

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 13 January 2015

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	Councillor Barbara Smith, Lead Member for Modernising and Performance
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillor Bobby Feeley – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 5 Councillor David Smith – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 5 Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 5 Councillor Huw Williams – Personal Interest Agenda Item 5
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.
5	MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME - RUTHIN PRIMARY AREA	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) approve proceeding to formal consultation for the proposed closure of Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn as of the 31 August 2016 and to open a new Category 2 Voluntary Controlled school based on the existing sites on the 1 September 2016;</p> <p>(b) approve proceeding to formal consultation for the proposed closure of Ysgol Rhewl as of 31 August 2017 with pupils transferring to either Ysgol Penbarras or Rhos Street to coincide with the opening of the new school buildings, and</p> <p>(c) recommend to Council the approval of the business cases and capital allocation for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the replacement of the existing Rhos Street/Ysgol Penbarras provision at the Glasdir Site 2. a new school building for Ysgol Carreg Emlyn 3. a new school building for the Llanfair and Pentrecelyn area school, subject to the outcome of the school organisation proposals.

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6	BUDGET 2015/16 (FINAL PROPOSALS - PHASE 3)	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) supports the budget proposals for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report and recommends accordingly to full Council;</p> <p>(b) recommends to Council the resulting Council Tax increase of an average of 2.75% in 2015/16;</p> <p>(c) recommends to Council that £500k of general balances are used to support the revenue budget for the next three financial years;</p> <p>(d) recommends to Council that the delivery of the Corporate Plan takes priority in future budget setting rounds, and</p> <p>(e) reference to the responses from Assembly Members in North Wales regarding their position on the reduction in highway funding for Denbighshire and the allocation of funding for the M4 improvements be included in the Budget 2015/16 report to Council.</p>
7	TOWN AND AREA PLANS	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) approve the Town and Area Plans Policy Statement;</p> <p>(b) endorse the Town and Area Plans Champions Group’s assessment of projects formally approved by Cabinet but not yet started;</p> <p>(c) de-commit the funding allocation to those projects assessed as not meeting the criteria;</p> <p>(d) endorse the preparation of revised list of Town and Area Plan priority projects and the proposed process for allocating funding to these projects as detailed within the report,</p>

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		<p align="center"><i>and</i></p> <p><i>(e) that the projects assessment criteria set out in Appendix 3 to the report, should for future projects, ensure that only projects which are revenue neutral should proceed.</i></p>
8	CORPORATE DEBT POLICY	RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the Corporate Debt Policy as shown in Appendix A to the report.
9	FINANCE REPORT	RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the budgets set for 2014/15 and progress against the agreed budget strategy.
10	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s Forward Work Programme be noted.
11	HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME RISK BASED VERIFICATION POLICY	RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the revised ‘Risk Based Verification’ Policy as shown in Appendix A to the report.