

**CABINET**

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held in the Town Hall, Denbigh on Thursday 14 February 2002 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 and K Wells.

Observers: Councillors M LI Davies, S Drew, D Jones, M M Jones, R E Jones, R J R Jones and E W Williams [item 14 onwards].

**ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Resources and the County Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Leader, Councillor E C Edwards welcomed members of the public to the meeting and also the Chairman of the Council, Councillor D Jones. The Leader referred to the ill health of both Councillor E W Williams' mother and also to the serious illness of the Corporate Director of Personal Services's mother and would send notes on behalf of the Cabinet.

Councillor R W Hughes informed Members that there was an indication that the £0.75m bid made to the Sports Council for Wales for Rhyl Leisure Centre was successful and that the Sports Council were currently asking for additional information.

**1 URGENT MATTERS**

The Leader of the Council 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) Item 11 Review of Car Parks and Charges in Denbighshire - Circulation of letters

**2 MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

The Minutes of the Cabinet held on 5 February 2002 [previously circulated] were submitted.

1 Urgent Matters (i) the Cabinet date should read 29.01.2002 and (ii) the Llangollen meeting date should read 30.01.2002.

The County Clerk sought retrospective approval for payment of travel expenses for attendance of Councillors E C Edwards, R W Hughes, E A Owens, W R Webb, K E Wells and E W Williams at the Boundary Commission meeting held on 30.01.2002.

Councillor E A Owens - Item 3 Budget:

Page 2, 6th paragraph - the second sentence should read "If threshold and leadership payments were made good by the National Assembly for Wales any reallocation ..."

Page 3, 3rd paragraph - delete "help with the" and replace with "enable schools to purchase .."

Councillor G M Kensler - Item 3 Budget:

Page 3, 3rd paragraph - with regard to the sale of assets to raise funds, "and the well-being of communities" to be added after "any impact on services".

**RESOLVED** that subject to the above, the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 February 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

### **3 REPRESENTATION ON THE COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' re-nomination of the current Members representing the County Council on the Court of the University of Wales from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2005.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet re-nominated Councillors M LI Davies, N Hugh Jones and W G Thomas as Denbighshire County Council's representatives on the Court of the University of Wales for the next three year term of office from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2005.

### **4 SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' confirmation of Ruthin as the Council's next Small Towns and Villages Enterprise Initiative priority and Denbigh as the subsequent STVEI priority.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet approved the establishment of a Ruthin Town STVEI and the nomination of the three Ruthin County Councillors onto the STVEI Business Action Group, and the designation of Denbigh to enable access to the STVEI for the town.

### **5 WALES / IRELAND INTERREG IIIA PROGRAMME**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to proceed with the development of the Interreg project proposals listed at Annex A and consent to continue to develop Denbighshire's relationship with Counties Kildare and Carlow in Ireland in particular. Members were also asked to agree that further project approval be obtained through the Council's Objective One Committee. The Leader informed Members that the Programme would benefit Wales by approximately £18.5m. The Leader asked Members to note that Annex A was a Draft version.

Councillor R W Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism welcomed the report and the funding available and asked that the opportunity be taken to see whether Yr Hen Garchar, Ruthin could be included within this type of programme. Councillor G M Kensler, Lead Cabinet Member for the Welsh Language endorsed Councillor Hughes' comments and reminded Members of the ruined abbey in Denbigh.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet agreed officials of Denbighshire County Council continue to develop the relationship with Counties Kildare and Carlow with regard to partnership building. Cabinet also consented to the continued development of the project proposals listed in Annex A to the report.

### **6 BUSINESS CONNECT DENBIGHSHIRE STEERING GROUP**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to the establishment of a Business Connect Steering Group and to nominate 3 Members to represent the Council on the Group.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet approved the establishment of the Business Connect Steering Group and further resolved that the Independent, Labour and Plaid Groups each forward their Member nomination to represent the County Council thereon.

### **7 COLOMENDY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND LANDSCAPE APPRAISAL AND ACTION PLAN**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to accept a fee proposal which was not the lowest fee proposal submitted to undertake the above work as detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet accepted the second lowest fee proposal in the sum of £13,750.

**8 DISTRICT AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER - ACTION PLAN**

Councillor E C Edwards, Leader of the Council presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval of the Action Plan attached to the report as a response to the District Audit Management Letter dated 15.01.2002. Councillor Edwards thanked the Corporate Director: Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive: Strategy for their work on the Action Plan.

The Corporate Director of Resources clarified the reference to "qualify the Council's accounts" contained in the Financial Controller Statement was a financial technical term.

In response to a query from Councillor I M German, Lead Cabinet Member for Human Resources, Councillor W R Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property and Chair of the Modernising Panel said the next Panel meeting was scheduled for 22 March 2002. Councillor Webb asked the County Clerk to rearrange the Modernising Panel at an earlier date if at all possible.

Members discussed the number of priorities rated as High Priority in the Action Plan and whether they would all be deliverable. The Chief Executive agreed many were rated as High Priority but were essential items. The Corporate Director reported that there was no requirement to record priority level within the Plan, so the column would be removed.

**RESOLVED** that Members approved the Action Plan attached to the report.

**9 LOCAL MEMBERS NOMINATIONS FOR LEA GOVERNORS**

Councillor K E Wells, Lead Cabinet Member for Education and ICT presented the report [previously circulated] detailing nominations for LEA Governor vacancies submitted by the Local Members for the areas in which the schools are located.

**RESOLVED** that the LEA Governor appointment be approved as listed below:

*Meliden C P School*

*Councillor R W Hughes*

**10 LEASE SURRENDER - WRVS, KING'S AVENUE, PRESTATYN**

Councillor W R Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to a surrender by the WRVS of their existing lease on King's Avenue, Prestatyn [as outlined on the plan attached to the report]. Councillor Webb reminded Members that King's Avenue, Prestatyn would be considered by the Property Review Group.

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance indicated that unless the building was totally unused there would still be cost implications arising from usage.

**RESOLVED** that Members:

[i] *approve the WRVS request to surrender their ground lease on King's Avenue, Prestatyn, effective from 31 March 2002 on terms to be agreed by the Head of Consultancy Services in consultation with the County Clerk.*

[ii] *note the informal interest expressed by Neuadd y Brenin - King's Avenue.*

**11 REVIEW OF CAR PARKS AND CHARGES IN DENBIGHSHIRE**

[Councillor G M Kensler declared an interest as a member of Denbigh Town Council.]

Councillor D M Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval in principle of the Environment Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations for the County's car parks. Councillor Morris said further consultation with the community would be carried out. Councillor Morris also drew Members' attention to the letter

[circulated at the meeting] received from the Town Clerk of Denbigh and the Corporate Director of the Environment's reply.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E C Edwards said further consideration should be given to Crispin Yard, Ruthin, the Mount Pleasant Car Park, Denbigh and the Children's Village, Rhyl.

The Chief Executive advised of the need for a corporate policy on fees and charges in general. Officers would bring forward a draft policy in due course.

Councillor G M Kensler, Lead Cabinet Member for the Welsh Language agreed consultation was required but it would also be necessary to assess how raising charges would affect the economic regeneration of the areas involved.

Councillor R W Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism welcomed and agreed with the report in principle and congratulated the Environment Scrutiny Committee on their detailed report.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet approved in principle the Environment Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations for the County's car parks as summarised in Section 2 of the report.

**12 RIVERSIDE PARK, LLANGOLLEN**

Councillor R W Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for the Culture, Leisure and Tourism and Councillor D M Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Cabinet support to develop proposals to upgrade and improve Riverside Park, Llangollen in partnership with the local community.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet endorsed the setting up of a project team to evaluate and take forward proposals to improve and upgrade Riverside Park, Llangollen and supported the need for extensive public consultation in relation to the project.

**13 PREMATURE REDEMPTION OF PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD LOAN 482008 WITH PRINCIPAL OF £2,480,269**

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' endorsement of the action taken, in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2001/2002 that all rescheduling would be reported to Cabinet and Council at the meeting following its action.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet noted and endorsed the report.

At this juncture (10.40 a.m) the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments.

**14 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, 8, 9 and 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**15 PRESTATYN / DYSERTH WALKWAY AND OLD STATION YARD, DYSERTH**

Item deferred.

**16 GLASDIR FRONTAGE LAND, LIVESTOCK MARKET, RUTHIN**

Councillor W R Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval of the sale of the Glasdir Frontage land to the WDA, as detailed on the plan attached to the report and extending the Joint Venture Agreement as detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED** that Members declared surplus to requirements 2.7 acres of land at Glasdir, Ruthin and dispose to the Welsh Development Agency at open market value and extend the Joint Venture Agreement, provided that the route of the Flood Alleviation Scheme is protected and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Head of Consultancy Services in consultation with the County Clerk.

**17** **GLASDIR, RUTHIN - JOINT VENTURE**

Councillor W R Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to the disposal of 615 square metres to facilitate the acquisition of the land for the Northern Link Road to be constructed by the WDA.

**RESOLVED** that Members declared 615 square metres of land surplus to requirements to be disposed of as detailed in the report in exchange for other land. The market value for the land shall be reflected in the Joint Venture and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Head of Consultancy Services in consultation with the County Clerk.

**18** **HOUSING STOCK TITLE DEEDS**

Councillor A E Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' authorisation of the appointment of external solicitors to undertake a review of all of the title deeds relating to the Council's housing stock, currently about 4,100 dwellings with the National Assembly for Wales paying 50% of the total cost.

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance asked whether the new systems would be compatible with the new search and computerisation procedures to be brought in. The Head of Housing Services confirmed the compatibility of the systems.

**RESOLVED** that the Head of Housing Services and the County Clerk be authorised to instruct Messrs Gamlins to proceed with an initial assessment of the works required at a fixed fee of £5,000 and then, provided their assessment compares favourably to the cost data received from other firms and agencies, to instruct Gamlins to carry out the required review and all associated work.

**19** **AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR TWO PEOPLE BEING RESETTLED FROM BRYN Y NEUADD HOSPITAL INTO DENBIGHSHIRE**

Councillor A E Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' agreement to award a contract for support of two people who would be resettled from Bryn y Neuadd Hospital to Cartref Ni.

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance queried the tendering process and said there was still an outstanding query in that connection. The Head of Client Services said the process had been reviewed but no further information had been received to date. Councillor Owens said the previous contract had only been approved with the insertion of a caveat. The Head of Client Services said the award of the present contract had been via the external tendering process.

**RESOLVED** that the Council enters into a contractual arrangement with Cartref Ni based on the amounts in column two of the summary attached to the report, using the contract previously agreed by Cabinet for a period of 3 years initially.

**20** **NON DOMESTIC RATE HARDSHIP RELIEF [SECTION 49 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988]**

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance submitted the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval of the recommendations made on the applications received for Non Domestic Rate Hardship Relief as listed in Appendix 2 to the report.

In response to a query, the Chief Executive said each case was to be considered on its own merits.

Councillor Owens detailed the eight applications to Members and recommended refusal in each case apart from the last application, marked (a) which was recommended for 100% hardship relief.

At this juncture Councillor E W Williams attempted to address the Cabinet. At the invitation of the Leader, the Chief Executive said that he and other officers had advised the Leader about the legal position following Councillor Williams' announcement in Cabinet and letter on 29 January that he was resigning his portfolio.

The Chief Executive explained that the Council's constitution was clear that members of the Cabinet must have "specific portfolios, although their number and designation will be a matter for the Leader to propose to the Council". It was not possible for someone to remain a member of the Cabinet without having specific responsibility for some subject area or other.

The Leader had therefore written to Councillor Williams on 8 February to say that he interpreted the letter of 29 January as a resignation from the Cabinet, which he accepted with immediate effect. This had created a temporary vacancy on the Cabinet which would need to be filled in due course by a Member from Plaid Cymru, in line with the requirement of the constitution for political balance. The Chief Executive indicated that he hoped discussions would take place with the Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group and that, in accordance with the constitution, it would be possible to obtain the full Council's agreement to an appointment at its meeting on 26 February.

Councillor Williams then made further attempts to speak, whereupon Councillor W R Webb proposed a motion under the standing order in respect of "disorderly conduct - members" that Councillor E W Williams be not further heard. On being seconded and put to a vote, the motion was **CARRIED**.

In the light of continued attempts by Councillor Williams to speak, the Leader adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes to allow for discussions. The meeting resumed after the adjournment.

**RESOLVED** that Members agreed Applications 1 to 7 as detailed in the report be refused. Members further agreed that Application 8 be approved for 100% domestic rate hardship relief at a cost of £2270.51 to the Authority.

## **21 FORMER STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEME REVENUE GRANTS**

[Councillor A E Roberts declared an interest in the Aberwheeler Community Council application and Councillor R W Hughes and Councillor K E Wells declared an interest in the Prestatyn Youth Arts Festival application.]

Councillor E A Owens, Lead Member for Finance presented the report [previously circulated] seeking Members' approval to the disbursement of £55,550 to community projects as listed in Annex A to the report. Councillor Owens said many of the smaller community project applications in particular were of high quality. Councillor Owens detailed the projects to Members.

**RESOLVED** that £55,550 be disbursed to community projects as set out in Annex A to the report.

## **22 CAPITAL PROGRAMME GROUP REPORT**

[Councillor W R Webb declared an interest in the item and left the meeting.]

The Corporate Director of Resources presented the report [previously circulated] advising Members of applications for new capital schemes which had been considered the Capital Programme Group and seeking Cabinet's approval of the Group's recommendations.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet agreed the recommendations of the Capital Programme Group in relation to individual projects as detailed in Appendices 1a to 1c to the report.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 a.m.

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

Directorate: Environment Service: Consultancy Services  
Post Title: Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance Surveyor Salary Grade: SO1

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

The previous postholder left the Authority in 2001 since when the duties have been carried out by an agency Mechanical & Electrical Surveyor. The post has been advertised internally but there have been no suitable applicants. A suitably qualified surveyor is required in order to manage the specialist mechanical and electrical maintenance duties of the Authority's public buildings.

Cost Implication \*


The spend for this post (full year effect) can be contained within the Service budget.

~~2 The appointment will lead to a budget overspend of £ k.~~

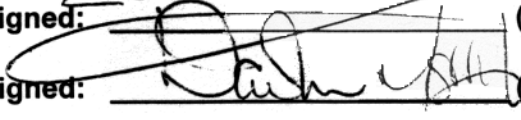
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Financial Controller Statement

The Directorate is forecasting a close to break even outturn for the current financial year.

Signed:  (Corporate Director)

Date: 30 Jan 02

Signed:  (Cabinet Lead Member)

Date: 1st Feb 2002

TO: CABINET

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Refused

Comments/Reasons

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CABINET  
28-02-2002

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3ii

CABINET 2002-01

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

Directorate: Environment      Service: Public Protection and Regulatory Services  
Vacancy: Appointment of Waste Minimisation Officer  
Grade: SO1

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

- The post was advertised internally with three applicants having applied.
- Regrettably, the applicants did not have the experience required in order to be able to commence work immediately in this very complex and diverse post which requires considerable skills in the recycling field.
- If the Authority is to meet the very stringent requirements to reduce waste going to landfill/recycle more waste set by the National Assembly for Wales, this post is critical to the County's success and the appointee must be able to meet the challenges from day one, hence the evaluated grade.

Cost Implication \*

1 The spend for this post (full year effect) can be contained within the Service budget.

\* Delete as appropriate

Financial Controller Statement

The costs associated with this new post would need to be contained within the specific grant available.

Signed: [Signature] (Corporate Director)      Date: 13 Feb 2002

Signed: [Signature] (Cabinet Lead Member)      Date: 12 FEB 2002

TO: CABINET

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (on behalf of the Cabinet)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved      Refused  
                     

Comments/Reasons

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

Directorate: Lifelong Learning

Service: Culture & Leisure

Post Title: Pavilion Education Officer (p/t)

Salary Grade: To be evaluated  
Approx £10.5K

**JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT**

(This part **must** be completed for **all** posts)

This is a re-designation of an existing administrative post and within existing budget. The Postholder will work for the Royal International Pavilion and Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod. The post is to commence on 1 April 2002.

As this is a partnership post - permission is sought to advertise the post internally/externally at the same time.

This post is a refocusing of the work of the Pavilion to increase educational benefit for local children and young people and to make the Pavilion a part of the community of Llangollen and Denbighshire. The cost is within the allocated budget of the Pavilion.

**Cost Implication** \*

- 1 The additional spend for this post (full year effect) can be contained within the Service budget.
- ~~2 The appointment will lead to a budget overspend of £ k.~~

\* Delete as appropriate

**Financial Controller Statement**

In view of the pressures on the Council's overall budget in the current year, all external appointments are to be w.e.f. 1 April 2002.

Signed: Lionel Bower (Corporate Director) Date: 18/02/01

Signed: Anna W. Hylton (Cabinet Lead Member) Date: 18/2/02

TO: CABINET

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date:

Approved      Refused  
                     

Comments/Reasons

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

Directorate: Lifelong Learning

Service: Culture & Leisure

Post Title: Pavilion Promotions Officer

Salary Grade: To be evaluated  
Approx £15K

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

This is a re-designation of the existing duty officer post and within existing budget. The Postholder will bring the work of Royal International Pavilion and Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod together. The post is to commence on 1 April 2002.

As this is a partnership post - permission is sought to advertise the post internally/externally at the same time.

This post is a refocusing of duties to enable the Pavilion to be more effective in increasing usage of this facility. The cost associated with this post is contained within the available budget.

Cost Implication \*

The additional spend for this post (full year effect) can be contained within the Service budget.

~~2~~ The appointment will lead to a budget overspend of £  k.

\* Delete as appropriate

Financial Controller Statement

In view of the pressures on the Council's overall budget in the current year, all external appointments are to be w.e.f. 1 April 2002.

Signed: Sioned Bowen (Corporate Director) Date: 18/02/01

Signed: Chaire Wyn Jones (Cabinet Lead Member) Date: 18/02/02

TO: CABINET

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved    Refused  
           

Comments/Reasons

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

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR E C EDWARDS, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2002**

**SUBJECT: LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON CLWYD COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL**

**1. DECISION SOUGHT**

To consider - (a) the re-nomination of two of the six members who currently represent the County Council on the Clwyd Community Health Council whose term of office ends on 31 March 2002; and (b) how to fill the third vacancy, created by the Independent Member, Councillor D.A. Thomas not wishing to continue to represent the County Council on the Clwyd CHC.

**2. REASONS FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 The County Council has been notified by the National Assembly for Wales that the term of appointment of half of the Authority's current representatives serving on the Clwyd Community Health Council will end on 31 March 2002 and Denbighshire is being invited to submit nominations for the period commencing on 1 April 2002.

2.2 In submitting nominations, the Authority is being asked to consider the following:-

- (i) appointments will be for a period of four years until 31 March 2006;
- (ii) appointments need not be restricted to the Council's own members and Denbighshire is asked to consider the merits of town and community council representation and other individuals; and
- (iii) the criteria by which a person is rendered disqualified for membership of a Community Health Council include the Chair, Non Executive Members or employees of a Health Authority; and the Chair, Non Executive Directors or employees of an NHS Trust. In addition, a Health Authority or Trust contractor (including medical and dental practitioners, opticians and pharmacists, or an employee of a contractor) would also be disqualified from taking up membership.

2.3 The Authority is currently represented on the Clwyd CHC by six members as follows:-

Councillor J Butterfield	2000 - 2004
Councillor R. Ll. Williams	2000 - 2004
Councillor C H Williams	2000 - 2004
Councillor D Jones	2000 - 2002
Councillor D.A. Thomas	2000 - 2002
Mr W Evans (representative of DALC - Denbighshire Association of Local Councils)	2000 - 2002

2.4 As will be seen above the three members whose terms of office will end on 31 March 2002 are Councillors D. Jones and D.A. Thomas together with Mr. W. Evans (DALC representative). For Cabinet's information, the decision to allocate to DALC one of the six seats given to the County Council was made at a meeting of the Emergency Powers and Appointments Committee on 15 March 2000.

2.5 The National Assembly for Wales have asked that the names and addresses of those the Council wishes to nominate as their representatives on Clwyd Community Health Council should be submitted by Friday 8 March 2002.

**3. COST IMPLICATION**

Approved Duty

**4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The Council has budgetary provision for any expenses arising from the nomination of members to the Clwyd Community Health Council and as such there is no adverse impact on delivery of the Council's Recovery Plan arising from the proposed recommendation.

**5. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT**

Both Councillors D Jones and D.A. Thomas have been consulted. Whereas Councillor Jones is happy to be re-nominated, Councillor Thomas does not wish to continue representing the Authority on the Clwyd CHC.

The Denbighshire Association of Local Councils has been consulted and has indicated that they would wish Mr W Evans' name to be put forward for re-nomination.

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

N/A

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

That Members consider -

- (a) the re-nomination of Councillor D Jones and Mr W Evans (DALC) for a four year period 1 April 2002 until 31 March 2006; and
- (b) how they wish to fill the vacancy created by Councillor Thomas not wishing to be re-nominated.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR D M MORRIS, LEAD MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2002**

**SUBJECT: OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To seek Members' agreement to seal the Off Street Parking Places Order (OPPO) for Rhyl Railway Station, Crown Lane (Denbigh) and the Council's free public car parks. To take account of the objections received and qualify the (OPPO), ensuring community needs are properly incorporated. Where the objections are invalid to overrule the requests.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

Cabinet at its meeting on 31 July 2001 agreed to implement an Off Street Parking Places Order incorporating all the Council's free public car parks. This was to overcome management problems such as legal accesses being blocked by vehicles parked outside marked bays, overnight camping or sale of vehicles. The introduction of an OPPO enables the Authority to issue Excess Charge Tickets for such inconsiderate acts or inappropriate uses. A list of the car parks to be included in the new Order is shown in Appendix A.

The Cabinet meeting also agreed to introduce charges at the Crown Lane, Denbigh and Rhyl Railway Station car parks.

A draft OPPO for the free car parks and the two where charges are proposed has been advertised. Twelve objections have been received. These are listed in full in Appendix B. Six of the objectors mistakenly believed that the Order would introduce charges in car parks that in the Order are to remain free of charge and therefore are not relevant.

Two objections were received to charges at the Rhyl Railway Station car park. The charges are needed to ensure that there are adequate spaces for short stay parking for friends and relatives meeting or dropping off bus and train passengers while allowing long stay parking albeit at a higher charge. Alternative cheaper long stay parking is also available at the West Kimmel Street car park. One of the objectors also expressed concern that charges were higher in Rhyl than in Denbigh. This reflects County charging policy that the larger the town, and therefore the greater the demand for off-street parking, the higher the charge. It is proposed therefore to overrule these objections.

Three objections were received to restrictions on overnight parking and limiting parking to vehicles of less than 30 cwt at the Meliden car park. Similar concerns were expressed with regard to the car parks in Corwen (see Appendix B). It is proposed to ease the restrictions regarding parking by vehicles over 30 cwt to allow buses and coaches to park at the Ffordd Talargoch car park (Meliden), also at Ruthin Craft Centre car park, and to allow buses, coaches and lorries to park at Green Lane car park (Corwen) as well as at Lon Parcwr car park (Ruthin). It is proposed to ease the overnight parking restriction at Ffordd Talargoch car park (Meliden), Bridge Street and Pavilion - London Road car parks (Corwen) to allow parking for up to 24 hours.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

The principal costs are for signage in the car parks and ticket machines. The outstanding costs of £3,000 will be offset against future income from introducing charging. It is not possible to estimate the amount of additional revenue due to a lack of data on car park patronage, though it is believed that the annual revenue will be considerably in excess of £3,000.

#### **4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The costs of the exercise will need to be contained within the relevant service budget.

#### **5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

This report advises on the formal consultation that has been undertaken. .

#### **6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

There are no implications on other policy areas.

#### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 Members approve the sealing of the Off Street Parking Order, incorporating the following qualifications as requested by the Community.

- (i) Permitted parking by - buses and coaches at Ffordd Talargoch (Meliden) and Craft Centre (Ruthin) car parks.
- (ii) Permitted parking by - buses, coaches and lorries at Green Lane (Corwen) and Lon Parcwr (Ruthin) car parks,
- (iii) Permit 24 hour parking at Ffordd Talargoch (Meliden), Bridge Street (Corwen) and Pavilion - London Road (Corwen) car parks.

7.2 To overrule the remaining objections as shown in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A - Free car parks to be included in new OPPO

Corwen	Bridge Street (formerly known as Station Yard) Green Lane Pavilion - London Road
Denbigh	Barkers Well Lane Multi-storey Mount Pleasant Post Office Lane Townsend - Park Street
Dyserth	Waterfall Road
Llandegla	The Village
Llangollen	Brook Street Hall Street
Meliden	Ffordd Talargoch
Rhuddlan	Parliament Street Vicarage Lane
Rhyl	Park and Ride, Clwyd Retail Park Splash Point - Marine Drive
Ruthin	Craft Centre Crispin Yard - Clwyd Street Lon Parcwr - opposite Craft Centre Rhos Street Troed y Rhiw
St Asaph	Bowling Green - Lower Street

APPENDIX B - Objections received

Objector	Nature of objection	Comments	Proposed action
K & R C Chandler 28 Church Street Llangollen	Object to introducing charges at Brook Street car park, Llangollen	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
Dyserth Community Council	Object to introducing charges at Waterfall Road car park, Dyserth	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
Mr R D Owens 11 Ffordd Talargoch Meliden	Objects to introducing charges at Ffordd Talargoch car park, Meliden	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
B A Yeo 31 Ffordd Tanrallt Meliden	Refers to Ffordd Talargoch car park, Meliden - was gifted to the village as a free car park and therefore issuing ECNs would breach the provisions of the gift	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park. The original conveyance has been checked, there is no such restriction besides ECNs would only be issued for inappropriate use of the car park not as a means of generating income	Overrule objection
	- inclusion of a 30 cwt weight restriction would restrict parking of minibuses used by teams competing in national competitions at the adjacent squash courts	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.	Amend the draft Order to allow the parking of minibuses
	- overnight parking restriction would prevent anyone using licensed premises in the village who wants to avoid drinking and driving from leaving a car in the car park overnight	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.	Amend the draft Order to allow parking for a period of up to 24 hours
Saints Health & Fitness 8 Ffordd Talargoch Meliden	Refers to Ffordd Talargoch car park, Meliden - inclusion of a 30 cwt weight restriction would restrict parking of coaches and minibuses used by teams competing in competitions and tournaments	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.	Amend the draft Order to allow the parking of coaches and minibuses
	- overnight parking restriction would prevent patrons who want to avoid drinking and driving from leaving a car in the car park overnight	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.	Amend the draft Order to allow parking for a period of up to 24 hours



D Dowell Meliden Post Office Ffordd Talargoch Meliden	Objects to overnight parking restriction at the car park in Meliden	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.	Amend the draft Order to allow parking for a period of up to 24 hours
D Taylor 24 Rhos Street Ruthin	Objects to introducing charges at Rhos Street car park, Ruthin	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
J W Jones Bron Deg Rhos Street Ruthin	Objects to introducing charges at Rhos Street car park, Ruthin	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
D G Llywelyn 4 Railway Terrace Ruthin	Objects to introducing charges at Rhos Street car park, Ruthin	OPPO does not propose the introduction of charges at this car park.	Objection is not relevant to this Order
Corwen Community Council	Lorries and buses should be allowed to use the Green Lane car park  Coach trips are run out of the Green Lane car Park, people sometimes leave their cars there for up to 10 days  There is no provision for overnight parking in the three car parks in Corwen. These are used by guests staying in the bed and breakfast establishments in the town	It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car park.  The draft Order limits parking to a 16 hour period from 0800 to 2400. This is intended to prevent overnight parking that can create a nuisance, for example, lorries with noise generating refrigerator equipment that would affect neighbouring houses. The regulations would be applied sensitively and only where a particular nuisance was arising.  It is not the intention of the OPPO to prevent any reasonable use of the car parks. For the reasons outlined in the above paragraph the overnight restriction will be maintained for the Green Lane car park though only enforced to address problems arising. In the Bridge Street and Pavilion - London Road car parks only cars will be allowed to park there and therefore an overnight restriction will not be necessary.	Amend the draft Order to allow the parking of lorries and buses  Overrule objection but inform Community Council that the overnight restriction would only be enforced to address specific problems arising  Amend the draft Order to allow parking for a period of up to 24 hours in the Bridge Street and Pavilion -London Road car parks

<p>R Waterfield The Old Rectory Nantglyn Denbigh</p>	<p>Objects to paying £5 to park in the Rhyl Railway Station car park</p>	<p>This is designated as a short stay car park for the benefit of friends and relatives meeting passengers at the bus and railway stations. The proposed charging structure also allows all day parking. There is an alternative long stay car park in West Kinmel Street. When the new Wales &amp; Borders train franchise is awarded it is intended to discuss arrangements for integrated car park/train ticketing for rail passengers using the car park.</p>	<p>Overrule objection</p>
<p>Vale of Clwyd Trades Council</p>	<p>Object to paying £5 to park in the Rhyl Railway Station car park</p>	<p>This is designated as a short stay car park for the benefit of friends and relatives meeting passengers at the bus and railway stations. The proposed charging structure also allows all day parking. There is an alternative long stay car park in West Kinmel Street. When the new Wales &amp; Borders train franchise is awarded it is intended to discuss arrangements for integrated car park/train ticketing for rail passengers using the car park.</p>	<p>Overrule objection</p>
	<p>Charges are not uniform across the County, Parking charges are higher in Rhyl than in Denbigh</p>	<p>The proposed charges in the Railway Station car park are at the same level as all other short stay car parks in Rhyl. Charges are levied at different rates in different towns. The opportunity to park on-street conveniently for town centre destinations reduces as the size of towns increase. The willingness to pay to park is determined in part by the nature of the shops and other facilities in the town centre. Larger towns have more retail outlets and therefore willingness to pay increases.</p>	<p>Overrule objection</p>

**CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor D M Morris - Lead Member for Environment  
Councillor A E Roberts - Lead Member for Personal Services

**DATE:** 28 FEBRUARY 2002

**SUBJECT:** Provision of Open Space/Play Areas - West Rhyl Renewal Area

**1 Decision Sought**

1.1 Approval to allocate finances from the West Rhyl SCA to meet the cost of part funding the provision of much needed open space/play facilities in the West Rhyl Renewal Area.

**2 Reason For Seeking Decision**

2.1 The West Rhyl Renewal Area (please refer to map at annex A) was formally declared in 1991, with the renewal area status having a 10 year life span and terminating on 31 March 2002.

2.2 Much work has been carried out to the fabric of buildings and infrastructure in the area and the area has been the recipient of much investment from both public and private sources over the period since its declaration.

2.3 The area is however intensively developed with very little "open space" set aside for the enjoyment of the residents or play opportunities for children of mixed age profile. Officers have, for some years sought to identify suitable sites and two sites were subsequently identified, John Street (A on map) and Gordon Avenue (B on map).

2.4 Both sites are in the ownership of the County Council, which simplifies matters as there will be no acquisition costs and further they are both now clear sites. The John Street Site is currently leased to Rhyl Town Council, the lease being due to expire on 31 October 2002 (or sooner by agreement). The Town Council has confirmed its willingness to surrender its lease in order to facilitate an agreed development.

2.5 Various meetings have been held with the community and consultation has been undertaken with various parties (including residents) which has resulted in a scheme being identified.

2.6 Planning consent for the proposed scheme was recently granted.

2.7 The proposal is that the area at Gordon Avenue be utilised for ball/wheel games for older children and John Street for the creation of a play area for younger children, with some green open space.

2.8 The proposals will incorporate suitable fencing/carriers for the protection of the residents amenities and facilities to provide safe play for the children.

2.9 A range of proposals for the sites have been discussed and the current project is for an enhanced scheme estimated to cost £150k. In addition to the £100k from the West Rhyl SCA, elements of funding from the Rhyl West/South West Partnership and Sportlot will complete the funding package. The proposal is currently out to tender.

2.10 Applications are being submitted to Sports Lot for the provision of a play co-ordinator for the site. If successful the position would be provided for a period of 3 years.

2.11 With the renewal area nearing its end (March 2002) it is imperative if renewal area SCA is to be used that the contract is let prior to 31 March 2002.

2.12 SCA funding has been held for this purpose, as this is seen as essential to rebuilding confidence in the area.

2.13 Discussions regarding the revenue funding for the management of the site are ongoing.

### **3 Cost Implications**

3.1 £100,000 of the cost will be met from the SCA allocated by National Assembly for Wales for works within the Renewal Area. The remainder will be made up from Community Strategy Funds (£30,000) and Sports Lot (£20,000). Confirmation that the Sportlot bid has been successful is still awaited. In the event of failure the scheme can be reduced to meet the available funding.

### **4 Financial Controller Statement**

4.1 To enable the capital cost of these works to be met from the Renewal Area SCA the works contract must be let before 31 March 2002. External funding to meet revenue costs is being sought. In the event that external finance not forthcoming these additional costs could not be met from within existing revenue budget provisions.

### **5 Consultation Carried Out**

- 5.1 Rhyl Town Council
- 5.2 Adjacent Owner/Occupiers
- 5.3 Public Consultation Exercise
- 5.4 Residents Groups.
- 5.5 Lead Member for the Environment

### **6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate**

6.1 To provide a safe play environment for younger people of West Rhyl.

### **7 Recommendation**

7.1 Officers be authorised to allocate £100,000 of the West Rhyl Supplementary Credit Approval to the creation of play/open space on the John Street/Gordon Avenue Sites.

7.2 Officers to be authorised to seek tenders for the scheme from suitable contractors and to accept the most suitable tender received in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

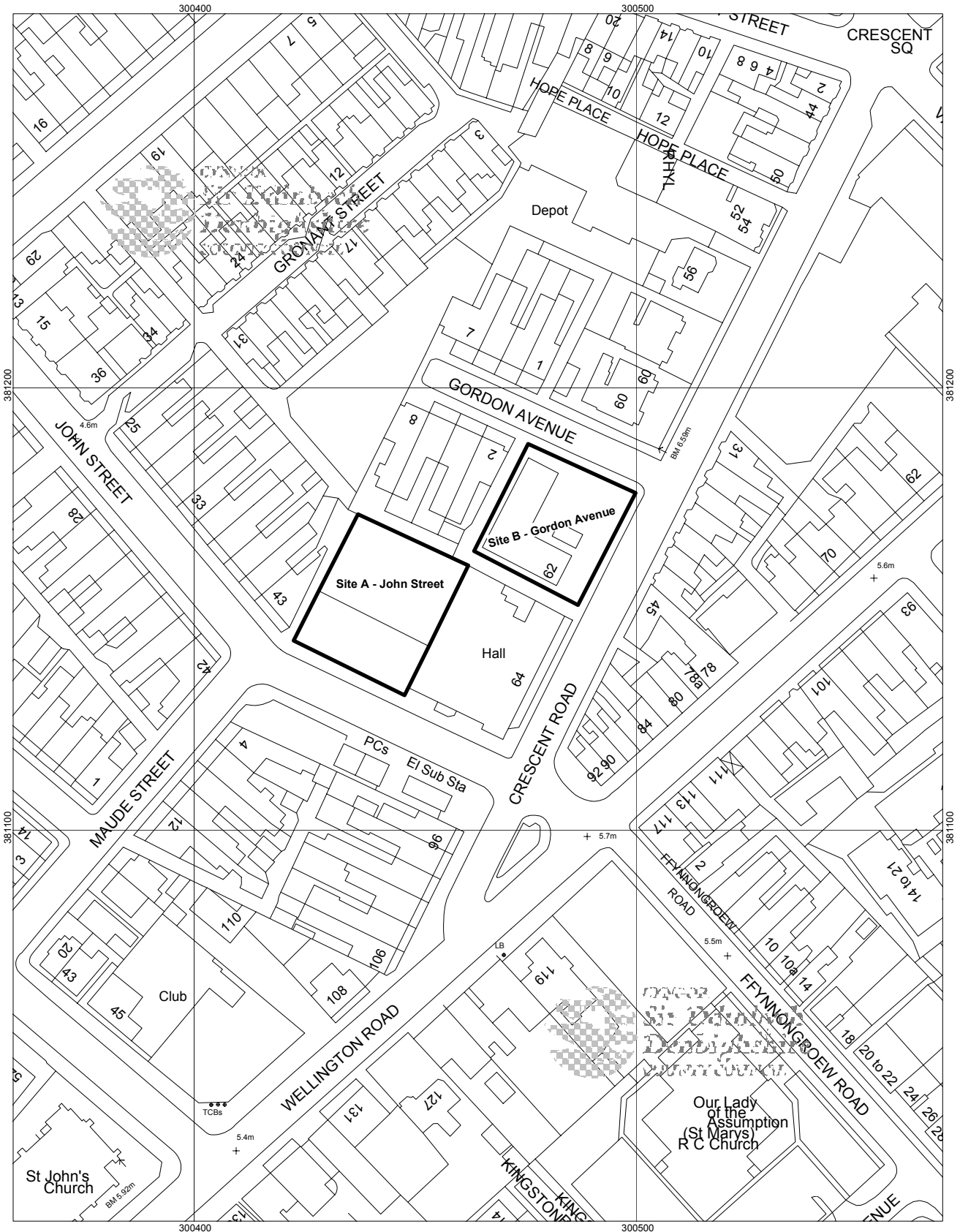


# West Rhyl Open Spaces



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20 February 2002

Environment Directorate  
Caledfryn, Smithfield Road, Denbigh LL16 3RJ



**CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor D M Morris, Lead Member for the Environment &  
Councillor R W Hughes, Lead Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism

**DATE:** 28 February 2002

**SUBJECT:** Water Quality Report - Failure to reach mandatory standard in 2001 -  
Rhyl and Prestatyn - Environment Agency Short Report

**1 Decision Sought**

1.1 Members' agreement for the Authority to raise matters of concern with the Environment Agency relating to its report to the National Assembly for Wales on the state of North Wales beaches.

**2 Reason For Seeking Decision**

2.1 The Environment Agency Wales is required to sample and analyse bathing waters in accordance with the requirements of the EC Bathing Waters Directive (76/160/EEC). The results are reported annually to the National Assembly for Wales and the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) uses these figure to assess compliance of the individual bathing waters.

2.2 Samples taken at both Prestatyn and Rhyl contained levels of coliform bacteria in excess of the Directive's Standards. The number of samples failing to meet the standard was such that those beaches have failed to meet with the Directive's imperative standard for the 2002 season.

2.3 There are many factors known to be likely to influence the bathing water quality on the Prestatyn and Rhyl beaches, there being likely to be more than one source of contamination, with the weather at times having a differing impact on the sampling.

2.4 I would make the following comments on the report. However, a full copy is available for Members to see if required.

2.5 **Prestatyn** - A Dwr Cymru Asset Management Plan (AMP1) improvement scheme was delayed due to planning objections, however this has now been resolved and works are under way and scheduled for completion in 2003. This will redirect the crude sewage to the new sewage treatment station on completion.

2.6 The existing out fall has been subject to blockages such that occasionally sewage has discharged out of the surge tower near the beach and there have also been possible associated discharges from the sewage system to the Prestatyn gutter, **although these were not reported to the Environment Agency at the time.**

2.7 Notwithstanding these ongoing issues, the failures on the date is coincident with similar occurrences of elevated bacterial levels along the coast and may well be due to the same reason; that is, rainfall, urban run off and a greater disturbance of silts by spring tides which are all likely to have combined to cause poor water quality conditions.

2.8 The presumption is that the majority of problems relate to the crude out fall at Prestatyn and accordingly it is assumed that the problem will be removed or significantly reduced when the new sewage station comes into operation in 2003.

2.9 Once the new station is in operation it will be possible to more accurately test for bacterial contamination in areas such as Prestatyn gutter more accurately.

- 2.10 The Environment Agency intend to investigate the integrity of the current out fall following various reports of fractures and blockages and secondly, pursue the anecdotal evidence of frequent storm sewage discharges into the Prestatyn gutter by carrying out additional sampling in the 2002 season. They are also to request sewer model details from Dwr Cymru. In addition use the survey to monitor the effectiveness of improvements in the sewage infrastructure which are due to commence in spring 2002.
- 2.11 **Rhyl** - The bathing water failed to meet the EC Directive's Imperative Standard on five occasions during 2001.
- 2.12 There are a number of potential sources of contamination affecting the Rhyl catchment area. Sewage arising in Rhyl together with a substantial portion of the town's surface water drainage is directed by a pumping station at Westbourne Avenue to a treatment works at Kinnel.
- 2.13 Improvements have been made to the associated storm sewage handling at Rhyl with storm sewage relief discharges from the pumping station into the adjacent Clwyd limited to no more than 3 spills per season. The improvement works were completed in various phases, however additional storage tanks had to be provided to improve storage to limit the sewage spills as stated above.
- 2.14 It must be noted that the sampler's report sampling at or around low tide frequently means that the sample is taken from a tidal gully formed by the estuary. This would mean that the sample is more representative of the quality of the estuary as opposed to general condition at the beach itself.
- 2.15 Additional sampling has been carried out on the Clwyd and its estuary in response to failures and this data has yet to be analysed in detail. The results however highlight difficulties in eliminating sources because of the elevated levels of bacteria both near and far on the River Clwyd. The Environment Agency intend to rerun the survey in 2002 which will be designed to get an accurate picture of temporal and spacial variations as practically possible.
- 2.16 It should be noted that there were 3 known spills from the Westbourne Site in 2001 as well as known overflow problems at Rhuddlan.
- 2.17 The Environment Agency intend to carry out the following:-
- Obtain additional information regarding the Westbourne Avenue pumping station's operations.
  - Discuss acquisition of additional spill event data and/or recording devices with Dwr Cymru. This will enable the Environment Agency to more accurately assess exactly what is happening at the discharge points.
  - Liaise with Dwr Cymru with a view to agreeing detailed process audit to assess whether the components to the local sewage improvement scheme are operating as designed. Dwr Cymru have stated on the 15 November 2001 that they were to commence their own internal review starting in February 2001.
  - Investigate other reasons for the failures via assessment, mostly sampling of salient points on the River Clwyd.
  - Design an appropriate investigative sampling programme for the 2002 season and also arrange for non EC sampling of adjacent areas to coincide with EC designated beach monitoring.
  - Consider possible project to compile bacterial loading budget for River Clwyd system and in particular, undertake survey to track influence of the River Clwyd on the adjacent beach areas.
  - Consider options for acquiring additional and more localised rainfall data.

2.18 Officers have been liaising closely with the Environment Agency in order to try to assist in looking at the problem, although it has to be stressed that the duty to act in respect of failures to meet the required standards, lies solely with the Environment Agency.

3.0 **Cost Implications**

3.1 Nil

**4 Financial Controller Statement**

4.1 There are no financial implications from the report, which is for information.

**5 Consultation Carried Out**

Corporate Director: Resources  
Dwr Cymru  
The Environment Agency.

**6 Implications On Other Policy Areas Including Corporate**

**7 Recommendation**

7.1 A letter be sent to The Environment Agency raising the Council's concern at the outcome of the report, requesting that action be taken to prevent further failures.

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**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor E A Owens - Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

**DATE:** 28 February 2002

**SUBJECT:** Revenue Budget 2001/02

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

That in the light of the latest budget performance figures for the current financial year as detailed in the attached appendices, Members consider further actions to reduce the balance of overspendings on services.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

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

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

The latest projections show a projected overspend at year end of £ 72k (£118k overspend projected in December).

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

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

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

Lead Cabinet Members are consulting on an ongoing basis with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial action 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 figures in the appendices and consider necessary remedial actions to ensure the elimination of negative balances by the end of the current financial year.

**MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002**

**Summary of Pressures  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2002**

Directorate	- Year to Date -			- 2001/02 Totals -				Projected Variance (Previous Report)
	Budget Profile	Actual to end Jan 2002 Plus Commitments	Variance	Budget per Budget Book	Budget As at Jan 2002	Projected Outturn	Variance	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Lifelong Learning (excluding schools delegated)	11,803	9,989	-1,814	13,733	14,308	14,368	60	67
Environment	12,350	11,968	-382	14,683	15,207	15,207	0	20
Personal Services	16,569	16,476	-93	19,294	19,579	19,609	30	49
Chief Executive	1,894	1,614	-280	1,786	2,028	2,028	0	0
Resources	4,601	4,491	-110	4,447	4,233	4,233	0	0
Corporate, Miscellaneous & Benefits	9,453	9,890	437	2,297	2,669	2,669	0	0
	<b>56,670</b>	<b>54,428</b>	<b>-2,242</b>	<b>56,240</b>	<b>58,024</b>	<b>58,114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>136</b>
				Strategic Development Schemes			32	32
				Capital Financing Charges - Savings			122	168
							-50	-50
							72	118

**MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002**  
**LIFELONG LEARNING**  
**PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2002**

	- Year to Date -			- 2001/02 Totals -				Projected Variance (Previous Report)
	Budget Profile	Actual to end Jan 2002 Plus Commitments	Variance	Budget per Budget Book	Budget As at Jan 2002	Projected Outturn	Variance	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Individual Schools Budget	30,054	29,824	-230	36,209	36,054	35,804	-250	-350
School Funds Held Centrally	6,884	5,429	-1455	8,242	8,665	8,685	20	18
Non school Funding	518	371	-147	615	624	624	0	0
Leisure Services	2,446	2,354	-92	2,486	2,586	2,639	53	49
Culture	1,515	1,469	-46	2,030	2,057	2,044	-13	0
Countryside	440	366	-74	360	376	376	0	0
	<b>11,803</b>	<b>9,989</b>	<b>-1,814</b>	<b>13,733</b>	<b>14,308</b>	<b>14,368</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total Lifelong Learning</b>	<b>41,857</b>	<b>39,813</b>	<b>-2,044</b>	<b>49,942</b>	<b>50,362</b>	<b>50,172</b>	<b>-190</b>	<b>-283</b>

## **Lifelong Learning**

### **Notes:**

All reserves not yet matched

### **Comments**

#### **Individual Schools Budgets**

This is based on the latest outturn projections for each of the schools (-£250k)

#### **School Funds Held Centrally**

Three pressures were reported last month as follows:

- a) Invoice received from Conwy in respect of teaching and LSA support for pupils in Emrys ap Iwan for 1999/00 and 2000/01 ( £28.6k )
- b) Cost of a place at Ysgol Gogarth, Conwy has been increased by 30% for 2001/02 without prior notice ( £65k)
- c) Recoupment undercharges from Flintshire for 1997/98; 1998/99 & 1999/00 ( £40k )

These three items are still being vigorously challenged and as such are not included in the projected outturn above.

Potential cost of Soulbury pay restructuring ( £18.3k)

Reinstatement of Clothing grants ( £23k)

Education Transport - variations to contracts ( £7.6k)

Joint use sport facilities overspend -40% contribution ( £8k)

School furniture ( £5k) and store ( £2.4k) have been offset by capitalisation approved by Council 27 November.

Delay in appointment of staff ( -£27.2k)

Testing of electrical equipment ( -£7.1k)

#### **Culture and Leisure**

Leisure services variance due to pressures at leisure centres created by longterm sickness ( £14k ), essential replacement of air conditioning ( £6k ) and unexpected fees payable in respect of the Suncentre and Nova backdated 4 years ( £17k ).

New additional pressures of £8k unexpected NNDR for Splash Point Hotel.

Remedial actions to reduce pressure on budgets being given priority e.g. delayed appointments, review of casual staffing, etc. Regular meetings with budget holders to control expenditure and maximising income.

Culture variance due to savings made by Library Service ( £6k) and Archives & Heritage ( £7k).

**MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002**  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
**PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2002**

	- Year to Date -			- 2001/02 Totals -				Projected Variance (Previous Report)
	Budget Profile	Actual to end Jan 2002 Plus Commitments	Variance	Budget per Budget Book	Budget As at Jan 2002	Projected Outturn	Variance	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Highways and Transportation	3,588	3,591	3	5,468	5,195	5,195	0	0
Public Protection & Community Services	5,604	4,933	-671	7,297	6,998	6,998	0	0
Economic Regeneration	711	808	97	771	771	771	0	0
Planning Services	689	621	-68	778	823	823	0	0
Design and Construction	1,353	1,570	217	163	915	915	0	20
Support Services	405	445	40	206	505	505	0	0
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>12,350</b>	<b>11,968</b>	<b>-382</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>15,207</b>	<b>15,207</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

Whilst the Highways & Transportation outturn is projected to meet budget, there are a number of uncontrollable factors which could have a significant impact over the remaining months including winter maintenance and flooding.

**MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002**  
**PERSONAL SERVICES**  
**PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2002**

	- Year to Date -			- 2001/02 Totals -				Projected Variance (Previous Report)
	Budget Profile	Actual to end Jan 2002 Plus Commitments	Variance	Budget per Budget Book	Budget As at Jan 2002	Projected Outturn	Variance	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Children and Families	3,116	3,228	112	3,454	3,704	3,822	118	147
Intake A & C M (North)	3,983	3,877	-106	4,826	4,747	4,549	-198	-205
Intake A & C M (South)	2,454	2,444	-10	2,715	2,975	2,960	-15	-72
Provider	4,686	4,799	113	5,159	5,204	5,355	151	171
Strategic Planning	2,330	2,128	-202	3,140	2,949	2,923	-26	8
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>16,569</b>	<b>16,476</b>	<b>-93</b>	<b>19,294</b>	<b>19,579</b>	<b>19,609</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>49</b>

**Comments**

**Children and Families:**

Reduction in the projected outturn from the previous month is mainly due to posts such as two Senior Practitioners not being appointed. Health authority has agreed to part fund one Out of County placement for the current year.

**Intake A & C M (North & South)**

Combined Underspend of £213.5k

Assumed spend on Reablement increased from £100k to £140k year end.

**Adult Services - Provider:**

Elderly Residential Services - estimated overspend £192k

Mental Illness - Llys Marchan Residential Home estimated overspend year end - £87k.

Main Areas compensating for overspend:

Transitional Housing Benefit projected income for full year of £100k.

Increased Income within Work Opportunities Service £30k.

**MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES, CORPORATE & MISCELLANEOUS  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2002**

	- Year to Date -			- 2001/02 Totals -				Projected Variance (Previous Report)
	Budget Profile	Actual to end Jan 2002 Plus Commitments	Variance	Budget per Budget Book	Budget As at Jan 2002	Projected Outturn	Variance	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
<b>Chief Executives's Dept</b>	1,894	1,614	-280	1,786	2,028	2,028	0	0
<b>Resources Directorate:</b>								
Corporate Property Unit	215	222	7	814	238	243	5	5
Finance	2,631	2,590	-41	1,506	1,868	1,851	-17	10
Audit	237	278	41	272	272	289	17	-17
I.T	1,076	954	-122	1,324	1,324	1,324	0	0
Personnel	442	447	5	531	531	526	-5	2
Total	4,601	4,491	-110	4,447	4,233	4,233	0	0
<b>Corporate &amp; Miscellaneous Benefits</b>	711	1,086	375	2,224	2,196	2,196	0	0
	8,742	8,804	62	73	473	473	0	0
Total	9,453	9,890	437	2,297	2,669	2,669	0	0
<b>Total Chief Executive's, Resources, Corporate &amp; Misc and Benefits</b>	<b>15,948</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8,530</b>	<b>8,930</b>	<b>8,930</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Notes:**

Chief Executive - £11k overspend on Emergency Planning offset by savings within Chief Executive