Councillor T.M. Parry
Councillor W.G. Thomas

It will now be necessary, therefore, to choose three of the above Members to continue as the Council's representatives on the University Court.

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. RECOMMENDATION

That Members nominate three of the above Councillors to continue as Denbighshire's representatives on the University Court until the end of the current term of office (31.3.2002).

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER

DATE: 28 JUNE 2001

SUBJECT: LGA RURAL CONFERENCE: 12 SEPTEMBER 2001

1. DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 To appoint delegates to attend the LGA Rural Conference:- "Rural Councils responding to Challenges" to be held at Buxton on 12 September, 2001.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 The County Council has been invited to appoint delegates to attend the above-mentioned Rural Conference. This is the LGA's fourth Rural Conference in conjunction with the LGA Rural Commission meeting which will be held on Tuesday 11 September. The Conference attracts over 220 delegates and is a major one day event for leading members and directors responsible for rural policy.

2.2 The Conference will explore some of the issues raised in the rural White Paper as well as looking at the Countryside Agency's new role. The Conference Programme format will include an address by the new Government Minister responsible for countryside matters and will include a session on Economic Recovery from the impact of Foot and Mouth.

2.3 The Council's current representatives on the LGA Conference are Councillors E C Edwards and E W Williams.

3. COST IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The LGA Member Rate per delegate for this Conference is £195.00 plus £34.13 VAT (Total £229.13).

4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The costs of the conference will need to be contained within the budget for Members' conferences. He confirms that attendance would be of benefit as the conference touches many of the rural issues which face the County Council. Although there is no specific Welsh dimension, examples of good practice in England will assist in presenting a future case to the National Assembly for Wales.

5. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT

5.1 The Head of Countryside Services has been consulted regarding content of the Conference Programme.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

6.1 Consistent with Corporate objectives in supporting the rural economy and modernisation. The themes covered by the Conference programme include current issues facing all rural authorities in England and Wales e.g. economic recovery following foot and mouth, community planning, community safety/crime prevention in rural areas, meeting the needs of children and young persons in rural areas etc.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That the Council appoints two delegates, namely Councillor E C Edwards and Councillor E W Williams to attend the Local Government Association Rural Commission Conference "Rural Councils Responding to Challenges" to be held at Buxton on 12 September 2001.

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Directorate: CHIEF EXECUTIVES Section: COUNTY CLERK'S

Post Title: CLERK/TYPIST (2) Salary Grade: SCALE 1/2

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

The posts are located within the Typing Services Unit which is responsible for the printing and despatch to Members of all County Council reports and agendas.

One of the posts was previously frozen as part of the Budget Savings for the Department. However, due to increased pressures within the Unit the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed that the post should be filled and was advertised internally. No applications were received.

During this period a member of staff within the Unit has tendered her resignation and in view of the fact that no applications were received for the unfrozen post, Cabinet is requested to approve the external advertisement of both vacancies in the Typing Services Unit.

Signed: I. V. Healey ^{County Clerk} (Corporate Director) Dated: 19.6.01

Signed: _____ (Lead Member) Dated: _____

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (Leader) Date: 19.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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

CABINET 28.06.2001

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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Admin Team, Cefndy CRC, Rhyl

Post Title Telephonist/Receptionist 18.5 hours per week Salary Grade: scale 1 £8,886 - £11,418

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

The internal advert for this post has just closed, without any interest being shown. There have been serious concerns regarding the security of the Cefndy Children's Resource Centre and a risk assessment has highlighted the need for permanent well trained staff. Due to relocation of staff members, the reception staff now deal with a greater volume of telephone calls and visitors to the centre. It is therefore essential to recruit experienced staff in order to improve the reception services to clients.

Signed: Meirion Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 4/6/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts ^{Lead Member} ~~Chair~~ of Service Committee

Dated: 5/6/2001

To: Cabinet

Signed: G. Evans (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 07.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

Agree with above comments

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

CABINET 28.06.2001

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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Learning Disabilities Team, Rhyl

Post Title Social Worker 3 days per week Salary Grade: SW1-3 scp 24-34 £16,167 - £22,194

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

The internal advert for this post has just closed, without any interest being shown, this is a permanent post of 3 days per week. This post encompasses the assessment of need, the design and purchase of care packages, monitoring, evaluation and review. One of the duties of the post will be to form and develop working relationships with service users, families and their carers. To work individually, or in partnership to assess and review peoples needs and to design care plans and purchase support from appropriate providers.

Signed: Merion Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 30/5/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts ^{Lead Member} (Chair of Service Committee)

Dated: 1/6/2001

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 11.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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DEPARTMENTAL MANAGER
18 JUNE 2001
ADRIAN P. FINE WELSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Learning Disabilities Team, Rhyl

Post Title Social Worker full time 1 year contract, Salary Grade: SW 2-3 £17,220 - £22,194

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

This temporary one year contract of Social Worker is to cover the secondment to Bryn y Neuadd of the substantive post holder. We have recently advertised internally but have not appointed to the temporary post. In order for the team to be able to deal with arranging the care packages for the clients they need to recruit to this post as soon as possible.

Signed: Meirion Hughes (Corporate Director) Dated: 14.6.01

Signed: A. Roberts (Lead Member; Chair of Service Committee) Dated: 16.6.01

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 18.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Care Management, Ruthin

Post Title Social Worker - Purchasing Salary Grade: SW 1-3 £16,167 - £22,194 37 hours

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

Due to the shortage of qualified Social Workers at this present time, within the Social Services Directorate, the Head of Client Services has accepted that we need to advertise externally in order to recruit to this post. This is a full time permanent post based in Ruthin.

Anticipated difficulties in recruitment to Social Work posts based on previous experience and National Trends.

Signed: Meirion Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 12/6/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts (Lead Member / Chair of Service Committee)

Dated: 13/6/2001

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 18.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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Directorate: Lifelong Learning

Section: Library & Information

Post Title: Childcare Information Officer

Salary Grade: 6

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

- Urgent need to ensure continuity of service provision (Job vacant 20/7/01) as post is the sole provider of the Childcare Information Service
- Unlikely to be filled internally due to specialised nature of post and requirement for bilingual candidates.
100% externally funded by Childcare Partnership
Funding also available to cover advertising costs

Signed: Dionid Bowen (Corporate Director)

Dated: 6/06/01

Signed: [Signature] (Lead Member)

Dated: _____

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (Leader)

Date: _____

Approved Refused

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Comments/Reasons

Reasons due to
100% funding

Please return this form to

Emma Saffill, Personnel Officer, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Caledfryn, Smithfield Road, Denbigh.

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Directorate: Lifelong Learning

Section: Social Inclusion Unit

Post Title: Social Inclusion Worker

Salary Grade: JNC2

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

Maternity Leave cover

Signed: Shoned Bowen (Corporate Director)

Dated: 14 June 2001

Signed: Ken Welle (Lead Member)

Dated: 15.6.01

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (Leader)

Date: 18.06.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

Please return this form to

Emma Safhill, Personnel Officer, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Caledfryn, Smithfield Road, Denbigh.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DATE: 28 JUNE 2001

SUBJECT: A COALFIELD TASK FORCE FOR WALES

1 DECISION SOUGHT

Approve support for a call by the Coalfield Communities Campaign, of which Denbighshire is a member, for the National Assembly for Wales to establish a Coalfields Task Force for Wales to work up practical proposals for action to speed up regeneration.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

The Chair of the Welsh Region of the Coalfields Communities Campaign, Councillor Bob Wellington of Torfaen County Borough Council, has written to the Chief Executive explaining that the Welsh Region wishes to see established a Coalfields Tasks Force for Wales and has written to the First Minister in order to seek the establishment of such a force. This is backed by a major conference sponsored by the Coalfields Communities Campaign which represents delegates from a wide sector of representative groups including Local Authorities which urged the establishment of such a body in order to have a parallel group to that already established in England.

The County Council has retained its membership of the Coalfield Communities Campaign because of the impact on Rhyl and Prestatyn and neighbouring villages of the closure of coalfields in Northern Flintshire. When Point of Ayr closed the largest job losses were felt in Denbighshire and there is no doubt that the acute deprivation felt by several Northern Wards of Denbighshire has been added to by the collapse of the coal industry in recent years.

The Coalfields Communities Campaign would see the task force as an integrated body drawn from the WDA, The Local Authorities, the CCC itself, The NAW and representatives of the local communities. It seeks funding to promote employment, enterprise, land reclamation and community development. It seeks to influence the direction of lottery grants and wishes to see coalfields areas prioritised for Objective 1 assistance.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

There are no cost implications arising from the proposal.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

There are no cost implications arising from the proposal.

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

This is a specific request for Council support by the Coalfields Communities Campaign.

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

Securing additional funds would support a number of Council Strategies including the Economic Development Strategy and the Anti-Poverty Strategy.

7 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Cabinet approve the Coalfields Communities Campaign proposal and that the Leader be authorised to write accordingly to the First Minister.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER
DATE: 28 JUNE 2001
SUBJECT: INTERREG III

1. DECISION SOUGHT

To agree arrangements for developing new Interreg III partnerships with eastern Ireland.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 The National Assembly has confirmed the inclusion of Denbighshire in the Interreg III Programme which links parts of Wales with eastern Ireland. The Interreg III Programme offers grants of 75% for approved projects during the period 2001 to 2006.

2.2 Approved projects will link partner organisations in Ireland and Wales and as a consequence in order to benefit from the funding, the groups within Denbighshire will need to seek strong links with similar groups in Ireland.

2.3 Tentative correspondence has been held with eligible County Councils in Carlow and Kildare in Ireland who have indicated a willingness to become involved in Interreg projects with Denbighshire.

3. COST IMPLICATIONS

The cost of creation of partnerships will be borne out of the current budget of the Economic Development Unit. The Interreg Programme offers considerable scope for adding resources to the regeneration process within Denbighshire.

4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

Current budget provisions must not be exceeded as a result of entering into this initiative.

5. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

N/A

6. IMPLICATION ON OTHER POLICY AREAS

Policy implications including corporate. The resources available under this European Programme will help support corporate strategies including the economic development strategy and anti-poverty and equal opportunity policies.

7. RECOMMENDATION

That the Leader be instructed with the Head of Economic Regeneration to develop further connections with County Carlow and County Kildare in Ireland and report back.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DATE: 28 JUNE 2001

SUBJECT: OBJECTIVE ONE ROLLING PROGRAMME

1 DECISION SOUGHT

To confirm the recommendations of the Members Objective One Panel regarding project application submissions to the Rolling Programme of the West Wales and Valleys Objective One Programme

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

To provide authority for applications which concern the development of Council land and the issue of resources within existing budgets.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

All projects have been confirmed by the respective Heads of Service as being funded within existing budget levels.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

Heads of Service will be required to undertake these projects from within existing budget provisions. Capital projects will be subject to Denbighshire's capital projects procedures adopted by County Council in May

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

The projects have been developed by several departments of the Council who have themselves consulted with their respective public sector and community sector partners. The Head of Economic Regeneration has consulted within the Objective One Partnership. Following approval by the members panel, they were submitted to the Objective One partnership and the result of the submission is shown in the appendix.

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

There are implications for Economic Development Strategy, Anti-Poverty Strategy together with the general Regeneration Strategy for the County Council

7 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the attached list of projects for submission to the Rolling Programme.

Additionally the Cabinet is recommended to agree the following additional project applications developed since the Members Panel.

1. Flood Relief Scheme at Mwrog Street and Lenton Pool, Denbigh
2. Denbighshire Natural Environment Grant Improvement Project
3. Even Better Business, Phase 1
4. Working Towards Employment

Title of Project	Description of Project	Result
Cycle Route	The Council has Transport Supplementary Grant to provide for an expansion of the cycle route in Northern Denbighshire. There is an opportunity to use some of this funding as match funding to expand the cycle route southwards alongside the A525.	Deferred to later date
Plas Newydd, Llangollen Restoration Project	Establishment of the house (listed Grade 1) and grounds (listed Grade II) as a visitor attraction of international stature informed by the historic importance of the site. The strategic framework includes restoration of the grounds by the re-installment of historic planting and re-creation of the romantic landscape and improvement of visitor facilities by establishment of an interpretation centre for group visits and small cafe/shop.	Deferred - July submission
Creating Partnerships to Empower Communities	The primary aim of the project is to reduce social exclusion in the Priority 3 targeted areas of West, South West and East Rhyl, Bodelwyddan, Meliden and Upper Denbigh in Denbighshire. The Project will directly serve to encourage and develop bottom up strategies and a series of projects with the goal of reducing social exclusion and empowering communities to become engaged in identifying ways in which their communities can be supported and regenerated.	Submitted to Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO)
Community Regeneration Team	The project will employ staff to directly encourage and empower communities to become engaged in identifying ways in which their communities can be supported and regenerated. It will also seek and encourage the active participation of agencies (statutory, voluntary and private) serving the communities to become partners in the strategic process of regeneration.	Deferred to a July submission, competition for resources with another project to be resolved
New Communities Enterprise Centre	Conversion of derelict former depot into 4 x 950 sq.ft. community enterprise units, 1 x 2,800 sq. ft. community enterprise business centre and 2 x 2,760 sq. ft. business units together with a support office. Community Enterprises would be offered favourable tenurial terms.	Submitted to WEFO
Denbighshire Wages Subsidy Scheme	This project will establish a wage subsidy scheme that will create new quality long term job opportunities for the key target sectors of unemployed and economically inactive persons within Denbighshire. ESF assistance will allow the provision of additional wage subsidy places through direct grant aid to SMEs in order to facilitate expansion leading to additional employment. The project will link closely with existing and proposed business development and support measures as part of the Denbighshire Local Action Plan and will benefit both local people and local SMEs by increasing economic activity within the county.	Submitted to WEFO
Release SME	This project will establish the provision of financial grants to SMEs to enable the release of members of their workforce into vocational training. The project will support an increase in skills levels and qualifications within Denbighshire as part of a targeted approach to increasing economic activity and SME turnover within the county and encouraging the development of a learning society.	Deferred to later date
Community Hall, Ysgol y Llys	Funding is sought to provide a multipurpose Community Hall on the site of Ysgol y Llys, Prestatyn which is a Welsh medium school serving Prestatyn and the surrounding areas, including Meliden, Trelawnyd, Dyserth and Gronant. The aim of the community facility within the grounds of the building is to provide a multi purpose facility which encourages the use of the Welsh language through training, childcare and the arts (The Urdd).	Deferred to later date
Rhualt Project	To consult the local community in terms of building. Refurbishment to support the community and young people. Enable young people to develop the land as an environmental project. Develop the building in order to be used as a community resource and a skills based centre.	Deferred to July

Rhualt Project	To provide young people facing social exclusion with opportunity for social engagement and participation in mainstream economic social and environmental activities. To provide young people who experience social exclusion with an opportunity to acquire skills and abilities that will increase their employability through personal development, informal learning and training. To improve access to health and social care, self help and other services.	Deferred to later date
Early Excellence Centres	To establish a network of Early Excellence Centres as strategic locations throughout the County. These centres, which will become true community centres, are modelled on the Early Excellence Centres in England. They incorporate the important concept of 'wrap around' childcare providing as they do an integrated environment of early years childcare and education. Multifunctional centres have the potential to provide a unique response to the needs of local communities in urban or rural areas, involve families in their children's education from an early age and encourage lifelong learning. They will assist unemployed and economically inactive people into work in at least two ways - (i) by providing good quality affordable and accessible childcare to enable parents to become economically active, by enabling them to work or to receive training to acquire higher level skills and (ii) by providing counselling services for parents and others to combat their low self-esteem, poverty and unemployment. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with the Denbighshire Early Years & Childcare Partnership.	Deferred to later date
Education Business Links to enhance the School Curriculum	Build on the work of Education Business Partnerships to expand the links between schools and local businesses and in particular, to extend the scope to include all schools in Denbighshire. Employ one advisory teacher, technical and administrative support assistants to promote and develop these links with local businesses and to liaise with and guide the school teachers with the delivery. To provide technological and other resources to create an appropriate working environment. The business will act as a 'client' to provide briefs for groups of pupils. The pupils will then work collaboratively in a specially simulated working environment away from school (in the Learning Centre) on the brief set by the local business. The pupils will be able to develop team-working, communication and entrepreneurial skills as well as learning to work to deadlines and to use the new technology to solve problems.	Submitted to WEFO
Women's Digital Community Project	To provide a women's technology centre which will open up new opportunities for women, to enter into training and employment in higher paid and higher skilled sectors and self-employment. The centre would provide an informal inclusive atmosphere. This would attract women, keen to upgrade and/or learn new skills, who may see formal training institutions as an alien environment, which is impersonal and threatening. A flexible timetable would be provided for training, organised around school hours and holidays with childcare facilities on hand.	Submitted to WEFO
New Visitor Attraction - Nant Clwyd House	The creation of a new visitor attraction in a grade 1 town house to attract a catalyst for the development of niche tourism in an attractive and historic market town. Refurbishment of the building, restoration of the garden, interpretation and visitor facilities.	Submitted to WEFO

CABINET - 28 June 2001

LOCAL MEMBERS NOMINATIONS FOR LEA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Report by the Lead Cabinet Member for Life Long Learning

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider nominations received for LEA Governor vacancies from the Local Member(s) for the area in which the school(s) are located subject to Council's approval of the criteria for selection.

2. BACKGROUND

- 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.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 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.

DENBIGH YSGOL Y PARC

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

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Dr Morton E. Evans, Doverhay, Ruthin Road, Denbigh	14.12.03
Mr Colin Almond, Broadacres, 38 Brookhouse Rd, Brookside, Denbigh	14.12.03
Mr Richard Edward Wynne, 7 Mytton Park, Denbigh	Deceased

NOMINATION

Mr Gwyn Evans, 13 Lon Nant, Myddleton Park, Denbigh.

RUTHIN, RHOS STREET C.P.

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

No. of LEA Governors: 3

No. of Vacancies: 1

Cllr K.N. Hawkins.	13.7.03
Cllr E.W. Williams	Resigned
Reverend Dr Raymond Bailey, The Cloisters, School Road, Ruthin	13.7.03

NOMINATION

Mrs Helen Evans, Cil Llidiart, Llanfair Road, Ruthin.

County Clerk

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor E A Owens

DATE: 28 June 2001

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET POSITION 2000/01

1 Decision Sought

That Members note the provisional final outturn for the 2000/01 financial year as detailed in the attached appendix. Work remains to be completed regarding the yield from the Council Tax, the levels of benefit subsidies due together with the levels of provision to be made for irrecoverable debts.

2 Reason For Seeking Decision

The need to update Members on the progress of the Council's agreed Recovery Plan which highlighted that the final deficit for 2000/01 should be no more than £2m.

3 Cost Implications

N/A

4 Financial Controller Statement

Failure to minimise the level of negative balances at year end will reduce the resources available for services in future financial years and endanger the Recovery Plan.

5 Consultation Carried Out

Lead Cabinet Members are consulting in an ongoing manner with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial actions to prevent overspends in 2001/02.

6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate

The level of funding available to services together with budgetary performance impacts upon all services of the Council.

7 Recommendation

That Members note the provisional outturn position for last financial year.

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Final Revenue Account 2000/01

Service	Budget 2000/02 £000	Net exp 2000/01 £000	Variance £000
Life Long Learning			
- Schools budgets	33,893	33,473	-420
- Schools funds held centrally	6,902	7,553	651
- Non schools funding	535	535	0
- Leisure services	2,277	2,540	263
- Culture	1,962	1,974	12
- Countryside	334	338	4
Total	12,010	12,940	930
Environment			
- Design & construction	939	931	-8
- Economic regeneration	706	706	0
- Highways & transport	4,881	4,716	-165
- Planning services	707	802	95
- Public Prot & regeneration	6,866	6,928	62
- Support	284	284	0
Total	14,383	14,367	-16
Personal Services			
- Children & family	2,707	3,614	907
- Intake North	4,578	4,367	-211
- Intake South	2,653	2,566	-87
- Provider	5,183	5,578	395
- Strategic planning	3,125	2,701	-424
Total	18,246	18,826	580
Resources			
- Finance & CPU	1,610	1,900	290
- ICT	1,146	1,146	0
- Personnel	532	532	0
Total	3,288	3,578	290
Chief Executive inc Legal	1,516	1,516	0
Corporate & misc			
- Benefits	71	411	340
- Other	1,729	1,761	32
- Bellwin	0	209	209
Total	1,800	2,381	581
Total Service expenditure	51,243	53,608	2,365
Capital Finance charges	11,324	11,000	-324
Precepts & levies	3,630	3,701	71
Contribution to funds	0	90	90
Total Expenditure	66,197	68,399	2,202
Contribution to balances	3,750		
	69,947	68,399	-1,548
Balnces - b/f	3,750		-3,431
- contribution	3,750		1,548
- c/f	0		-1,883
Schools - b/f			159
- contribution	0		420
- c/f			579

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor E A Owens

DATE: 28 June 2001

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2001/02

1 Decision Sought

That in the light of the first set of budget performance figures for the current financial year as detailed in the attached appendix, Members consider what actions are necessary to ensure the budget for the year is not overspent.

2 Reason For Seeking Decision

The need to deliver the Council's agreed Recovery Action Plan and budget strategy which calls for positive general balances by the end of the current financial year .

3 Cost Implications

N/A

4 Financial Controller Statement

Failure to remove negative balances by the financial year end will reduce the resources available for services in future financial years and endanger the Recovery Plan.

5 Consultation Carried Out

Lead Cabinet Members are consulting in an ongoing manner with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial actions to prevent overspends in 2001/02.

6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate

The level of funding available to services together with budgetary performance impacts upon all services of the Council.

7 Recommendation

That Members consider necessary remedial actions to ensure the budget for the current financial year is not overspent.

APPENDIX

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

2001/02 BUDGET PRESSURES

	-----Budget Pressures-----		
	£000	£000	Comments
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>			
<u>Education</u>			
Special needs pupils support	130		
Clothing grants	<u>23</u>	153	Increase in stated pupils; a review of the service is to be carried out
<u>Culture</u>			
Underachieved reduction re Rhuddlan library	<u>18</u>	18	Closure not achieved
<u>Leisure</u>			
Reduced Leisure Centre income	10		
Ruthin Craft Centre costs	<u>6</u>	16	Income and cost levels will be reviewed
<u>Resorts & Attractions</u>			
Rent reductions	<u>12</u>	12	Income and cost levels will be reviewed
<u>Countryside</u>			
Loggerheads income	<u>6</u>	6	Impact of flooding and Foot & Mouth

		205	

<u>Environment</u>			
<u>Public Protection & Regulatory</u>			
Public conveniences, income & running costs	30		Income and cost levels will be reviewed
Regeneration services income	<u>20</u>	50	Income and cost levels will be reviewed
<u>Planning</u>			
Land charges income	21		
Appeals costs	<u>5</u>	26	Income target not achievable

		76	

<u>Personal Services</u>			
Children & Families	142		
Purchaser	-338		
Provider	362		
Strategic Planning	<u>-98</u>	68	After the end of the first quarter, a general review of the budget allocations to services will be carried out

TOTAL PRESSURES REPORTED		349	Total to be covered by remedial actions
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REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR D HOLDER, LEAD CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAINING

DATE: 28 June 2001

SUBJECT: Anti-Social Behaviour

1. DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 To ask Members to consider providing funding towards the cost of obtaining additional information to support action being taken to address anti-social behaviour in the County

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 A number of incidents of anti-social behaviour have been brought to the attention of the Council and its partners, particularly the Police, and efforts are being made to address these. Whilst incidents are occurring throughout the County the largest number are in the Rhyl area, and concern about these was such that a meeting involving various agencies and local people and groups was held in the Rhyl town hall recently to look at ways of addressing the situation.

2.2 At the meeting it was agreed that a number of actions should be progressed, and these are detailed below:

(i) publication of a newsletter to inform local people of action being taken to address the problems that had been identified. This will be published later in the month.

(ii) the introduction of additional traffic calming measures in the Rhydwen Drive Estate area. Traffic calming measures are to be introduced later in the year.

(iii) provision of additional Educational Social Work staff at Rhyl High School. Some changes to arrangements for ESW support in the school have been agreed, further action with regard to this is being progressed.

(iv) improvement of street lighting on the Estate, and a policy to replace lights quickly. A review of street lighting in the area is being undertaken.

(v) the provision of funding to enable an independent witness scheme to be piloted in the area.

2.3 The suggestion that a pilot independent witness scheme be introduced resulted from concern that a number of local people were not prepared to provide evidence in support of action such as anti-social behaviour orders or notices seeking possession of properties because of fear of reprisals. If such a scheme was introduced it would enable the use of private detectives or other agencies to undertake surveillance in the area and then provide testimony in court to support action being taken by the Police and/or the Council.

2.4 This suggestion has been discussed with the Council's partner agencies at the Crime and Disorder Steering Group where it was felt that use of surveillance would, in some instances, be helpful in supporting legal action. It was felt, however, that the proposal to pilot an independent witness scheme was not necessarily the appropriate method of obtaining such information. It was considered also that other surveillance methods, e.g. the use of hidden video cameras in strategic places, could prove to be more useful in gaining supporting evidence for action being taken to address anti-social behaviour in other parts of the County.

2.5 The Crime and Disorder Steering Group was informed that Government finance would be available in the financial year beginning on the 1st April, 2001 to fund schemes which addressed anti-social behaviour. Any pilot scheme which took place in the current year would, if successful, be used to make a case for obtaining funding from this source. It was also possible that some funding for

the pilot scheme could be available from the Partnership Development Fund which is to be allocated later in the year but, given the limited amount of money available from this fund, this is unlikely.

2.6 Given the concerns being expressed by many Denbighshire residents about the extent and nature of anti-social behaviour in some areas, and the belief that the provision of funding to enable surveillance to take place to provide evidence would be beneficial, it was considered that a submission should be made to Council to make funding available.

3. COST IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The financial implications for the Council of the scheme would amount to the provision of £10k for the financial year 2001 - 2002 to enable the scheme to be progressed. There will also be indirect costs in respect of officer time in connection with the various measures being progressed to address the anti-social behaviour in the County.

4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

4.1 There is no specific budget provision for the proposal. Funding would need to be identified if the pilot scheme is approved.

5. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

5.1 Consultations have been carried out over a lengthy period with local community groups as well as the statutory agencies with regard to the proposed scheme. A recent meeting that was held in Rhyl to discuss particular problems in the area once again highlighted the need for a scheme such as this if effective evidence was to be obtained which could be used in support of action being taken by the Council and its partners.

5.2 Consultation with the public with regard crime and disorder issues has been carried out both by the Council and the Police and anti-social behaviour such as that detailed above has been highlighted as being a major cause of concern. The Denbighshire Crime and Disorder Strategy includes a specific requirement that action be taken to address this issue.

5.3 The multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving Group has discussed this proposal and have supported the use of surveillance as a method of collecting evidence to support action to address problems of anti-social behaviour.

6. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

6.1 The principal impacts relate to Crime and Disorder Strategy, but other there are also implications in connection with areas such as Housing and Social Services.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That consideration be given to the provision of funding for the financial year 2001 - 2002 to enable the above scheme to be progressed.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor D M Morris

DATE: 28 June 2001

SUBJECT: On-street parking charging - East and West Parade, Rhyl

1 DECISION SOUGHT

To seek Members' agreement to the consultation procedure outlined in the report

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

The Transportation Study for Rhyl recommended a parking strategy for the town. One of the measures to be considered in the short term was the introduction of charging for on-street parking on East and West Parade. Currently enforcement of all controlled (i.e. limited waiting) or restricted parking is the responsibility of North Wales Police and their Traffic Warden Force. Over the years resources have been diverted away from parking enforcement to address core offences such as burglaries and personal assaults. The Council has powers available that enable it to enforce permitted parking. Additional costs would be incurred in the Council taking on these powers, principally in terms of funding its own wardens to provide the enforcement. It would be necessary therefore to introduce on-street charging to meet the additional costs.

The Study identified East and West Parade as the most suitable location for introducing a first phase of charging for on-street parking. The demand for parking at this location is dominated by tourists and day-trippers visiting the beach and the other attractions in the area, such as the Sealife Centre, and parking for several hours at a time. In addition, traffic flows in the summer months are heavy on the Promenade and it is desired to minimise the number of times that vehicles need to reverse in and out of spaces. It is proposed therefore that a single levy be charged to cover all day parking.

A review has been made of all the waiting restrictions on East and West Parade with the intention of removing unnecessary restrictions, while retaining areas free of parking at bus stops, for loading/unloading at premises without off-street service access and to ensure adequate visibility at side road junctions, as well as guaranteeing unimpeded two way traffic flow along the Promenade. After taking these into account the total number of spaces available for parking would be 149 in East Parade and 71 in West Parade. A plan showing the areas of parking will be displayed at the meeting.

The parking charge will be the subject of consultation but should be related to the cost of parking in the car parks along the Promenade to encourage motorists to park in them. The Appendix shows the charges levied in the sea front car parks in Rhyl. A suggested charge for the High Season would be £3, set slightly higher than the cost of using adjacent car parks and being an amount that would not present difficulties in finding loose change to pay for it. Options may be considered to retain a charge of £3 for the Low Season to maintain the differential with the main sea front car parks at Childrens Village, Skytower and Sun Centre or reduce it to a low season rate of £2 that would still keep it at a higher level than the other more peripheral sea front car parks. During the winter months options could be considered to reduce the charge to £1 making it comparable with off street charging or not charging at all. There would be significant enforcement cost savings in refraining from charging in the winter months. It is suggested that the charges should be levied at the same times as in the car parks, that is 0800 - 1700 Monday to Sunday. The levels of charges outlined would be comparable with Promenade parking in Llandudno (£3 for over 4 hours). It should be noted that as with all on-street charging nation-wide Orange/Blue Badge holders will be permitted to park free of charge and without time limit.

Introducing charging will have implications in terms of displacement of existing parking. Undoubtedly some motorists who currently park on Rhyl Promenade will seek to avoid paying

charges by parking in residential side streets. The Study identified parking by non-residents already taking place in roads such as Edward Henry Street. Should charging be introduced surveys will be undertaken in the side streets leading from East and West Parade to gauge the effect of any displacement and to enable the consideration of suitable measures, such as residents parking schemes.

Experience in introducing on-street charging elsewhere in the country, including Llandudno where the full process of consultation and implementation has taken over three years, has indicated the need for full public consultation. As a first stage it is proposed to convene a meeting of Rhyl Members to discuss the proposals in detail, then to meet with business organisations and finally to seek the views of the general public. The main issues to be discussed are the lengths of road to be the subject of charging either East Parade, West Parade or both; the dates of charging, summer only or all year; and the level of charges as outlined above.

3 COST IMPLICATIONS

The initial costs involved in consultation will be met from the capital allocation for 2001/02. The costs identified in the Study for implementing the whole charging scheme would be capital costs of £87,000 with revenue costs of £28,000 which would be defrayed against the on-street charging revenue. The extent of charging and future revenue will be determined following the consultation process.

4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The proposal will need to be evaluated as part of the new capital appraisal procedures with all revenue as well as capital implications examined.

5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

The report outlines the consultation procedure to be undertaken.

6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

There are no significant implications for other policy areas.

7 RECOMMENDATION

Members approve the consultation procedure for the introduction of on-street parking charging in East and West Parade, Rhyl as outlined in the report

Charges for car parks along East and West Parade, Rhyl

Car park	Charges (£)		
	Winter	Low Season	High Season
Children's Village Underground	0.50	2.80	2.80
Sun Centre	1.00	2.80	2.80
East Parade	closed	1.80	2.80
Sky Tower	1.00	2.80	2.80
Quay Street	closed	1.00	1.80

Winter covers the period 1 October to 31 March or Good Friday whichever falls earlier in the year

Low Season covers the period 1 April or Good Friday, whichever falls earlier in the year, to 30 September but excluding July and August

High Season covers the months of July and August

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR R W HUGHES, LEAD CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM

DATE: 28 JUNE 2001

SUBJECT: CLIVE ENGINE HOUSE, DYSERTH

1. DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 To approve a Conservation Strategy and Action Plan for Clive Engine House, Dyserth; to agree to pursue funding opportunities to implement the strategy; and to authorise the commencement of formal negotiations with the landowner to acquire the monument.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 Clive Engine House is the finest remaining Cornish-style engine house in North Wales. It dates from 1860 and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, which reflects its value as one of the few surviving structures from a once important industry in our area. Unfortunately, the condition of the monument is deteriorating and it is now in need of urgent reconsolidation and other work to reverse the effect of years of neglect. The engine house and adjoining land are currently in private ownership.

2.2 A Strategy and Action Plan for Clive Engine House has been drawn up by the County Archaeologist to address these problems, and a copy is appended to this report. This puts forward proposals to secure conservation of the monument, and to ensure public access to this local heritage site.

3. COST IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Although difficult to estimate at this preliminary stage, the Action Plan suggests that capital costs of reconsolidation and other works could be around £400,000, plus land acquisition.

3.2 It is very likely that these costs will be 100% funded by a package made up of Cadw, Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), and WDA grants. Informal discussions with Cadw officials have been very positive on this point, and they have suggested that HLF would look very favourably on a suitable application. In addition, the WDA have already pledged funds this financial year for acquisition of the monument and to carry out specialist surveys of the structure and site prior to commencing reconsolidation and conservation work.

3.3 It is intended that ongoing annual management costs for this facility would be kept to a minimum, and would be absorbed by the Countryside Service revenue budget.

4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

5.1 The proposal will need to follow the Council's Capital appraisal process with any likely revenue costs in the future clearly identified.

5. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

5.1 The Draft Conservation Strategy and Action Plan has been circulated for comment to a wide range of organisations, including Cadw, WDA, Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust, Welsh Mines Preservation Trust and Dyserth and District Field Club. In addition, the local member and Community Council have also been invited to comment. The owner has also been asked to comment on the document.

5.2 Responses have been received from a number of consultees, and the Conservation Strategy and Action Plan attached to this report has been amended accordingly.

6. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

6.1 The principal impacts relate to Local Agenda 21. Conservation of such an important part of our heritage and enhancing public access to such sites contributes to local quality of life. It is also fully consistent with the Council's Countryside Strategy 'Caring for our Countryside'.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To approve the Clive Engine House Conservation Strategy and Action Plan.

7.2 To agree to apply for relevant grants to implement the Strategy.

7.3 To commence formal negotiations with the landowner to acquire the site.

Appendix not available in electronic form

Cabinet Members: Leader, Lead Member for Lifelong Learning and Leader Member for Personal Services

Date: 28 June 2001

Subject: Children and Young People - A Framework for Partnership

1. Decision Sought

1.1 To approve the attached response to the Assembly's Consultation Document Children and Young People - A Framework for Partnership.

2. Reason For Decision

2.1 The Assembly has issued a framework document for the development of Children and Young people services.

2.2 The proposals within the document will involve the Authority having to rethink its current partnership structure and the Council's policy support mechanisms.

2.3 The main proposal involve:

- seeking to create a more coherent strategic framework in which services to children and young people are planned.
- to improve the coherence of local planning and in particular the planning frameworks created in response to the Assembly's own funding strategies. For this the main proposal is to combine from April 2002 the following Assembly grant funded strategies into a single funded programme within which there would be targets and outcomes set by the Assembly:

Programmes to come under the new Children and Young People's Support Fund

Funded Programme	Description	Funding Allocation 2001/02
Sure Start	Improvement of the health and well-being of families and children before and from birth to age four. Targeting children in greatest need.	£301k of which £276k comes to the Council and the remainder to the Health Authority.
National Childcare Strategy	To enable good quality, affordable accessible childcare in all communities in Denbighshire, covering 0 - 14	£55k
Play 2000 Grant	Open access to free play activities throughout the year for all children 6 -16	27.3
Children and Youth Partnership Fund	Target disadvantage young people of senior school age to reduce social exclusion in its broadest meaning. To work in partnership with others and to facilitate	274

	partnerships working	
Youth Access Initiative	To facilitate the transition of post children from school to work or further training. (targeting disadvantaged young children)	106.5
Elements of Gest funding which tackle disaffection among young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training and salaries for youth and community workers. ▪ Ethnic minority achievement grants ▪ School attendance and behaviour ▪ Youth and community worker training. ▪ Training on youth access. ▪ Child Protection ▪ Education for looked after children 	194
Total		£842.8*

NB. Total excludes Sure Start moneys given to Health

3. Cost Implications

3.1 There are no immediate financial implications deriving from this report.

4. Financial Controller Statement

4.1 The budget for these services for 2002/03 will need to be reviewed and revamped at the time of setting the budget for next financial year.

5. Consultation Carried Out

5.1 The response draws on consultations carried out in the Denbighshire Childcare partnership and the Social Inclusion Management Group. The draft response was sent to Corporate Directors and relevant officers.

6. Implications for other Policy areas

6.1 The report is a response to a consultation. The issues requiring a response are cross cutting and require a input from each directorate.

7. Recommendation

That Members approve the attached response

Response to Children and Young People's Partnership- A Framework for Partnership.

The Authority in general welcomes this document as most of its proposals are either self-recommending or are consistent with changes which the Assembly is bringing in in other areas.

The need for joint strategic frameworks embracing key partners is a development of the principles embodied in the community strategy which now sets the context in which planning for services will take place. As such it is entirely logical that there should be local frameworks utilising a partnership approach which draws upon the themes and principles of Better Wales.com and clear service plans with appropriate targets and measurable outcomes. This is, moreover, consistent with the Best Value regime and the system of performance incentive grants introduced this year..

Secondly, the aim of rationalising and making more coherent the current suite of funding through the introduction of the Children and Young People's Support fund and partnerships makes sense, but it needs to be recognised that merely joining the funding together will not alone achieve the objective, although it will obviously help. What needs to happen is that the range of programmes and objectives sponsored by these funding streams need to be genuinely complementary in order for the funding to have maximum effect. Currently there is a danger of splintering the funding in order to comprehensively address the range of identified needs which are being ministered to by the various grants. What is now required is a strategic approach to the total funding stream which links together to a strategic approach to the existing funding programmes of the various partners.

This strategic approach influenced by an assessment of local needs and priorities and arising from consultation with children and young people as well other people in the community will enable the partners to deploy the funding effectively. It should be stressed that there is little point in promoting consultation without a commitment to respond creatively to it. Local consultation with children or parents will need to impact upon priorities and how the various funding streams are shaped if consultation is to be more than tokenism.

Local Authorities with their grounding in local communities are only too aware of the need to make consultation real and the risks of public apathy if their views have been canvassed, but have failed to feed through to the decision making process

To enable the local assessment to guide policy making therefore requires the Assembly to be less prescriptive over outcomes and allow local priorities to determine how needs can best be addressed. Better Wales.com may provide the overall framework for strategic thinking, but there must be scope to determine local priorities in response to local need and this will be reflected in the way the funding streams are shaped at a local level and the support structures which enable the partnerships programme to be delivered.

This Assembly also needs to think through the issue of the long term status of the funding. Is Sure Start, for example, an experiment in social action or is it to be built into the service provision of the local partnership? If the latter, then there needs to be a clear indication of when the funding will be built into the annual public sector funding settlement. If the former, then there are dangers inherent with experimentation, namely the raising of expectations and the fallout from withdrawal of funding.

It is the Authority's view that the principles which the Assembly has adopted in the Community First initiative should hold true for all of the areas covered by the Children and

Young People fund. The problems which the funding has been created as a response to require long term programmes and not 2 or 3 years of miscellaneous project sponsorship. This point is consistent with the ethos of the document Extending Entitlement which you are also seeking consultation on. It goes without saying that certainty over funding is a prerequisite for the development of a truly strategic approach. .

In response to the various question that are listed in the document the Authority has the following observations.

- 1.** There are arguably too many questions asked. There is an increasing trend in consultation papers of seeking answers to an extensive range of questions so that a consultation becomes in part a questionnaire. We do not see the usefulness of this approach. Research should be kept separate from consultation where the focus should be to provide comment on specific proposals.
- 2.** Many of the answers require the existence of clear criteria for providing answers. The only way useful answers could be provided in many cases is via the prior existence of an audit of need in each locality. Questions of balance of provision within the funding streams, for example, cannot be answered in the abstract. If they could there would be no need for a consultation. The document therefore does need to be clearer about the status of the questions it is asking and the value of the responses it is likely to receive.
- 3.** I enclose the responses from the Childcare Partnership and the Social Inclusion management group

Children & Young People
A Framework for Partnership – consultation document.
Response from Denbighshire Social Inclusion Management Group.
Draft 1

This document is a response from Denbighshire Social Inclusion Management Group, who has representatives from the Health Authority, Education, Social Services, Children's Society, Careers Company, Careers Plus, Rhyl Community Agency, Denbighshire Crime Prevention Officer, Youth Offending Team, Rhyl College, Youth Service. The Group manage the Children & youth Partnership Fund, Play 2000 Grant, Youth Access and Youth Work & Schools partnership Funding.

The overview of Assembly initiatives and programmes set out in Annex A offers an opportunity to pose questions about the overall balance in current programmes:

- *Is the balance right as between younger or older age groups?*

Yes.

- *Between health, education, and social services;*

Yes.

- *Between universal and targeted provision;*

Yes.

- *Between prevention and intervention;*

Yes.

- *Between statutory service providers, and those in the voluntary and independent sectors;*

Yes

- *Are there areas there is still need for new direction;*

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- *Between services specifically aimed at children and young people, and those where wider age-integration is desirable;*

Yes

- *Are there aspects of children's provision where central intervention is unnecessarily high; or alternatively where too little attention has been given so far;*

No

- *Are the priorities between services right;*

Yes

- *Where there are specific service targets, are these set at the right levels?*

Yes

- *Is integration the number of schemes and ensuring proper monitoring and evaluation by the setting of clear targets the right way forward?*

Yes, but to ensure we do not develop a top down approach and keep the partners that are already on board and working successfully in groups.

- *Is the list of schemes proposed for integration in the fund the right one? Should some be deleted or others added?*

Yes the list is all right.

- *Are the proposed local framework and partnership arrangements for all children and young people the most appropriate way of achieving a strategic overview of their needs and the adequacy of service provision in the local area?*

Yes.

- *Is the approach of one overall local partnership and local decision as to what other groups should exist beneath it the right one?*

Yes and there should a variety of working groups branching out from the Local Partnership to ensure that key people are involved. Each group would be constituted with the following people:

- Young People
 - Community Members
 - Voluntary Organisation Practitioner
 - Education Practitioner
 - Social Service Practitioner
 - Health Practitioner
 - Specialist services dependant on area of work. E.g. Housing Rep, Careers Wales, F.E. College, etc.
- *Should the Assembly issue guidance about the partnership arrangements required in each area?*

Yes, Guidance should be issued and monitored to ensure the key involvement of Young People, Community Members, Voluntary Organisations, Education, Social Service, Health and specialist services dependant on area of work. E.g. Housing Rep, Careers Wales, F.E. College, etc.

- *What are the best ways of obtaining the views of children & young people?*

Again to obtain the views of children and young people the Assembly must ensure a bottom up approach. Young people should not be expected to enter the adult structure without support; we must create a structure that young people have ownership of. For this targeted funding is necessary. Each local authority should have a Full Time Youth Forum Worker trained in the skills of engaging with young people and delivering group work, Dip HE in Youth & Community Education. A Regional Co-ordinator and a National Co-ordinator should also be appointed. Local Authority Education and Youth Services should be set clear targets to establish youth forums in their areas. This should be undertaken in the existing structure, i.e. youth centres and school's. Other specialist support groups should also be supported i.e. young carers forums, disabled young people forums, children looked after forums etc. Each group would then feed into a County Youth Forum; close monitoring should be maintained to ensure that the group is constituted correctly. Local forums meet with town community councils, County forums meet

with County Councils, Regional forum meets with Assembly regional committees and the National forum meets with assembly members.

How it could work.

For this to work the Youth Workers must have time to prepare and engage with the young people on a rolling training programme, of weekly meetings, residentials, training courses etc. Young people will be able to communicate their ideas across Wales and the rest of the world, using computers, video conferencing and linking to a youth assembly web site Canllaw on-line.

The Map below shows how the local forums feed into the County Forum
 Indicates Local Forums and the indicates County Forums.

Local & County Youth Forums



Each County Forum will feed into the Assembly's Regional Meeting Structure and have joint meetings with Assembly Members. All the regional committee will meet together in the New Assembly Building once a year and have a meeting with the full Assembly.

National Proposal



- *Is a network of school councils a necessary part of the arrangements for obtaining the views of children & Young People.*

The network of school councils is a necessary step to ensure the views of all young people are considered. However, we must ensure a balance of all young people is maintained on the County and Regional / National youth Forums. The resources should be targeted at the most in need of getting their views over. The system is working for high achievers.

- *If so, what guidance should there be for schools on setting up and maintaining effective school councils?*

A pack could be developed and delivered through the PSE structure or through Youth Workers within the school.

- *How can the arrangements for participation ensure that children and young people, who are disadvantaged, through health or social factors, take part?*

As above, target the resources at those most in need.

- *How do we prevent consultation being tokenistic?*

Targeted funding based on results if not achieved then other organisations bid for tenders to deliver. Train up Council personnel and Assembly members in working with young people. We have a training programme that can be delivered by young people. Action once the discussion has ended.

- *How can we engage young people in public life outside their school or college?*

As above, we believe the adults need to be trained up to involve young people. Small steps well thought through.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
A FRAME WORK FOR PARTNERSHIP - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

3. ASSEMBLY PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

Questions for consultation:

The overview of assembly initiatives and programmes set out in Annex A offers opportunity to pose questions about the overall balance in current programmes:

- Is the balance right as between younger or older age-groups?

No the balance is not right, the provision for the younger age range needs to be improved incl. access to services.

Particularly 4-11 year olds

- Between health, education, and social services

No, the partnership would benefit with more involvement from health and social services. There needs to be an agreement of shared targeted objectives.

- Between universal and targeted provision

An increase in universal provision to meet the basic entitlement of all children & young people is a first priority

- Between prevention and intervention

Prevention should receive priority

- Between statutory service providers, and those in the voluntary and independent sectors

The balance at present is satisfactory

- Are there areas where there is still a need for new direction?

Balance in the NAFW programme not right, there needs to be a cohesive strategy and funding targeted at wider age range.

- Between services specifically aimed at children and young people, and those where wider age-integration is desirable

We would welcome central intervention, tailored to local needs. Capital funding associated with strategy over complex.

- Are there aspects of children's provision where central intervention is unnecessarily high; or alternatively where too little attention has been given so far?

ESW system and support is under resourced, Mental Health provision. Play provision 4-11 year olds.

- Are the priorities between services right?

No

- Where are there specific service targets, are these set at the right levels?

No

Questions for consultation:

- Is integrating the number of schemes and ensuring proper monitoring and evaluation by the setting of clear targets the right way forward?

Yes - to agreed and evaluated systems

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- Is the list of schemes proposed for integration in the Fund the right one? Should some be deleted or others added?

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The National Childcare Strategy covers all children age 0 - 14, the Childcare Partnership welcome the list of schemes for integration as the right ones but would welcome 3 year allocation of funding plus indication of future funding.

Early Years Provision for Three year olds?

[Need Core Funding not just 3 year funding](#)

4. ACHIEVING FOCUS IN LOCAL STRATEGY AND PLANNING:

Question for consultation:

- Are the local framework and partnership arrangements for all children and young people the most appropriate way of achieving a strategic overview of their needs and the adequacy of service provision in the local area?

Yes, we must cater for diversity and not lose sight of age groups

[Disagrees, see ADFW Planning Framework 2.2.](#)

- Is the approach of one overall local partnership and local decision as to what other groups should exist beneath the right one?

Yes, to ensure implementation the one overall local partnership must have a model constitution with clear mandatory and advisory guidance incl. Staffing implications.

Concern from voluntary sector that local authority will be hierarchy group at present the National Childcare Strategy - Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership has a constitution and has representation from all sectors which is successful. The Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership propose that they become the overall umbrella group and co-ordinate services with specialist groups feeding into the umbrella group. At present sub-groups feed into the

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership involving representation from statutory, voluntary and private sector.

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- Should the Assembly issue guidance about the partnership arrangements required in each area?

Yes, this should be delivered in time with funding arrangements to deliver the resources required.

5. LISTENING TO CHILDREN

Questions for consultation:

- What are the best ways of obtaining the views of children and young people?

Face to face interviews.

Prepare and develop skills and capacity and interest of young people, developing citizenship

- Is a network of schools councils a necessary part of the arrangements for obtaining the views of children and young people?

Yes

- If so, what guidance should there be for schools on setting up and maintaining effective schools councils?

Must be inclusive with clear objectives linked to local needs.

Share real responsibility and power and provide information

- How can the arrangements for participation ensure that children and young people who are disadvantaged, through health, economic or social factors, take part?

As above, with clear objectives linking to local needs

- Entitlement requires issues of inequality be addressed. Adequacy of provision and funding. Targeted provision is required.
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- How do we prevent consultation being tokenistic?

Record consultations targets and a system of evaluation is put in place that compares outcomes with identified needs.

- How can we engage children and young people in public life outside their schools or colleges?

Empower, encourage, provide opportunities to take risks and challenge children and young people – develop confidence. Life skills

6. MONITORING THE STRATEGY

Assessing the impact of policies on children and young people

Questions for consultation:

- Should the Assembly adopt an external advisory group and what methods of appointment and working would be most effective?

Children's Commissioner should meet with Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships on a regular basis.

Bring together on a regional basis practitioners to share good practice and link this to external system of Inspection. With a Peer Inspection system developed

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor E W Williams Best Value

SUBJECT: Best Value Review Programme

DATE: 28 June 2001

1. Decision Sought

1.1 Approval of Best value Review Programme

2. Reason For Decision

2.1 The Best Value Performance Plan to be published June 30th 2001 requires as a compliance issue to publish the intended plan for reviews.

2.2 The review programme was included in the first BVPP, but since then fresh advice has been received from the Audit Commission and the District Audit that Authorities' programmes involved too many small reviews thus inhibiting their capacity to complete their reviews within 5 years. Authorities are under a legal obligation to review all their services within 5 years.

2.3 They suggested larger reviews and more cross cutting as a feature. The Denbighshire review programme therefore has been rethought.

2.4 The review programme has also adopted a methodology for selection, which included looking at SSA information, performance information, customer satisfaction and other issues to determine why the service has been selected. These reasons appear along side the service review in the relevant year. Those review selected in years 3 and 4 are ones requiring an in depth review. Those included in the final year are those requiring a lighter review.

2.5 To accommodate the cross cutting requirement we are recommending an overall Directorate review in year 5 as Directorates have been selected to provide a cross cutting management. In the next phase of 5 year reviews we will need to look at a broader methodology to encompass cross directorate themes. Year 5 was chosen for these reviews because of the need to produce PI data for each directorate and to have sufficient years to enable comparison. At this stage there are benefits in looking at the existing directorates not least because it allows for the easier production of financial data. Unofficially, the DA is happy with our methodology.

2.6 Corporate Governance has been included in the programme as an early review. This will enable us to take stock of our current modernising arrangements and being at a relatively early stage enable the Authority to take action to improve the supporting arrangements for service improvement.

3. Cost Implications

3.1 There are no easily identifiable costs for the carrying out of service reviews as they vary considerably and become clearer once the review is properly scoped. The review programme should however be built into the service plans and built into the workload assumptions for the relevant year.

4.1 Financial Controller Statement

4.1 It is hoped that the programme will lead to a more efficient and effective use of resources. However Members will need to take decisions on the impact of each review's recommendations during the budget setting round of the relevant year where there are financial implications.

5. Consultations Carried out

5.1 The review programme and its methodology has been discussed with each directorate and by the Corporate Directors collectively.

6. Impact on other areas

6.1 The review programme impact on all areas.

7. Recommendation

7.1 That Members approve the attached programme

FIVE YEAR SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAMME

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology					
CORPORATE			Complaint Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Area of low satisfaction in residents survey 	Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪A critical service which is continually under pressure and has difficulties meeting its current obligations 		
			Corporate Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Administration of political management arrangements ▪Emergency Planning ▪Performance Management System ▪Political Decision Making Process ▪Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪To ensure that the decision making processes of the modernised structure are delivering Best Value 				
ENVIRONMENT		Green Spaces	Highways Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Represents a high proportion of 'Works' expenditure ▪Low expenditure against SSA 			Corporate Review including Valuation and Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪No indication of poor performance or spending problems for Valuation and Estates

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection	
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology						
		Internal Transport	Property Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪No significant spending problems or indicators to suggest departure from the Welsh average ▪Informal consultation has suggested the need to review the service earlier rather than later in the programme 	Refuse and Waste		Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Service needs to be reviewed within five years of previous review 	
		Agricultural Estates			Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Review will build upon information from Internal Transport review (Year Two) 	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance indicators being developed ▪Bedding in of new grant regimes ▪Budget situation satisfactory 	
		Design Services						Community Services	
								Regulatory Services	
								Development Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Service has close links with Planning (also Year 5)

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection	
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology						
							Land Drainage and Coastal Defence	▪A new service subject to recent legislation	
LIFELONG LEARNING	Library and Information Services	Specialist Support Services	Leisure Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Low levels of satisfaction with the service (Survey May 2000) ▪Difficulties matching expenditure to budgets ▪Spending levels above SSA ▪Concerns about quality of facilities 	Cultural Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Spending levels well above SSA ▪Lower levels of satisfaction (Survey May 2000) 	Corporate Review	▪In line with corporate methodology	
					School Catering Service (Joint review led by Contract Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Concerns about quality of facilities 	Countryside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No expenditure anomalies 	
								Community Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No expenditure anomalies
								Coastal Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No expenditure anomalies

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology					
							Parks and Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenditure anomalies
							Youth Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenditure anomalies
							School Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenditure anomalies
							Non-Schools Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenditure anomalies
							Cultural Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review needed at cessation of current contract
PERSONAL SERVICES		Fostering	Sheltered Housing and Housing Services for the Elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New funding regime "Supporting People" from April 2003 Audit Commission Value for Money Study 	Estate Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns from Tenants' Federation about Anti-social Behaviour Need to review policy on selection of tenants and exclusions 	Corporate Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with corporate methodology

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology					
		Home Care			Allocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Concerns from Tenants' Federation about Anti-social Behaviour ▪Need to review policy on selection of tenants and exclusions 	Housing Maintenance and Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Need to find ways of increasing capital investment ▪Review of competition for provision of repairs
		Residential Homes for Older People			Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Concerns from Tenants' Federation about Anti-social Behaviour ▪ Need to review policy on selection of tenants and exclusions 	Housing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Review of public and private sector housing issues across boundaries
			Joint Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Joint Review of Social Services Directorate carried out by a team from the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (SSIW) and the Audit Commission 	Children's Services including Residential Care Services for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪The results of the Year 2 inspection of Children's Services and the information and recommendations arising from the Year 3 Joint Review will be used to inform 	Corporate Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪In line with corporate methodology

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology					
						the Best Value Review		
					Learning Disability Services including Community Living and Work Opps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information and recommendations arising from the Year 3 Joint Review will be used to inform the Best Value Review 	Strategic Planning and Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenditure anomalies
					Community Care Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information and recommendations arising from the Year 3 Joint Review will be used to inform the Best Value Review 		
			Mental Illness services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of the Year 2 inspection of Mental Illness services and the information and recommendations arising from the Year 3 Joint Review will be used to inform the 				

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				Best Value Review				
RESOURCES	Housing Rents	Housing Rents*	Procurement and purchasing strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross cutting ▪ There is no current analysis of procurement and no purchasing strategy. This area impacts on the costs of other services and therefore requires urgent attention 	Financial and Performance Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross cutting review. High level of overspending in authority. The introduction of new performance systems 	Corporate Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In line with corporate methodology
	Payroll	Central Personnel	Financial Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasury Management ▪ Insurance ▪ Banking ▪ VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Range of services which potentially impact upon the financial wellbeing of the organisation 	Revenues Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benefits ▪ Council Tax and Housing Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benefits are ordered second following the implementation of the verification framework and other planned changes 	Local Taxation (Council Tax and NDR - Non Domestic Rates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific problems identified toher and debt recovery, covered in 2002/2003
	ICT			Revenues Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debt recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a need for a thorough review of revenues arising from identified shortcomings in internal review 			

Area	2000/2001 Year One	2001/2002 Year Two	2002/2003 Year Three	Reason For Selection	2003/2004 Year Four	Reason For Selection	2004/2005 Year Five	Reason For Selection
	Selected for review by previous methodology		Selected for review by new corporate methodology					
				documents and from the Housing Rents inspection				
* Housing Rents review to be repeated following Best Value Inspection report								