

## **CABINET**

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 8 September 2009 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; 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: Councillor R L Feeley, G M Kensler and C H Williams

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive; Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources; Corporate Director: Environment; Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning; and County Clerk.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor P J Marfleet, Lead Member for Modernisation and Improvement and the Financial Controller.

#### **259 URGENT MATTERS**

There were no urgent items.

#### **260 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING 14.07.2009**

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 July 2009 were submitted.

Item 10 Revenue Budget and Summary Capital Plan 2009-2010: Councillor E W Williams raised concern that at the last Cabinet meeting on how £1.127m was allocated to Single Status, and how the £120K was allocated to Public Realm budget without consultation to the Lead Member. Councillor E W Williams suggested and supported by Councillor R W Hughes that a process needs to be in place on what action needs to be taken when funding becomes available.

Councillor E W Williams raised concerns that the first hedge cutting did not take place until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and encouraged all Members who have similar concerns to attend the next Scrutiny.

Councillor S Frobisher asked for an update on Hyfrydle. The Corporate Director: Environment informed Members that the option analysis would be discussed during October 2009.

Item 16 Implementation of Appetite for Life (Healthy School Meals) Councillor J Thompson-Hill informed Members that resolution 4 was not procedurally correct. To accord with the financial rules, the overspend should be shown in the appropriate Directorate. The Corporate Director: Resources supported Councillor J Thompson-Hill's observations and confirmed that the costs associated with it could not be left in the contingency budget. The Chief Executive agreed that the responsibility of where the budget would be held needs to be debated at CET but as an interim arrangement, full budgetary responsibility would be in the Lifelong Learning Directorate.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the above, the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

## 261 NORTH WALES COAST 2016 ACTION PLAN

Councillor D A J Thomas presented the report seeking Cabinet agreement to the Council's representation to the Deputy Minister for Regeneration on the North Wales Coast Strategic Regeneration Action Plan (SRA) produced by the Deputy Minister and to agree the necessary representation and co-ordinational links between the Council and the strategic regeneration area.

Councillor Thomas drew Members attention to the fact that the consultation period for the Action Plan was short; closing this week and this was due to Ministerial delays. While no map was produced with the Action Plan, the boundary had been defined as from the ward of Llandrillo yn Rhos in Conwy to the eastern County boundary of Denbighshire with the need to concentrate on the wards of Rhyl and Colwyn Bay. There would be opportunities elsewhere within the Strategic Regeneration Area to help all affected communities.

Councillor Thomas informed Members that at the Regeneration Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, they commented that the Action Plan needed to take into account the huge pressures on social care needs in Rhyl. Councillor H H Evans emphasized the need for Regeneration to move at a faster pace, regeneration was about people as well as places. There should be a link within the SRA to the new secondary school structure for Rhyl by ensuring that the SRA influence is brought to bear. In order for the Action Plan to be properly delivered it would require greater collaboration between WAG, the Council and the public sector partners within the SRA.

Councillor E W Williams raised concerns as to the future of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd and that it had now become a major issue. A message should be sent to WAG that the Council should be involved in discussions on any changes in the status of local hospitals. Councillor P A Dobb informed Members that she had a meeting with the Head of Strategic Policy for the LHB who confirmed that the future of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd was not under threat. She also referred to the recent Rhyl Town Council communication meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, where Members were unsure of how to inform the public as to the concerns around Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

Councillor R W Hughes asked that while the Action Plan was concentrating on wards of Rhyl and Colwyn Bay would there be opportunities for funding elsewhere within the SRA in Denbighshire. The Head of Development Services confirmed that the Minister had extended the boundaries to include Prestatyn. The Corporate Director: Environment confirmed that WAG had written the Action Plan, if Cabinet had concerns about boundaries then representations needed to be made to WAG.

Further discussions took place for transparency of arrangements across communities within the SRA. It was agreed that the prioritisation criteria needed to be clear so that if communities were disadvantaged as a result of policy priorities favouring Rhyl and Colwyn Bay, then this should be made clear from the outset. Similarly, any prioritisation should be fully open to consultation among all the communities within the SRA. The Corporate Director: Resources asked by signing up to the Action Plan what was Denbighshire commitment, particularly in relation to revenue funding? The Head of Development Services confirmed that at present the Council had provided £180,000 to provide limited match funding and contingency provision, but next year the Council would need to consider the issue of capacity.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that communication with partners was not an issue but the interrelationship with the Health Trust was an ongoing issue. He confirmed that he was in regular contact with Mary Burrows, of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board and would share Denbighshire plans. Regeneration should not be looked at in isolation as an economic action; it was not strictly about housing, business opportunities, and jobs but about image and how people felt about their community. We have already started improvements by the Community forums and citizen panel yet further work is still required. The Chief Executive, supported by Councillor Evans, reiterated that the present imbalance between Capital investment and revenue investment needed to be looked at. A clear message was required to be sent to WAG if the Action Plan was to be sustainable then significant revenue resources would need to be deployed.

After discussion Members agreed to add a fourth recommendation.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

- (a) *approves the North Wales Coast 2016 Action Plan and agrees to write to the Deputy Minister for Regeneration supporting the Action Plan and its implementation.*
- (b) *agrees the proposed collaborative mechanisms as outlined in the report and agrees to write to Conwy County Borough Council seeking a meeting to implement the joint County arrangements.*
- (c) *recommends that the relationship between the Action Plan and the LDP be further developed and that the developing work on Rhyl secondary schools be reflected in the skills agenda of the SRA.*
- (ch) *recommends that the SRA Action Plan needs to provide transparency on involvement of all communities in SRA and that collaboration between the Council and Partners needs to be developed through SRA and the LSB.*

## **262 ADDITIONAL LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMOs)**

Councillor D A J Thomas presented the report seeking agreement to designate an Additional Licensing Scheme for specified types of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the settlement limits of Rhyl. Secondly, Members approve the existing Licensing Conditions, Standards and Fees as previously adopted for the Mandatory Licensing Scheme as outlined in Appendix 1,2 & 3 and for these Conditions and Standards to be adopted by the Council as their local standards for this Additional Licensing Scheme. In addition, to recommend that the Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration be given delegated power to make any subsequent minor changes to the Licensing Conditions and Standards once adopted.

In order to comply with the 3 month statutory period between a Local Authority deciding to designate Additional Licensing and actually implementing Additional Licensing and having regard to various regeneration initiatives in Rhyl associated with the Strategic Regeneration Area, it was recommended that the actual date of implementation be at the discretion of the Head of Service, in consultation with the relevant Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration. In any event the implementation date shall be no later than 31 March 2010.

Councillor P A Dobb said she was pleased to see the paper but questioned the reason why only 325 properties came under the Additional Licensing Scheme (paragraph 2.7.1), the implementation date was not until March 2010 (paragraph 2.2.6), and how it would be resourced and whether targets would be established. It was recommended that the actual date of implementation be at the discretion of the Head of Service, in consultation with the relevant Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration. The Principal Environmental Health Officer - Housing Enforcement confirmed that revenue created from the scheme would be put towards the costs of running the scheme.

Councillor J Thompson-Hill asked when were the mandatory recharging costs last looked at. The Principal Environmental Health Officer - Housing Enforcement confirmed that in 2006 the government produced a matrix for Local Authorities which Denbighshire adopted.

**RESOLVED** that Members:

- (a) *agree to designate an Additional Licensing Scheme for a specified type of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) outlined in paragraph 2.1.5 (also refer to paragraph 2.2.2.) within the settlement limits of Rhyl. This scheme will be known as the Denbighshire County Council Additional Licensing Scheme (Houses in Multiple Occupation) Scheme 2009 ("The Scheme").*
- (b) *approve the existing Licensing Conditions, Standards and Fees as previously adopted for the Mandatory Licensing Scheme as outlined in Appendix 1,2 & 3 and for these Conditions and Standards to be adopted by the Council as its local standards for the Additional Licensing Scheme.*
- (c) *recommend that the Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration is given delegated power to make any subsequent minor changes to the Licensing Conditions and Standards once adopted.*

(ch) *recommend that the actual date of implementation be at the discretion of the Head of Service, in consultation with the relevant Lead Member for Environment: Regeneration. In any event the implementation date shall be no later than 31 March 2010.*

## 263 ALL WALES SCAM BUSTERS TEAM

Councillor S Frobisher presented the report seeking Cabinet Approval for the Head of Planning and Public Protection to enter into an agreement with Newport City Council and Conwy County Borough Council, for the operation of the Scam Busters Team in the Denbighshire area following a successful bid for the Welsh region and funding having been granted for a three year project. The Scam Busters Teams would have two main functions; to tackle rogue traders and provide support to individual Trading Standards Services where large scale enforcement is required.

Councillor H H Evans asked what input the Police would be providing to this Team. The Assistant Head of Planning & Public Protection Services responded that regular meetings were conducted with the Police and that this team would compliment work already undertaken with the Police. There was also information exchange between the Team, Regional Intelligence Officer and North Wales Police via a secure GSX web line. The Team would operate under the overall direction of Newport City Council but members of the team would also operate from Conwy County Council. The Team's work will be overseen by The Wales Heads of Trading Standards (WHoTS) who would decide on work and set targets.

Councillor J Thompson-Hill fully endorsed the pilot project and informed Members that the costs would need to be contained with special WAG funding and that any future implications would need to be funded from within the directorate base budget in line with the Budget Setting criteria for 2010/11.

The Head of Development Services reminded Members that should funding by WAG be withdrawn after 2011 the Authority may be asked to contribute funding to support the Team. An assessment of the Team's contribution to the wellbeing of Denbighshire residents would be conducted before any commitment to financial support was given in 2011. Should the Team's work be considered useful, additional funding would be small and would be met from within the Service budget.

Councillor R W Hughes and Councillor P A Dobb reminded Members about the indirect impact on Corporate Priorities in particular Demographic Change where elderly and vulnerable people need to be protected. The possible use of links with Age Concern, Neighbourhood Watch and the good work that has already been established around 'House Proud' should be considered. These links between the Partnerships and Voluntary Organisations should be used to utilise and spread the word about the Team.

The Head of Development Services informed Members that training would be undertaken by two Community Officers run by Victim Support to offer help and guidance to vulnerable people.

**RESOLVED** *that Cabinet authorises the Head of Planning and Public Protection to enter agreements with Newport City Council and Conwy County Borough Council for the purposes described in paragraph 2.3 of the report. A review of the operation of the Scam Busters Team in Denbighshire to be carried out in December 2010.*

## 264 ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING UNIT

Councillor S Frobisher presented the report seeking Cabinet approval for the Head of Planning and Public Protection to enter into an agreement with Cardiff City Council, for the operation of the Unit in the Denbighshire area. The Unit was presently funded by the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) until 31 March 2011 and there was no cost to the Authority. After that date it would be for Members to decide whether to continue with the agreement or not. Such a decision would be dependent on future WAG funding and whether there would be any costs to this Authority.

Councillor P A Dobb expressed surprise after work undertaken by Citizen Advice and the Credit Union that they were not mentioned in the report. She further enquired as to the financial pressure on the

Council's legal team if investigations went wrong. The County Clerk assured Members that there was a transfer of function which indemnifies Denbighshire by Cardiff City Council for the fees, expenses or liabilities arising from investigations and prosecutions.

Councillor D A J Thomas enquired to who in the Council do incidents of canvassing away from trade premises get reported. The Assistant Head of Planning & Public Protection Services informed Members that incidents should be reported to Denbighshire, Planning & Public Protection.

Councillor R W Hughes drew Members attention to the fact that should funding by WAG be withdrawn or reduced after 2011, the Authority would need to contribute to funding to support the Team. Therefore to become sustainable, if the pilot project was successful the Authority would require to be funded from within the service budget, and to collaborate with Credit Unions and Voluntary Organisations by mainstreaming into Partnerships to alleviate budget pressure. Responding to Members concerns the Chief Executive emphasised that citizens need to be made aware that the Illegal Money Lending Unit was only a Pilot Project with funding for two years only.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet authorises the Head of Planning and Public Protection to enter an agreement with Cardiff City Council until 31 March 2011 for the purposes described in the report.

## **265 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET & CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE 2009-2010**

The Head of Housing Services: P Quirk presented the report on behalf of Councillor P A Dobb for Members to note the forecast outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing Capital Plan for 2009-2010. Members were also asked to award the third major improvement contract to Bramall Construction Limited. The main change since the last report for the Housing Revenue Account Budget was that costs associated with the Right to Buy scheme would be written off as a revenue expense, rather than being offset against capital receipts. This was because it was unlikely that any dwelling would be sold in the current year. The impact of this was £57k – the bulk was central support services charges and these would be reviewed in October. The financial support for the leasing subsidy was to be withdrawn with effect from 1st October, though the final details had yet to be confirmed.

The next phase of the Housing Capital Plan major improvement contract had been tendered and the contract award sought in today's report. There had been some slippage on planned expenditure this year; this would be recovered next year so the Council remained on target to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by 2012. The estimate for the next phase of the improvement programme was approximately £10million and would be split into geographic pockets.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the forecast outturn of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) and Housing Capital Plan for 2009/10 and award of the third major improvement contract to Bramall Construction Limited.

## **266 REVENUE BUDGET AND SUMMARY CAPITAL PLAN 2009-2010**

Councillor J Thompson Hill presented the report for Members to note the latest estimate of the likely outturn figures for the 2009/10 financial year as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report and the summary capital plan performance for 2009/10 as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3. Members were asked to consider the budget performance in light of the need to deliver the Council's agreed budget strategy for 2009/10 and avoid reducing inadequate reserves and to note the latest update on the Council's Money Market dealings.

**RESOLVED** that Members note

- (a) the latest projected outturn figures for 2009/10 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report
- (b) the summary Capital Plan performance figures for 2009/10 financial year as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 attached to the report.

At this junction (11.45 a.m.) the meeting adjourned for 10 minutes to allow members to participate in refreshments

## **267 PROJECT GAIA – DCC CORPORATE CARBON MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2009-2020**

The Portfolio Officer – Climate Change presented the report on behalf of Councillor P J Marfleet seeking Cabinet agreement of the Corporate Carbon Management Strategy and the targets set for corporate carbon dioxide emissions reduction (See appendix A for Project Gaia's executive summary; for a full copy of the strategy please ring or email Helen Burkhalter on (01824) 706253, [helen.burkhalter@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.burkhalter@denbighshire.gov.uk)). It was necessary to recognize the human and financial resource requirements needed in order to achieve targets in carbon dioxide emissions reduction and to perform well under the Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme (CRC). There was also a need to ensure the assimilation of climate change and carbon management awareness amongst staff and Councillors in order to encourage behavioural change. Members were asked to advocate climate change and carbon management initiatives within their individual Portfolios and recommend the adoption of a Corporate Carbon Management Strategy at Council on 22.09.2009, which would supersede the current DCC 60% Carbon Reduction Strategy (2008).

The Portfolio Officer – Climate Change outlined the necessity for the proposed Corporate Carbon Management Strategy. A long term strategy was required to ensure yearly press towards achieving statutory carbon emissions reduction targets and mitigating the high financial risks posed by the Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme (CRC). The target was to reduce Denbighshire carbon dioxide emissions by 33% by 2020 according to Denbighshire baseline this equates to a 3% reduction (outlined in WAG's One Wales Agenda) annually in our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all business activities. The scope and structure of the Carbon Management portfolio would have four programme arms - Asset Management Programme, Fleet Management Programme, Waste Management Programme and Business Travel Management Programme. Each programme arm would have a series of projects that will be undertaken to contribute towards the 3% annual reduction following the hierarchy of 'Lean – Mean – Green'. It is envisaged that funding allocation would be at programme level. Senior Responsible owners would submit a 3 year block allocation bid to spend on carbon reduction projects in their programme arm via the Capital Bidding Process. The first phase for 3 year Block Funding Capital Bid for Asset Management Programme Arm Action Plan to be launched October 2009 and completed by the end of December 2009. The second phase; Project Gaia Launched with Climate Change-Carbon Reduction Staff Awareness Campaign, was on going whilst the third phase; Assets Management Programme commences in April 2010.

Councillor H H Evans requested clarification where the targets for Denbighshire carbon emissions came from and were they more challenging than from the existing Carbon Reduction Strategy. The Portfolio Officer – Climate Change responded that targets are set by Central Government under Statutory Acts and that the new strategy would supersede the existing strategy and that Project Gaia's targets correspond with those outlined in WAG's One Wales agenda of 3% emissions reduction annually, and are more realistically achievable considering Denbighshire context and the human and financial resources the Authority had at its disposal.

Councillor R W Hughes told Members that it was the start of a long journey and asked officers what were the three practical things to change our business that would have an impact? The Senior Project Manager responded that under the four programme arms the Asset Management Programme would have the most impact. The biggest object would be to reduce our property portfolio, second; make the buildings that are left more efficient and thirdly, have more rigorous systems off switching off IT equipment.

Councillor D A J Thomas requested clarification that our estimated first payment was a double payment paying for carbon emitted in 2010/11 and what we predict we would emit in 2011/12 equating to £295,393 in April 2011. The Portfolio Officer – Climate Change confirmed that the Authority has to start paying for carbon it emits from non domestic council buildings and street lighting for which we pay the Utility Bill at the beginning of the financial year 2010 at a cost of £12 per tonne. If we emit more or less than this level,

we can then either buy more credits or we will be able to sell carbon credits to other organisations in the scheme.

Councillor J Thompson–Hill raised questions in that are we pre-empting the bidding process and noted that the majority of our property portfolio is comparatively old and requires maintaining therefore inefficiency grows year on year and how in principle can we retro fit and would there be penalties imposed on Members if targets were not met. Councillor H H Evans responded that today was for noting the report not making any financial decisions. The Corporate Director: Environment informed Members that Central Government already agreed to targets set in Europe.

Councillor G M Kensler congratulated the Project Team on an excellent paper and noted in paragraph 5.2.1 that we say we do-not have an Energy Manager in the Council. Also, had the Council considered wood burning as a source of alternate fuel source as in Ceredigion who already have a successful biomass system in operation at Llandysul Leisure Centre? The Project Manager confirmed that we currently have no one in post for the Council.

Councillor R L Feeley confirmed that the Asset Management Group has been reconstructed and the first meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> September and extended an invitation to the Project Manager and Portfolio Officer – Climate Change.

The Chief Executive informed Members that Denbighshire had a key leadership role to play at local level. Denbighshire has a reputation as an area of outstanding beauty and high emissions would reflect badly on the Council - a 9% increase was a serious issue. Energy and Asset Management need to be high priority. Councillor P A Dobb enquired whether every building the Council owns been measured for carbon emissions. The Project Manager informed Members that no analysis has been conducted but work would be undertaken.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet

- (a) *endorse the Corporate Carbon Management Strategy and the targets set for corporate carbon dioxide emissions reduction*
- (b) *note the proposal for the spend to save funding bid for a Full Time Energy Manager and note the requirement for the annual allocation of funding to deliver energy efficiency projects, in order to achieve targets in carbon dioxide emissions reduction and to perform well under the Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme*
- (c) *lead the way forward in reducing their carbon footprint and encourage all Councillors and staff to do the same, and in doing so support the assimilation of climate change and carbon management awareness*
- (ch) *Members consider the impact climate change will have on their Portfolio areas, the opportunities carbon reduction projects and climate change awareness campaigns could have, and advocate climate change and carbon management initiatives within their individual Portfolios*
- (d) *recommend the adoption of Corporate Carbon Management Strategy at Council on 22 September 2009, which will supersede the current DCC 60% Carbon Reduction Strategy (2008).*

At this junction (12:50 p.m.) the meeting adjourned for 10 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments

**268 ROUTINE REPORTING ON PERSONNEL**

Councillor R W Hughes presented the report for Members to note the Personnel Statistics, and to consider the proposal for quarterly reporting in section 2.5. She had attended Lifelong Learning Scrutiny where it was highlighted that schools have recently adopted the sickness management framework and that the policy and framework was currently being piloted in four schools, Prestatyn High, Ysgol Brynhyfryd, Penmorfa and Pentrecelyn. She further reported that a comprehensive detailed programme for rolling out Trent to schools would be implemented from September.

The overall Matrix – SCM implementation had also proven successful achieving £106,872 savings in the first half year. She was pleased to report that Swine Flu absences due to the illness remained fairly consistent and low.

The proposed quarterly reporting in section 2.5 would allow for more accurate reporting especially in relation to sickness absence. It would also be able to look at trends and produce presentations, which are already being used at Corporate Executive Team meetings. Councillor H H Evans said it would be interesting to see a comparative figure for sickness absences and what the refined targets will be. The Chief Executive endorsed the Trent system but reiterated that it still required refining; the system was only as good as the quality of information stored. It was a live issue for CET and Managers.

The Senior Personnel Officer said that employees could now check their own sickness absences. The Chief Executive informed Members of the intention to set up a Task and Finish Group led by the Service Manager. This group would share good practice and report to CET.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the information in the report and agree to the proposal for quarterly reporting outlined in section 2.5 of the report.

## **269 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor R W Hughes presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

Councillor J Thompson–Hill asked what was the process for including items from Scrutiny Committees on the Cabinet Forward Work Programme and whether everyone was aware of the process as only 1 item had been brought to date. The County Clerk responded that the Scrutiny Officers dealt with the processes. The Chief Executive recommended that a descriptive text be added to the Forward Work programme.

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

## **270 ISSUES REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

There were no issues referred.

## **271 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.

## **272 SUPPORTING PEOPLE: CHILD PROTECTION FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT – CONTRACT AWARD**

Councillor M M Jones presented the report seeking Cabinet agreement of the award of the Supporting People Contract for the Child Protection Family Support Project to DCC Children and Families Services.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet agree the award of the Supporting People Contract for 'Child Protection Family Support Project' to DCC Children and Family Service.



**273 SUPPORTING PEOPLE: VULNERABLE FAMILIES GENERIC SUPPORT PROJECT – CONTRACT AWARD**

Councillor M M Jones presented the report seeking Cabinet agreement of the award of the Supporting People contract for the Vulnerable Families Generic Support Project to Nacro Community Enterprises.

Councillor H H Evans asked in relation to paragraph two, bullet three how we predict the number of vulnerable families and were the transient population included in statistics?

***RESOLVED** that Cabinet agree the award of the Supporting People Contract for the Vulnerable Families Generic Support Project to Nacro Community Enterprises.*

**274 SUPPORTING PEOPLE: YOUNG PEOPLE GENERIC SUPPORT PROJECT – CONTRACT AWARD**

Councillor M M Jones presented the report seeking Cabinet agreement of the award of the Supporting People Contract for the Young People Generic Support Project to Nacro Community Enterprises.

***RESOLVED** that Cabinet agree the award of the Supporting People Contract for the Young People Generic Support Project to Nacro Community Enterprises.*

**275 PROPOSAL FOR A 12 MONTH EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

Councillor E W Williams presented the report seeking Members' agreement to the extension of the current 3 year Highway Maintenance Framework Agreement for a further 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

***RESOLVED** that the current Framework Agreement be extended for 12 months to allow officers to collaborate with Conwy CBC and NWTRA without disruption to our service.*

**276 CAPITAL PLAN 2009-2010**

Councillor J Thompson Hill presented the report for Members to note the latest position on the 2009/10 element of the Capital Plan. He detailed the current position regarding the major projects, which were progressing well.

Councillor P A Dobb asked why the Telpyn Bridge was not shown in the report.

Councillor R W Hughes asked whether the 14–19 Learning Pathways were co-ordinated with the Colleges.

***RESOLVED** that Members*

- (a) note the latest position on the 2009/10 element of the Capital Plan.*
- (b) approve the use of 14–19 Learning Pathways grant totalling £100k as included in paragraph 2.3 of the report*
- (c) approve the use of the School Building Improvement Grant (SBIG) totalling £858k on schools capital project as included in paragraph 2.3 of the report*
- (ch) note the approval by CET under delegated powers for the purchase at auction of the property at 2 – 6 Brighton Road, Rhyl.*

**277 ISSUES ARISING FROM THE RESTRUCTURE**

The Chief Executive detailed his report (circulated at the meeting) and appraised Members of the latest position. Members raised questions on the report which were responded to by the Chief Executive.

***RESOLVED*** that Members agree the Chief Executive recommendations.

The meeting concluded at 14.00 p.m.

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