

## **CABINET**

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 3 June 2008 in Conference Room 1, County Hall, Ruthin.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors P A Dobb, Lead Member for Health, Social Care and Wellbeing; H H Evans, Leader and Lead Member for Education; S Frobisher, Lead Member for Communities; R W Hughes, Lead Member for Personnel and Business Management; M M Jones, Lead Member for Children's Services; P J Marfleet, Lead Member for Modernisation; J Thompson Hill, Lead Member for Finance; D A J Thomas, Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration and E W Williams, Lead Member for Environment: Sustainable Development.

Observers: Councillors J Chamberlain Jones; W L Cowie; M LI Davies; C M Evans; G C Evans; C Hughes; D Owens; A G Pennington, S Thomas and C H Williams.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive; Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources, Corporate Director: Environment; Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing; Interim Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning; Financial Controller and the County Clerk.

### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Councillor H H Evans welcomed all Members to the first Cabinet meeting of the new Council term. He said it had been a difficult week and he had spent much time in formulating the portfolios. He welcomed Councillors Frobisher and Jones to their first Cabinet as Lead Members and also welcomed Councillor D A J Thomas to Cabinet, saying he was pleased that the Labour Group was now able to fully participate in Cabinet meetings. Although there were bureaucratic processes and financial constraints, it was important for all Members to remember they had been elected to ensure service delivery for the Authority's residents.

Councillor M M Jones congratulated all the children and young people from Denbighshire who had participated in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Conwy the previous week. Councillor Evans endorsed her comments and said that examinations had meant some children had not been able to participate.

### **12 URGENT MATTERS**

There were no Urgent Items.

### **13 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 April 2008 were submitted.

Present: Councillor P J Marfleet had not been present at the last meeting.

Item 9 Final Report and Recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Group: First para, second sentence to commence 'He ...'.

Local Development Plan – Third paragraph, final sentence add "in the Pre-Deposit Draft Local Development Plan".

Referring to the recent elections, the Chief Executive expressed his appreciation to ex Councillors E C Edwards, M A German, G M Kensler and G O Rowlands for all their work for the Authority and Cabinet in particular, with 3 of the 4 being senior Councillors having been involved in the Cabinet system from its inception.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

## 14 MODERNISING EDUCATION ACTION PLAN MONITORING

Councillor H H Evans presented the report seeking Members' consideration of the work undertaken to monitor the progress of the Modernising Education Agenda. The Youth Support Service Action Plan would be integrated with monitoring of the LA Action Plan with a planned full re-inspection in 2009 also covering Youth Support Services. Although there was a substantial drop in the reduction of permanent and fixed term exclusions, this would remain in the Action Plan until consistency was achieved. The Authority had now been working for 6 months on the Action Plan and the Modernising Education Board would be considering in detail whether the actions were actually delivering on the recommendations.

The Interim Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning referred to the actions which had not been completed and said this was discussed at the Modernising Education Board and Head of Service was to decide whether further action was required to remedy the situation. The detailed position on activities was at Appendix 2 to the report. Referring to Recommendation 1.5.05, the Interim Corporate Director informed the meeting that the recruitment for the Behaviour Support Service would not go ahead as extension to capacity would now be achieved in another way. Action 2.3.06 had been achieved and 2.3.09 and 2.3.10 were now no longer required. The Youth Service Action Plan had been concluded and would be reported to the Modernising Education Board.

In response to a query from Councillor P J Marfleet regarding provision of school transport and school meals, the Interim Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning said a seminar on the Education and Partnership Agreement would be held on 18.06.2008. The Modernising Education Board would be considering organisational issues but were not tasked to consider school meals. However, school transport provision would form part of discussions on organisational issues. However, the Chief Executive said it was of concern that the Catering Service was costing more and was not able to provide a cost effective provision particularly in primary schools and said all aspects including teaching, catering and transport must be taken into account in considering organisational issues.

Councillor R W Hughes said it was important that the good practice work on the Action Plan was recorded and made available for use by other Authorities.

Councillor D A J Thomas referred to school governing bodies and said they should be monitored and evaluated. Councillor H H Evans informed Members the role of school governors was included in the Partnership Agreement and said the role would also be expanded. Councillor E W Williams commented that some primary school governors were interested in the way the school worked as part of the community but did not necessarily have wider interest. He agreed a firm policy on school governors be established. Councillor P A Dobb agreed the need to raise standards and felt all school governors should attend compulsory courses in relation to where major problems had been experienced in the past.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet, having considered the progress to date against tasks, request that the Modernising Education Board reviews progress against those tasks identified as "Red" or "Amber" in Appendix 2 in advance of the next monthly monitoring report.

## 15 NORTH WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN ~ FIRST REVIEW

The Corporate Director: Environment presented the report seeking Cabinet endorsement of the North Wales Regional Waste Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Review Core Document and Technical Companion, which together form the North Wales Regional Waste Plan ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Review. The Plan involved the 6 North Wales Local Authorities, the National Park and also part of Powys. The Plan detailed changes since the 2004 Plan had been agreed and was produced as planning guidance, separate to the provision of a range of waste treatment facilities.

The importance of the Plan was stressed by Councillor P J Marfleet and if it was not in place the Authority would face severe financial penalties. Provision of waste facilities was at great cost to Authorities and he suggested a benchmark of the starting point was required.

Councillor E W Williams said the public should be more aware of waste issues and that it was also a job creating industry.

The original idea was a planning process to identify areas which could be zoned. The Plan set out the scale and broad geographic areas for facilities but further work would then be required when potential sites were identified. The Corporate Director: Environment went on to discuss the complex issues of fines and penalties which could be imposed on the UK by the European Union. This had now been broken down by the Welsh Assembly Government so that each Authority would be fined individually if projects were not delivered. However, he was unsure how individual fines would be issued once a collaborative commitment had been signed.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet endorse the North Wales Regional Waste Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Review.

## 16 MONITORING PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE AUTHORITY'S KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources presented the report for Members to note the final performance against the Council's key indicators as provided in the Appendices attached to the report. Cabinet were asked to consider any issue in greater depth as deemed necessary and note the requirement to review the current set of key indicators for 2008-2009 to more adequately reflect the priorities of the new Council.

Lead Members will be expected to have significant input into future reports and it was also felt this was the opportune time to consider whether the right indicators are being used. The Welsh Assembly Government will require the Authority to deliver objectives in line with the Improvement Agreements, which are based on the One Voice Wales report. The Assembly would also be introducing National Minimum Standards and these would be used to measure standards across Wales.

Referring to Appendix 1 to the report, Councillor P A Dobb expressed disappointment with the percentage of staff who had performance appraisals the previous year. An actual of 49.24% was unacceptable and asked whether this was linked either to poor performance or Single Status. The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources said it was possible there was a link to performance or Single Status but there was an added factor that many staff were not office based.

Councillor J Thompson Hill agreed it was time to re-visit some of the indicators and it was important to ensure the correct indicators were selected for Denbighshire.

Councillor P J Marfleet said there was an urgent need to address the number of days lost due to sickness absence which was high at 11.59 days against a target of 9 days. He was pleased that the number of indicators included in the report had reduced and suggested that the information provided could be of great use. It was important to provide the most recent information available to ensure meaningful outcomes. He would hold discussions on the indicators with individual Cabinet Members.

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources agreed to provide a position statement on sickness absence and the number of performance appraisals carried out to the next Cabinet.

It was suggested by Councillor R W Hughes that a rolling review programme be established to consider indicators and that they be linked to Council Priorities, with more use being made of local performance indicators.

Councillor E W Williams referring to Welsh Assembly Government targets, said that if targets were not met because funding was not available from the Assembly this should be evidenced and included. He felt it was important for the Members and the public to understand the indicators and what exactly the figures meant.

The Head of Strategic Policy Unit offered to arrange performance clinics if Members had any areas of particular concern.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet note the final Corporate Performance Report and agree to pay particular attention to issues requiring further discussion and/or remedial action, particularly those indicators

*which are not on target. It was also agreed Members would work with the Strategic Policy Unit to review whether the indicators are still relevant and identify a meaningful set of indicators which reflect the priorities and objectives of the new Council.*

**17 DELEGATION OF POWERS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006**

The Chief Executive presented the report seeking Members' agreement to adopt and to delegate to the Chief Executive the enforcement of and the exercise of powers under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The regulatory functions would be delegated to officers.

It was confirmed that the Authority would not be able to claim costs for looking after animals which had to be kennelled or stabled at the Authority's expense. The Chief Executive agreed to Councillor J Thompson Hill's suggestion that the Welsh Assembly Government be asked to make recompense.

**RESOLVED** that Members agree that Denbighshire County Council may enforce the requirements of and exercise the powers of a Local Authority under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and any amending legislation thereto and delegate to the Chief Executive the enforcement of and the exercise of the powers of a Local Authority under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

**18 DELEGATION OF POWERS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND AUTHORISATIONS FOR PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICES**

The Chief Executive presented the report for Cabinet to review and consolidate the delegations and authorisations for the Chief Executive and officers within the Planning and Public Protection Services. Cabinet could only delegate Executive functions which meant non-Executive functions would go to Full Council for approval.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1 *In respect of Executive functions arising from the Local Government Act 2000 that Members delegate the power to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise the exercise of the powers and functions detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.*
- 2 *Members confirm that officers are authorised to enforce the statutes detailed in Appendices 2, 3 and 4 to the report, together with Orders or Regulations made thereunder.*
- 3 *Members authorise the Chief Executive Officer to obtain the necessary agreement of the relevant specified bodies to enforce the legislation detailed in Appendix 5.*
- 4 *Members confirm that officers are authorised to enforce the Regulations made in accordance with the European Communities Act 1972 and detailed in Appendix 6 to the report, together with any Orders or Regulations made thereunder.*

**19 ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO PREPARE THE DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY SPRING 2009**

The Corporate Director: Environment presented the report seeking Members' agreement to the approach to preparing the consultation draft of the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) and that a Member Task and Finish Group be established to enable this.

The Planning Officer explained the need for the Task and Finish Group and said the final LDP was required by 2011, which would also include waste sites. He suggested a smaller group would allow greater discussion of detail on a more informal basis. However, Councillor E W Williams said a small Group would not allow participation by Local Members to be involved in detailed discussion. He suggested the Group be formed with a membership of 10, with all Members being allowed to attend and contribute. The Group should meet as soon as reasonably practicable. Although Councillor P J Marfleet agreed with both the need for a 10 Member Group and transparency with the public he suggested the use of Area Groups rather than the Lead Member selecting the membership. This would mean 2 Members from each Area Members Group along with the Lead Member which would ensure representation across the whole County. Councillor Williams agreed the importance of representation from each part of the Authority with non-Group Members being able to attend. Councillor S Frobisher said the LDP was of great concern to the public and supported the need for a

larger Group. Councillor R W Hughes supported Councillor Williams, particularly the need for an open process with Local Member participation.

Councillor S Thomas (Observer) said as the LDP former Chair he supported the need for Local Member participation which should ensure public views being taken into account.

Councillor C H Williams (Observer) expressed his concern regarding the West Cheshire and North East Wales Sub Regional Strategy which included areas of Denbighshire where it was possible that many houses could be built. It was important that the residents of the County were aware of possible intentions.

Councillor E W Williams said Denbighshire had much in common with neighbouring Authorities. The previous LDP Working Group had agreed Denbighshire should not become a commuter County. He stressed the need for the public to be involved in the process from the start in making decisions on way in which to develop communities.

Councillor Hughes agreed Denbighshire should not become a commuter County and that the Authority must be represented at the West Cheshire meetings to ensure Denbighshire's best interests.

Councillor D A J Thomas supported Members' comments and stressed the need for the public to understand the aims of the LDP.

The Corporate Director: Environment said the LDP process was a huge task and the role of the Spatial Plan was critical in its development. Officers would work on the membership numbers proposed by Cabinet. The Authority had to be mindful of neighbouring areas and the West Cheshire Plan had recognised the proximity of Denbighshire and its effect on their area. The Head of Planning and Public Protection said the LDP Group had worked well to date and thanked Members for their clarity of message in the earlier discussion. It was important the LDP was developed in the timeframe set by the Assembly and to follow on from when the previous Plan finished.

Councillor E W Williams proposed and was seconded by Councillor R W Hughes the membership of the Task and Finish Group remain the same.

**RESOLVED** that a Task and Finish Group be established by the Lead Member on the basis of the previous Member Working Group (as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report) to prepare the consultation draft of the Deposit Local Plan.

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

## **20 DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Corporate Director: Environment presented the report seeking Cabinet approval of the Draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan to enable it to go out for statutory and public consultation. The Final Plan would be presented to Cabinet for discussion and approval. The Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) had directed that Plans should be formulated for the whole network of paths, including any improvements to rights of way which would be required. However, Members were asked to note that no funding for improvements was being provided by WAG whilst the Authority only had a small budget which was inadequate for improvements and maintenance of rights of way.

Councillor P A Dobb said she was pleased to see the Draft Plan and suggested if funding had been available in earlier years to produce a definitive map, it would have reduced the amount of Legal resources used.

Councillor J Thompson Hill reminded colleagues that although it was necessary to produce the Plan, there was no statutory obligation to act on any findings. He suggested funding issues were of particular concern to rural Authorities and that WAG should be lobbied through the WLGA for funding to be made available. Councillor E W Williams agreed and asked that any lobbying document include reference to Single Farm Payment funding which WAG was to use for rural issues.

Councillor P J Marfleet said many paths had not been used for many years and suggested the Ramblers' Association be contacted to provide data on those most used. Any expenditure could then be prioritised and allocated to those paths most regularly used.

Cadwyn Clwyd, for example, had been an important contributor to signage and they and others would be contacted regarding the Plan.

Members discussed the production of Cabinet reports which had large plans attached as appendices. It was agreed that large plans would not accompany Cabinet reports in future, with an Executive Summary being included. The full plans would, however, be available to Members upon contacting the relevant department.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet agree the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), as submitted, be approved as a basis for consultation and, that following consultation, the Corporate Director: Environment be requested to present the final Rights of Way Improvement Plan to the Cabinet in due course.

*Cabinet further agree large plans would not accompany Cabinet reports in future but an Executive Summary would be provided as necessary.*

## **21 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET & CAPITAL PLAN PROVISIONAL OUTTURN REPORT 2007-2008**

The Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing presented the report for Members to note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the past financial year. She detailed various issues including the small overspend on garage repairs, the reduction in the level of voids to 6% and the reduction in the number of right to buy sales.

Councillor P J Marfleet commended staff on the achievements and asked for detail on any effects of the slow-down in right to buy sales. The Head of Housing Services said a reduction in right to buy sales would have an adverse effect on the housing stock business plan but not as much as originally thought and the business plan remained viable. Councillor D A J Thomas asked for clarification on rent arrears. The Head of Housing Services said although there was a reduction in the level of voids this was connected to the housing improvement programme and the houses were required for tenants whose homes were undergoing refurbishment. He also detailed the current rent arrears of £248k at the end of March 2008 but reminded Members this had been reduced over the last 6 years.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2007-2008.

## **22 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE 2008-2009**

The Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing presented the report for Members to note the forecast outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) and Housing Capital Plan for 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the latest financial forecast position of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) for the current financial year.

## **23 PROVISIONAL FINAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS PLAN 2007-2008**

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources presented the report seeking Members' consideration of the provisional final revenue outturn position for 2007/8. It was explained that this was part of the process of finalisation of the annual financial statements. They were therefore still draft and could change. The paper will also be discussed at Council on 24.06.2008 and finalised subject to audit by Corporate Governance Committee on 27.06.2008. Members were also asked to recommend to Council the treatment of reserves, subject to final amendment, as detailed in the report. He congratulated each Directorate for demonstrating financial controls. Members were asked to note the typographical errors on page 3 para 4.12 which should read 31 March 2008 and page 5 para 8.1 should read 31 March 2008.

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources urged that financial performance must not be taken in isolation. It was also essential to monitor business performance particularly in light of the difficult financial settlements in coming years. The Welsh Assembly Government settlement would be approximately 2% for the following 2 years with rising inflation. Single Status remained a major risk to the Authority. Approximately £3m would need to be saved each year for at least the next 2 years. A financial recovery strategy needed to be formulated to address the deficit at Blessed Edward Jones High School and the Hyfrydle Children's Home. Costs for provision of school meals was also of concern.

The overall position was of a good financial outturn for 2007-2008. Therefore it was possible to recommend some specific provisions, as outlined in the report, to help protect the Council in the coming years. The available funding was of a "one-off" nature and this dictated how it should be spent.

Many challenges would be faced on adult social services and the Supporting People reserve was being built up. Underspends in Social Services were being carried forward. The small underspends in the Environment Directorate would also be carried forward whilst the underspend in the Resources Directorate would be used to fund financial pressures in 2008-2009. General balances would be in the region of £6m which meant the Authority was near to meeting the Wales Audit Office minimum requirement of 5% of net revenue budget.

The Sustainable Waste Grant (para 4.13) unspent balance could only be spent on Sustainable Waste. Some of the WAG grant for the Single Status pay review would be brought forward to fund part of the pay review whilst the Equal Pay claim was in line with current estimated potential liability.

Councillor H H Evans took the opportunity to thank officers and former Lead Cabinet Members for their work and the provision being made to address future pressures.

The 2% settlement from the Welsh Assembly Government would pose serious problems for the Authority. There would be enormous pressures on both waste management costs and adult social services in particular whilst ICT provision would need to streamline and reduce costs. It was imperative the Authority delivered more effectively.

Councillor J Thompson Hill thanked staff across all Directorates for their work. He agreed the sentiments expressed by the Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources regarding future funding and pressures which would impact on many services. He also stressed the need to ensure reserves continued to be built. Councillor P J Marfleet agreed and said that modernising the Council's staffing structure and service delivery would help ensure future efficiencies and energy use in Council buildings would need improvement.

It was suggested by Councillor E W Williams that innovative ways of funding be explored. He urged caution on balances and reminded colleagues that Denbighshire had started with an enormous debt and the Authority had worked hard to get to the current stable position. He was not a great supporter of large reserves and said that a reorganisation of authorities in Wales at some time in the future would mean that Denbighshire reserves would not then necessarily be spent in the County.

Councillor R W Hughes referred to Blessed Edward Jones High School's overspend and asked that careful consideration be given to how the school used its resources. She urged that the Legal Department had adequate capacity to deliver services.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the provisional revenue outturn position for the year ended 31 March 2008 and recommend in principle to Full Council and also recommend the broad principle of the provisional movements in reserves and the carrying forward of earmarked balances as detailed in 4.12 and 4.13 above to full Council.

## 24 REVENUE BUDGET AND SUMMARY CAPITAL PLAN 2008-2009

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources presented the report for Members to note the initial estimate of the likely outturn figures for the 2008/09 financial year as detailed in

Appendix 1 and note the summary capital plan performance for 2008/09 financial year as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3, and to also note the current position on the vacancy control procedure recently introduced.

Councillor J Thompson Hill said it was important to ensure the budget was carefully monitored throughout the financial year. Councillor P J Marfleet agreed and said early warning systems were required to ensure the budgets were not being overspent.

It was confirmed by the Interim Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning that a proposal and updated action plan regarding under occupancy levels at Hyfrydle Children's Home would be prepared for Cabinet in the autumn and consultation would be ongoing with other agencies. The project group would consider whether the facility could be used by others and the accuracy of financial projections. It was agreed that an update would be provided for the next Cabinet meeting with a final report to be received at Cabinet on 09.09.2008.

***RESOLVED** that Members note the projected outturn figures for 2008/2009 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and note the summary capital plan performance figures for the 2008-2009 financial year as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 to the report including the current position on the vacancy control procedure recently introduced.*

## **25 ROUTINE REPORTING ON PERSONNEL**

The Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources presented the report for Members to note the information on the staff headcount. He would be meeting with the Lead Member to discuss the format of the information provided for future reports. Both sickness absence and performance appraisals would be discussed with the Lead Member and relevant staff.

***RESOLVED** that Members note the information in the report.*

## **26 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor H H Evans presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

It was agreed a debate would be held on an informal basis with Cabinet Members regarding future reports to Cabinet.

***RESOLVED** that Cabinet note the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.*

## **27 URGENT ITEMS**

There were no Urgent Items.

## **PART II**

### **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 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*

## **28 CARE ARRANGEMENTS AT RHYL EXTRA CARE HOUSING SCHEME and RELATED ISSUES AT LLYS NANT, PRESTATYN**

Councillor P A Dobb and the Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing presented the report seeking Cabinet approval for formal approval to be given for a range of alternative care options to be offered to remaining residents of Llys Nant, to enable the home to close and the extra care housing development to be started by November 2008. Members were also asked to agree that care provision at the Rhyl Extra Care Housing Scheme be delivered through an in-house team redeployed from Llys Nant, Prestatyn.



The risk assessments and cost analysis showed clear benefits of running the care arrangements through an in-house scheme. Day care services would be provided on a temporary basis in Prestatyn until the new scheme was in place. Councillor S Frobisher supported the continuing provision of day care services, particularly in Prestatyn. Members agreed the redeployment of staff be a priority.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1 *formal approval be given for a range of alternative care options to be offered to remaining residents of Llys Nant, to enable the home to close and the extra care housing development to be started by November 2008*
- 2 *care arrangements at the Rhyl Extra Care housing scheme are provided by an in-house team for an initial period of 2 years*
- 3 *care staff at Llys Nant are offered redeployment to the Rhyl Extra Care scheme, or other job roles in care, as an alternative to redundancy*
- 4 *every effort is made to redeploy other groups of staff across the County Council so as to minimise costs*
- 5 *consideration be given to tendering for the care arrangements for future extra care schemes, informed by learning from the Rhyl scheme*

**29 CAPITAL PLAN 2007-2008 TO 2010-2011**

Councillor J Thompson Hill and the Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources presented the report for Members to note the latest position on the 2008/09 element of the Capital Plan.

Councillor Thompson Hill detailed current projects and informed colleagues that the Prestatyn Community Learning Centre was due for completion by 06.06.2008, the Llangollen Centre was due for completion by 20.06.2008 and the Ysgol Brynhyfryd Centre had been completed early and on budget.

The overrun and projected overspend on the Scala project was discussed and further meetings with the contractor would be held regarding these issues. A general manager had been appointed to run and manage the Scala. A meeting would be held with officers from the Welsh Assembly Government in July 2008 to try and secure further funding.

A phased handover of the Craft Centre had commenced and a tenant for the café selected. In response to a query from Councillor P A Dobb regarding the letting of units, the Chief Executive said the new Craft Centre was a difference concept to previous and confirmed the business plan was not dependent on letting units. A Tourist Information Centre access point will be located the Craft Centre, but this would be in a different format to previous.

Members briefly discussed outstanding community projects and it was agreed completion dates for projects be included in future reports.

**RESOLVED that Cabinet note the latest position on the 2008/09 element of the Capital Plan.**

The meeting concluded at 1.35 p.m.

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