

CABINET

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held in Conference Room 1, County Hall, Ruthin on Tuesday 23 May 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillors S A Davies, Lead Member for Business & Communications; P A Dobb, Lead Member for Health & Wellbeing; R W Hughes, Leader and Lead Member for Regeneration; M A German, Lead Member for Children and Young People; P J Marfleet, Lead Member for Finance and Personnel; D Owens, Lead Member for Lifelong Learning; S Roberts, Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire and J Thompson Hill, Lead Member for Property and Asset Management and E W Williams, Lead Member for Environment.

Observers: Councillors J R Bartley; R E Barton; M LI Davies; G C Evans; C L Hughes; M M Jones and G M Kensler.

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive; Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources, County Clerk and the Financial Controller.

APOLOGIES

Councillor E C Edwards, Lead Member for Communities.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor D Owens said he had attended the Young Enterprise North Wales Finals and Prestatyn High School had been one of the winners and would be representing Denbighshire in the Finals in Cardiff. The team had won best display and best individual achiever. He asked that Cabinet write to the schools to congratulate them on their achievements.

Councillor S Roberts said that as a result of the Wales Library Standards Conference at Newport which she had attended with R Arwyn Jones, Principal Librarian, he had been asked to write an article for Cymal, the official magazine of the Welsh Museums, Archives and Libraries on Nothing Like a Challenge: Library Standards and the View from Denbighshire. It was agreed that Cabinet write to congratulate the Principal Librarian.

Councillor E W Williams presented a video entitled "Everything Flows: AZN Obtains Sustainable Energy From Waste". He also gave a brief account of his visit to Holland to see waste management facilities, where high recycling levels have been achieved with minimal reliance on landfill through the use of treatment facilities. He suggested a similar day visit could be arranged as one of the plants was near to Schiphol Airport. A copy of the briefing would be despatched to all Members.

The Chief Executive introduced David Maskell, an IT Specialist from Oracle, Reading - who was spending the day in Denbighshire with the Chief Executive, learning about various aspects of local government.

Councillor R W Hughes introduced Gavin and George from Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen along with their teacher, John Gambles, who had brought a petition from the school's waste task group. The group met to make facilities better at the school and had collected 850 signatures. On a recent exercise the group had collected 31 kilos of litter in the Llangollen area and had recycled nearly 18% of the litter. Councillor P J Marfleet said recycling was a very important issue and explained that financial penalties could be incurred by the Authority if government targets were not met. It was good for the Authority to know that young people were echoing the Council's message. Councillor Hughes thanked the pupils for the petition.

1 URGENT MATTERS

There were no Urgent Matters.

2 MINUTES OF THE CABINET

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 April 2006 were submitted.

Accuracy: Agreed.

Matters Arising:

Working Together as the Welsh Public Service: The Chief Executive said a potential SNEN All Wales bid was being formulated and asked that Members agree to its support in principle, with the proviso that a North Wales call handling centre was included, as they had previously supported the Single Non Emergency Number initiative subject to receiving further information relating to the practical and financial implications to the Council. Should the All Wales bid be unsuccessful, the Authority would continue with the joint North Wales Authorities and North Wales Police to the Home Office, as an alternative in the bidding round, in establishing a joint Single Non Emergency Number Call Centre.

RESOLVED that, subject to the above, the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 April 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

3 JOINT WORKING ON ADMINISTRATION OF PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES [DECRIMINALISED PARKING]

Councillor R W Hughes, although the Lead Member for joint working, had asked Councillor E W Williams to present the report as it was a matter for the Environment Portfolio. Members were asked to agree in principle to enter into joint arrangements for the function of the administration of penalty charge notices; that the functions of the joint service be discharged through the

existing TAITH Committee and that any decisions on behalf of the Council relating to amendments to the constitution of TAITH, or any other decision in accordance with the policy and budget framework which arise from the collaboration and would otherwise fall to Cabinet to decide, be delegated to the Lead Member for Environment.

Members were asked to note an amended version of the report would be presented to all six authorities in parallel to build a collective approval for the project.

Councillor Williams said it was important to look to the future and Denbighshire was already ahead of some Authorities in this field. Councillor R W Hughes suggested Cabinet Members from North Wales Authorities should meet to discuss such issues as both North Wales Council Leaders and Chief Executives met on a regular basis.

In response to a query from Councillor G M Kensler regarding predicted numbers of parking tickets to be issued, the Corporate Director: Environment said there was no suggestion of imposing targets regarding the number of tickets to be issued as this would be counter-productive.

James Richards, Secretary of Denbigh High School Council asked why the Council was introducing car parking charges in rural towns. Councillor E W Williams said car parking charges were necessary to ensure traffic flow and that in many places free, time-limited, street parking was available. It was essential that the street parking spaces were not used for all-day parking as had previously happened. Although he felt that a fairer Council tax rate and lower car parking charges could be a better option, the Authority had agreed to consider this in the next financial year. The larger towns wanted equality throughout. He also detailed the annual charge available which allowed parking in long stay car parks.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agree

- [i] in principle to enter into joint arrangements for the function of the administration of penalty charge notices*
- [ii] the functions of the joint service be discharged through the existing TAITH Committee*
- [iii] that any decisions on behalf of the Council relating to amendments to the constitution of TAITH, or any other decision in accordance with the policy and budget framework which arise from this collaboration and would otherwise fall to Cabinet to decide, be delegated to the Lead Member for Environment.*

4 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Councillor P A Dobb presented the report for Members to note the pressures on the Homelessness Service and the revised service provisions and

proposals in the report and sought Cabinet support for the appointment of a Homelessness Champion for Denbighshire and the Role Description attached to the report and agree a nomination.

Councillor Dobb emphasised the need to move away from using bed and breakfast accommodation and the Authority was hoping to lease up to 84 private sector properties to provide temporary accommodation and then it was hoped to move them to permanent accommodation. Reductions in bed and breakfast accommodation costs would have a positive effect for the Authority.

The Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Committee had nominated Councillor D Hannam as the Homelessness Champion.

RESOLVED that Members note the pressures on the Homelessness Service and the revised service provisions and proposals in the report and support the appointment of a Homelessness Champion for Denbighshire and the Role Description attached to the report, and agree Councillor D Hannam be appointed Homelessness Champion for Denbighshire.

5 EDUCATION APPEAL PANEL APPOINTMENTS

Councillor D Owens presented the report, with revised Appendices circulated at the meeting, seeking Members' agreement to existing members of the Education Appeal Panel continuing to serve; approve the appointment of those persons named in Appendix 2 to the report as additional members to the Education Appeal Panel, providing that all members have received training and approve the delegation of appointing future Panel Members for Education Panels to the Lead Member for Lifelong Learning.

Councillor E W Williams, apologised for the lack of notice of his question, asked how many appeals had been received and of those, how many had been refused. The Chief executive said the Panel had received 2 appeals the previous year and over 99% of pupils get first choice of school. The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning agreed to provide appeal numbers and results available.

RESOLVED that Members confirm their agreement to existing members of the Appeal Panel continuing to serve; approve the appointment of those persons named in Appendix 2 of the report as additional members to the Education Appeal Panel, providing that all members receive training and approve the delegation of appointing future Panel Members for Education Panels to the Lead Member for Lifelong Learning.

6 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST KEY INDICATORS 2005-2006

Councillor P J Marfleet presented the report for Members to consider the performance of the Authority during the financial year 2005–2006 against key performance indicator targets (Appendix I to the report) and policy

agreements targets (Appendix II to the report). He expressed his concern that 39% of key indicators were below target over the year.

Councillor Marfleet said it was important the correct indicators were identified and that they were achievable. Targets should be realistic and if it became apparent during the course of the year that they would not be achieved, they should be revisited.

Members commented on various indicators:

Councillor M A German said the Services were performing well but the need to find appropriate placements for children with complex needs continued to be a challenge. Although it was unlikely that an improvement in performance would be achieved, it should be noted that efforts to reduced the Looked After population remained static but the actual number of children experiencing 3 or more placements during 2005-06 reduced.

Councillor P A Dobb said the target for the percentage of clients supported in the community had been narrowly missed and she would welcome comparative performance figures from other Authorities.

Councillor E W Williams said the service had worked hard to carry out the Environmental Health Food Hygiene premises inspections and improvements were shortly scheduled. The total tonnage of biodegradable municipal waste was a new indicator and although ahead of target in tonnage terms, the percentage target for 2005-2006 was unrealistic and would be reviewed.

Councillor D Owens said the attendance at secondary school figures were slightly below target. Due to an increase in pupil numbers in some schools, an additional 5 mobile classrooms were provided although a 5% reduction in mobile classroom use had been achieved overall.

The Corporate Director: Environment said changes were in hand to the structure of the Community Safety Department. Overall levels of crime were down but the targets imposed by the Home Office needed to be reviewed. Violent crime and antisocial behaviour would be targeted for the forthcoming year. The Enforcement and Regulatory Officer said crime figures were down 9% in the County whilst disorder was up by about 2%. The Police gather figures in a different way from Local Authorities and the anti social behaviour objective was solely based on Police performance, this would need an element of Council contribution in the future. The Public Service Agreement targets were down 23% so far, and had been achieved two years early.

Councillor R W Hughes said the number of jobs created through the financial support programme target had been exceeded.

Councillor P J Marfleet said LABGI target had not been met. Sickness absence continued to be of real concern everywhere, both locally and nationally. This would be considered by each department.

Councillor J Thompson Hill said the corporate target of £3m would not be met as agreed sales were being transferred to the 2006-2007 disposal schedule due to completion being unattainable for various reasons. The forthcoming year target would need to be relooked at as no substantial capital receipt was expected in the coming 12 months.

Councillor S A Davies said a satisfaction survey would be conducted during 2006 and indicators collected.

Councillor S Roberts was pleased to report that the healthy living initiative had achieved more than double the target.

The Chief Executive said a significant improvement in the number of homeless families had been achieved and that a zero target was unrealistic. It was important that the Authority did not take the blame for unrealistic targets such as those set for Community Safety by the Home Office.

Councillor E W Williams said it was essential that more work on collecting data was not created and asked whether the WLGA had a process for gathering comparative data. The Policy Unit Manager said comparative figures would not be available until the second quarter.

Councillor C L Hughes asked whether the Authority had a long term plan for the lower tier of management positions to be filled by women. The Chief Executive said succession planning was in place although the competitive recruitment process could not guarantee any posts solely for women. However, the internal recruitment process lead to many women achieving junior and senior management positions.

Heather Morris, Chair of Denbigh High School Council asked about the sum earmarked for the School from the School Buildings Improvement Grant and what plans were in place for improving classroom sizes at the school. Councillor D Owens said all building improvements were prioritized. The current year's priorities were a new primary school in Prestatyn, the Tir Morfa project and science laboratories in Ysgol Glan Clwyd. However £140k had been spent in upgrading pupil toilets at Denbigh High School in the last financial year. The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning said there was a backlog of improvements to be carried out. However, there was some funding available for post 16 learning centres and this centre would be located at the school. He suggested schools write to MPs and AMs asking the Government for more funding. He went on to congratulate the school for their joint working with Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn.

RESOLVED *Members note the Authority's performance against its key performance indicator and policy agreement targets*

7 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2006 / 2007

Councillor P A Dobb presented the report for Members to note the latest financial forecast position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (revenue

and capital) for the current financial year, which showed a potential net surplus at the year end of £458k against a budgeted surplus of £383k. However, balances from 2005-2006 have not yet been finalised and therefore figures quoted for 2005-2006 are estimates and may change before the final accounts are closed.

The 2006-2007 HRA budget was to be revised to take account of the new HRA Leasing Subsidy recently introduced. The subsidy payable to the Welsh Assembly Government was likely to increase as there had been fewer Right to Buy sales than planned which meant more stock attracting negative subsidy. However, more rent income than planned would be received, leading to the £40k positive variance on rents.

In response to a query, Councillor Dobb confirmed that some grounds work is scheduled, and a review of the garages will be coming to Cabinet in the autumn of 2006.

RESOLVED that Cabinet note the latest financial forecast position [revenue and capital] of the Housing Revenue Account for the current financial year.

At this juncture (11.30 a.m.) the meeting adjourned for 10 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments.

8 REVENUE BUDGET 2006-2007

Councillor P J Marfleet presented the report asking Members to note the budget performance figures for the 2006/07 financial year as detailed in the appendices attached to the report.

Councillor Marfleet said planned efficiency savings appeared to be potentially deliverable. There were several items that needed to be adjusted for within the budget such as the unexpected increase of £60k in the employer's contributions to teachers' pensions costs. Savings in insurance premiums, capital finance charges and investment income would help to balance out these pressures and would be included in the following month's report.

The Lead Member said the current year pressure of £30k identified for the Education service, excluding schools delegated budgets, would potentially be covered by the improved anticipated outturn for the service in 2005/6. In response to the Lead Member's concern at the late identification of this improved position the Director said the department had scrutinised closely all the spending in year and achieved savings where ever possible. His main concern currently was to ensure that management mechanisms were in place to draw to Members' attention any issues in the current year at an early date.

RESOLVED that Members note the budget performance figures for the current financial year as detailed in the appendices to the report.

9 WORK CONNECT

Councillor R W Hughes presented the report seeking Members' agreement to join with former partners in the sub-regional Objective One project, Work Connect, in allocating the surplus funds derived from the first phase of Work Connect as match funding for the existing second stage.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agree the full amount of the Council's share of surplus resources derived from the Work Connect – Joint Venture Agreement be paid to the Wales Council for Voluntary Action to be used as match funding for the second stage of the Work Connect project and that ELWa be instructed accordingly.

10 EXTENSION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULE 23.4 EXEMPTION

Councillor P J Marfleet presented the report seeking Members' approval to an extension to the exemption of Contract Procedure Rule 23.4 (as set out in the Financial Regulations 31, CPR 23.4) as granted on 14 September 2005 specifically for construction contracts as tendered in the main by Development Services and that Members further approve the method of examining tenders for construction contracts during the period of the exemption will be as laid out within the Construction Industry Board's Code of Practice for the selection of main contractors (1997).

RESOLVED that Members approve an extension, to 30.09.2006, to the exemption of Contract Procedure Rule 23.4 (as set out in the Financial Regulations 31, CPR 23.4) as granted on 14.09.2005 specifically for construction contracts as tendered in the main by Development Services. Members further approve that the method of examining tenders for construction contracts during the period of the exemption will be as laid out within the Construction Industry Board's Code of Practice for the selection of main contractors (1997).

11 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor S A Davies presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

RESOLVED that Cabinet note the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

12 URGENT ITEMS

There were no Part I Urgent Items.

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 paragraph 20 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

PART II

13 CAPITAL PLAN

Councillor P J Marfleet presented the report for Members to note the latest projected position on the 2005/06 and 2006/07 element of the Capital Plan. Members were also asked to consider the recommendations in Appendix 3 to the report, namely:

- a that the Tir Morfa project proceeds as a £2m scheme unless match funding was confirmed from WAG in sufficient time to ensure a larger scheme can be delivered
- b that the Prestatyn new Primary School goes ahead subject to WAG approval to the redistribution of SBIG funding
- c that the Scala scheme proceeds to tender but contract start is dependant upon tender costs being within the overall confirmed funding available
- d that Ruthin Craft Centre proceeds to tender but contract start is dependant upon tender costs being within the overall confirmed funding available.

Members discussed whether the four projects could be accommodated within the plan, subject to certain criteria. Councillor Marfleet said both the Ruthin Craft Centre and Prestatyn Scala schemes should proceed to tender stage only. Also other potential schemes such as Extra Care Housing, the CCTV extension, and the Llangollen Eisteddfod project had not been provided for in the current capital programme.

The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning said a full confidential report on the new primary school in Prestatyn would be presented to the next Full Council meeting. He detailed the negotiations regarding the site and said its potential purchase was dependent upon successful planning permissions. The project was also dependent on Ministerial approval.

Councillor R W Hughes reported on a recent meeting with officers and the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning and said an element of collaboration with partners was key to securing WAG funding for the Tir Morfa project. The Minister had agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding integration of services at the site which would make for a more innovative regional project.

The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning discussed the SBIG monies available for schools in general and said some schemes would have to be postponed to ensure other education projects continued.

Councillor P A Dobb expressed strong concern and said it was unfair that some long awaited projects would again be jeopardised whilst the new school was built. Councillor D Owens replied there was tremendous pressure on schools in Prestatyn and a new build was the best solution.

The Chief Executive thanked the Principal Management Accountant and his team for their hard work in producing the report. New projects could not be

added to the Capital programme until additional resources could be identified. He discussed the proposed Helicon project, Denbighshire's role as joint sponsor and said the Corporate Executive Team would consider funding for the feasibility exercise needed. He sought agreement to allocate funding to enable early action on the lottery bid.

Councillor Dobb expressed disquiet with regard to the possible funding for the Helicon project and although she agreed the project itself was worthwhile, felt that the Authority should not enter into such schemes in the current year when other priorities would not be met. Councillor R W Hughes suggested that the WDA and WTB be contacted with regard to the project and potential funding which would enable the second phase of feasibility work to be commenced if the first bid round was successful.

Councillor S Roberts, supported the Helicon project and said it was an opportunity not to be missed. The current tentage facility was coming to the end of its life and needed to be replaced.

Councillor P J Marfleet suggested the project should be considered as an opportunity to create a regional centre which could be used all year round. He said it was important to continue with the Tir Morfa project and that the ramifications would be enormous if the new Prestatyn Primary School was not built. The Ruthin Craft Centre and Prestatyn Scala projects would only proceed to tender stage at this time.

The Chief Executive informed Members that a decision on which specific projects, initially proposed to be funded from SBIG, may be delayed, would not be taken until more detailed information was available and included in a report to the next Cabinet meeting.

Councillor S Roberts expressed her support for the Helicon project and said that it would be of benefit to the whole of Wales.

Councillor E W Williams outlined his support for the Tir Morfa and new primary school projects but said that as the other 2 projects were not for statutory services he would be unable to support them at the expense of statutory service projects. Although the Ruthin Craft Centre was not statutory it was a regional centre whilst the Scala, in the main, would only be of benefit to the Prestatyn area and as such he could not support it.

The Principal Management Accountant outlined the updated costs and said inflation had been built into the costs for the Ruthin Craft Centre and the Prestatyn Scala.

Councillor J Thompson Hill said further detail regarding the projects that could be delayed to allow the Prestatyn primary school to proceed was required and prioritisation should follow the Service Asset Management Plans. He supported allocation of the feasibility study money to the proposed Helicon project but suggested that the project should be in the name of the Authority.

The Corporate Director: Resources suggested that the Chief Executive of the Eisteddfod be asked to attend the next Cabinet meeting to give a presentation on the project. He also made it clear that any feasibility study spend at this stage did not commit the Council to further expenditure.

In response to a query from Councillor P A Dobb regarding possible financial overruns, the Chief Executive said the potential Council funding required by the proposed Helicon project would need to be agreed at Full Council.

The Head of Development Services agreed to provide information on eligibility for the new Convergence Programme as some projects with a tourist element could qualify for funding. He also advised that projects would at least need to not commence before late autumn to ensure they could qualify for this funding. As the programme slipped the date of qualification could also recede.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the detailed redistribution of the SBIG fund be discussed and approved at the next Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED that Members:

- [i] note the position of the 2005/06 and 2006/07 element of the Council's agreed Capital Plan*
- [ii] agree the Tir Morfa project proceeds as a £2m scheme unless match funding is confirmed from WAG in sufficient time to ensure a larger scheme can be delivered*
- [iii] agree the Prestatyn new Primary School goes ahead subject to WAG approval to the redistribution of SBIG funding*
- [iv] receive a report detailing the proposed redistribution of SBIG funding at its June 2005 meeting*
- [v] agree the Scala scheme proceeds to tender but contract start is dependant upon tender costs being within the overall confirmed funding available*
- [vi] agree Ruthin Craft Centre proceeds to tender but contract start is dependant upon tender costs being within the overall confirmed funding available.*

14 CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LLAIS Y SIR / COUNTY VOICE AND THE PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ADVERTISING SERVICE FOR TWO YEARS FROM JULY 2006

Councillor S A Davies presented the report for Members to authorise the Public Relations Manager to award the contract, as detailed in the report, to North Wales Newspapers, Mold.

RESOLVED that Cabinet authorise the Public Relations Manager to award the contract to North Wales Newspapers to ensure the continuation of Llais y Sir/County Voice and the provision of an advertising service which ensures best value.

15 INSURANCE TENDER AWARD

Councillor P J Marfleet presented the report for Members to award the contract for provision of Corporate Insurance Services to the Council's existing insurance provider, Zurich Municipal, on the basis of price and quality.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the award of the Contract for Provision of Insurance Services to Zurich Municipal on a five year Long Term Agreement with an option for the Authority to extend that Agreement for up to another two years (as per the tender specification).

The meeting concluded at 1.10 p.m.

REPORT TO CABINET

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR ERYL WILLIAMS LEAD MEMBER
ENVIRONMENT**

DATE: 27th JUNE 2006

**SUBJECT: GREEN LANE, PAVILION & STATION CAR PARKS,
CORWEN AND DENBIGH MULTI STOREY CAR PARK**

1 DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 That Members consider the contents of this paper together with the Reports to Environment Scrutiny on 26th January and 15th June 2006, with a view to reaching agreement on which options to proceed with.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

On 28th October 2004 a report was taken to Environment Scrutiny in relation to reviewing the charges on the County Council owned Car Parks. This report recommended that a further report be taken to Environment Scrutiny in Autumn 2005, with a view to implementing any changes in April 2006.

In addition and as part of the Budget setting exercise for 2006/07 it was also proposed to consider potential increase funding from Car Parks in order to address some of the budgetary pressure that the Council was facing. I attach as Appendix A and B, copies of the reports that were taken to Environment Scrutiny on 26th January and 15th June 2006 respectively. Hopefully the contents of these reports are self-explanatory.

The report of 26th January was discussed at length at the Scrutiny meeting and the issues of raising additional income as part of the budget setting exercise was also discussed at a subsequent Scrutiny meeting. It was also tabled at Full Council as part of the Budget Report in February 2006. Following these meetings a decision was taken by the Chief Executive under his delegated powers of office to approve the implementation of the new charges and this was subsequently communicated to local Community and Town Council Associations.

At the Council meeting of 4th April a motion was raised by Plaid Cymru in relation to the charges being introduced and it was agreed that further dialogue would be held with the Community of Corwen and the College and Local Business Group in Denbigh, but that the remainder of the proposals should proceed. Following debate at the Council meeting on 16th May it was further agreed that it would also be discussed at Environment Scrutiny prior to being reported back to Cabinet.

A Town Council meeting has subsequently been held in Corwen where Councillor Stuart Davies and Councillor Eryl Williams attended in addition to the local members Councillor Nigel Roberts and Councillor Cefyn Williams and David

Farquhar Head of Transport & Infrastructure. The unanimous view of the community was that no charges should be introduced to Corwen.

In addition to this Denbigh College and Denbigh Business Group were also contacted and their responses are attached as Appendix C. There are differing views from both these organisations. The College requesting that Students are exempt from the charges with the Local Business Group putting forward a number of issues for consideration, but generally against any introduction or increases of Car Parking Charges in Denbigh. In addition I have also included copies of letters received from the Town Council and Councilor Kensler. These representations although differing in their content all object to the introduction and increase of charges and stating what impact it would have on the local community, business and college.

There are a number of options that could be considered for Corwen from no charges being applied to the original proposals being introduced. Clearly from the communities point of view the former is the preferred option, however this may well raise the issue of fairness and equity across the County and many other communities could well claim to have issues specific to their area that would lead for them to ask for the charges to be removed.

There are obviously a lot of permutations between the two extremes. To introduce a regime where a short stay period could be free is very hard if not impossible to police with the current resources. It also raises a question of who is a local and who isn't, how do you police it and even if this could be overcome would it lead to similar requests from other communities who could claim similar circumstances. If this were to be the case then a considerable amount of income would have to be found from other sources.

Although similar issues have been raised for Denbigh there are also other points raised. On one hand you have the issue of the Students. Although it is feasible to introduce a permit which could be issued by the college, this would have to be a different permit from that which is used currently and which would be specific to the Multi-Storey. This would involve additional costs to produce a specific permit. They would also have to be issued and managed by the College as there is no capacity within Transport & Infrastructure to deal with this. As it would be self governing it could also be open to abuse and some checks would have to be applied to make sure this was not the case. In addition it may also lead to similar requests from other bodies or organisations who could equally claim the need for such a scheme. This could lead to a different permit having to be produced for each car park which would be both expensive and administratively time consuming.

It is also not what the Local Business Group want and it may simply aggravate the relationship which currently exists between the Students and the Local Businesses and Community at the moment. Some of the points raised by the Local Business Group and Town Council can be explored as part of the ongoing review of the Traffic Orders across the County. We are currently working in Rhyl but Denbigh is scheduled next and should commence towards the end of the year.

Again the idea of issuing permits to locals to be able to park free for up to 30 or 45 minutes is fraught with problems as mentioned above. The other issues are certainly worth consideration but a park and ride scheme would certainly require Capital funding to implement it.

It is also worth pointing out that currently no enforcement of the car parks takes place between the hours of 18.00 and 8.00 across the County and also between the hours of 10.00 and 13.00 on a Sunday in Denbigh and Ruthin. It is proposed that this will continue and be extended to Corwen. Members may wish to consider making this official across the entire County. This would address some of the issues with regards to having to pay to go to church on a Sunday or people having to pay to park through the night.

In addition the introduction of charges brings with it regular visits by the Parking Attendants and this has a very positive effect on increasing security, again an issued that has been highlighted particularly by the community of Denbigh.

3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

Section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The power to set charges for the Councils Car Parks was delegated to the Chief Executive by Cabinet in December 2004. This matter is being reported for decision only because of the discussions that have taken place in Cabinet and Council since the budget was approved.

4 COST IMPLICATIONS

If charges were not introduced to Corwen and Denbigh there would be a potential shortfall in the projected incomes from Car Parks in the region of £15k which will lead to an overspend within Transport & Infrastructure. However if other communities were to successfully pursue this issue of having some car parks free in their community then a shortfall of up to possibly £200k could occur. Making all car parks free would lead to the loss of in excess of £720k as can be seen from the income sheets as part of Appendix B.

The income generated during April and May 2006 following the introduction of the new charges is £132,931 compared with £120,491 for 2005. Although Easter occurred in April this year increasing the income in April by £8k an increase has also occurred in May of £4k. The figures show that this has mainly occurred in the south of the County, i.e. the car parks that have recently had their charges increased.

A full detailed breakdown of figures for 05/06 and the first two months of 06/07 by community and car park is attached as part of Appendix B. All of these are net figures and exclude any penalty charges.

Early indications are that the usage of the car parks has increased following the introduction of the new charges and this is borne out of the additional monies raised as shown in Appendice B as well as extra tickets having to be ordered. In addition the uptake of Parking permits has also increased from 180 in April/May

2005 to 244 for the same period 2006 following the publicity carried out highlighting the cost benefits that can be realised.

5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

If the current hold on charging at the Denbigh and Corwen sites is continued, the directorate will need to identify offsetting savings to cover the shortfall in income as savings targets have been accepted by Council and are being delivered by other services.

Any moves to revisit charges at other sites should be put off until the budget setting exercise for next financial year as the impact on the current year would be too great for the service or Directorate to absorb.

6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

A meeting has been held with Corwen Community Council and correspondence received from Denbigh College, Denbigh Business Group, Denbigh Town Council and Councilor Kensler. Copies of this correspondence is attached as part of Appendix C.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 15 June. Its recommendations are included at the end of this report as part of the options for consideration.

7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

It may well generate request from other communities for a similar relaxation of the charges in their area. It has to be noted that representations from Rhyl Town Council have already been received about the unfairness of the current charges where an area that is ranked as one of the highest in terms of deprivation in Wales has the highest charges in the County.

8 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

(1) For Corwen;

- a) No charges be introduced
- b) (Scrutiny Recommendation) That charges are introduced as proposed but that a number of spaces within the Green Lane Car Park are left and marked as free. This would comprise 8 numbers for the Health Centre with an additional 4 for people to visit the local shop. This would be reasonably simple and easy to police and it would involve the Health Centre assisting in issuing of the permits and simply accepting that the local community would not abuse the system for the remaining bays assigned for the local shop.
- c) That charges be introduced as per the original proposal.

For Denbigh

- a) That no charges be introduced to the Multi-storey Car Park.
- b) That free parking only be introduced for Students to the Multi-storey car Park on a 6 months trial basis. The detail of how this is to be managed to be agreed between the College and the Council.
- c) (Scrutiny Recommendation) That charges be introduced as the original proposal and that the issues put forward by the Local Business Group and others be explored as part of the review for Denbigh at the end of the year.
- d) (Scrutiny Recommendation) If the decision is not to introduce these charges then any shortfall in income should not have to be found from the Directorate, but that it should be found from elsewhere in the Council.

Environment Scrutiny Committee

26th January 2006

Report by the Head of Transport and Infrastructure

Review of Car Parks

1 Purpose of Report

To inform members of the current charges and operations of the Council's Car Parks and also present proposals for consideration.

2 Reason for Submission of Report

To allow members to consider various proposals with regards to Car Parks namely:-

- (i) Review the Tariffs of the Beach Car Parks
- (ii) Rationalise the Tariffs throughout the Town Centre Car Parks
- (iii) Introduction of Tariffs to other Council owned and maintained Car Parks
- (iv) Introduction of Tariffs to the Promenade in Rhyl
- (v) Introduction of the management of the Pavilion Car Park in Llangollen and the Prestatyn Town Council (Free) Car Park in Prestatyn.

3 Background

A fully detailed paper was presented to members on 28th October 2004. Within this report was a recommendation that the Car Parks should be reviewed in the Autumn of 2005 with a view to implementing any changes in April 2006.

Currently we have a range of tariffs throughout the County ranging from the most expensive in Rhyl to some that are free. This report puts forward a rationale to both standardise the charges across the County together with reviewing the current tariffs. In addition it also considers introducing tariffs to other Car Parks within the County.

4 Proposals

- 4.1 The first area and set of Car Parks to be considered are the Beach Car Parks as listed in Table 1. The tariffs were increased last year and it is proposed to not alter them for 2006.
- 4.2 The remainder of the existing Car Parks which currently have charges are listed in Table 2. As can be seen they vary considerably both in terms of long

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and short stay and also in which town they are located. It is proposed to rationalise all these to a two tariff arrangement, Tariff A and Tariff B, for both long and short stay.

In effect Tariff A would apply to Rhyl with Tariff B applying to the remainder of the towns i.e. Prestatyn, Denbigh, Ruthin and Llangollen.

It is proposed that Tariff A would be set at the current level for Rhyl and that Tariff B would be set at the current level for Prestatyn. This would mean that there would be no increase to the charges for the Rhyl Car Parks.

The remainder of the Towns would have varying degrees of increases depending on what the current tariffs are at the moment. These are shown in Table 2.

It is also proposed that there should be no increase to Season Ticket Prices for Long Stay Car Parks within the County.

This proposal would result in an increase in revenue of approximately £30K per annum.

- 4.3 The next area for consideration are those Car Parks that are currently owned and maintained by the Council which do not currently have tariffs. These are listed in Table 3. It is proposed that charges be introduced to these Car Parks in accordance with Tariff B.

There are set up costs e.g. purchase of machines etc. to be funded but there is funding available for this.

This proposal would result in an additional income of £35K per annum.

- 4.4 As part of the review we also chose to explore the feasibility of introducing tariffs to the Promenade in Rhyl. This is not unusual; in fact many promenades throughout Britain have tariffs, with Llandudno recently introducing such a scheme. It is proposed to introduce tariffs to the Rhyl Promenade at the following rates.

£1 for up to 1 hour
£2 for up to 4 hours and
£4 for all day

It will cost in the region of £50K to install the machines and lines etc. and it will also require traffic orders to be published. These costs can be funded within existing budgets. This proposal would result in an additional income of approximately £125K per annum.

- 4.5 The final element to be considered resulted from various dialogues between officers and members of Denbighshire County Council and Llangollen Town Council in relation to the Pavilion Car Park and Prestatyn Town Council in relation to the Prestatyn Town Council (Free) Car Park.

Llangollen Town Council are interested in introducing tariffs to the Pavilion Car Park. This would involve Denbighshire County Council managing the running of the Car Park on their behalf. It would involve the installation of Ticket Machines and lining etc. and funding can be acquired via the Community Projects Fund. The income generated from this would be in the order of £6K and it would be done on a shared basis.

In addition a similar arrangement is also being explored with Prestatyn Town Council and these discussions are also at an advanced stage. The income generated for enforcement only would be in the order of £2K.

The details for both of these have still to be finalised.

5 Consultation Carried Out

Roger Parry – Finance Services
Sue Haygarth - Development services

6 Implications on Other Policies

None.

7 Background Papers

Committee Paper from Environment Scrutiny 28th October 2004.

8 Recommendations

I would recommend that members give consideration to the proposals made within this paper with a view to endorsing their implementation, namely:-

- (i) the tariffs for the Beach Car Parks to remain the same for 2006
- (ii) rationalised tariffs for the Town Centre Car Parks throughout the County
- (iii) the introduction of tariffs to other Council owned and maintained Car Parks
- (iv) the introduction of tariffs to the Promenade in Rhyl
- (v) the introduction of the management of the Pavilion Car Park in Llangollen on behalf of Llangollen Community Council

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Appendix A

TABLE I

	<u>Present Tariff</u>	<u>Proposed Tariff</u>
<u>Rhyl, Beach Car Parks</u>		
Childrens Village (Underground)	up to 2 hrs £1.50	No change
Sky Tower	up to 3 hrs £2.00	“
	Over 3 hrs £4.00	“
	Evenings £1.50	“
Sun Centre West	up to 1 hr £1.00	“
	Over 1 hr £4.10	“
Quay Street	up to 1 hr £1.50	“
Marine Lake	Over 1 hr £2.60	“
Garford Road		
<u>Prestatyn, Beach Car Parks</u>		
Nova Centre Rear	up to 1 hr £1.50	“
Nova Centre West	Over 1 hr £2.60	“
Beach Road East		
Barkby Beach		
Ffrith Beach		

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TABLE 2

Rhyl, Town Centre Car Parks (A)	<u>Present Tariff</u>	<u>Proposed Tariff</u>
Morley Road - Short stay	up to 1 hr 50p	No Change
Railway Stn - “	up to 2 hrs 80p	“
Morfa Hall - “	up to 3 hrs £1.10	“
	up to 4 hrs £2.00	“
	Over 4 hrs £7.00	“
West Kinmel St - Long stay	up to 1 hr 50p	“
	up to 2 hrs 80p	“
	up to 4 hrs £1.50	“
	Over 4 hrs £2.20	“
Crescent Road (Coach Park)	All Day £4.10	“
Prestatyn, Town Centre Car Parks (B)		
Kings Avenue - Short stay	up to 1 hr 40p	“
Lower High St - “	up to 2 hrs 70p	“
	up to 3 hrs 90p	“
	up to 4 hrs £1.80	“
	Over 4 hrs £6.80	“
Fern Avenue - Long stay	up to 1 hr 40p	“
Nant Hall Rd - “	up to 2 hrs 70p	“
	up to 4 hrs £1.00	“
	Over 4 hrs £2.00	“
Denbigh, Town Centre Car Parks		
Factory ward - Short stay	up to 2 hrs 30p	up to 1 hr 40p
Vale Street - “	up to 3 hrs 60p	up to 2 hrs 70p
	up to 4 hrs £1.10	up to 3 hrs 90p
	Over 4 hrs £6.80	up to 4 hrs £1.80
		Over 4 hrs £6.80
Post Office Lane - Long stay	up to 2 hrs 30p	up to 1 hr 40p
Crown Lane - “	up to 4 hrs 70p	up to 2 hr 70p
	Over 4 hrs £1.60	up to 4 hr £1.10
		Over 4 hrs £2.00

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Present tariff

Proposed tariff

Ruthin, Town Centre Car Park

Market Street - Short stay	up to 2 hr 30p up to 3 hrs 60p up to 4 hrs £1.10 Over 4 hrs £6.80	up to 1 hr 40p up to 2 hrs 70p up to 3 hrs 90p up to 4 hrs £1.80 Over 4 hrs £6.80
Crispin yard - Long stay	up to 1 hr 20p up to 2 hr 30p up to 4 hr 70p Over 4 hr £1.60	up to 1 hr 40p up to 2 hrs 70p up to 4 hrs £1.10 Over 4 hrs £2.00
Dog Lane - Long stay	up to 2 hrs 30p	up to 1 hr 40p
Rhos Street - “	up to 4 hrs 70p	up to 2 hrs 70p
Troed y Rhiw - “	Over 4 hrs £1.60	up to 4 hrs £1.10
Park Road - “		Over 4 hrs £2.00
“ - Coaches	All Day £ 3.80	All Day £ 3.80

Llangollen, Town Centre Car Parks

Market Street - Short stay	up to 2 hrs 50p up to 3 hr 80p up to 4 hr £1.60 Over 4 hr £7.00	up to 1 hrs 40p up to 2 hrs 70p up to 3 hrs 90p up to 4 hrs £1.80 Over 4hrs £6.80
East Street - Long stay	up to 2 hrs 50p	up to 1 hrs 40p
Hall Street - “	up to 4 hrs 90p	up to 2 hrs 70p
Mill Street - “	Over 4 hrs £1.90	up to 4 hrs £1.10 Over 4 hrs £2.00

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TABLE 3

	<u>Present tariff</u>	<u>Proposed tariff</u>
Corwen, Town Centre Car Parks		
Green Lanes - Long stay	Free	up to 1 hr 40p
Pavillion - “	“	up to 2 hrs 70p
Station - “	“	up to 4 hrs £1.10
		Over 4 hrs £2.00
Denbigh, Town Centre Car Park		
Multi storey Car Park	Free	up to 1 hr 40p
		up to 2 hrs 70p
		up to 4hrs £1.10
		Over 4 hrs £2.00
St Asaph, Town Centre Car Park		
Bowling Green	Free	up to 1 hr 40p
		up to 2 hrs 70p
		up to 4 hrs £1.10
		Over 4 hrs £2.00

Environment Scrutiny Committee

15th June 2006

Report by the Head of Transport and Infrastructure

Review of Car Parks of Corwen and the Multi-storey in Denbigh

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the views of the communities of Corwen and Denbigh in relation to the introduction and increases in car parking charges in order that they can consider recommendations for Cabinet.

2. Reason for Submission of Report

To allow members to consider the various issues that have been raised and make recommendations for Cabinet on the 27th June 2006.

3. Background

Members will be aware that following Cabinet meeting of 25th April that it was agreed to seek the views of the respective communities and to take a report to Environment Scrutiny to consider and make recommendations for Cabinet.

A full detailed report was discussed at Environment Scrutiny on 26th January 2006 and a copy of that report is appended as Appendix 1 as part of a draft Cabinet Report.

Hopefully the contents of Appendix 1 are sufficient to give members all the background information in order to have a full and detailed debate prior to making recommendations to be included in the draft Cabinet Report.

Early indications are that the usage of the car parks has increased following the introduction of the new charges and this is borne out of the additional monies raised as shown in Section 5 below as well as extra tickets having to be ordered. In addition the uptake of Parking permits has also increased from 180 in April/May 2005 to 244 for the same period 2006 following the publicity carried out highlighting the cost benefits that can be realised.

As can be seen no recommendation have been given in the draft Cabinet Report, however recommendations have been included at the end of this report for members consideration.

4. Consultation Carried Out

As per section 6 of the draft Cabinet Report

5. Financial Implications

The income generated during April and May 2006 following the introduction of the new charges is £132,931 compared with £120,491 for 2005. Although Easter occurred in April this year increasing the income in April by £8k an increase has also occurred in May of £4k. The figures show that this has mainly occurred in the south of the County, i.e. the car parks that have recently had their charges increased.

A full detailed breakdown of figures for 05/06 and the first two months of 06/07 by community and car park is attached as Appendix 2.

All of these are net figures and exclude any penalty charges.

6. Background Papers

Committee Paper from Environment Scrutiny 26th January 2006 and the draft Cabinet Report.

7. Recommendations

I would recommend that members give consideration to the following:-

(i) For Corwen it is proposed that charges are introduced as proposed but that a number of spaces within the Green Lane Car Park are left and marked as free. This would comprise 8 numbers for the Health Centre with an additional 4 for people to visit the local shop. This would be reasonably simple and easy to police and it would involve the Health Centre assisting in issuing of the permits and simply accepting that the local community would not abuse the system for the remaining bays assigned for the local shop.

(ii) For Denbigh that charges be introduced as the original proposal and that the issues put forward by the Local Business Group and others be explored as part of the review for Denbigh at the end of the year.

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2005/06

2006/07

SEASONAL	APRIL	MAY	TOTAL	APRIL	MAY	TOTAL
	£	£		£	£	£
EAST PARADE	2,426	3,860	6,286	3,508	3,170	6,678
QUAY ST	553	1,461	2,014	1,026	914	1,940
MARINE LK	0	0	0	60	65	125
CRES RD	56	69	125	0	63	63
RHYL	3,035	5,390	8,425	4,594	4,212	8,806
			0			
FFRITH B	0	0	0	107	321	428
NOVA WEST	1,284	1,618	2,902	1,465	1,983	3,448
NOVA EAST	267	380	647	577	280	857
NOVA REAR	1,101	1,112	2,213	1,715	1,342	3,057
BARKBY B	651	891	1,542	638	1,106	1,744
PRESTATYN	3,303	4,001	7,304	4,502	5,032	9,534
TOTAL SEASONAL CAR PARKS	6,338	9,391	15,729	9,096	9,244	18,340
TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS						
UNDERGROUND	9,980	15,112	25,092	10,950	11,989	22,939
MORLEY RD	8,916	8,710	17,626	9,474	9,649	19,123
WEST K/ST	1,518	1,757	3,275	1,876	1,707	3,583
WEST PARADE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORFA HALL	686	842	1,528	1,811	1,818	3,629
RHYL RAIL	1,561	1,558	3,119	1,482	1,515	2,997
RHYL	22,661	27,979	50,640	25,593	26,678	52,271
CENTRAL	537	456	993	675	584	1,259
FERN AVE	762	1,061	1,823	671	799	1,470
POST OFF	2,633	2,718	5,351	2,500	2,443	4,943
RAILWAY	1,713	2,044	3,757	1,536	1,666	3,202
PRESTATYN	5,645	6,279	11,924	5,382	5,492	10,874
MARKET ST	5,871	6,546	12,417	7,195	7,010	14,205
EAST ST	2,355	2,493	4,848	2,883	3,139	6,022
HALL ST	477	733	1,210	847	670	1,517
MILL ST	1,284	1,584	2,868	2,247	2,359	4,606
LLANGOLLEN	9,987	11,356	21,343	13,172	13,178	26,350
PETER SQUARE	811	789	1,600	837	1,001	1,838
MARKET ST	1,827	1,642	3,469	2,153	2,523	4,676
DOG LANE	738	668	1,406	722	949	1,671
RHOS ST	185	108	293	120	107	227
TROED Y RHIW	219	136	355	179	319	498
CRISPIN YARD	1,102	1,057	2,159	1,333	1,793	3,126
PARK RD	98	129	227	194	75	269
RUTHIN	4,980	4,529	9,509	5,538	6,767	12,305
FACTRY WARD	3,589	3,328	6,917	3,358	4,246	7,604
VALE ST	1,741	1,506	3,247	1,832	2,140	3,972
POST OFF LANE	315	253	568	229	330	559
CROWN LANE	349	265	614	285	371	656
DENBIGH	5,994	5,352	11,346	5,704	7,087	12,791
TOTAL TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS	49,267	55,495	104,762	55,389	59,202	114,591
TOTAL CAR PARK FEES	55,605	64,886	120,491	64,485	68,446	132,931

PAY & DISPLAY NET INCOME FOR 2005/2006

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
SEASONAL													
E/PARADE	2,426	3,860	5,185	6,229	14,128	3,506	225	0	225	0	0	0	35,784
QUAY ST	563	1,461	2,056	2,268	5,778	1,161	128	0	0	0	0	0	13,405
MARINE LK	0	0	0	134	430	113	33	0	0	0	0	0	710
CRES RD	56	69	142	218	318	236	119	110	20	30	0	43	1,361
RHYL	3,035	5,390	7,383	8,849	20,654	5,016	505	110	245	30	0	43	51,260
FFRITH B	0	0	512	241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	753
NOVA WEST	1,284	1,618	4,073	4,643	6,958	2,959	204	0	0	0	0	0	21,739
NOVA EAST	267	380	1,136	1,293	2,124	820	65	0	0	0	0	0	6,085
NOVA REAR	1,101	1,112	2,413	2,870	4,538	1,495	111	0	0	0	0	0	13,640
BARKBY B	651	891	1,891	2,333	3,270	1,418	81	0	0	0	0	0	10,535
PRESTATYN	3,303	4,001	10,025	11,380	16,890	6,692	461	0	0	0	0	0	52,752
TOTAL SEASONAL CAR PARKS	6,338	9,391	17,408	20,229	37,544	11,708	966	110	245	30	0	43	104,012
TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS													
UNDERGROUND	9,980	15,112	17,696	18,978	35,308	14,852	8,751	4,480	5,458	2,563	1,725	0	134,903
MORLEY RD	8,916	8,710	9,642	9,812	11,203	10,005	9,915	10,284	12,450	8,615	7,978	9,117	116,647
WEST K/ST	1,518	1,757	1,929	2,091	2,603	1,963	1,337	1,352	1,636	1,068	932	1,256	19,442
WEST PARADE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORFA HALL	686	842	1,005	1,028	1,312	1,113	1,114	1,920	1,933	1,558	1,486	1,731	15,728
RHYL RAIL	1,561	1,558	1,672	1,499	2,078	1,753	1,687	1,482	1,648	1,407	823	1,360	18,528
RHYL	22,661	27,979	31,944	33,408	52,504	29,686	22,804	19,518	23,125	15,211	12,944	13,464	305,248
CENTRAL	537	456	654	689	1,058	632	598	444	450	325	339	380	6,562
FERN AVE	762	1,061	860	816	1,197	862	649	570	1,202	595	583	775	9,932
POST OFF	2,633	2,718	2,773	2,815	3,015	2,961	2,467	2,762	2,921	2,240	2,170	2,547	32,022
RAILWAY	1,713	2,044	2,614	2,587	3,535	2,639	1,465	1,024	837	712	817	999	20,986
PRESTATYN	5,645	6,279	6,901	6,907	8,805	7,094	5,179	4,800	5,410	3,872	3,909	4,701	69,502
MARKET ST	5,871	6,546	8,708	8,425	10,525	7,329	5,415	3,329	4,205	3,306	4,624	3,373	71,656
EAST ST	2,355	2,493	3,085	2,934	3,446	2,876	2,337	1,575	1,807	1,746	2,058	1,523	28,235
HALL ST	477	733	797	642	1,387	850	674	637	645	390	548	540	8,320
MILL ST	1,284	1,584	2,588	2,513	3,657	2,267	1,599	662	1,206	951	1,531	849	20,691
LLANGOLLEN	9,987	11,356	15,178	14,514	19,015	13,322	10,025	6,203	7,863	6,393	8,761	6,285	128,902
PETER SQ	811	789	967	660	820	1,056	808	995	763	677	831	913	10,090
MARKET ST	1,827	1,642	1,738	1,960	1,875	1,879	1,898	1,840	2,124	1,550	1,565	1,669	21,567
DOG LANE	738	668	748	732	882	660	772	797	638	627	616	641	8,519
RHOS ST	185	108	89	180	158	119	113	128	125	103	126	168	1,602
TROED Y RHIW	219	136	252	185	225	169	240	157	179	156	192	209	2,319
CRISPIN YARD	1,102	1,057	1,088	1,182	1,320	1,098	936	772	982	811	868	801	12,017
PARK RD	98	129	229	286	287	227	17	73	125	94	109	93	1,767
RUTHIN	4,980	4,529	5,111	5,185	5,567	5,208	4,784	4,762	4,936	4,018	4,307	4,494	57,881
FACTRY WARD	3,589	3,328	3,327	3,164	2,967	3,230	3,423	3,519	3,577	3,063	2,929	3,358	39,474
VALE ST	1,741	1,506	1,629	1,678	1,586	1,604	1,551	1,518	1,554	1,429	1,410	1,513	18,719
CROWN LANE	315	253	215	297	273	224	257	299	202	245	245	256	3,103
POST OFFICE LANE	349	265	267	255	361	282	330	240	305	232	264	246	3,396
DENBIGH	5,994	5,352	5,438	5,394	5,187	5,340	5,561	5,544	5,735	4,926	4,848	5,373	64,692
TOTAL TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS	49,267	55,495	64,572	65,408	91,078	60,650	48,353	40,827	47,069	34,420	34,769	34,317	626,225
TOTAL CAR PARK FEES	55,605	64,886	81,980	85,637	128,622	72,358	49,319	40,937	47,314	34,450	34,769	34,360	730,237



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7th April 2006

Dear Mr Farquhar

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE		
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10 APR 2006		
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Charges for the Multi-Storey Car Park, Denbigh

Further to our discussions and correspondence, and following the recent County Council meeting, I would like to confirm our position on the proposed introduction of parking charges for the multi-storey car park at Denbigh.

We do not agree with the principle of charging for parking in the multi-storey and feel it would have a major impact on the College and the town of Denbigh. We would wish to see free parking remaining in that car park for all users.

If the Council does pass the charging policy for this car park, we would request that the Council introduce a **Free Parking Permit Scheme** for our students, which is for use in the multi-storey car park in Denbigh only, and applicable only for the duration of their course at the College.

We would be fully prepared to deal with the applications for and distribution of the permits for this purpose.

If our students are required to pay for the parking in the "free car park", it will have a serious impact on recruitment, as there wouldn't be any free parking available for College students. We have had numerous representations from existing students who feel that they will look carefully at other Colleges for their study in the future or give up study completely. This in turn will have a major impact on this College and its viability in the future and as a result there will be the associated knock on in terms of less usage of businesses in the town.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely

Julia R. Hughes
 Head
 Denbigh Community College



Dear Mr Farquhar,

Please let me apologise for not replying to you sooner but I was aware that the County Council meeting was scheduled far later than our meeting of the Business Group's committee, which met last night. This has allowed me to discuss the parking issues with the other committee members and provide a more informed view.

The main concerns most of the businesses have are to increase footfall of potential customers into the town of Denbigh thereby improving the whole town. Everyone is of the opinion that imposing the proposed charges across the range of car parks that exist in the town will be extremely detrimental to all businesses in the town and surrounding areas. These businesses rely on short, quick frequent visits by numerous customers who are predominately local and who would be hit by the charge repeatedly.

However most understand the Council's need to raise revenue, although none of them could see how raising these charges would achieve this, as the resultant loss of revenue from the inevitable loss of income from the lower business rates collected due to the closure of some businesses who are marginal at the moment. This must also be offset against any extra costs that would be incurred bringing the car parks up to the required safety standards that customers would expect for their increased charges. An increase in charges on the larger towns, which have a seasonal increase in visitors e.g. tourist, and a larger range of services and shops can sustain an increase as they are not so dependant on the same repeated visits by a smaller number of local people, they also have more free on-street parking available as an alternative for a short stop.

Whilst it is not our place as amateurs to recommend an answer to these problems some possible suggestions which could be implemented in Denbigh are put forward for your consideration, all of which are cheap to instigate and all, we feel, are workable.

1) Reinstalling the on street parking in the town centre by removing some of the street furniture, allowing parking in Crown Square and opening up the centre of the high street again as it was and as Bala still is and give Denbigh back its individuality.

2) A provision of a park & ride scheme for office workers and students of the college, this would free up valuable space for shoppers and visitors. This, of course, would require extensive consultation with all businesses, the library, surgeries and the College in town.

3) Encourage users of the college to visit the services in the town by implementing a voucher scheme.

4) Providing a "parking badge" a la disabled drivers badge, to be issued to residents allowing free parking on street and in car parks for a limited period such as 30 or 45 minutes but with an increased cost if this time is exceeded. These badges could be provided to visitors from local shops, thus encouraging a visit to the shops, the distribution to residents could be easily achieved by inserting them into the County Council newsletter that is already distributed to all households and businesses. The policing of the car parks by wardens are already in place so there would be little cost to this scheme.

I hope you find these comments constructive, and that some of them can be implemented, we are trying to cooperate. I am aware that some regard us in Denbigh as negative but we respond as people who live here and try to make a living by working here and who know exactly what the situation is in Denbigh. We simply do not have enough car parking spaces in Denbigh, unlike other towns, and people are turning away to environments that are more convenient.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Mr Farquahar,

Review of Car Parks

Thank you for your letter and enclosure of the 21st February. The contents of the letter and enclosure were discussed at last Monday's council meeting.

As no doubt you would appreciate, the contents caused some concern to the members. As a result, I have been instructed to write to outline concerns and comments made:

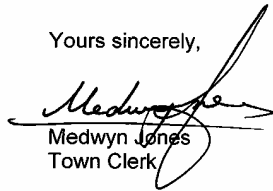
- Members were opposed to the proposed changes, in particular the introduction of charges at the multi storey car park. Some while ago the council was assured that car parking charges would not be introduced at this location until such time as the lighting had been improved on the lower floors and CCTV introduced and also the need to remark the parking bays in line with up to date standards.
- The town council had not been consulted on the current proposals.
- The introduction of car parking charges in the multi storey car park would have a detrimental effect on persons attending the Denbigh Community College. Other colleges in the county and throughout North Wales have their own parking facilities for students. The college students contribute to the income of the town centre and the council is concerned that the proposed charges would lead to a loss in numbers at the college and consequently a loss of revenue to the town traders. The Denbigh College would be the only one in the county where students would have to pay.
- It was pointed out, during the discussion, that the former Glyndŵr District Council built the multi-storey car park specifically as a free car park for use of persons working in the town. A question was asked as to whether the county council would be introducing car-parking charges for staff parking at council office sites.

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- Efforts are being made to attract visitors to this ancient and historic town. Members were concerned that the increase in charges for all the town car parks would deter visitors. It was pointed out that due to each town in the county being different that it was impossible to rationalise and standardise car-parking charges.
- The proposals would have a detrimental effect on businesses in the town centre, which are already struggling to survive.
- Concerns were expressed that the new short stay charges would have an effect on those attending Sunday worship in the town centre – in most cases a charge of 70p would not be uncommon and could have an effect on the numbers attending the town's chapels and churches.
- The proposed Local Development Plan states that resources should be concentrated on the coastal towns without any provision for the smaller rural town – consequently the introduction or increase in charges would further add to the decline of these towns.
- Any proposals should be delayed until a full and proper study and consultation has been completed.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear David

Re: Multi Storey Car Park Denbigh

I shall limit my comments in this letter to the multi-storey car park in Denbigh and whether it should remain as free parking. I do however look forward to a debate in council on the issue of fees and charges in general and whether budgets should be cut in anticipation of fees and charges covering this loss of budget.

Tonight I attended a Denbigh Town Council meeting, of which I am not a member but I went to share some of concerns regarding the central ward which I represent. I was presented with a copy of the Town Council's response to you, dated 6 March regarding the car parking issues. I fully concur with the sentiments expressed in this letter.

I would also like to state that the views expressed in this letter represent the views of Denbigh residents and businesses. I am inundated with calls from people contacting me about parking issues in Denbigh and as you know, a petition from people in Post Office Lane was presented to Council on 4th April, when I was away. This is the number one problem in Denbigh.

The multi-storey car park should remain free for the following reasons:

1. It will not affect the highways revenue budget this financial year because of the set-up costs and the need for more parking attendants.
2. The argument from our MP and some Rhyl councillors that parking charges should be uniform throughout the county does not bear scrutiny. There is a great difference between Rhyl, a tourist town and one with plenty of shopping to attract people from outside and a town in decline such as Denbigh.
3. I myself made a comparison between car parking spaces as a proportion of population in Denbigh with other towns Rhyl, Prestatyn and Ruthin some time ago. These figures need revising since Ruthin has increased its car parking areas – the former depot site behind the Gaol, Crown House parking, the new civic offices. Also, in Ruthin, Sommerfield and the Co-op stores are centrally located so people can park there whilst also visiting the town. There has been some loss at the new Tesco store but again, this store is fairly central and will have parking and of course, there is free parking at the Craft Centre.

4. In Denbigh Morrison's is situated quite far from the town centre and the former Kwiksave site is again very far from the centre.
5. The topography of Denbigh is such that its steep roads are rather off-putting to the elderly and parents with prams and young children.
6. Because of the free and easily available parking space at these supermarkets, people are going there to shop and are avoiding the town centre because of its parking difficulty and charges at the car parks. Rather, they will go to other towns to shop and to Tweedmill which, contrary to their assertions, does nothing positive for Denbigh, except, perhaps, provide out of town jobs.
7. I shall ensure that you receive a copy of the recent LABGI study done on Denbigh; you will notice on pages 4 – onwards the graphs, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q 12, Q 14 & 15; pages 10, 12, 14 & 15 that parking is the main issue. This is the best comprehensive view of town businesses.
8. Denbigh town centre is surrounded by narrow lanes and streets and residents of these streets are concerned about the number of people who park there while visiting or working in the town. This has increased lately.
9. We fully welcome Denbigh College in our town centre and would wish to retain it in its present site. However, it must be recognised that all other colleges have free on site parking. The loss of free parking at the multi-storey would have disastrous effects on the student intake. If students were to be given parking vouchers this would cause a great deal of dissatisfaction in town and not help town – college relations.
10. I refer to the letter from Peter Jones, vice chair of the Denbigh Business Group; it is his second paragraph which is most relevant. The reason for his proposing some alternatives is that he was under the impression that the fact of charging at the multi-story was not up for negotiation. I would also draw attention to his final paragraph where he states '*I am aware that some regard us in Denbigh as negative...*'. Yes, I am aware of this accusation and it is completely unjustified. Wouldn't you be negative if your cattle market was removed to Ruthin, the council depot and other offices were moved to Ruthin, if your town centre had been basically shut down for 18 months to make so-called environmental improvements with European money – due to the closure of the N Wales hospital – which destroyed the character of our town centre, to mention but a few. Denbigh businesses did welcome parking charges in the Vale Street car park since these charges fulfilled the role of car parking charges, namely the flow of traffic. Section **32 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984** gives councils powers to provide off-street parking for the "*purpose of relieving or preventing congestion.*"
11. Furthermore, as the third largest town in Denbighshire, we do not have a coach park.

The imposition of charges at the multi-storey will undoubtedly have a devastating effect on Denbigh and the health of the town centre. Flintshire recognises the effects on parking charges and consequently charge only in Holywell and Mold; for the first three hours there is a charge of 20p.

I am sorry that we did not have more time for discussion today. I cannot stress enough that there should not be parking charges at the multi-storey.

Yours sincerely

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor E W Williams Lead Member for Environment

DATE: 27 June 2006

SUBJECT: Joint Procurement of waste disposal services in conjunction with Conwy BC and Flintshire CC

1. Decision Sought

Approval to enter into joint contractual arrangements, alongside Conwy and Flintshire councils, for the treatment and disposal of the council's residual waste from April 2010 onwards.

2. Reason for Seeking Decision

- 2.1 Article 5(2) of the EC Landfill Directive established strict targets for reductions in the amount of Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW) that can be sent to landfill. The method of achieving the reduction was left to member states. In Wales; WAG decided to force councils into reducing their land-filled tonnages via the Landfill Allowances Scheme (Wales) Regulations 2004.
- 2.2 The Regulations prescribe the fixed maximum amounts of BMW that each council is permitted to landfill in a given year. Regulation 13 provides for councils to be fined £200 per tonne for all land-filled BMW over and above the set allowance. The fines are set at levels which eliminate the possibility of a 'do nothing option' being financially viable for any council.
- 2.3 In response to another EU directive, a different set of regulations have also been introduced which will require the pre-treatment of all non-hazardous waste prior to it being land-filled. These regulations are due to come into force towards the end of 2007.
- 2.4 As a consequence of these government interventions, the council cannot continue to send most of its waste directly to landfill. The waste will have to be treated (and/or disposed of) via one of the new technologies that are currently being developed within the waste industry.
- 2.5 The lead-in time for the procurement of waste facilities of this type can be several years. The punitive level of the potential fines poses a significant risks to the authority, and decisions therefore need to be taken in a timely fashion.

3. Power to Make the Decision

Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, i.e. the promotion or improvement of the environment for the well-being of the area.

4. Cost Implications

- 4.1 Appendix A of this report quantifies the waste tonnages to be disposed of; the potential disposal costs, and the currently available budgets.
- 4.2 Initiatives of this type can only realistically be financed if WAG continues to make special provision for increased expenditure that will result. However, WAG funding is

only committed over the (relatively) short term, and this means that the council will be tied-into future expenditure for which the budgets are not yet in place. This situation is not unique to Denbighshire; it will be the same for virtually all councils.

- 4.3 The investment of tens of millions of pounds in capital cost is considered to be beyond the resources of the partnering council(s), so the chosen mechanism of paying for the facility will be via 'gate fees'.
- 4.4 The fees will be charged (per tonne of waste deposited) over the duration of the contract. A long contract period is therefore required in order for the capital investment to be recoverable at sensible gate prices. Guidance will be taken on the optimum period, but the duration is likely to be at least twenty years.
- 4.5 All three partners will have an equal legal status and all will all pay the same gate fee in any given year
- 4.6 The choice of technologies available will depend upon what the marketplace can provide, and price will clearly be the major factor in deciding which option is chosen.
- 4.7 Due to the punitive level of WAG fines for non-compliance; the 'do nothing option' is not really an option at all.

5. Financial Controller statement

The impact of cost increases from changes in legislation and increased tonnages will need to be reviewed annually as part of the budget setting exercise. Any net increase in costs over and above any increases in Assembly support may need to be contained within existing directorate budgets.

6. Consultation Carried Out

- 6.1 The draft municipal Waste Management Strategy was presented to the Environment Scrutiny committee on the 2 September 2004, and to Cabinet on 26 October 2004. The subsequent public consultation exercise finished on 30 April 2005, and the Strategy was formally adopted on 30 May 2005, via a Cabinet delegated decision.
- 6.2 The strategy was further considered by the Environment Scrutiny Committee on 23 June 2005. The Committee expressed its support for the initiatives that were being proposed, and set up an officer/member working group to help with the ongoing development work.
- 6.3 Officers have consulted with a wide variety of other councils and national advisory bodies in order to establish what they consider to be best practice, given Denbighshire's current circumstances.

7. Implications on Other Policy Areas

7.1 The Vision

The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the vision for Denbighshire 2025. In particular "Denbighshire will be an ideal place to live because":

- "we will recycle most of our waste and conserve energy".
- "we will respect and maintain our natural environment".

7.2 Other policy areas including corporate

The targets relating to waste reduction, and the effect of escalating waste costs, will have consequences for all departments of the Council.

8. Action plan

	Action	Responsibility	By when
1	Draw up formal partnership agreement between Denbighshire, Flintshire & Conwy councils.	S.Parker & DCC Legal dept.	10 / 2006
2	Contribute to the development and preparation of the Contract documents	DCC waste team & Legal dept.	3 / 2007
3	Sign Contract documents	Environment Director	6 / 2007
4	Start delivering waste to new facility	DCC waste team	4 / 2010

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That approval is given to enter into a formal partnership with Conwy and Flintshire councils in order to jointly procure waste treatment and/or waste disposal facilities from April 2010 onwards.
- 9.2 To note the mandatory legal requirements that have been placed upon the council in relation to the tonnages of waste that it can send to landfill, and to recognise the need to address the financial consequences of these requirements in forthcoming budget rounds.

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Further information: a summary of the council's current waste strategy was placed on the council's website in October 2005. This can be access under "W" for waste management. The document is entitled: [Waste Management Strategy Explained](#)

A. Predicted Waste Disposal & Recycling Tonnages for Denbighshire

Line	ITEM	Year:	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
1	Predicted natural waste growth (assumed 2% pa.):		54753	55848	56965	58105	59267	60452	61661	62894	64152	65435	66744	68078	69440	70829
2	Extra green waste collected @ kerbside (nett):		1000	2000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
3	PREDICTED TOTAL municipal waste:		55753	57848	59965	61105	62267	63452	64661	65894	67152	68435	69744	71078	72440	73829
4	Predicted Total Biodegradable MW (61% x line 3):		34009	35287	36579	37274	37983	38706	39443	40195	40963	41745	42544	43358	44188	45036
5	Predicted tonnage of dry biodegradable (wood, paper card etc.) recycled via kerbside:		2050	2950	3875	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625	4625
6	Predicted tonnage of dry biodegradable (wood, paper card etc.) recycled via CA sites:		2300	2450	2600	2750	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900
7	Predicted extra compost tonnage (from kerbside):		1000	2000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
8	Predicted tonnage composted (from CA sites):		3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500
9	PREDICTED TOTAL Biodegradable Recycled:		8850	10900	12975	13875	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025	14025
10	Nett BMW to be disposed of and/or treated (Line 4 minus line 9)		25159	24387	23604	23399	23958	24681	25418	26170	26938	27720	28519	29333	30163	31011
11	Predicted tonnage of recycled dry Non-biodegradable - via kerbside		1600	2100	2575	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675	2675
12	Predicted tonnage of recycled dry Non-biodegradable - via CA sites:		1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100	2100
13	PREDICTED TOTAL Non-Biodegrd. Recycled:		3300	3900	4475	4675	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775	4775
14	RUBBLE (doesn't count in WAG recycling targets):		3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400
15	Total RESIDUAL MW to be disposed of and/or treated (Line 3 - line 9 - line 13- line 14)		40203	39648	39115	39155	40067	41252	42461	43694	44952	46235	47544	48878	50240	51629

B. Comparison – Total cost of Do Nothing versus Total cost of Treatment Option (£,000):

	Year:	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
	ITEM														
	DO NOTHING OPTION:														
1	Sub total for Predicted Cost of Recycling :	753.8	966.6	1141.3	1223.8	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5
2	TOTAL (incl. fines) for Disposal Residual Waste :	2190.3	2267.1	2630.9	3106.6	3598.3	4211.2	5074.8	5284.6	5454.8	5633.4	5804.8	5969.2	6127.6	6280.1
3	Sub total for Residual Waste EXCL. WAG fines :	2190.3	2252.5	2307.2	2386.9	2512.4	2616.9	3001.3	3045.6	3091.2	3137.2	3183.8	3230.8	3278.9	3327.8
4	TOTAL including fines (Line 1 + Line 2)	2944.1	3233.7	3772.2	4330.4	4840.8	5453.7	6317.3	6527.1	6697.3	6875.9	7047.3	7211.7	7370.1	7522.6
5	TOTAL excluding fines (Line 1 + Line 3)	2944.1	3219.1	3448.5	3610.7	3754.9	3859.4	4243.8	4288.1	4333.7	4379.7	4426.3	4473.3	4521.4	4570.3
	TREATMENT OPTION (MHT ASSUMED)														
6	Sub total for Predicted Cost of Recycling :	753.8	966.6	1141.3	1223.8	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5
7	Disposal Cost Residual waste - estimated:	2653.4	2616.8	2581.6	2584.3	2644.4	2722.6	2802.4	2883.8	2966.8	3051.5	3137.9	3225.9	3315.8	3407.5
8	Disposal Cost Residual waste - pessimistic:	3879.6	3826.0	3774.6	3778.5	3866.5	3980.8	4097.5	4216.5	4337.9	4461.7	4588.0	4716.7	4848.2	4982.2
9	Total Disposal Cost – optimistic (Line 6 + line 7):	3407.2	3583.4	3722.9	3808.1	3886.9	3965.1	4044.9	4126.3	4209.3	4294.0	4308.4	4468.4	4558.3	4650.0
10	Total Disposal Cost – pessimistic (Line 6 + line 8):	4633.4	4792.6	4915.9	5002.3	5109.0	5223.3	5340.0	5459.0	5580.4	5704.2	5830.5	5959.2	6090.7	6224.7

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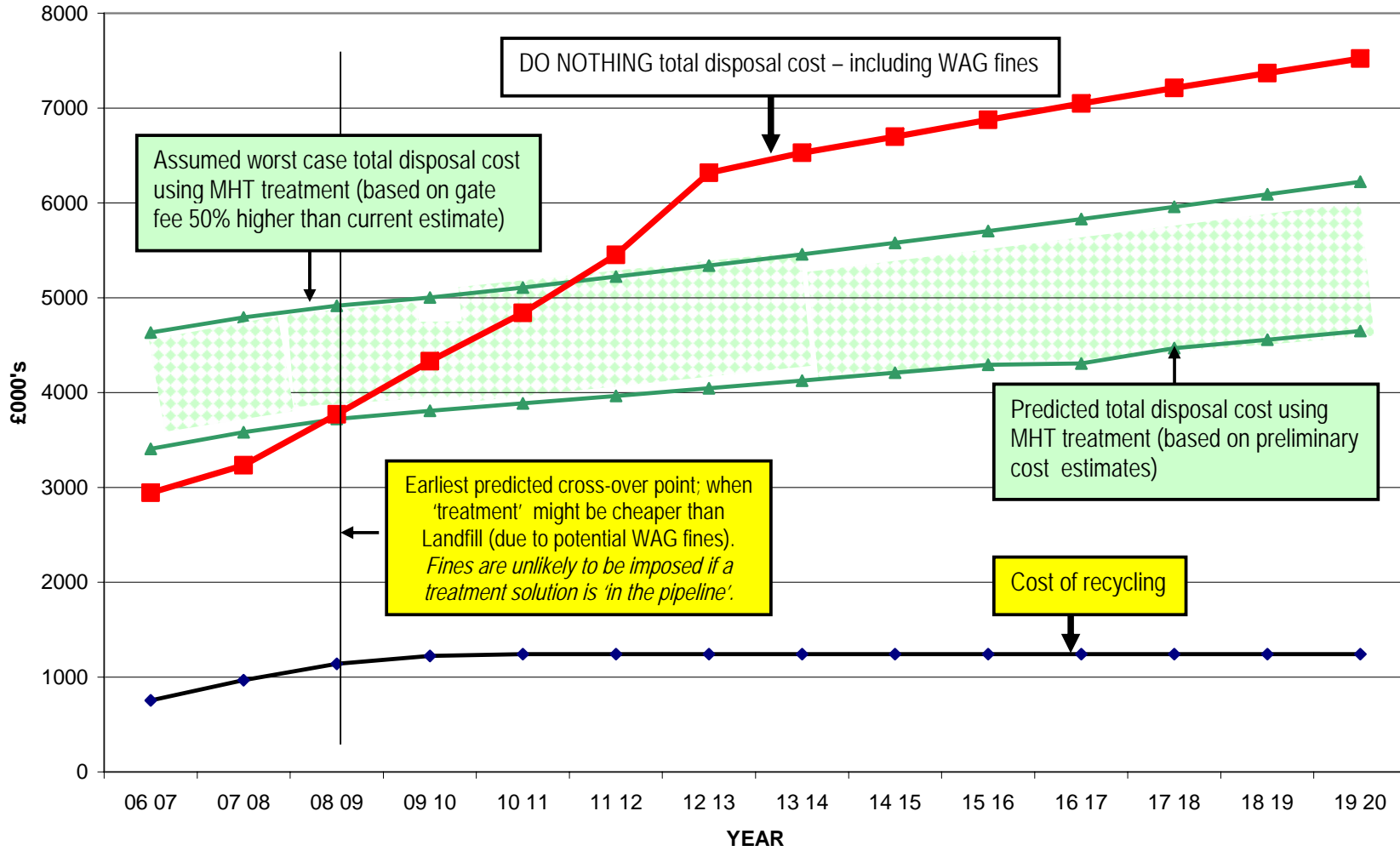
- i) The council strategy is to try to achieve the current WAG recycling targets, set out in Wise About Waste, i.e.:
 - o by 2006/07 achieve at least 25% recycling/composting of municipal waste with a minimum of 10% composting (with only compost derived from source segregated materials counting) and 10% recycling;
 - o by 2009/10 and beyond achieve at least 40% recycling/composting with a minimum of 15% composting (with only compost derived from source segregated materials counting) and 15% recycling.
- ii) All disposal costs are shown as 2006-07 prices, with NO allowance for inflation.
- iii) The assumed gate price for the treatment facility is based upon a detailed costing exercise undertaken by Flintshire CC. The total disposal cost includes allowances for recyclates that are extracted from the process, together with the onward disposal costs of surplus materials incl. some to landfill. The 'pessimistic' cost is based on the estimated gate fee plus 50%.

Data used for Graph 1 (Predicted Waste Disposal Costs):

Year:	06 07	07 08	08 09	09 10	10 11	11 12	12 13	13 14	14 15	15 16	16 17	17 18	18 19	19 20
Predicted Cost of Recycling	753.8	966.6	1141.3	1223.8	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5	1242.5
TREATMENT Total Disposal Cost optimistic	3407.2	3583.4	3722.9	3808.1	3886.9	3965.1	4044.9	4126.3	4209.3	4294.0	4308.4	4468.4	4558.3	4650.0
TREATMENT Total Disposal Cost - pessimistic	4633.4	4792.6	4915.9	5002.3	5109.0	5223.3	5340.0	5459.0	5580.4	5704.2	5830.5	5959.2	6090.7	6224.7
DO NOTHING Total Disposal cost incl. Fines	2944.1	3233.7	3772.2	4330.4	4840.8	5453.7	6317.3	6527.1	6697.3	6875.9	7047.3	7211.7	7370.1	7522.6

PREDICTED WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS

Note: all shown at 2006-07 prices with NO ALLOWANCE FOR INFLATION



Graph 2 - Base Data (2006-7 prices):

Year:	06 07	07 08	08 09	09 10	10 11	11 12	12 13	13 14	14 15	15 16	16 17	17 18	18 19	19 20
TREATMENT Disposal Cost optimistic	3407.2	3583.4	3722.9	3808.1	3886.9	3965.1	4044.9	4126.3	4209.3	4294.0	4308.4	4468.4	4558.3	4650.0
TREATMENT Disposal Cost - pessimistic	4633.4	4792.6	4915.9	5002.3	5109.0	5223.3	5340.0	5459.0	5580.4	5704.2	5830.5	5959.2	6090.7	6224.7
TREATMENT Total Disposal cost - working assumption (mean of first two lines)					4498	4594	4692	4793	5045	4999	5069	5213	5234	5437
DO NOTHING Disposal cost excl. Fines	2944.1	3219.1	3448.5	3610.7										
WAG Sustainable Waste Management (Extra block grant funding)	389.3	495.4												
DCC Waste Disposal budget	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4	3153.4

Data used in Graph 2 (Waste Disposal Costs and Budgets) allowing for 2.5% inflation:

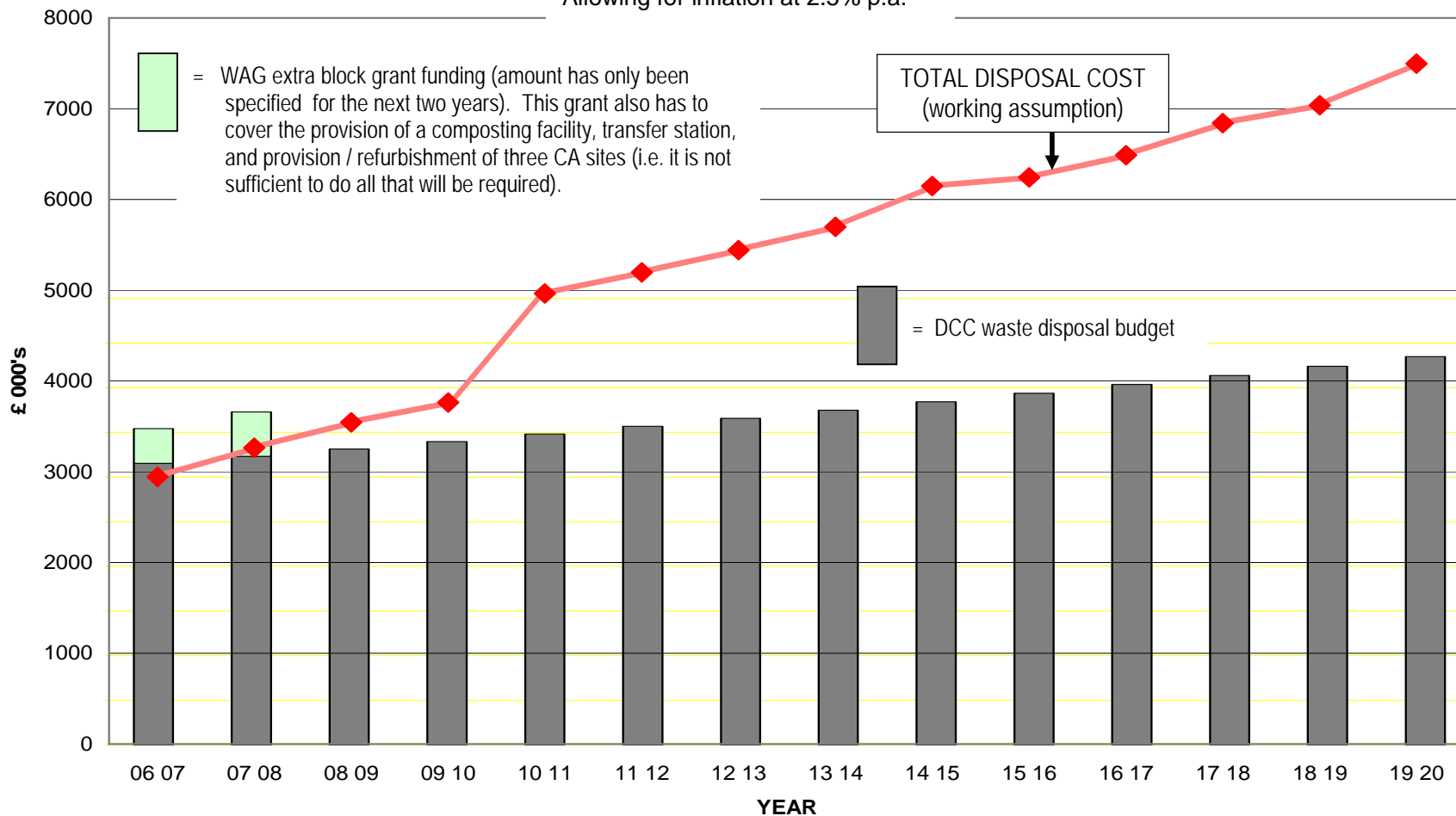
Year:	06 07	07 08	08 09	09 10	10 11	11 12	12 13	13 14	14 15	15 16	16 17	17 18	18 19	19 20
Total Disposal cost – working assumption	2944.1	3263.4	3544.5	3763.4	4965	5198	5441	5697	6147	6243	6489	6840	7039	7495
DCC Waste Disposal budget	3153.4	3232.2	3313.0	3395.9	3480.8	3567.8	3657.0	3748.4	3842.1	3938.2	4036.6	4137.5	4241.0	4347.0
Extra WAG Sustainable Waste funding	389.3	495.4	?	??	???	????	?????	?????	?????	?????	?????	?????	?????	?????

Notes:

- i) The 'working assumptions' are:
 - from 2010-11 onwards, the costs of disposal via MHT treatment will be half way between the current estimate and the assumed 'worst case'. I.e. a contingency of approx. 25% of the gate fee (only) has been built-in.
 - WAG fines will NOT be imposed for failure to meet BMW diversion targets.
- ii) Inflation has been applied at a general rate of 2.5%. It has not been applied to landfill tax (2007-2010), which is a fixed amount. After 2010 landfill tax would no longer be relevant to this option.

Waste Disposal Costs and Budgets

Allowing for inflation at 2.5% p.a.



REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR R HUGHES, LEADER

DATE: 27 JUNE 2006

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT PLAN STAGE ONE – THE WORK PROGRAMME

1 DECISION SOUGHT

That Cabinet agree Denbighshire County Council's Work Programme 2006 – 2009 which is the first stage of the Improvement Plan (Appendix I refers).

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

- 2.1 In December 2005 the Welsh Assembly Government published new Wales Programme for Improvement (WPI) Guidance for local authorities to replace 2002 guidance. The new guidance places particular emphasis on efficiency, sustainability and equalities and legislative changes will be needed for some of the developments, for example, lifting the requirement to prepare a whole authority analysis and changing the date for the publication of improvement plans.
- 2.2 The new guidance recognises that there is a wide range of audiences for WPI-related information and communicating improvement activity now means more than preparing and publishing a one-off 'improvement plan'.
- 2.3 There are two main stages to the new approach. Stage I occurs once authorities have completed their business plans which have been informed by the joint risk assessment. Authorities will need to disseminate the outcomes of the business planning process widely, both internally and to key external partners. The outcomes will normally consist of a summary of agreed actions and performance targets (including targets for efficiency gains) which will be communicated in Denbighshire County Council's Work Programme 2006 – 2009.
- 2.4 The second stage arises when final performance data becomes available in the third quarter of the reporting year. Key actions should then be supported by outturn performance information for the previous reporting year and indicators which illustrate progress towards the Authority's key objectives and/or alleviation of key risks. The relationship manager's annual letter and other regulators' and inspectors' reports should also be made available. Formally, the information available at this second stage which must be completed by the 31 October, constitutes the Improvement Plan.

3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 obliges each authority to publish an Improvement Plan and the guidance has statutory force under section 6(4) of the Act.

4 COST IMPLICATIONS

The cost implications of the actions and targets in the Work Programme should have been identified as part of the business planning process. The costs of achieving the Work Programme should therefore be contained within service budgets. The costs of publishing the Work Programme and Improvement Plan are contained within the Strategic Policy Unit's budget and will be minimal as both documents will be published in-house and on Denbighshire's web site.

5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The Council has developed a 3 year budget strategy covering the period to 31 March 2009 that includes demonstrating the desire to identify additional resources to develop services in line with the Council's stated priorities and allowing for service pressures, while improving financial reserves and the Council Tax position relative to other authorities.

Services have identified within their Business Planning process the resources ideally required to meet the key actions and targets within the Improvement Plan.

The Council's financial position means that it is unlikely that additional resources can be guaranteed to fund these improvements and service budgets will need to be reviewed to free up resources through efficiency savings.

6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 6.1 The requirements of the new guidance have been discussed regularly with officers from the Corporate Performance Management Group and were the subject of a half day business planning session which took place on the 5 January 2006 and which informed the Authority's timetable which was disseminated to the Group on the 6 January.
- 6.2 Officers from the Corporate Performance Management Group were asked to provide information from business plans for the Work Programme by the 12 April. The Strategic Policy Unit then mapped the information which had been received to the County's Vision and produced a draft document which was discussed at a Cabinet and Corporate Executive Team away day on the 19 May.
- 6.3 The Work Programme is based on the themes of the Community Strategy and each draft section has been distributed for comment to the appropriate Lead Members and officers as it has been developed.
- 6.4 A final draft version was distributed to CET on the 8 June for comments/amendments before despatch to Cabinet Members.

7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS:

7.1 THE VISION

Denbighshire's Work Programme is a critical strategic document which should align to the County's Vision and support its aims. The actions and targets in the Work Programme should ensure that progress is made against the County's Vision and the Council's key priorities. The Work Programme should also focus on the reduction or elimination of corporate and service risks which have been identified.

7.2 OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

The Work Programme impacts on all policy areas as it includes actions for all services and corporate areas.

8 ACTION PLAN

Action	Lead Member/Officer	Deadline
Agree Denbighshire's Work Programme	Cabinet	27 June 2006
Publish Work Programme on Denbighshire's web site and produce in-house hard copies for Members, MMC, main offices and libraries	Janette Williams, Strategic Policy Unit	Internet and Intranet 30 June 2006 Hard copies 14 July 2006
Directorate Business Plans produced and agreed with Members	Corporate Directors Alan Evans Sally Ellis Huw Griffiths Iwan Prys-Jones	31 July 2006
Improvement Plan produced	Janette Williams, Strategic Policy Unit	31 October 2006

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members agree Denbighshire County Council's Work Programme 2006 - 2009

FOREWORD



Cllr Rhiannon Hughes, Leader of Denbighshire County Council

This has been an exciting year for Denbighshire, which has seen the Council work together with residents, local businesses and our partners to produce a twenty year vision for our County to help guide our plans and actions.

Throughout the year Councillors and staff have challenged the way we work in order to achieve £1.5 million in efficiencies. This work made sure you had the lowest percentage council tax increase in Wales.

Considerable progress has been made against our priorities, school buildings, highways and public spaces. This year Denbighshire plans to spend £15.5 million to improve school buildings and an additional £2.5 million to improve our highways. Complaints about public toilets have gone down by 90% since the service has been 'turned around' and we have taken more enforcement actions against dog fouling, litter, fly tipping and abandoned cars than planned.

We listened to what you told us and kept our local authority housing and have begun a £50 million renovation programme. This will improve the quality and energy efficiency of our houses by, for example fitting new windows and external doors, and installing new central heating systems. Access to housing that people can afford is important, particularly for our young people and families and we have provided forty-six affordable properties with a further sixty planned this year. We will also be making sure that the standard of houses which share amenities are raised when we become responsible for licensing Houses in Multiple Occupation later this year.

The Council strongly believes in positively supporting Denbighshire's older population and giving them more choice about the type of housing and care they may need. We will be providing alternatives to residential care by building extra care housing in Rhyl in December 2007 which will offer fifty-nine homes and a study to see if similar housing can be built in Prestatyn will be completed later this year. We will also be working on the projects which have been agreed by our Positive Ageing groups.

We will be working closely with North Wales Police to bring down levels of disorder and domestic violence and to improve the safety of Denbighshire's roads.

The Chair of the Council for 2005/06, Councillor John Smith chose children and young people as his theme for the year and the Council will continue to recognise the important contribution

they have to make to Denbighshire's future prosperity. We are committed to increasing school attendance and improving educational achievement.

Services for children with special educational needs will be improved with the completion of the new development at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn, a school for children with autism, in Denbigh and making a start on Phase 2 of the Tir Morfa school, Rhyl. We also want to make sure that the children we look after get the same chances in life as all children by providing stable and secure placements and increasing the number of foster carers.

A plan for Denbighshire's Economic Growth will be produced by December this year. It will allow us to develop plans for the Convergence Programme, which is the new Objective 1. Work will continue in Rhyl on the Drift Park on the promenade, the first phase of the Foryd Harbour redevelopment and the creation of business units. We have got grant funding for the Scala Arts and Community Development in Prestatyn and Ruthin Craft Centre and an application has been made to the Lottery Fund to redevelop the site of the Royal International Pavilion in Llangollen. The Council has also used the Local Authority Business Growth Initiative from the Assembly to fund a number of useful initiatives in all of Denbighshire's towns and a new Head of Service for Tourism, Heritage and Culture will start working for the Authority in August which will help us promote the County more effectively.

The Vision includes a number of aims for our rural communities. A Rural Members' Task Group has been formed which will look at the impact of any plans on our rural communities. We are also pursuing a number of initiatives to make the most of our rural schools and to improve rural transport. Additionally, we are working with Town and Community Councils and Housing Associations to consider the housing needs and opportunities of our rural communities.

INTRODUCTION



Ian Miller, Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council

Denbighshire County Council's Work Programme lets you know the actions the Council will be taking over the next three years to achieve the aims of the Vision. We have tried to provide actions with deadlines and results that we can measure wherever possible so that you will know what our plans are trying to accomplish.

The Council will be forming Denbighshire's Local Strategic Partnership in July which will identify some projects from the Vision which can only be achieved by partner organisations in Denbighshire working together. The Denbighshire Local Strategic Partnership will also review Denbighshire's Community Strategy to ensure it reflects the Vision. The Authority will continue to focus on working as efficiently as possible and the final section of the Work Programme explains what we will be doing internally to support the improvement of our services. We will be guided by the values of **integrity, pride, respect and unity**, as chosen by our staff.

I am very proud and encouraged by the way Denbighshire's Councillors, officers and staff have worked together in what has been a challenging year. In addition to having the lowest percentage Council Tax increase in Wales, the Authority has achieved its efficiency target and most services are coming in below budget for the year which means that the amount of uncommitted money we have can be increased by nearly £350, 000 which is extremely good performance.

In February of this year, the Leader and I signed a statement of intent to work collaboratively with other authorities and a North Wales Regional Partnership Board was formed. Denbighshire is in two spatial planning areas, North East Wales and Central Wales and work will begin shortly to identify and realise the strengths and opportunities of the area, including the regeneration and investment needs of key settlements, their surrounding areas and the links between them.

We maintained or improved our performance for 6 out of every 10 key performance indicators. Of the 39% of key performance indicator targets which we did not meet this year, 65% were new indicators for which it was difficult to set a target and 18% showed improvement upon last year which is very positive. Denbighshire County Council also won the top award in the UK for Direct Debit take-up and was in the top three authorities in Wales for Council Tax collection. Denbighshire's Student Finance team were named the best performing local authority in Wales and the Authority is one of the first in Wales to have a 'talking' web site and the first to set up a Futures Group which focuses on the development of our younger employees.

Progress on the Council's priorities is continuing and the new Customer Contact Centre is playing a key role in improving the service we provide. Despite initial 'teething' issues the new wheelie bin collection service in the north of the County will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and increase the amount that is recycled. Denbighshire's Local Development Plan which is currently being developed will pay particular regard to sustainability issues and the Council continues to actively promote the Welsh language and ensure its services are accessible.

IMPROVING HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING



Cllr Pauline Dobb
Lead Member for Health & Well Being



Cllr Sue Roberts
Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire

Denbighshire has an ageing population and the Council is committed to increasing opportunities for older people to live as independently as possible. We will make sure that the rate of older people who need residential or nursing care remains less than 41 people per 1000 aged over 65 by starting to build a scheme of 59 Extra Care Housing units in Rhyl by December 2007 and by completing a feasibility study for Prestatyn. Extra Care Housing offers independent living with professional staff, plus home care staff on site, an emergency alarm system and community facilities such as communal lounges, laundry and restaurant services.

The Council will hold two Healthy Living Days a year to promote the health and well being of older people and a 'Celebrating Age' festival to promote positive ageing later this year. By March 2007 we will make sure that 100 older people take up 'the voice and choice' skills development programme which aims to equip/develop skills for people to communicate with confidence and to work with professionals. A Denbighshire Work Connections project is also being set up and by May 2008 we will provide 60 people who either have a long term physical disability or are a care leaver with learning, volunteering or employment opportunities.

We will make sure that 60 units of affordable housing are provided during 2006/07. By July 2006 we will develop a low cost home ownership list to link local people to affordable housing opportunities and develop affordable housing guidance for general enquiries and developers/builders by December 2006. During 2007 we will prepare a revised Local Housing Strategy and undertake a Local Housing Market Assessment. We will develop leasing arrangements with private sector landlords and the Mortgage Rescue Scheme and other measures to bring down the number of homeless families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation from 40 to 35 by March 2007 and continue to progress our £50 million improvement programme to improve the quality of local authority housing. Together with Town and Community Councils and Housing Associations, we will continue to be involved in the "Rural Housing Enabler", a project to look at the housing needs of people in rural areas.

People will be encouraged to take more responsibility for their own health and well being and we will increase the number of people participating in Health Walks to 5,100 by March 2007 by extending our 'Footloose', 'Walk Fit' and 'Jog Fit' initiatives. In addition, we will continue to build on our successful GP Exercise Referral scheme based in our Leisure Centres by extending the scheme to Denbigh.

The Council is also keen to increase the number of adults and young people participating in sport and physical activity and have a target to achieve 6,500 visits to indoor and outdoor sports facilities during the year per 1,000 population. We will also continue to deliver the Free Swim initiative for the under 16's and over 60's, and pilot some free swimming for the over 50's this year.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY



Cllr Elwyn Edwards
Lead Member for Communities



Cllr Eryl Williams
Lead Member for Environment

Over the last three years overall levels of crime have gone down but levels of disorder, for example rowdy, nuisance behaviour, abandoned 999 calls have risen. Recorded violent crime has gone up, in part due to the increased reporting of domestic violence and closer scrutiny of licensed premises. The Community Safety Partnership, which is a partnership between Denbighshire County Council and the North Wales Police Authority, is working together to improve these areas and to produce more realistic measures and targets which will be published later in the year.

We are trying to bring down the number of violent crimes which are committed by 15% by identifying key locations where violent crime is committed at public houses, public places and food outlets and taking enforcement action. We will reduce the number of repeat offenders and victims by referring them to the Persistent and Other Priority Offenders Strategy and will implement the actions in the Rhyl Town Centre Plan which addresses violent crimes.

Overall we aim to reduce crime and disorder by 5% through the identification of 'Hot Spot' areas where there is evidence of high incidents of crime and the development of local action plans. The use of CCTV will be expanded and the information provided in relation to local priorities increased. We will expand the 'alley gate' scheme to limit access to residential properties and improve the taxi rank on Water Street in Rhyl by installing railings to manage the queuing system.

Substance misuse is viewed as a major problem and we will work to reduce the availability of substances to children and young people. We will carry out test purchases, by supervising an underage child, in off licensed premises to identify whether those premises would sell alcohol or tobacco to the child. Test purchases will also be carried out on licensed premises, such as a bar, by supervising a young person to identify whether the licensed premises would serve alcohol to the young person.

Domestic abuse will be reduced by identifying 'Hot Spots' in the County and providing extra support in those areas. Action will also be taken to encourage reporting and reduce repeat victimisation.

We will be working to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour by 15% and will increase the number of people who can issue fixed penalty notices for fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling and graffiti.

The condition of Denbighshire's roads has a big part to play in the safety of our communities and is one of the Council's top three priorities. We have a target to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by 40% and the number of children killed or seriously injured on our roads by 50% by 2010.

This will be achieved by analysing accident data and identifying accident black spots, implementing Accident Remedial Schemes and targeting young and older drivers by increasing the take-up of Pass Plus courses to 130 people and driver assessments for older people to 75. An additional £2.5 million has been allocated in this year's budget to improve our highways and an Asset Management Plan will be established by early next year and regular condition surveys carried out so that details or work requirements and funding needs can be more effectively analysed.

We will also provide a balanced approach in terms of education, monitoring and the regularisation of food related premises to reduce the risk of food poisoning and outbreak. We will inspect 70% of high risk food premises, visit 70% of low risk premises which have not been inspected since before April 2004 and will inspect 50% of school kitchens. We will provide 12 training events for catering businesses and take robust enforcement action against non-hygienic premises.

SUPPORTING LIFELONG LEARNING



Cllr Dewi Owens
Lead Member for Lifelong Learning

Providing a high standard of education and lifelong learning opportunities will enable everyone to reach their full potential in Denbighshire. We will strive to ensure that high quality education is provided through school buildings that reach the Welsh Assembly Government's standard, "fit for purpose" by 2010. We will achieve this by using the £1.28m of Denbighshire funding in 2006/07, £603,000 from the 2006/07 Welsh Assembly Government annual allocation and an element of the Welsh Assembly Government's £9m block allocation to make major building improvements at a number of schools in the County. The work will focus on providing additional accommodation, improving school toilets, security, health and safety issues and accessibility for the disabled. We will also carry out improvements to school buildings, so that 27% of the work on the school priority maintenance list is completed in 2006/07.

We will continue to consult with schools and communities about the future provision of education and we will put forward options and recommendations for consideration in April 2007.

We will increase school attendance to 91% in 2008/09. We will help to do this by installing a computerised lesson tracking system for Rhyl High School and Ysgol Emmanuel in June 2006 and a similar system in Blessed Edward Jones by September 2006. All secondary schools in the County will have a lesson tracking system in place by Summer 2007. Weekly truancy sweeps will continue in targeted areas in liaison with the North Wales Community Beat Officers. The Educational Social Worker team leader will report regularly to headteachers about the "success" of these "sweeps." We will identify families causing concern and will take legal action to improve attendance where appropriate.

Educational achievement will be improved by reducing the number of 15 year olds who leave school without a recognised qualification to 2.7%. Schools will be working on new curriculum models at KS4 to address the number of pupils leaving without a recognised qualification. This curriculum will focus more on vocational and work related courses. Educational performance will be improved in line with national averages to show an annual improvement, focussing on performance in secondary schools. Implementing the transition programme between KS2 and KS3 will facilitate this.

Following the recent very successful Estyn Inspection of Adult Community based Education, we will continue to restructure Adult Education Services and work closely with our partner colleges. Funding has also been secured to develop seven community learning centres and these will all be operational by 2008.

IMPROVING DENBIGHSHIRE'S ENVIRONMENT



Cllr Eryl Williams
Lead Member for Environment

One of the Council's priorities is to improve the cleanliness and appearance of Denbighshire's public spaces. The Council has commissioned 'Keep Wales Tidy' to provide regular independent assessments of how well we are performing in relation to cleanliness and tidiness. They measure the percentage of our highways and relevant land that is of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness. Last year we achieved an average score of 93.5% and during the year 2006-07, we will be working hard to maintain this high level of performance, and to increase it wherever possible.

To further improve our public spaces we will be launching an anti-litter initiative in relation to fast food outlets and a new anti-graffiti initiative. We will be re-evaluating our litter-bin provision, especially around schools and retail outlets and continuing with the 'refuse sacks off the streets' refuse collection initiative in Rhyl.

We also have a target of increasing our levels of enforcement actions against dog fouling / litter / fly tipping and abandoned cars. Last year, we exceeded our targets and were involved in a number of well-publicised court cases. This year we aim to take at least 150 enforcement actions, and we will be increasing the number of officers who are able to undertake environmental enforcement roles.

Improving the cleanliness of toilets in Denbighshire has been a major success story. Prior to 2005, the public convenience cleansing service had the highest complaint levels for any council service. However thanks to the hard work and commitment of its staff, the service has been transformed and complaints significantly reduced. There has been a 90% reduction in complaints and we have started to receive complimentary letters for the first time. The cleanliness index score (from our 'Maximiser' monitoring system) used to be 45%. This year, and in all future years, we will aim to consistently achieve a minimum score of 75% or higher.

Dealing with the public's refuse is a big issue for the Council. Last year we exceeded our targets for recycling and have recently introduced a new scheme to help residents recycle even more of their refuse. In parts of Rhyl and Prestatyn, we have just introduced a green wheelie bin collection for garden waste. Plastic bottles, tins, glass and newspapers and magazines for recycling are collected on alternate weeks via the 'blue box' scheme. In these areas, the non-recyclable waste collection service has also switched to an 'alternate week' system. This will encourage people to recycle, because they will not have sufficient bin-space available if they do not. Our recycling target for 2006-07 is to recycle at least 25% of our municipal waste, including at least 15% of composted material. The new alternate week collection will help us to achieve this target.

We are also working with other councils to develop longer-term waste disposal facilities that will meet the Welsh Assembly Government's targets for the diversion of biodegradable waste away from landfill. Biodegradable waste includes items such as food, garden waste, paper, cardboard and wood etc.

IMPROVING DENBIGHSHIRE'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



Cllr Rhiannon Hughes
Leader of the Council



Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill
Lead Member for Property and Asset Management

Before the end of the year work will start on a set of industrial units on Edward Henry Street in Rhyl and on the Colomendy Industrial Estate in Denbigh. The Council has used the Local Authority Business Growth Initiative (LABGI) from the Assembly to fund useful initiatives in all of Denbighshire's towns and especially a strategic consultancy at Prestatyn backed by a new Project Officer whose aim is to revitalise business in the town.

There are four major capital projects due to commence in Denbighshire within the next twelve months, including the Scala Arts and Community Development and Ruthin Craft Centre which have received grant funding and will contribute to the County's economic prosperity. Additionally, an application has been made to the Lottery Fund to redevelop the site of the Royal International Pavilion in Llangollen. This scheme has been named the Helicon project and out of several hundred projects, 76 including Helicon, were short listed for a Stage 1 review and approximately 30 of these will be awarded development grants to enable their projects to be fully designed and costed to Stage 2. The Council will know by September if Helicon will progress to Stage 2.

Rhyl Going Forward is a partnership of public sector organisations that has been brought together to help to regenerate Rhyl. It includes the County Council, the Welsh Assembly Government's Department for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks, the local College, the Local Health Board, and many other public sector partners. Following Objective One European Structural Funds support and match funding for Rhyl totalling nearly £15m, construction work began last year on a Drift Park on Rhyl's promenade, the first phase of the Foryd Harbour redevelopment and the creation of business units. The Drift Park project will see the refurbishment of approximately seven acres of West promenade.

We have exceeded our target of creating new high quality jobs through the financial support programme and consultants have been employed to produce a Regeneration Strategy for Denbighshire by December 2006. This strategy will ensure future economic growth in the County and allow us to develop a strategy for the Convergence Programme, the new Objective 1 programme. The draft strategy will be at consultation with stakeholders by November and we will ensure actions are included to increase economic activity in the County.

Our European Strategy will help us to develop links with our international partners, supporting the economy and promoting Denbighshire abroad. The Council has started work on the Denbighshire Local Development Plan, which will replace the adopted Unitary Development Plan and is likely to cover the period to 2021.

Once approved, this Development Plan will provide the principal policy framework for all land use decisions requiring planning consent within the County.

PROMOTING DENBIGHSHIRE



Cllr Sue Roberts
Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire

This year will see a start on two very ambitious projects that have been in the pipeline for several years. The first is the transformation of Ruthin Craft Centre into the national centre for contemporary applied arts in Wales. With the help of our major funding partner, the Arts Council for Wales, this £4.3m scheme will put Denbighshire very firmly on the national cultural map and help promote tourism in Ruthin and the surrounding areas. The other project is the new Scala Cinema and Arts Centre in Prestatyn. This is a local project, but is no less important for the people of Prestatyn. At a cost of £3.4m it will create a much needed new community facility for the town, help regenerate the town centre, provide a focus for cultural activity, and promote tourism by bringing the TIC back into the town and providing a small conference facility.

The Countryside Service will also be very active this year with development work on the £2m 'Heather and Hillforts' project to conserve, enhance and promote an internationally important element of Denbighshire's natural and built heritage. If successful, the implementation phase of the project will start next year. This innovative project has been awarded a prestigious Europa Nostra Medal. Work will also continue on developing the Cyd Coed Community Woodland projects at Rhyl, Prestatyn and Denbigh.

Following agreement of Denbighshire's Vision we will be producing a brand and strapline which will help improve the marketing and image of the County. We have appointed a new Head of Service for Tourism, Heritage and Culture who will be reviewing marketing for the County and developing a new Tourism and Marketing Strategy. We will be delivering the Objective One and Interreg funded projects for tourism, "Tourism Promotion and Development Phase II" and "Cantata", as well as seeking new areas of funding to actively promote the County for tourism.

Promoting active lifestyles and physical activity as a critical element of healthy living will continue to be one of the main drivers from Leisure Services. Our Leisure Centre Capital Improvement Programme continues this year with much needed improvements at Denbigh and Corwen. A new fitness centre will be opened at Denbigh, along with much needed refurbishment of the pool changing rooms. At Corwen work will also start on remodelling and refurbishing the pool changing facilities. The successful GP Exercise Referral Scheme will also be expanded to Denbigh when the new fitness centre is open.

This year we also hope to start a new three year Mentro Allan lottery funded initiative in Rhyl which will enhance opportunities to participate in healthy outdoor activity such as sailing, walking, sports etc. A particular target group for this project will be those young people in Rhyl who do not currently undertake any physical activity.

Museum refurbishment and restoration work continues at Plas Newydd in Llangollen, with the final part of a major lottery funded project to develop and enhance this important heritage asset for the local community and for the many visitors to Llangollen. This is the 'Potting Shed' renovation which will create a new education and arts centre to complement the heritage attraction.

HELICON is the title of a major new initiative to improve the Royal International Pavilion in Llangollen, provide a new permanent home for the International Eisteddfod, and to help regenerate the tourist economy of the town. It is a joint project with the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, and it is hoped that we will be successful with a lottery application to work up the project in detail this year.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Cllr Mike German
Lead Member for Children and Young People



Cllr Dewi Owens
Lead Member for Lifelong Learning

We will continue to support children and young people and their parents and carers so that all children and young people in Denbighshire have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We will work with other organisations to improve services for children and young people so we can meet the Assembly's seven core aims for children and young people – a “flying start” to life, access to a comprehensive range of learning opportunities, good health and protection from abuse, access to play and leisure opportunities, the chance to participate, a safe home and community, freedom from poverty. Some of the work programme relating to children and young people is included in this section, but there are important actions in other sections too.

We will take further measures in 2006/07 to make sure children and young people are kept safe through the work of the new Local Safeguarding Children Board. We will also carry on implementing the “National Service Framework” for children, young people and families – which sets standards across health organisations and local government.

The Education Service is supporting over 16,500 children and young people in our schools across Denbighshire. We will begin to implement the “Flying Start” programme this year to make sure all young people are ready for school.

An Integrated Children and Families' Service Unit in Upper Denbigh will be opened by September 2006. This centre will provide a range of support in an accessible environment within the heart of the community. The range of support services, including parenting and family learning, early years child development, community training and learning opportunities and delivery of health services will meet local community needs from a range of community venues.

Services for children with special educational needs will be improved with the new development at Plas Brondyffryn, a school in Denbigh for pupils with special educational needs opening by the end of 2006 and funding will be secured to develop Phase 2 of the Tir Morfa school in Rhyl.

The Youth Service is providing a universal service for young people aged 11-25 across Denbighshire.

We will continue to work to support all children and young people in terms of their universal entitlement - their personal, social and emotional as well as their academic and physical development, so that they may grow up to be well rounded individuals who are at ease with themselves and their peers and valued by their communities: We will promote the development of Healthy Schools and Healthy Youth Services so that all schools have the opportunity to take part in the accredited scheme by 2008. We will support schools to take part in specific campaigns such as Anti-Bullying Week and local democracy.

We will work to improve the educational achievement of all children and young people and promote Denbighshire as a Learning County to ensure learning outcomes lie at the heart of all the Council's actions. We will offer opportunities for young people so that their future employment prospects will be enhanced. We will work with Careers Wales to ensure that all young people between the age of 14-19 have at least 2 weeks work experience which meets their needs and the needs of the community in Denbighshire, and which tackles stereotyping.

In Social Services, our Children and Young People's Service will concentrate on delivering an effective, well used and preventative service that provides support to at least 112 families and young people a year.

By developing our preventative services, we will reduce the number of children who need to be looked after by the Council. By 2007, we will have reduced the rate of looked after children so that it is in line with the Welsh average. From 2008 we will ensure that the annual number of looked after children does not exceed the Welsh average.

We will make sure that we understand people's needs at an early stage by improving the timeliness, quantity and quality of initial and core assessments for children in need. 75% of initial assessments will be completed within 7 working days of referral and 50% of Core Assessments will be completed within 35 working days.

We will continue to improve the life chances for looked after children by providing stable and secure placements and reducing the number of 15 year olds within local authority care who leave school without a recognized qualification. The number of foster carers will be increased and they will be supported to gain new skills. We will ensure that the percentage of children looked after on 31 March in any year with three or more placements during the year is reduced to less than 17%. We will improve the quality of care planning for children who are looked after and ensure that:

90% of children have a care plan in place when they first become looked after; 100% of children will have a plan for their permanent care within 4 months of becoming looked after; 90% of children looked after will have a care plan on their 16th birthday and 90% of eligible children looked after on their 16th birthday will have a pathway plan for their continuing care.

In our Housing Service we will continue to reduce the numbers of homeless families with children, and the number of 16/17 year olds in Bed and Breakfast. We will also increase the number of units of supported housing for vulnerable young people.

We will work to ensure the participation of children and young people in all aspects of the Council. This year, we will finalise a Participation Strategy, based on the principles in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which will mean local agencies working with children and young people in making decisions.

We will work through the network of school councils, youth fora and other mechanisms, including forums for disabled children, children looked after/careleavers and young carers, so that children and young people are involved in the decisions that affect their lives.

We will establish a Denbighshire Schools Council to enable the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all Secondary School Councils to meet and discuss ideas and issues. We will work through the Young People's Partnership to ensure structures are in place to enable all young people to have access to decision makers; we will ensure representation on Funky Dragon the Young People's Assembly and will continue to invite school pupils to attend Cabinet and Council meetings.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, ASSETS AND COMMUNICATION



Cllr Stuart Davies
Lead Member for
Business and
Communications



Cllr Elwyn Edwards
Lead Member for
Communities



Cllr Paul Marfleet
Lead Member for
Finance and
Personnel



Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill
Lead Member for
Property & Asset
Management

Denbighshire County Council will continue to focus on organisational development and make sure that all employees receive a performance appraisal under the new system by the 1 April 2007. By December 2006 a Workforce Development Plan will be produced and the Human Resources and Payroll system will become integrated by November. January 2007 will see the implementation of a development programme for senior and middle managers and we will take part in a Member Development Conference in June which will inform the Authority's Member training programme.

To improve efficiency and keep Council Tax increases low, the Council is committed to reducing sickness absence to 10 days a year and ensuring that the pay grades for all jobs have been determined by formal evaluation by the 1 April 2007. Phase II of the Customer Contact Centre will be implemented by the 1 April 2007 so that the system can be used in One Stop Shops and we will also implement an e-procurement system by this date which will reduce processing costs.

We will continue to achieve capital receipts by reviewing the Authority's assets and carry out an assessment of energy use. By next March we will have completed a review of centralised services and will continue to progress collaborative projects such as the regional administration of penalty charge notices.

Denbighshire's Local Strategic Partnership will be formed by July this year and one of its first tasks will be to review the County's Community Strategy to make sure it will meet Denbighshire's Vision. We are also keen to improve community engagement by meeting regularly with Town and Community Councils and inviting representatives from primary and secondary school councils to visit County Hall and meet Councillors and staff.

It is crucial that whatever actions we take either as a Council or with our partners do not have a negative impact upon the lives of future generations and we are fully committed to the sustainable development and equalities agenda. To ensure our actions are not detrimental, an Integrated Assessment Tool has been developed and this will be used to assess strategies and plans to ensure actions do not undermine equalities or sustainable development.

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Pauline Dobb - Cabinet Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing

DATE: 27th June 2006

SUBJECT: Housing Revenue Account Budget 2006/07

1 DECISION SOUGHT

To note the latest financial forecast position (revenue and capital) of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) for the current financial year.

2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

The need to deliver the Council's agreed budget strategies for the current financial year.

3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

Housing Act 1985, Part II.

4 COST IMPLICATIONS

The initial outturn projections on the HRA at the end of May 2006 show a projected net surplus at the year end of £476k (Appendix 1) against a budgeted surplus of £336k. This is an increase of £18k from the under spend reported in April and is due largely to revised assumptions based on a review of the budget completed in May. Some salary costs have been updated as has the estimated HRA subsidy payment.

The HRA balances from 2005/06 have now been finalised and the balance brought forward to 2006/07 (subject to final approval) is £1,855k. This compares to £1,778k in the original Housing Services Business Plan submitted in September 2005.

The HRA budget for 2006/07 will be revised soon to account for the new HRA Leasing Subsidy which has recently been introduced. The net impact of this to the HRA is thought to be favourable (approximately £40 per week net, per property leased) but it is a complex calculation and the full impact to the county council (i.e. accounting for the impact upon housing benefits) also has to be considered. To administer the scheme, it would be necessary to fund two new posts and these would have to be funded from the net gain on the lease subsidy. Clarification on some of the technicalities of the scheme is still being sought from the Welsh Assembly Government as a formal direction. Once this has been received, the required adjustments will be made to the HRA budget and reported to Cabinet.

There are few significant variances on the HRA budget to report at this stage. The subsidy payable to the Welsh Assembly Government is likely to increase as there have been fewer 'Right to Buy' sales than planned, which means there is more stock attracting negative subsidy. The 'flip side' however, is that more rent income than planned will be received, hence the £40k positive variance on rent income.

The interest likely to be achieved on HRA balances and RTB mortgages will be higher than expected (by £55k) however, the amount of interest applied to HRA balances is subject to fluctuations on the number of RTB sales through the year and therefore will be kept under review.

Progress on the HRA capital plan is included as Appendix 2. The total forecast expenditure for the year is £7.6m, which is in line with original estimates. However, this includes additional anticipated expenditure of £907k in 2006/07 on slippage from 2005/06 (major refurbishments contract), which is offset by a similar amount of slippage on the 2006/07 contract that will roll forward to 2007/08. The financing will move with the slippage so there is no adverse financial impact to the HRA.

The revenue and capital budgets as reported at the end of May 2006 do not adversely impact upon the council's Housing Stock Business Plan. It should be noted RTB sales at this stage of the year are slower than expected when compared to previous years. Sales forecasts are therefore to be reviewed during the summer to establish whether or not a downward trend is forming. The Plan will be updated once the impact of the leasing subsidy is fully determined and a review of sales forecasts is completed.

5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

The forecast surplus above estimates on the HRA is welcomed. Detailed work is required to update the HRA to account for the introduction of the leasing subsidy and to fully understand the impact on both the HRA and the county fund account. The position regarding RTB sales should be kept under close review.

6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

The HRA capital and revenue budget were agreed by Cabinet in January 2006.

7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE & THE COUNCIL'S VISION

The level of funding available to services together with budgetary performance impacts upon all services of the Council. The HSBP will help achieve the ideal living vision as through access to good quality, affordable housing, which is more energy efficient and designed to meet their needs.

8 ACTION PLAN

The Head of Housing Services and the Senior Management Accountant (Social Services and Housing) will update the HRA budget and Business Plan to account for the leasing subsidy (once the formal direction has been received), RTB sales forecasts and any other known changes and will report back to Cabinet accordingly.

9 RECOMMENDATION

To note the latest financial forecast position of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) for the current financial year.

Housing Revenue Account ~ 2006/07 Budget

<u>2005/06</u>	<u>Month 2</u>	<u>2006/07</u>		<u>Variance</u>
<u>Actual</u>		<u>Original</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Out-turn</u>	<u>Budget</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
1,240,343	Supervision & Management - General	1,118,954	1,098,057	20,897
219,533	Supervision & Management - Special	212,949	215,490	-2,541
129,481	Welfare Services	129,866	133,162	-3,296
0	Homelessness - Leased Accommodation	0	0	0
373,200	Rents	391,451	385,622	5,829
2,657,345	Repairs and Maintenance	2,599,819	2,588,942	10,877
4,619,901	Total - Management and Maintenance	4,453,039	4,421,273	31,766
28,745	Rent Rebates	0	0	0
927,876	Debt Charges	1,128,757	1,128,757	0
326,000	C.E.R.A.	0	0	0
0	Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation	53,316	53,316	0
2,690,309	Subsidy	2,976,737	3,009,597	-32,860
-40,608	Provision for Bad Debts	50,000	50,000	0
8,552,223	Total Expenditure	8,661,849	8,662,943	-1,094
	<u>INCOME</u>			
8,534,781	Rents (net of voids)	8,803,016	8,889,732	86,716
94,189	Garages	96,912	99,488	2,576
143,532	Interest (Balances & RTB mortgages)	95,000	150,042	55,042
8,772,503	Total Income	8,994,928	9,139,262	144,334
	Surplus / Deficit (-) for the Year			
546,279	General Balances	333,079	476,319	143,240
-326,000	Earmarked Balances	0	0	0
1,308,768	Balance as at start of year ~ General	1,855,264	1,855,264	0
326,216	Balance as at start of year ~ Earmarked	0	0	0
1,855,264	Balance as at end of year ~ General	2,188,343	2,331,582	143,240

Appendix 2

**HRA Capital Plan Update 2006/07
Month 2**

Actual 2005/06 £	Description	Approved Schemes £	Actual at End May £	Forecast Outturn £
751,529	Housing Repair Work Pre 2006/07	136,273	300	136,273
171,991	Environmental Improvement Works	373,000	2,863	373,000
2,650,442	2005/06 Major Improvements – All Groups	0	646,031	907,000
0	2006/07 Major Improvements – All Groups	2,979,000	9,517	2,072,000
2,011,332	Windows Replacement	2,982,000	299,902	2,982,000
743,287	Central Heating Contract	1,000,000	136,122	1,000,000
100,000	DFG - Council Properties	100,000	33,625	100,000
6,428,581	Total	7,570,273	1,128,359	7,570,273

2005/05 £	HRA Capital Plan Financed By:	Original £	Forecast £
2,400,000	Major Repairs Allowance Grant	2,400,000	2,400,000
556,500	Useable Capital Receipts	706,000	706,000
3,146,081	Prudential Borrowing	4,464,273	4,464,273
326,000	CERA	0	0
6,428,581	Total	7,570,273	7,570,273

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER : Councillor P J Marfleet, Lead Member for Finance and Personnel

DATE : 27 June 2006

SUBJECT : Final Revenue Accounts - 2005/06

1. DECISION SOUGHT

1.1 To note the final revenue outturn position for 2005/6 for both service and corporate budgets.

1.2 That Members recommend to Council the treatment of reserves as detailed in the report.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

2.1 Cabinet has received regular monitoring reports throughout the financial year on the performance of spend against budget. This report details the final position at financial year end.

2.2 The Council's constitution requires full Council to approve the establishment and use of financial reserves.

2.3 The annual Statement of Accounts has been largely produced and will be presented for noting only at this stage to County Council on the 29th. The revised time scale set by the amended Accounts & Audit Regulations requires approval of the statutory accounts for 2005/6 by the end of July but by the end of June for future years. Finance department has used this year's process as a 'dry run' to test the potential difficulties of complying with this new tighter timescale. Vacancy pressures within the Valuation Section have meant a delay in producing asset valuations necessary to complete capital accounting requirements. This is the only issue outstanding, is of a technical nature and does not impact upon spend and financial reserves. The final version of the document will be presented for approval to full Council in July.

3. POWER TO MAKE DECISION

3.1 Local Authorities are required under s151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs. The Local Government Act 1982 requires the publication of annual accounts.

4. COST IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The final Revenue Outturn figures are detailed in Appendix 1. The final position on service and corporate budgets was an underspend of £1.240m, which was net of £206k use of Schools Delegated Budgets balances.

4.2 Underspends of £933k are recommended for carrying forward for spending on services in 2006/7 as follows;

- i) Lifelong Learning – net position of non delegated Education and Culture & Leisure budgets is an underspend of £169k. It is intended to use this to part fund the costs of the Denbigh Integrated Children’s Centre and other pressures in 2006/7.
- ii) Personal Services - net underspending of £445k mainly on Supporting People schemes, to be used to offset anticipated SP funding reductions.
- iii) Environment - net underspending of £201k due to items committed in 2005/6 but where the spend has slipped into 2006/7.
- iv) Resources - net underspending of £118k, mainly as a result of delayed expenditure on ICT software and maintenance costs, which will now occur in 2006/7.

4.3 The overall position has improved from that reported to the April meeting as follows;

	Position April 2006 £000	Final Position £000
1. Schools Delegated Budgets	+547	+206
2. Other Services		
Education non delegated	+145	- 207
Culture & Leisure	+ 75	+ 38
Environment	-138	- 201
Social Services & Housing	-382	- 445
County Clerk	+ 10	+ 48
Resources	- 118	- 118
3. Corporate budgets		
Corporate	+213	+210
Benefits	0	+ 94
Capital finance/investment income	-991	-1,319

The main areas of movement are as follows:

Schools delegated budgets, £206k use of accumulated balances. This compares with a figure of £547k previously reported. This reduction was due to planned expenditure on some schools being delayed during the year and being rolled forward into 2006-07, a closer scrutiny of outstanding commitments at year end and vigilance by the schools to cut back expenditure and increase income towards the end of the year.

Education non delegated budgets underspend, £145k, mainly resulting from the utilisation of grant funding at year end to offset eligible expenditure previously

financed from core budgets in respect of Denbigh ICT, Advisory Services and SEN, together with a reduction in planned expenditure on Youth Service.

4.4 The position on the yield from Council Tax is complex as house holders have the right to appeal against the recent revaluation exercise and the deadline for appeals is not until October of this year. An assumption of successful appeals was built into the calculation of the Council's Tax Base and used at Budget Setting time to calculate the level of Council Tax chargeable at Band D.

This same assumption has been used to arrive at the yield to be taken into account at year end. As detailed in paragraph 4.8 this provides a sum of £512k to be held in a reserve to fund the refunds likely to be due to successful appellants, back dated to 1 April 2005.

4.5 The County Council's agreed strategy on general balances is to build these up to a prudent level and review annually. Unearmarked balances stand at £3.940m as at 31 March 2006. The level recommended by the Wales Audit Office is 5% of the net revenue budget i.e. about £5m for 2006/7, excluding Schools Delegated budgets.

4.6 The final position for Schools Delegated Budgets was that a contribution of £206k was needed to fund pressures and expenditure planned to be funded from balances. The total of Schools balances as at 31 March 2006 to £1.352m.

4.7 A number of contributions to and from Reserves and Provisions have been allowed for within the accounts. These will require approval by full Council and are detailed in appendix 2. The main elements are as follows;

	£000
i) Major Events Reserve – initial contribution to Urdd Eisteddfod (£150k) less annual budgeted contribution of £52k.	-88
ii) PFI funding reserve - annual budgeted contribution	547
iii) Single Status/Equality pay review – budgeted sum	500
iv) Health & Safety works provision	250
v) Provision for successful Council Tax revaluation appeals	512

5. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

5.1 The addition of £285k to unearmarked balances will assist the budget process in 2007/8 and later years as the Council planned to increase the level of balances over this period. It is however essential that good budgetary control continues to be applied to avoid the possibility of overspends in the current and future years, particularly in the light of the likely tight WAG settlements for the next few years.

5.2 The principle of maintaining a suitable level of unearmarked general balances together with specific reserves and provisions for potential commitments is key to maintaining the improved financial position of the Council.

6. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

6.1 Lead Cabinet Members have consulted on an ongoing basis with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial action required to deliver the outturn position.

7. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE

7.1 The Vision

Proper management of the revenue resources supports the Council's Vision by ensuring adequate funding for services.

7.2 Other Policy Areas including Corporate

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Members note the final revenue outturn position for the year ended 31 March 2005.

8.2 That Members recommend to Council the establishment of reserves and carrying forward of earmarked balances as detailed in 4.2 and 4.7 above.

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

APPENDIX 1

Revenue Budget Outturn 2005/6

	2005/6 Budget £000	2005/6 Outturn £000	Variance £000	General U/Spends to be c/f £000	Under & Overspends to balances £000
Service budgets					
Lifelong Learning					
- Schools Devolved	46,137	46,343	206		206
- Other Education	11,305	11,057	-248	-248	
- Other non Education	440	481	41	41	
- Culture & Leisure	5,767	5,805	38	38	
Environment	21,210	21,009	-201	-201	
Social Services & Housing	31,608	31,163	-445	-445	
County Clerk	1,426	1,474	48		48
Resources	5,809	5,691	-118	-118	
Total service budgets	123,702	123,023	-679	-933	254
Corporate budgets					
Corporate & Misc	3,719	3,929	210		210
Benefits	-8	86	94		94
Capital finance/interest	10,993	9,674	-1,319		-1,319
Levies	3,976	3,976	0		0
Provisions/reserves contributions to	0	454	454		454
Provisions/reserves contributions from	0	0	0		0
Total Service & Corporate	142,382	141,142	-1,240	-933	-307
Cont to balances					
- unearmarked	0	285	285		
- earmarked	0	933	933		
- schools	0	-206	-206		
TOTAL	142,382	142,154	-228		
FUNDING					
Revenue Support Grant	90,791	90,563	-228		
Business rates	19,639	19,639	0		
Deprivation grant	165	165	0		
LABGI	221	221	0		
Council Tax	31,566	31,566	0		
TOTAL	142,382	142,154	-228		
General unearmarked balances					
Balance	b/f 01/04/05	3,655			
	contribution 2005/06	285			
	c/f 31/03/06	3,940	3.8%		
Earmarked balances					
In year underspends	- Lifelong Learning	169			
	- Environment	201			
	- Social Services & Housing	445			
	- Resources	118			
TOTAL		933			
School balances					
Balance	b/f/ 01/04/05	1,558			
	contribution/use of balances	-206			
	c/f 31/03/06	1,352	3%		

Appendix 2

PROVISIONS

31 Mar 05 £000s		31 Mar 06 £000s
747	Insurance Fund	1,039
670	W.N.W.P.O. Deficit	753
0	Single Status	500
104	Other	149
0	Council Tax Revaluations Appeals	512
180	Health & Safety	150
1,701	Total	3,103

RESERVES

31 Mar 05 £000s		Transfers In / (Out) £000s	31 Mar 06 £000s
351	Earmarked schemes	0	351
1,559	Schools balances	(207)	1,352
47	Environmental Services	(7)	40
153	Early Retirement Fund - Schools	0	153
30	Environment Directorate - Reserves	84	114
380	HB Subsidy Clawback	0	380
48	Mousematics	(22)	26
234	Winter Maintenance	(19)	215
100	North Wales Child Abuse Inquiry	0	100
182	Major Events Reserve (Urdd Eisteddfod)	(88)	94
10	Llys Marchan Reserve	0	10
250	Supporting People Reserve	0	250
201	Sustainable Waste Management	170	371
79	S.117 Mental Health Act	(27)	52
159	Risk Management Fund	53	212
291	Renewals Fund	41	332
298	Insurance Fund	(27)	271
399	PFI	547	946
0	Elections	25	25
0	Health and Safety Works	250	250
4,771	Total	773	5,544

REPORT TO CABINET

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor P J Marfleet, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance & Personnel

DATE: 27 June 2006

SUBJECT: Revenue Budget 2006/07

1. DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1 Members note the budget performance figures for the 2006/07 financial year as detailed in the attached appendices.
- 1.2 Members agree the budget adjustments shown in Appendix 2 that have taken place since the budget was agreed.

2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION

- 2.1 The need to deliver the Council's agreed budget strategy for the 2006/07 financial year and avoid reducing already inadequate reserves.

3. POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

- 3.1 Local Authorities are required under section 151 of the Local Government Act (1972) to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

4. COST IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report details the latest projections of Service budget year end positions as reported by Directorates, together with information on pressures and savings within the corporate budgets. The service pressure projections are as at the end of May 2006.

The appendix details a potential underspend totalling £31k. This excludes the schools' delegated budgets. It is clearly very early in the financial year and forecasts must be treated with caution at this point.

- i) **Social Services** has highlighted a number of potential pressures due to additional demand for services. This has been offset by the assumed use of the 2005/06 underspend and savings in other areas.
- ii) **Lifelong Learning** has shown an increased potential overspend for school transport and energy costs at leisure facilities, but are attempting to identify savings.

Other potential but thus far unquantifiable pressures are the impact of the Single Status Pay Review and the appeals against the recent Council Tax revaluations, both of which may exceed the assumptions within the budget.

- 4.4 The **schools' delegated budget** – Early indications are that schools will be using £508k of their brought forward balances in 2006/07. The situation is being reviewed by Central Finance Officers.
- 4.5 Details are also included in the appendix of the position regarding planned efficiency savings.
- 4.6 As reported last month, there are a number of issues that have come to light since the budget was set that will need to be allowed for within service and corporate budgets as adjustments. These are included as appendix 2 to this report.

5. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

- 5.1 Directorates need to continue to exercise tight control over their revenue expenditure to ensure they are able to remain within their budgets.

6. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 6.1 Lead Cabinet members need to continue to consult with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial action to accommodate pressures in 2006/07.

7. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS

7.1 The Vision

- 7.1.1 Proper management of the Council's revenue budget enables services to work towards delivering the Council's Vision.

7.2 Other Policy Areas Including Corporate

- 7.2.1 Proper management of the Council's revenue budget underpins activity in all of the Council's policy areas.

8. ACTION PLAN

- 8.1 All departments undertake regular budget monitoring and will continue to identify and take advantage of savings and efficiencies.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 That Members note the budget performance figures for 2006/07 as detailed in the attached appendix.
- 9.2 Members agree the budget adjustments shown in Appendix 2 that have taken place since the budget was agreed.

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006**

Directorate	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance Previous report £000s
	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	
Lifelong Learning (excluding schools delegated)	29,359	-10,635	18,724	29,461	-10,648	18,813	102	-13	89	0
Environment	37,492	-15,941	21,551	37,492	-15,941	21,551	0	0	0	0
Personal Services	51,875	-16,022	35,853	52,417	-16,684	35,733	542	-662	-120	0
County Clerk	2,003	-570	1,433	2,003	-570	1,433	0	0	0	0
Resources	8,616	-2,636	5,980	8,780	-2,800	5,980	164	-164	0	0
Corporate, Miscellaneous & Benefits	26,567	-22,355	4,212	26,567	-22,355	4,212	0	0	0	0
Total All Services	155,912	-68,159	87,753	156,720	-68,998	87,722	808	-839	-31	0
Capital Financing Charges/Investment Income			10,995			10,995			0	0
Increase in Bad Debt Provision						0			0	0
Precepts & Levies			4,185			4,185			0	0
			102,933			102,902			-31	0

Note:

The Management Accounting rules of the Council require debtor account entries to be reversed in respect of amounts outstanding for more 30 days after the due date. In the event that debts cannot be collected, services will be required to meet the cost of the debt write-off. This may impact on the actual outturn achieved by services at the year end.

MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
LIFELONG LEARNING
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance
	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Previous report £000s
Individual School Budgets	<u>52,896</u>	<u>-4,291</u>	<u>48,605</u>	<u>53,723</u>	<u>-4,610</u>	<u>49,113</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>-319</u>	<u>508</u>	0
School Funds Held Centrally	15,870	-4,660	11,210	15,884	-4,660	11,224	14	0	14	0
Non school Funding #	2,006	-881	1,125	2,006	-881	1,125	0	0	0	0
Corporate Services	443	-5	438	443	-5	438	0	0	0	30
Countryside & Leisure	5,747	-3,419	2,328	5,783	-3,419	2,364	36	0	36	0
Tourism, Culture & Heritage	5,293	-1,670	3,623	5,345	-1,683	3,662	52	-13	39	0
	29,359	-10,635	18,724	29,461	-10,648	18,813	102	-13	89	30
Total Lifelong Learning	82,255	-14,926	67,329	83,184	-15,258	67,926	929	-332	597	30

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
LIFELONG LEARNING
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006**

<u>Comments</u>	Current Month £000s	Previous Month £000s
EDUCATION		
Individual School Budgets:		
Early projections would indicate that the school balances will reduce by £508k during 2006/07. This reflects information provided by schools on staffing levels and officers will be working with schools during the year to assist in the identification of compensatory savings in order to minimise the impact on school balances at year end.	508	0
SCHOOL FUNDS HELD CENTRALLY		
School Transport		
Full year effect of re-tendered contracts in February in excess of budget	49	
Other		
Various savings from vacancy control and delays in appointment of staff	-35	
NON SCHOOL FUNDING		
No items to report	0	
CORPORATE SERVICES		
The latest projection indicates that there will be a projected overspend on the Translation Service budget of £35k due to the demand on the Service and the need to use external providers. A tendering of external provision is being undertaken by the Procurement Unit which will hopefully reduce the pressure this year. A full review of the service is being carried out in year to identify alternative service delivery options for the future. Subject to approval it is planned to meet the shortfall in the current year from underspend carried forward	35 -35	0
TOTAL EDUCATION	522	0
COUNTRYSIDE & LEISURE		
Energy costs above average 24% inflation allowance in budget. Average increase of 109% in electricity costs at Leisure Centres.	36	
TOURISM, HERITAGE & CULTURE		
Energy costs above average 24% inflation allowance in budget. 86% increase in electricity costs at Pavilion Theatre	23	
Increased income projected for sales of confectionary at Pavilion Theatre	-13	
Match funding revenue implications to maintain grants & committed Heritage events, increased premises costs & reduced income	29	
TOTAL CULTURE & LEISURE	75	0
TOTAL LIFELONG LEARNING	597	0
Total		

CULTURE & LEISURE EFFICIENCY SAVINGS PROGRESS REPORT

Proposed Efficiency Saving	Target	Progress
Reduce funding to grant aided bodies	8,275	Achievable
Implementation of review of inherited terms & conditions for Library Service Staff	6,000	Unlikely to be achieved 06/07
New charges	6,000	Achievable
New tourist attraction lease at Children's Village & franchise at Riverside Park	8,000	Part Achievable
Ffrith Festival Gardens: secure new user, reduce fixed premises costs	10,000	Achievable subject to Council decision
Countryside & Leisure Services miscellaneous efficiencies	6,725	Achievable
Review of Leisure Centre staff rotas	5,000	Achievable
	50,000	
Education Efficiency savings	£	
Procurement contracts and teacher supply within schools	259,000	To be achieved by school governor bodies
Vacancy control/staff management	12,101	On target
Savings on supplies and services	40,689	On target
Introduce charge for grant administration	19,000	On target
TOTAL	330,790	

MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance
	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Previous report £000s
Development Services	9,154	-5,169	3,985	9,154	-5,169	3,985	0	0	0	-60
Transport & Infrastructure (Notes 1 & 2)	9,008	-4,011	4,997	9,008	-4,011	4,997	0	0	0	-35
Planning & Public Protection	4,196	-1,899	2,297	4,196	-1,899	2,297	0	0	0	0
Director & Support (Note 3)	1,512	-427	1,085	1,512	-427	1,085	0	0	0	-37
Environmental Services	13,622	-4,435	9,187	13,622	-4,435	9,187	0	0	0	30
Total Environment	37,492	-15,941	21,551	37,492	-15,941	21,551	0	0	0	-102

Notes

Potential areas of budget pressure

1 As part of the budget setting process the Directorate is expected to achieve net income of £190K on the following initiatives in 2006/07

(a) Introduction of car parking charges on Rhyl Promenade (net of start up costs)	£150K
(b) Review and rationalisation of car parking charges across the County	£40K
	£190K

Any further delay in the introduction of fees will have a serious impact on the Directorate being able to achieve the above during the 2006/07 financial year.

2 In the event of severe weather it is possible that the winter maintenance budget, together with the winter maintenance reserve, will be insufficient to cover the costs.

3 Continuing pressures on the Open Spaces budget will be closely monitored to ensure the service remains within budget during 2006/07

Other points

4 The above projections are on the assumption that any underspends on the 2005/06 outturn for the Directorate which are required to fund specific earmarked items are carried forward into the 2006/07 financial year.

5 The Directorate put forward a number of efficiency savings as part of the Budget setting process. These totalled £156K and will be monitored on an on-going basis throughout the financial year. These are summarised between the service departments below

Details	£'000s
Development Services	27
Transport & Infrastructure	15
Planning & Public Protection	67
Director & Support	12
Environmental Services	35
	156

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006**

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance
	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Previous report £000s
Children Services	8,859	-616	8,243	8,845	-602	8,243	-14	14	0	17
Adult Services	34,072	-8,686	25,386	34,723	-8,904	25,819	651	-218	433	340
Business Support & Development	2,114	-145	1,969	2,210	-194	2,016	96	-49	47	48
Supporting People Grant	3,640	-3,637	3	3,483	-3,642	-159	-157	-5	-162	-55
Cymorth Grant	1,651	-1,651	0	1,651	-1,651	0	0	0	0	0
Underspend Brough Forward 05/06	0	0	0	0	-374	-374	0	-374	-374	-350
	50,336	-14,735	35,601	50,912	-15,367	35,545	576	-632	-56	0
Non HRA Housing	1,539	-1,287	252	1,505	-1,258	247	-34	29	-5	-6
Underspend Brought Forward 2005/6	0	0	0	0	-59	-59	0	-59	-59	-59
Total Personal Services	51,875	-16,022	35,853	52,417	-16,684	35,733	542	-662	-120	-65

MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07
SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006

<u>Comments</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prev Month</u>
	<u>£000s</u>	<u>£000</u>
SOCIAL SERVICES		
CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
The outturn figures have been projected based on previous trends less the allocation of new monies received. The strategic aim to achieve a balanced budget in 2006/07 is still on track	0	17
ADULT SERVICES		
Learning Disabilities		
Residential placements together with Family Support are the main areas of budget pressure within 2006/07, this is in keeping with previous years as service demands continue to exceed the budget available	268	157
Mental Illness		
Residential & Nursing spend is the main budget pressure based on current clients. The projection assumes client numbers remain reasonably constant in 2006/07.	115	80
Older People		
Although Older people Purchasing achieved an overspend of approximately £95K in 2005-6, it is anticipated that a balanced budget will be achieved in 2006/07 due to new money being received. The current projection has been calculated using current client numbers and costs. The main area of overspend in the Provide Un is once again residential homes. There are concerns over achieving budgeted income and there may be a need to contribute to the costs of the Extra Care projects from the revenue budget.	74	40
PDSI		
The main budget pressure is still Community Care despite extra budget being allocated. Occupational Therapy spend on minor adaptations and equipment is still a major budget pressure.	197	162
Performance Management & Commissioning		
The majority of these budgets relate to staffing. It is anticipated that these budgets will be almost fully utilised with the exception of a small amount of slippage on vacant posts.	-35	0
Other Adult Services		
The majority of the under spend reported is budget that is as yet unallocated. This will be re-allocated within the service to meet pressures during the course of the year and also to meet the cost of the Social Work Pay Review.	-186	-99
Joint Working & Older People Strategy		
This budget is grant funded supplemented by a small base budget. Printing costs expected in 2006/07 should see this fully spent.	0	0
Cefndy Enterprises		
Indications for 2006-7 are that Cefndy should achieve a balanced budget.	0	0
TOTAL ADULT SERVICES	433	340
Business Support & Development		
Directorate support costs are forecast to be the main budget pressure, based on the pattern of spend in 2005/06, and the cost of implementing a major new IT system (PARIS).	47	48
	47	48
Supporting People Grant		
The Supporting People final grant settlement for 2006/07 is still unknown. Grant offers for SPG and SPRG have been received from WAG but were incorrect. Awaiting revised offers. There is an estimated underspend due to projects awaiting commissioning. It should be noted that once the SP grant is integrated into the RSG, the formula based settlement suggests this will result in a significant cut in funding and it may be prudent to earmark any underspend in 2006/07 to dampen the impact in future years.	-162	-55

	-162	-55
Assumed under spend brought forward (2005/06)		
NON-HRA HOUSING	-374	-350
An underspend in Welfare Services is off setting a projected over spend in Homelessness. The budget is under review pending the introduction of the leasing subsidy in the HRA. If the brought forward balance is approved, innovative plans around affordable housing and housing strategy may be implemented.	-5	-6
Assumed under spend brought forward (2005/06)	-59	-59
	-64	-65

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES & HOUSING	-120	-65
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Social Services and Housing Efficiency Savings 2005/06 - Progress Report

Children Services	Target	Details	Status	Comments
Family Support Workers	£148,000	Transfer funding to Supporting People	Achieved	
Adult Services				
Domiciliary Contract Efficiencies	£53,000	Single rate for Domiciliary Care introduced October 2005.	Achievable	
EMI Nursing / Domiciliary Efficiencies	£5,000	Block purchase of 5 EMI beds to be paid at previous year's	Achievable	
General - Extending charges	£30,000	All service users except Mental Health to be charged. Widened to Cornerstone and increase in Day care rates as agreed in 2004/05.	Achievable	Dependant on the individual income of clients.
Care Brokers	£30,000	To save Operational time and efficiency through Care Broker Services. Geographical patterns of provision should generate scope for efficiencies.	Achievable	
Local Authority Home Care	£11,000	Remove all Homecare overtime	Achievable	
Continuing Health Care	£70,000	Widen scope of current re-charging	Achieved	
General Contractual Savings in Adult Services	£20,000	Review of Link House and personal care service	Achievable	
Direct Payments	£10,000	Increase DP having financial benefits of £1.50 per hour	Achievable	
Adult Learning Disabilities- Contract Efficiencies in Work Opportunities & Community Living	£25,000	Carry out a review of costing etc. Similar to that carried out for older people to introduce planned purchasing.	Achievable	
Adult Learning Disabilities- Contract out Community Living Services.	£20,000	2 projects being tendered to independent sector.	Achievable	
Elderly Residential & Day Care	£16,000	Explore Options for the use of Llys Nant Special Care Unit and review agency cover.	Achievable	
Vacant Posts	£80,000	Staff savings through slippage on vacant posts.	Achievable	
Meals on Wheels	£5,000	Going out to tender for delivery of service and reviewing charging.	Achievable	
Voluntary Organisation Payments	£14,000	Reduction of 2% below inflationary uplift.	Achieved	
Business Support & Development				
Reduction in recruitment & Retention	£5,000	Less advertising costs due to better retention of employees.	Achievable	
NNDR - Henllan	£6,000	Henllan deleted from Valuations list so no NNDR charge.	Achieved	
Telephone Rental Streamlining	£1,000	Deleted Extension numbers no longer required.	Achieved	
Paris Project Savings	£8,000	Reduction in revenue costs by possible grant funding	Achievable	
Housing				

Homelessness	£5,000	Further savings to be made by transferring expenditure from B&B to leased accomodation.	Achievable
Totals	£562,000	Total = £647k -£85k re fee increase re-instated	

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RESOURCES, COUNTY CLERK, CORPORATE & MISCELLANEOUS
POSITION AS AT END MAY 2006

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance		
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
County Clerks	2,003	-570	1,433	2,003	-570	1,433	0	0	0
Resources Directorate									
Finance	4,133	-1,920	2,213	4,133	-1,920	2,213	0	0	0
Policy Unit	349	0	349	349	0	349	0	0	0
Audit	418	-63	355	418	-63	355	0	0	0
I.T	2,631	-480	2,151	2,631	-480	2,151	0	0	0
Personnel	1,085	-173	912	1,085	-173	912	0	0	0
Project Management	0	0	0	164	-164	0	164	-164	0
Total	8,616	-2,636	5,980	8,780	-2,800	5,980	164	-164	0
Corporate and Miscellaneous	4,934	-686	4,248	4,934	-686	4,248	0	0	0
Benefits	21,633	-21,669	(36)	21,633	-21,669	(36)	0	0	0
Capital Fin Charges/Investment Income	10,995	0	10,995	10,995	0	10,995	0	0	0

2006/7 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

PRESSURES

	£k	
Items included in settlement but not transparent		
- PSS Direct Payments, former specific grant	30	
- Education, former BSF Looked After Children & Out of Hours grant	17	
- Enforcement smoking bans	26	
- Schools Councils funding	22	
Bid for Youth Offending Team	25	
Teacher's Pension costs from January 2007	60	
Energy costs adj C&L	5	185

LABGI

- 2006/7 Indicative Grant	150	
- 2005/6 grant clawback	-70	
- 2005/6 underspend in Environment carried forward	70	
- increase in grant level 2006/7 (indicative £302k)	0	150

COMMITMENTS

- Customer Contact Centre	65	
- Revenues additional staffing	0	
- Environment proposals	120	185
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FURTHER PRESSURES

Procurement savings target deferred - agency staff	130	
Office Accomodation - impact of Brighton Road	130	260

TOTAL OF PRESSURES

480

SAVINGS IDENTIFIED

Reduced insurance premiums	380
Capital Finance Charges & Investment Income	
- ongoing impact of savings in 2005/6	100

TOTAL OF SAVINGS IDENTIFIED

480

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Review of Capital Prioritisation	Councillor P J Marfleet R Parry
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Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy – may incorporate Review of Older People Commissioning Strategy	Councillor P A Dobb N Ayling
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