

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 14 January 2014

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillors Hugh Irving and Eryl Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Business Rates Policy Developments in Wales. Councillors Julian Thompson-Hill, Barbara Smith and Eryl Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 9 - Discretionary Rate Relief.
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.
5	PROPOSED CLOSURE OF YSGOL LLANBEDR	RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr as of the 31 August 2014 with existing pupils transferring to Ysgol Borthyn, Ruthin subject to parental preference.
6	FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE	RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees that the draft Statement of Intent document (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report) be submitted to Welsh Government as an initial regional response to the Welsh Government document “A Framework for Delivering Integrated Health and Social Care” (July 2013).
7	COMMON ALLOCATIONS POLICY - SINGLE ACCESS ROUTE TO HOUSING	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) approves the new Common Allocations Policy for Denbighshire as detailed in Appendix A to the report, and (b) requires officers to report back to scrutiny on actions to be taken in respect of the issues raised by the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix C to the report and further points raised by elected members at Cabinet.
8	BUSINESS RATES POLICY	RESOLVED that the ‘model resolutions’ and ‘model application forms’ for both new schemes in

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	DEVELOPMENTS IN WALES	<i>respect of Business Rates as set down by the Welsh Government be formally adopted.</i>
9	DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF	RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the proposed amendments to the Discretionary Rate Relief Criteria to be applied from 1 April 2014 for new applicants and 1 April 2015 for existing applicants, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.9 of the report.
10	BUDGET 2014 / 2015	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) supports the budget proposals for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report and recommends accordingly to full Council, and</p> <p>(b) recommends the resulting 3.5% increase in the level of Council Tax for 2014/15 to full Council.</p>
11	FINANCE REPORT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) note the latest financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy, and</p> <p>(b) approve the following transfer to reserves as detailed in Section 6 of the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £72k to the EDRMS Reserve • £355k to the Strategic Investment Reserve (Extra Care Housing) • £300k to a Modernising Social Care Reserve.
12	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s Forward Work Programme be noted.
13	NORTH WALES SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS CONTRACTOR FRAMEWORK	RESOLVED that the named contractors detailed in paragraph 3 of the report be appointed to the North Wales Schools and Public Buildings Contractor Framework.

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14	FUTURE OF CLWYD LEISURE LIMITED	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(a) <i>that the Council reaffirms its vision of developing first class tourist and leisure facilities as part of the longer term coastal offer;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>that Cabinet calls upon the Board of Clwyd Leisure Limited to state by 31 January 2014 what its future plans are for the operation of its facilities in the short and medium terms;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>that Cabinet endorses the position that it is too great a risk to the Council to take over the Clwyd Leisure Limited Company;</i></p> <p>(d) <i>that in light of the ongoing concerns and the due diligence exercise findings, the Council ceases to fund Clwyd Leisure Limited completely from 1 April 2014 onwards;</i></p> <p>(e) <i>that the current funding available to support Clwyd Leisure Limited (circa £200k in 2014/15) is used to support these changes and to develop an interim offer whilst the Council decides upon the longer term coastal offer.</i></p>