

To: Members of the Cabinet

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 October 2015 (copy enclosed).

5 CORPORATE PLAN - FINANCIAL UPDATE (Pages 15 - 20)

To consider a report by Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill, Lead Member for Finance, Corporate Plan and Performance (copy enclosed) providing an updated financial position on the Corporate Plan.

6 FINANCE REPORT (Pages 21 - 38)

To consider a report by Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill, Lead Member for Finance, Corporate Plan and Performance (copy enclosed) detailing the latest financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy.

7 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 39 - 42)

To receive the enclosed Cabinet Forward Work Programme and note the contents.

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Items.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Hugh Evans
Julian Thompson-Hill
Eryl Williams
Bobby Feeley

Hugh Irving
Huw Jones
Barbara Smith
David Smith

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a *member/co-opted member of
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Denbighshire County Council

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*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Date of Disclosure:

Committee *(please specify)*:

Agenda Item No.

Subject Matter:

Nature of Interest:

*(See the note below)**

Signed

Date

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CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin on Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Hugh Evans, Leader and Lead Member for the Economy; Bobby Feeley, Lead Member for Social Care, Adult and Children's Services; Hugh Irving, Lead Member for Customers and Libraries; Huw Jones, Lead Member for Community Development; Barbara Smith, Lead Member for Modernisation and Housing; David Smith, Lead Member for Public Realm; Julian Thompson-Hill, Lead Member for Finance, Corporate Plan and Performance and Eryl Williams, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Education

Observers: Councillors Ray Bartley, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Merfyn Parry, Arwel Roberts and Huw Williams

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive (MM); Corporate Directors: Economy and Public Realm (RM) and Communities (NS); Heads of Service: Legal, HR and Democratic Services (GW), Customers and Education Support (JW), Education (KE), Planning and Public Protection; Programme Manager (JC); Development Planning and Policy Manager (AL); Planning Policy Officer (KB); Chief Finance Officer (RW), and Committee Administrator (KEJ)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following members declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 –

Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts – Governor Ysgol Pen Barras and child attending Ysgol Pentrecelyn in January 2016

Councillor Huw Williams – Son in Ysgol Pen Barras

The following members declared a personal interest in agenda items 5 & 6 –

Councillor Bobby Feeley – Governor Rhos Street School

Councillor Merfyn Parry – Governor Ysgol Bryn Clwyd & Ysgol Gellifor

Councillor David Smith – Grandchild in Ysgol Pen Barras

3 URGENT MATTERS

No urgent matters had been raised.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 September 2015 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

5 PROPOSAL TO CLOSE YSGOL LLANFAIR DC AND YSGOL PENTRECELYN AS OF THE 31 AUGUST 2017 AND FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. ASAPH TO OPEN A NEW DUAL-STREAM CATEGORY 2, CHURCH IN WALES VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

Councillor Eryl Williams presented the report detailing the objections received following publication of the statutory notice of the proposal together with the proposed modification to delay the implementation date by twelve months from 2016 to 2017. He referred to the report recommendations and added a recommendation to reflect the Council's commitment, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report, to continually monitor standards and outcomes.

The proposal had been made in the context of the wider Ruthin area review. Both school communities had been supportive of the investment in a new area school and the designation of a Church in Wales school had not proved divisive. The main contention had been on the grounds of language categorisation with 30 objections received from the local community relating to the proposed Category 2 designation.

Cabinet considered the objections detailed within the report together with the arguments for the proposal and factors detailed in the School Organisation Code. Cabinet debate focused on the following issues –

- it was accepted that the overall majority of pupils attending both schools were taught through the Welsh medium. A dual stream school would allow Welsh medium provision to be maintained for pupils from both schools but would also allow non-Welsh speakers access to Welsh medium provision by starting in the English stream and subsequently transferring to the Welsh stream. In 2015 Ysgol Llanfair educated 80 pupils through Welsh medium and 23 through English medium. Of those 80 pupils, 14 (13%) had transferred from English to Welsh medium and designating the school Category 2 would help to increase the number of Welsh learners and pupils leaving school fluent in both languages
- reference was made to the additional investment required in order to develop and progress Welsh language in a Category 2 school and whether it would be sustainable long term given the financial situation – officers advised that there were currently 23% surplus places in the Ruthin area and if all the proposals arising from the review were implemented surplus places would reduce to 9%, thereby enabling a redistribution of resources to meet the needs of schools
- the importance of retaining the current Welsh ethos and culture was emphasised and assurances sought in that regard should the proposal be implemented. Cabinet was advised of a collective responsibility involving the Governing Body, GwE (School Improvement Service) and the Council. The Governing Body would be fundamental in ensuring the strong Welsh ethos was maintained in the new school which could also be reflected in their management and recruitment policies. The role of the Council and its commitment to monitoring standards and outcomes via the School Standards Monitoring Group,

Scrutiny Committees and Welsh in Education Strategic Group was explained which would further safeguard the Welsh ethos and maintain continuity

- Councillor Huw Jones, Lead Member for Welsh Language reported on progress made to increase the number of Welsh learners in the county, highlighting the increase in the number of Welsh speaking children in the county's schools since 2011. He was pleased to note the language categorisations had been clearly explained within the report together with comparable data regarding the fluency of pupils at the two schools
- it was clarified that applications for discretionary transport to the nearest Category 1 school would be considered from both existing pupils and siblings of Ysgol Pentrecelyn if the school closed.

The Leader reported that he had met with campaigners from Ysgol Pentrecelyn to hear their concerns first-hand. Campaigners were supportive of a new Church in Wales school but strongly opposed a Category 2 designation. He sought responses to a number of issues raised by objectors including whether enough consideration had been given to Ysgol Pentrecelyn pupils, the fact no meeting had taken place between parents of both schools, concerns regarding language spoken in the school yard and impact on culture. Officers responded as follows –

- proposals had to be considered in the wider context of the Ruthin area review in order to provide an appropriate mix of provision to best cater for the needs of pupils in the area going forward – based on existing attendance figures there was insufficient demand for a Category 1 school but both Category 1 and 2 schools delivered Welsh medium education with the same outcomes in the Welsh stream
- it was within the remit and responsibility of the Governing Bodies to arrange a meeting between parents of both schools
- during school visits English could be heard spoken in the school yard of Category 1 schools and Welsh in Category 2 schools – whilst the language spoken in school yards could not be stipulated, Welsh could be encouraged and promoted by the Governing Body
- Estyn had been consulted regarding the Ruthin area review proposals and their response had been included within the report.

Councillor Arwel Roberts implored Cabinet to opt for a Category 1 new area school in order to protect and strengthen Welsh language in the area. He referred to positive strategies to move schools along the language continuum and argued it would be contrary to those policies and a retrograde step to opt for Category 2 in this case, particularly in a rural area where Welsh language was at its strongest. He referred to the wealth of objections received and argued that a Category 2 school would not guarantee Welsh medium education for the future and Ysgol Pen Barras would not be able to accommodate all pupils wishing to transfer.

The following responses were provided to the issues raised –

- the model at Ysgol Llanfair was highlighted as best practice and the school attracted pupils from both Welsh and non-Welsh speaking families thereby increasing the number of Welsh learners/speakers – it was believed a new

Category 2 area school would enhance and grow the Welsh language provision, with more pupils from the area accessing Welsh medium education

- credit was also given to the consistently high attainment levels achieved at Ysgol Llanfair with over 90% achieving Level 4+ at Key Stage 2 in 2014
- it was acknowledged that a change in leadership would always provide a risk and the Governing Body would play a vital role in ensuring the current strong Welsh ethos was retained
- the arguments for and against the language categorisation had been carefully considered prior to making the recommendation and the desire to grow the number of Welsh learners/speakers had been an important factor
- reported upon the role of the Welsh in Education Strategic Group in providing support to schools to move along the language continuum and it was hoped that the model used by Ysgol Llanfair could be replicated in other schools.

Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts sought assurances regarding standards and outcomes together with safeguards to secure future Welsh medium provision, and he pointed out that Welsh was spoken in the school yard at Ysgol Pen Barras (Category 1) who also taught pupils from non-Welsh speaking families. He also highlighted potential pressures for Ysgol Llanfair arising from Ysgol Rhewl's closure.

The following responses were provided to those comments and further questions –

- it was recognised that in recent years very few pupils had been assessed through the Welsh medium stream in terms of outcomes at Ysgol Rhewl and assurances were provided that the review and monitoring of standards and language categorisations in schools had recently been made much more robust
- it was confirmed that pupils from Ysgol Rhewl could apply for places at the proposed new school should they wish to remain in a Category 2 school and their applications would be considered as per admissions policy
- the model used by Ysgol Llanfair was considered best practice in terms of inclusivity and outcomes with a high percentage of pupils in both Welsh and English streams reaching the expected standard and beyond
- the costs of providing school transport for pupils and siblings wishing to transfer from Ysgol Pentrecelyn to a Category 1 school were minimal and would be for the transitional period only
- the proposal aimed to secure the long term sustainability of Welsh medium provision in the area
- the threat of judicial review was not a material consideration when making a determination on the proposal.

The Leader acknowledged the difficult situation with two strong opposing views and stressed the overriding consideration to ensure the best education, cultural and language provision going forward. He referred to the significant investment in education and was confident that the necessary safeguards were in place to protect and enhance educational, cultural and language provision in the area. If the proposal was approved he hoped both communities would work together for the benefit of the new area school.

Councillor Eryl Williams moved the report recommendations together with the additional recommendation detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report. Having considered all the evidence presented Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal represented the best option for the delivery of education in the area for the future.

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

- (a) *note the findings of the objection report;*
- (b) *following consideration of the above, Cabinet approve implementation of the proposal and the proposed modification to close Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn on 31 August 2017 and the Diocese of St. Asaph to open a new dual-stream Category 2, Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled primary school from 1 September 2017;*
- (c) *that applications for discretionary transport to the nearest category 1 school, be considered on a case by case basis, from existing pupils and siblings of Ysgol Pentrecelyn for the remainder of their primary education following the closure of the school (as of the 1 September 2017), and*
- (d) *the Local Authority are committed to monitoring the standards and outcomes of the new Area School which will be reviewed regularly at School Standards Monitoring Group, Scrutiny and by the Welsh in Education Strategic Group.*

At this juncture (11.10 a.m.) the meeting adjourned for a refreshment break.

6 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF YSGOL LLANBEDR DC

Councillor Eryl Williams presented the report detailing findings of the formal consultation on the proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr DC as of 31 August 2016 with existing pupils transferring to Ysgol Borthyn, Ruthin subject to parental preference, and sought Cabinet approval to publish a statutory notice on the proposal.

The proposal had been made as part of the wider Ruthin area review and whilst some background information had previously been provided Cabinet was required to consider the consultation responses afresh. The case for change had been set out in the report based on the Council's objectives to reduce surplus places, achieve a fairer and more equitable distribution of school funding and provide greater efficiency and effectiveness of the school estate. The consultation responses included an alternative option put forward by the Diocese of St. Asaph to federate Ysgol Llanbedr DC with Ysgol Trefnant VA and change the legal status from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided. Cabinet was asked to consider the viability of the federation option before determining whether to approve the statutory notice for closure.

Cabinet considered the case for federation and questioned whether it would meet the Council's objectives to tackle surplus places in the Ruthin area, provide better educational outcomes, decrease the cost per pupil and provide a sustainable school for the future. Benefits and risks were also considered together with

implications for the proposed federation partners. During debate Cabinet noted that –

- federation would involve both schools remaining and sharing a Governing Body – it would not address the issue of surplus places
- no savings would be made in terms of cost per pupil as a result of federation and for future sustainability there was a need to reduce both revenue and capital costs
- educational outcomes in the Ruthin area were generally good with schools expected to maintain or improve outcomes – a judgement could not be made at this time as to whether federation would produce better outcomes
- both the Diocese Authority and Governing Body were passionate about keeping Ysgol Llanbedr open and had made a case for federation as an alternative option to closure – however there could be potential risks for the federation partner, which was currently a sustainable school in its own right
- the benefits of the federation option had been set out by the Governing Bodies within the report and included best practice and learning experiences – many of those benefits could be realised by schools working more collaboratively and were not by themselves a strong case for federation
- no detail of the federation model had been provided at this stage and whilst a 10 mile distance between the schools was significant, the proposal stated that pupils would not be transferred between sites, only teachers, and questions were raised over the practicalities of such an arrangement with no economies of scale realised
- some financial responsibility would be removed from the Council arising from a change in legal status to Voluntary Aided which related to the premises allocation for maintenance.

Councillor Huw Williams responded to the debate on federation and advised that –

- no consultation had been carried out at this stage and it was difficult to answer particular questions until the proposal had been properly consulted upon
- immediate savings included £26k from not having to transport transferred pupils to Ysgol Borthyn and £12k on staffing and there were no budget deficits in either school
- there were successful federations in the Wrexham area between schools further than 10 miles apart, and
- Ysgol Llanbedr's pupil numbers and projections continued to increase.

Councillor Huw Williams also raised questions regarding the increase in savings put forward as a result of the school closure; whether Cabinet had been privy to the full evidence submitted by the Diocese Authority, and sought the views of Councillor Eryl Williams, as Lead Member for Education, on the Hill report. In response officers –

- explained that the difference in the savings calculation from £68k to £126k was due to changes made via the Schools Budget Forum in terms of non-pupil led funding – no savings would be made by the local authority from federation

- advised that if Cabinet was minded to pursue a federation option it would need to be taken forward by the Governing Bodies, and
- provided assurances that all documentation submitted had been made available to Cabinet members.
- Councillor Eryl Williams responded that many of the Hill report's recommendations had not been taken forward and were a matter for Welsh Government together with subsequent reviews such as the Donaldson report.

Cabinet discussed the report and other consultation findings and questioned whether the proposal would deliver the Council's objectives in terms of surplus places, educational outcomes and sustainability. Officers confirmed the issue of surplus places would not be addressed by retaining the school. The number of pupils in Ysgol Llanbedr had increased but the school was still considered unsustainable given that there was alternative suitable capacity in the area – an increase in pupils in Ysgol Llanbedr may also give rise to surplus capacity in other schools. Capital and revenue savings would also be made if the proposal was implemented by providing greater efficiency and effectiveness of the school estate.

Councillor Huw Williams raised questions regarding surplus places and the capacity/suitability of Ysgol Borthyn to accommodate additional pupils. Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts highlighted the changes to the original Ruthin area review proposals and sought assurances that each school had appropriate capacity to meet local needs. Officers responded to the issues raised as follows –

- assurances were provided regarding the capacity of Ysgol Borthyn to accommodate relocated pupils and the fire risk assessment had been included in the Capital Plan for completion by the end of March 2015. The road assessment and traffic risk assessment were satisfactory
- if all the Ruthin area review proposals were implemented surplus places would reduce from 23% to 9% – calculations for school places had been made with regard to the mix of schools and provision in the area and information available. Whilst there were no absolute guarantees, recent figures had been predicated with a high level of accuracy. Capacity was managed further by the authority through the schools admission process.

Councillor Huw Williams highlighted the need for a solution to satisfy the local community with 539 respondents in support of the school compared to 6 for closure. He added that Ysgol Llanbedr had the full support of the community and would have a future if it was allowed to prosper via federation.

The Chief Executive highlighted the difficult but necessary decisions to be made in order to tackle surplus places, invest in modernising education and ensure sustainable schools for the future. He believed that federation was a solution in particular scenarios but not so in this case. The Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services highlighted the requirements of the School Organisation Code and the consideration that Cabinet should give to the consultation responses. He reminded Cabinet that the proposal under consideration was the proposal to close the school and that the issue of federation had been raised as part of the consultation on that proposal. Cabinet members should decide, after taking into account all that they had heard and read in response to the consultation, whether or not to publish a

statutory notice in respect of the proposal to close the school. If Cabinet members were persuaded that the federation option put forward during the consultation should be pursued then they would need to vote against the recommendation and commence a new consultation exercise in respect of a proposal to federate.

Having carefully reviewed the report and consultation responses received it was –

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr DC as of 31 August 2016 with existing pupils transferring to Ysgol Borthyn, Ruthin subject to parental preference.

At this juncture (12.30 p.m.) the meeting adjourned for a refreshment break.

7 DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2015: LACK OF A 5-YEAR SUPPLY OF READILY DEVELOPABLE HOUSING LAND

Councillor David Smith, Lead Member for Public Realm presented the first draft LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and detailed his concerns regarding the impact of the Welsh Government's prescribed calculation method on 5-year housing land supply which was a principal performance indicator for the LDP.

Councillor Smith explained that the prescribed residual calculation method put local authorities at a disadvantage and in Denbighshire's case the county had been left with 2.10 years supply of housing land compared to nearly 10 years supply based on five year past completions. He also highlighted the potential for planning appeals if the current calculation method remained. Consequently he proposed that representations be made to the Welsh Government outlining those concerns.

Cabinet members shared those concerns and queried the position of other local authorities. Officers confirmed that local authorities without an LDP did not have to submit an AMR but would be deemed to have no housing land availability. Local authorities with adopted LDPs were in a similar position to Denbighshire with only two authorities meeting the 5-year requirement under the current prescribed method. In view of the effect of the calculation method on other local authorities it was proposed that support also be sought from the Welsh Local Government Association.

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

- (a) notes the full Annual Monitoring Report (attached at Appendix 1 to the report), it being the first such report;
- (b) agrees a written statement be sent on behalf of Cabinet to Welsh Government outlining concern about the prescribed calculation method for a 5-year supply of readily developable housing land, and
- (c) a copy of the Council's submission to the Welsh Government be sent to the Welsh Local Government Association in order to canvass their support.

8 FINANCE REPORT

Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill presented the report detailing the latest financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy. He provided a summary of the Council's financial position as follows –

- a net under spend of £0.476m was forecast for service and corporate budgets
- 91% of agreed savings had been achieved to date (target £7.3m)
- highlighted key variances from budgets or savings targets relating to individual service areas
- a general update on the Housing Revenue Account, Housing Capital Plan and the Capital Plan (including the Corporate Plan element)
- provided an update on the PFI Contract Termination and paid tribute to the Chief Finance Officer and his team for all their work in that regard, and
- asked Cabinet approve the transfer of £40k funding to the EDRMS reserve to help fund the project in 2016/17.

The following matters were raised during debate –

- members were pleased to note the benefits and savings as a result of the termination of the PFI contract which included County Hall, Ruthin Town Hall and Corporate Store facility and Councillor Thompson-Hill responded to questions raised in that regard including facilities management arrangements
- Cabinet was also pleased to report on the success of the major projects with particular mention to West Rhyl Coastal Development and associated West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project; Rhyl High School, and series of soft launches for the Nova before the formal launch on 23 November – members felt that more should be done to promote the substantial investment in major projects
- Councillor Barbara Smith updated members on the EDRMS project advising that the funding reserve would enable electronic conversion in additional services
- achieving 91% of agreed savings at this stage in the financial year was noted as a significant accomplishment and a credit to the relevant services.

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

- (a) notes the budgets set for 2015/16 and progress against the agreed budget strategy, and*
- (b) approves the transfer of £40k funding to the EDRMS reserve to help fund the project in 2016/17.*

9 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Hugh Evans presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for consideration and members noted the following amendments –

- an additional item for December on the Officer Scheme of Delegation together with a potential item on the North Wales Hospital Compulsory Purchase Order
- an additional item for January on the Budget, and

- a report back following publication of the statutory notice to close Ysgol Llanbedr was provisionally scheduled for February.

RESOLVED that *Cabinet's Forward Work Programme* be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 p.m.

Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 24th November 2015

Lead Member / Officer: Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh,
Chief Finance Officer

Report Author: Steve Gadd, Chief Accountant

Title: Corporate Plan - Financial Update

1. What is the report about?

The report provides an updated financial position on the Corporate Plan as requested by Cabinet Members.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the financial elements of the Corporate Plan.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members confirm the assumptions noted within the Plan.

4. Report details

When the Corporate Plan was launched in 2012, it set out an ambitious programme of capital investment in schools, roads, social care and modernisation that underpinned the priorities the council set for the current administrative term. The ambition within the Plan was set against the financial reality of delivering significant investment in priorities at the same time as reducing expenditure in other areas.

The delivery of the Plan is reliant on the council securing revenue budget to fund borrowing and identifying and maintaining cash reserves. It also relies upon government grant to help deliver the 21st Century Schools programme and in previous financial years, government grant has also supported the funding of additional investment highways. However, in 2012, although a funding plan was identified, it was not certain that the costs identified and levels of resource to fund them could actually be secured.

Since 2012, as the Plan has developed, the funding underpinning it has moved from an aspirational forecast to a robust, affordable strategy. To make the Plan affordable, some revisions have been necessary alongside changes in planning assumptions. Such changes are inevitable in long-term financial planning.

In February 2015, as part of the proposals to set the budget for 2015/16, a decision was taken to prioritise the delivery of the Corporate Plan in future budget rounds. The key changes to the original Plan was the removal of the Office Accommodation project and a reduced estimated cost of the 21st Century Schools programme. In the report that went to Cabinet in June this year it was also agreed to increase Highways expenditure by £3.2m to £18.4m through the additional allocation of £800k per year which was possible due to lower borrowing costs than had been included in the original Corporate Plan.

As was reported in the June Cabinet report the key assumption in the Plan at that point was that funding of the faith school project under the 21st Century Schools programme was based on the council funding 15% of the total estimated cost of £23m. At that point Welsh Government had not confirmed that the remainder of the funding would be made available. After negotiations with Welsh Government a revised Strategic Outline Programme was submitted in June 2015 which allows the full Modernising Education Programme included in the Corporate Plan to be delivered. This Programme involved the inclusion of the four Corporate Plan Projects (the Rhuthun Town school, Ysgol Carreg Emlyn, Llanfair / Pentrecelyn Areas and Ysgol Pendref in Denbigh) into the wider 21st Century Schools Programme and funding all schemes at 50%. Latest indications are that this is acceptable to Welsh Government although formal written approval is still awaited.

A copy of the latest version of the Plan, based on the assumption that the revised 21st Century Schools Programme is formally approved, is shown as Appendix 1 and summarised below.

Corporate Plan - Summary	as at Nov 2015 £m
Schools – 21 st Century Programme	86.1
Social Care – Extra Care Housing	21.0
Cefndy Health Care Investment	0.5
Highways	18.4
Total Estimated Capital Cost	126.0
Funded By:	
Welsh Government Grant	48.0
Council Cash Reserves	24.0
Council Borrowing	40.0
External Contributions (Extra Care)	14.0
Total Funding	126.0

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The capital element of the Corporate Plan aims to meet the investment requirements of the Corporate Priorities. In particular the capital investment included in this report will help deliver the priorities around improving education, roads and independent living, although it will also impact positively on other priorities such as modernisation and developing the local economy.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The financial details are contained within the report and appendix.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?

Individual Equality Impact Assessments for specific projects detailed within the Corporate Plan either have or will be developed at the appropriate stage.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

The Corporate Plan for 2012-2017 was developed after a considerable amount of consultation and engagement work, focusing on residents, staff and Councillors.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The Corporate Plan can only be delivered within the resources identified. Changes to the key assumptions underpinning the Plan or failure to secure the budget and cash required will result in projects being removed or delayed. However the amendments identified within this report around 21st Century Schools, along with the resources already identified and earmarked, mean that the Plan is now both affordable and deliverable.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

There is a risk that the formal approval will not be forthcoming from the Welsh Government for the revised 21st Century Schools Strategic Outline Programme. The Corporate Plan would need to be revised and further reports brought to Members if the revised programme was not approved. Due to the scale of the projects included in the Corporate Plan there is always a risk of either slippage and/or overspends on projects. Careful financial and project management is in place to help mitigate against this risk.

11. Power to make the Decision

Local authorities are required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial

affairs.

APPENDIX 1 CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE NOVEMBER 2015

1 Corporate Plan Summary

Projects	2011/12 ACTUAL £k	2012/13 ACTUAL £k	2013/14 ACTUAL £k	2014/15 ACTUAL £k	2015/16 EST. £k	2016/17 EST. £k	2017/18 EST. £k	2018/19 EST. £k	2019/20 EST. £k	Total £k
21st Century Community Schools (50/50 Split)										
Rhyl High School / Ysgol Tir Morfa	0	25	1,053	4,202	17,039	1,935	332	0		24,586
Ysgol Glan Clwyd	0	0	5	402	1,248	9,176	4,615	454		15,900
Bodnant Community School	0	5	69	423	2,606	277	61	0		3,441
Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy	4	81	1,209	115	4	0	0	0		1,413
Total 21st Century Community Schools	4	111	2,336	5,142	20,897	11,388	5,008	454	0	45,340
21st Century Schools - Faith Schools (50/50 Split)	0	0	13	34	42	5,167	11,653	6,606	298	23,813
Corporate Plan Potential Projects (50/50 split)										
Ruthin Town School	0	0	0	56	618	4,511	3,466	230		8,881
Clocaenog / Cyffylliog Area School - Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	0	0	5	25	378	1,064	1,248	71		2,791
Llanfair / Pentrecelyn Area School	0	0	0	20	483	905	1,983	80		3,471
Ysgol Pendref	0	0	0	0	0	156	1,167	435		1,758
Total Potential Projects	0	0	5	101	1,479	6,636	7,864	816	0	16,901
Total Schools Projects	4	111	2,354	5,277	22,418	23,191	24,525	7,876	298	86,054
Extra Care				2	998	7,500	6,700	5,800		21,000
Cefndy Health Care Investment			59	301	140					500
Highways			2,843	5,042	2,881	2,550	2,550	2,550		18,416
TOTAL CORPORATE PLAN PROJECTS	4	111	5,256	10,622	26,437	33,241	33,775	16,226	298	125,970
Funding	2011/12 ACTUAL £k	2012/13 ACTUAL £k	2013/14 ACTUAL £k	2014/15 ACTUAL £k	2015/16 EST. £k	2016/17 EST. £k	2017/18 EST. £k	2018/19 EST. £k	2019/20 EST. £k	Total £k
Schools funding										
WG - Grant			1,170	3,878	14,540	8,530	10,643	3,970	298	43,029
Cash Reserves			739	1,254	6,335	7,017	5,804	0		21,149
Prudential Borrowing					1,519	7,644	7,840	3,906		20,909
Capital Receipts - planned						0	238			238
Capital Receipts - received		5	376							381
Other funding used	4	106	69	145	24					348
Total Schools Funding	4	111	2,354	5,277	22,418	23,191	24,525	7,876	298	86,054
Extra Care										
Contributions (development partner)					0	4,000	5,000	5,000		14,000
Prudential Borrowing					0	3,000	440	400		3,840
Cash Reserves				2	998	500	655	400		2,555
Capital Receipts							250			250
Other - Grants							355			355
Total Extra Care Funding				2	998	7,500	6,700	5,800	0	21,000
Cefndy Health Care Investment										
Cash Reserves			59	301	140					500
Highways										
WG - LGBI			2,458	2,458						4,916
New allocation - Cera Contribution					50					50
New allocation - Reserves					750	0				750
New Allocation - Prudential borrowing						800	800	800		2,400
Prudential Borrowing			385	2,584	2,081	1,750	1,750	1,750		10,300
Total Highways			2,843	5,042	2,881	2,550	2,550	2,550		18,416
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	4	0	5,256	10,622	26,437	33,241	33,775	16,226	298	125,970
DCC FUNDING ELEMENT	4	0	1,628	4,286	11,897	20,711	18,132	7,256	0	64,025

Denbighshire County Council - Breakdown of Funding

Programme	2012/13 ACTUAL £k	2013/14 ACTUAL £k	2014/15 ACTUAL £k	2015/16 EST. £k	2016/17 EST. £k	2017/18 EST. £k	2018/19 EST. £k	2019/20 EST. £k	Total £k
Cash Reserves	10,298	5,157	3,016	3,564	1,579	200			23,814
Budget Allocations	300	857	711	500	250	200	200		3,018

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Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 24th November 2015

Lead Member / Officer: Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh, Chief Finance Officer

Report Author: Steve Gadd, Chief Accountant

Title: Finance Report

1. What is the report about?

The report gives details of the council's revenue budget and savings as agreed for 2015/16. The report also provides a summary update of the Capital Plan as well as the Housing Revenue Account and Housing Capital Plan.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the council's current financial position.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members note the budgets set for 2015/16 and progress against the agreed budget strategy.

4. Report details

The report provides a summary of the council's revenue budget for 2015/16 detailed in **Appendix 1**. The council's net revenue budget is £185m (£188m in 14/15). The position on service and corporate budgets is a forecast underspend of £0.298m (£0.476m under at the end of September). Further narrative around the reasons for variances and the risks and assumptions underlying them are outlined below.

Savings of £7.3m were agreed as part of the budget and a summary of the savings is shown as **Appendix 2**. £6.647m (91%) of the savings have already been achieved (£6.627m last month). As promised last month please find a table below which provides details on the progress towards achievement of the remaining 9% of savings. As can be seen the majority of these savings are projected to be achieved by 2016/17 at the latest.

Agreed Savings by Service Area	STATUS	2015/16 £'000	Comments / Notes
Communication, Marketing & Leisure Leisure Centres - further increase income and efficiency	In Progress	118	It is currently projected that this efficiency will be achieved, however the service still needs to monitor the income levels over a full year in order to be certain.
Finance & Assets Property - Office Accommodation Rationalisation	In Progress	100	Due to the delays in disposing of the Ty Nant offices in Prestatyn and 46 Clwyd Street in Ruthin this efficiency has only been partly achieved. Presently the shortfall in the savings target for 15/16 is being funded from planned underspends within other areas of the Property Services budget. It is still anticipated that this efficiency will be achieved in full during 2016/17.
Corporately held efficiencies: Corporate Complaints - provision to be considered as part of the wider corporate review of support/business services	Review	40	These two savings have been held centrally as it was unknown at the time of setting the budget which services would be able to contribute to the savings target. It is currently projected that £40k of this saving has been achieved, the balance is being funded from corporate contingencies in 2015/16.
Corporate Improvement Team (corporate review of support/business services)	Review	180	
Adult & Business Services Benefits & Welfare Advice Service Review	In Progress	200	The actions needed to deliver the saving have been achieved but due to some delays and one-off costs, the saving is being funded from social services reserves in the current financial year.
Total 'In Progress' or 'Review'		638	

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Effective management of the council's revenue and capital budgets and delivery of the agreed budget strategy underpins activity in all areas, including corporate priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Significant service narratives are shown in the following paragraphs.

Children's Services – The service is currently expected to overspend by £237k (£129k overspend last month). As noted last month there is always the possibility of changes to high costs placements which can adversely affect the projected outturn within this service. The movement from last month largely relates to 2 new high cost placements and an increase in respite costs. However it is still hoped the service can reduce the current projected overspend through the management of vacancy savings and possibly through the utilisation of the Specialist Placement Reserve.

Planning and Public Protection – The service is currently projected to underspend by £50k (£65k last month) due to the early implementation of agreed budget savings.

Highways and Environmental Services – Risks around School Transport, Parking and the work carried out on behalf of the Trunk Road Agency remain in 2015/16. The following management action has been identified:

- **Parking** - Better performance management of the enforcement staff to increase PCN income and a review of operational costs had already been implemented during last year. Pricing tariffs for the car parks are being reviewed.
- **School Transport** - A task and finish group was brought together to look at options to reduce the trend of overspending in this area. This has resulted in a revised School Transport policy being issued (applicable from September 2015) which it is hoped will help the service move to a break even position. The effect of the new policy on the budget position is being monitored closely alongside the effect of continuing pressures around demography, college transport and SEN requirements. The contracts in place for the 15/16 academic year have now been examined and it is currently projected that there is a net pressure of approximately £55k in this area.
- **North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency** - The service has reduced costs in order to limit the impact of the reductions in fee income that are currently known. However, as reported last month, there are projected to be further reductions in income and levels of work in this area which have resulted in a pressure of £80k.

The specific pressures highlighted above have been partly offset by a number of underspends elsewhere within the service. The service is therefore currently projected to overspend by £101k, although management will continue to try and identify in year savings to offset this pressure.

Business Improvement and Modernisation – This service is now projected to underspend by £89k (£80k underspend last month) largely due to vacancy savings related to the early achievement of efficiencies agreed as part of the Phase 4 savings for 2016/17.

Schools - At the end of September the projection for school balances is £1.894m, which is a reduction of £1.644m on the balances brought forward from 2014/15 (£3.538m). Monitoring reports have been submitted to finance detailing the risks and assumptions that have informed the projections and summaries of plans in place for using reserves and/or dealing with projected deficits. The non-delegated budget is currently projected to overspend by £68k due to additional costs related to the expansion of Broadband in Schools. It is hoped this overspend will be offset by a reduction in historic pension costs, although these figures will not be known until the end of the financial year.

Corporate – It is still currently projected that there will be an underspend on Corporate budgets of £0.454m. The current assumption is that corporate underspends will be used to support the delivery of the Corporate Plan. A review of corporate contingencies, provisions and reserves is ongoing and will be reported on in future monitoring reports.

Other Service Risks / Assumptions – Although other services are currently projected to break even, as always, there are a number of risks and assumptions that will be monitored closely over the coming months and reported to Members.

One risk emerging on corporate budgets is the likelihood of further contributions being levied to service the council's obligations (along with most others in the UK) in respect of the former Mutual Municipal Insurance Company. Councils were mutual members of the company and have inherited liabilities upon its winding up. The liabilities relate to historical claims. This follows £393k that was paid in 2014/15. No figures have been quoted as yet for the latest levy but the council's maximum exposure is £2.225m.

Corporate Plan cash reserves at the beginning of 2015/16 are £17.413m. Allowing for projected funding and expenditure during the year, the Corporate Plan reserve at the end of the year is estimated to be £4.231m.

A summary of the council's **Capital Plan** is enclosed as **Appendix 3**. The approved general capital plan is £48.9m with expenditure to date of £23.8m. Also included within Appendix 2 is the proposed expenditure of £26.4m in 2015/16 on the **Corporate Plan**. **Appendix 4** provides an update on the major projects included in the Capital Plan.

The **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**. The latest revenue position assumes an increase in balances at year end of £139k compared to a budgeted increase of £168k. HRA balances are forecast to be £1.990m at the end of the year. The Capital budget of £7.8m is allocated across Repairs and Maintenance planned repairs (£7.2m), Environmental Improvements (£0.5m) and an IT project (£150k).

Treasury Management – At the end of October the council's borrowing totalled £193.442m at an average rate of 4.8%. Investment balances were £9.7m at an average rate of 0.71%.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?

A detailed impact assessment was produced as part of the budget setting process and was reported to Council in December 2014.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

In addition to regular reports to the Corporate Governance Committee, the budget process has been considered by CET, SLT, Cabinet Briefing and

Council Briefing meetings. Specific proposals were reviewed by scrutiny committees. There were ten budget workshops held with elected members to examine service budgets and consider the budget proposals.

There was a public engagement exercise to consider the impact of budget proposals and there are ongoing discussions between some of the county council's services and some Town councils. The council has consulted its partners through the joint Local Service Board and specific discussions have taken place with the Police.

All members of staff were kept informed about the budget setting process and affected staff have been or will be fully consulted, in accordance with the council's HR policies and procedures. Trade Unions have been consulted through Local Joint Consultative Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

It is important that services continue to manage budgets prudently and that any in-year surpluses are considered in the context of the medium-term financial position, particularly given the scale of budget reductions required over the coming two or three years.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

This is the most challenging financial period the council has faced and failure to deliver the agreed budget strategy will put further pressure on services in the current and future financial years. Effective budget monitoring and control will help ensure that the financial strategy is achieved.

11. Power to make the Decision

Local authorities are required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

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Appendix 1

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16

Oct-15	Net Budget	Budget 2015/16			Projected Outturn						Variance	
	2014/15	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net	Net	Previous Report
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000
Communication, Marketing & Leisure	5,727	10,572	-6,734	3,838	10,952	-7,114	3,838	380	-380	0	0.00%	0
Customers & Education Support	2,454	7,295	-1,949	5,346	7,878	-2,532	5,346	583	-583	0	0.00%	0
School Improvement & Inclusion	4,555	15,419	-11,518	3,901	15,808	-11,917	3,891	389	-399	-10	-0.26%	0
Business Improvement & Modernisation	3,734	5,747	-1,694	4,053	5,789	-1,825	3,964	42	-131	-89	-2.20%	-80
Legal, HR & Democratic Services	2,395	3,475	-1,061	2,414	3,400	-986	2,414	-75	75	0	0.00%	0
Finance & Assets	8,354	10,944	-4,358	6,586	11,023	-4,470	6,553	79	-112	-33	-0.50%	-6
Highways & Environmental Services	18,829	34,244	-16,055	18,189	34,486	-16,196	18,290	242	-141	101	0.56%	0
Planning & Public Protection	2,480	3,797	-1,433	2,364	3,894	-1,580	2,314	97	-147	-50	-2.12%	-65
Community Support Services	32,269	46,111	-14,329	31,782	46,590	-14,808	31,782	479	-479	0	0.00%	0
Economic & Business Development	1,421	877	-80	797	1,037	-240	797	160	-160	0	0.00%	0
Children's Services	8,419	10,495	-2,199	8,296	10,748	-2,215	8,533	253	-16	237	2.86%	129
Total Services	90,637	148,976	-61,410	87,566	151,605	-63,883	87,722	2,629	-2,473	156	0.18%	-22
Corporate	16,142	45,592	-29,014	16,578	45,138	-29,014	16,124	-454	0	-454	-2.74%	-454
Precepts & Levies	4,342	4,361	0	4,361	4,361	0	4,361	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Capital Financing	13,330	12,945	0	12,945	12,945	0	12,945	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Total Corporate	33,814	62,898	-29,014	33,884	62,444	-29,014	33,430	-454	0	-454	-1.34%	-454
Council Services & Corporate Budget	124,451	211,874	-90,424	121,450	214,049	-92,897	121,152	2,175	-2,473	-298	-0.25%	-476
Schools & Non-delegated School Budgets	63,731	73,806	-10,500	63,306	74,797	-9,779	65,018	991	721	1,712	2.70%	1,907
Total Council Budget	188,182	285,680	-100,924	184,756	288,846	-102,676	186,170	3,166	-1,752	1,414	0.77%	1,431
Housing Revenue Account	-163	13,441	-13,609	-168	13,614	-13,753	-139	173	-144	29		18

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Appendix 2 Agreed Savings 2015/16

Agreed Savings by Service Area	STATUS	2015/16 £'000
Highways & Environment		
Street Cleansing - reduce activity	Achieved	100
Increase Cemetery Charges	Achieved	50
Reduce Rights of Way activity	Achieved	71
Reduce Road Safety Programme	Achieved	50
Reduce Street Lighting Inspections	Achieved	5
Introduce Charges for Green Waste	Achieved	400
Remove or reduce public transport subsidy	Achieved	166
Highways general maintenance review	Achieved	125
Reduce grounds maintenance activity	Achieved	40
Rationalisation of Countryside Services	Achieved	65
Communication, Marketing & Leisure		
Reduce spend on recruitment advertising in newspapers	Achieved	30
Stop production of paper version of County Voice	Achieved	19
Leisure Centres - further increase income and efficiency	In Progress	118
Rhyl Pavilion - restructure and introduction of transaction fees	Achieved	62
Youth Services - changes to open access programme	Achieved	28
Youth Services - staffing structure	Achieved	46
Remove subsidy from Scala Prestatyn	Achieved	40
Rationalise Tourist Information Centres - inc. changes to opening hours	Achieved	20
Introduce charges for the use of the Drift Park water play area in Rhyl and reduce the level of Lifeguard Cover on the beaches from 2015/16	Achieved	48
Increase income recharge or transfer Denbigh Town Hall	Achieved	17
Library Service - modernisation programme (Stage 1 - delete vacant posts, reduce book fund)	Achieved	130
Library Service (Ruthin Craft Centre - reduce subsidy)	Achieved	10
Education Support		
Remove historic contingency budgets	Achieved	78
Premises Budget - stop facilities management service provided to schools	Achieved	70
Clothing Grants - end council support with the option to pay passed to schools	Achieved	4
Remission claims - end council support with the option to pay passed to schools	Achieved	34
Governor Support - change the way support is provided	Achieved	31
Schools Delegated Budgets		
Demography reduction to reflect fall in pupil numbers	Achieved	242
Use of Corporate Plan additional funding to meet 1 % protection target	Achieved	581
School Inclusion		
Review Additional Learning Needs - removal of external chair moderation	Achieved	3
Behaviour Support - property savings from moving Project 11	Achieved	3
Specialist equipment - reduce budget to match expenditure	Achieved	5
Review Education Social Worker Service	Achieved	120
Review Educational Psychology Service	Achieved	30
Review of Counselling Service	Achieved	100
Reduce Recoupment Budget to match expenditure	Achieved	140
School Improvement Services		
Regional Consortium Office costs - renegotiate costs	Achieved	30
School Library Service - stop the service	Achieved	45
Music Service - end the agreement with William Mathias	Achieved	103
School improvement discretionary subsidies - remove to match demand	Achieved	141
Outdoor pursuits SLA - involves transferring the cost to schools	Achieved	23
Customer Services		
Website Advertising - scope for additional income	Achieved	10
Rhyl One Stop Shop Review	Achieved	100
Finance & Assets		
Finance - modernisation and efficiency	Achieved	60
Finance - external funding team, removal of base budget	Achieved	65
Property - Office Accommodation Rationalisation	In Progress	100
Property - management restructure	Achieved	80
Reduce the Miscellaneous Property Portfolio	Achieved	20
Property School Facilities Management Agreement	Achieved	48

Agreed Savings by Service Area	STATUS	2015/16 £'000
Revenues & Benefits Commercial Partnership	Achieved	80
Corporate		
Capital Financing & PFI	Achieved	650
Energy Efficiency - result of lower consumption and price increases	Achieved	300
Removal of contingency budgets	Achieved	50
Corporate Complaints - provision to be considered as part of the wider corporate review of support/business services	Review	40
Business Improvement & Modernisation		
Community Safety Partnership - review contribution	Achieved	5
Information Management - service redesign	Achieved	50
Corporate Improvement Team (corporate review of support/business services)	Review	180
Corporate Project Team - increase external charges	Achieved	10
Partnerships & Communities Team	Achieved	30
Internal Audit	Achieved	75
Legal & Democratic Services		
Reduce the Number of Committee Meetings - saving on travel costs	Achieved	2
Reduction of Civics budget	Achieved	5
Strategic HR		
Not replacing Head of Service	Achieved	50
Staff Training & Development - greater use of e-learning etc	Achieved	15
Adult & Business Services		
PARIS - electronic Domiciliary Care Invoices	Achieved	37
Receivership	Achieved	13
Cefndy Healthcare	Achieved	71
Workforce Development	Achieved	75
Restructure of Locality Services	Achieved	100
Benefits & Welfare Advice Service Review	In Progress	200
Children & Family Services		
Staffing Budgets - realign to current requirement	Achieved	150
ICT Desktop Budget	Achieved	10
Young Carers - revised contribution to regional service	Achieved	6
Children with Disabilities - reduction to equipment budget to match spend	Achieved	10
Adoption support costs	Achieved	20
National Youth Advocacy Contract	Achieved	10
Child Protection Training	Achieved	10
Parental contributions for services provided for Children with Disabilities	Achieved	50
Planning & Public Protection		
Development Management - increase income revenue for pre application advice	Achieved	45
Public Protection - closure of Pest Control Service	Achieved	95
Pollution Control - review to consider minimum level of provision	Achieved	20
Trading Standards - stop providing consumer advice	Achieved	45
Housing & Community Development		
HRA Recharges - increase costs funded by the Housing Revenue Account	Achieved	270
Remove Town & Area Plan Budgets	Achieved	356
Reduce Core Project/Development Budget	Achieved	159
Reduce staffing budget - deletion of a vacant post	Achieved	42
Reduce non-staffing elements throughout the Economic & Business Development Budget	Achieved	43
Total Agreed Savings 2015/16		7,285

Summary:	£'000	%
Savings Achieved/Replaced	6,647	91
Savings In Progress/Being Reviewed	638	9
Savings Not Achieved or Deferred and not replaced	0	0
Total	7,285	

General Capital Plan

		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Capital Expenditure					
	Total Estimated Payments - General	21,704	688	171	171
	Total Estimated Payments - Corporate Plan	26,227	11,388	5,008	454
	Contingency	919	500	500	500
	Total	48,850	12,576	5,679	1,125
Capital Financing					
1	External Funding	15,700	7,368	7,040	4,792
2	Receipts and Reserves	15,147	5,914	658	
3	Prudential Borrowing	18,003	3,399	2,086	438
5	Unallocated Funding	(0)	(4,105)	(4,105)	(4,105)
	Total Capital Financing	48,850	12,576	5,679	1,125

Corporate Plan

Revised October 2015

		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Approved Capital Expenditure					
	Cefndy Healthcare Investment	140			
	Extra Care	788			
included in above plan					
	Highways Maintenance and bridges	2,881			
	Feasibility Study - New Ruthin School	618			
	Feasibility Study - Carreg Emlyn	378			
	Llanfair/Pentrecelyn Area School	483			
	Rhyl High School	17,039	1,935	332	
	Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy - Dee Valley West Review	4			
	Bodnant Community School	2,606	277	61	
	Ysgol Glan Clwyd	1,248	9,176	4,615	454
	Faith Based Secondary	42			
	Estimated Capital Expenditure	210	21,853	28,767	15,772
	Total Estimated Payments	26,437	33,241	33,775	16,226
Approved Capital Funding					
	External Funding	3,022	2,763	2,435	187
	Receipts and Reserves	11,876	5,914	658	
	Prudential Borrowing	11,329	2,711	1,915	267
	Estimated Capital Funding	0	7,507	17,510	9,399
	External Funding	0	7,507	17,510	9,399
	Receipts and Reserves	210	1,759	2,032	400
	Prudential Borrowing	0	12,587	9,225	5,973
	Total Estimated Funding	26,437	33,241	33,775	16,226

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Appendix 4 - Major Capital Projects Update October 2015

Rhyl Harbour Development

Total Budget	£10.648m
Expenditure to date	£10.538m
Estimated remaining spend in 2015/16	£ 0.110m
Future Years estimated spend	£ Nil
Funding	WG £2.613m; WEFO £6.165m; Sustrans £0.700m; RWE £155k; WREN £69k and DCC £0.946m
Comments	<p>Programme</p> <p>Since the completion of the accessible board walk route from the harbour up to and including the viewing platform, a further grant has been offered to Countryside Services by Natural Resources Wales, to complete the stretch of boardwalk from the viewing platform to the junction with the All Wales Coastal Footpath. The timescales associated with the funding are still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Work is on-going to rectify any remaining defects associated with works undertaken at the harbour.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 15/16	£0.227m

21st Century Schools Programme – Bodnant Community School Extension and Refurbishment

Total Budget	£3.581m
Expenditure to date	£1.396m
Estimated remaining spend in 15/16	£1.842m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.343m
Funding	WG £1.687m, DCC £1.894m
Comments	<p>Bodnant Community School</p> <p>This scheme is one of five projects within the Band A proposals for 21st Century Schools Programme.</p> <p>The project will build 7 classrooms, a new school hall and supporting facilities on the current Juniors site. This will allow the Infants pupils to move to the Juniors site and the school to operate on a single site. The Infants site will then become surplus to requirements.</p> <p>Construction of the roof is underway following completion of the blockwork walls.</p> <p>A beam signing and time-capsule event took place at the school on 16th October. James Davies MP and Ann Jones AM, together with local members and school governors were given a tour of the construction site.</p> <p>The project is running to schedule and within budget. The project should be delivered in readiness for the start of the new school year in September 2016.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 15/16	£2.606m

21st Century Schools Programme - Rhyl New School

Total Budget	£24.586m
Expenditure to date	£13.460m
Estimated remaining spend in 15/16	£ 8.850m
Future Years estimated spend	£ 2.276m
Funding	DCC £12.293m; WG £12.293m
Comments	<p>The project will provide a new school building for Rhyl High School to serve up to 1,200 pupils in mainstream education whilst also housing approximately 45 pupils from Ysgol Tir Morfa, the community special school in Rhyl.</p> <p>The brickwork is substantially complete to the North East and West elevations and the feature cladding and curtain walling to the exterior is making good progress.</p> <p>The plaster work is being undertaken to the ground floor and the wall prepared for the installation of the feature cladding, which is being manufactured locally.</p> <p>The mechanical and electrical work is on-going with second fix activities to the upper floors. The ceiling grids, flooring and fixed furniture fittings and equipment installation is taking place to the first and second floors.</p> <p>The external works are now well underway; the elevated link between the school and the leisure centre has been installed, the works to the main entrance and car parking are taking place and areas of hard landscaping adjacent to the school are being formed.</p> <p>Design work has commenced on the design for the new PE classroom which will be on the footprint of the squash courts, and shortly work will commence to remove the squash courts and the external corridor adjacent to the leisure centre. Recladding works to the pool hall and the entrance to the leisure centre will follow on.</p> <p>There have been some legal issues relating to the substation which has been a cause for concern; the substation has been relocated to avoid/minimise any delays. The legal process with Scottish Power is taking some time and it is possible that the power on date may be delayed. At the moment this is not expected to affect the handover date.</p> <p>The new school is still programmed to complete in</p>

	<p>February/March 2016, at which point the pupils will transfer to the new school, and the existing school buildings will be demolished and the grounds re-instated to school playing fields.</p> <p>The anticipated completion date of the project is August 2016.</p> <p>There is ongoing consultation with key stakeholders which includes the neighbours.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 15/16	£17.031m

Nova Development

Total Budget	£4.472m
Expenditure to date	£4.030m
Estimated remaining spend in 15/16	£0.428m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.014m
Funding	DCC £4.380m; Other contributions £0.092m
Comments	<p>The refurbishment of Prestatyn Nova Centre commenced on 5th January 2015. This scheme includes external environmental improvements to improve the look of the building as well as the creation of a new entrance , reception, 60 station fitness suite, café, retail units, three storey soft play structure, multi-purpose studios and refurbishment of associated toilets and changing areas throughout the complex. The scheme has also been extended to include the complete refurbishment of the public toilet block to the East of the property together with improvements to the promenade area.</p> <p>The works at the Nova are now coming to an end with practical completion scheduled for Monday 16th November.</p> <p>Over the last month, works have progressed extremely well and all internal block work alterations, formations, internal stud walls, flooring, tiling and joinery are now complete.</p> <p>The mechanical and electrical installations are also complete and Denbighshire County Council staff have now received inductions on all the new systems.</p> <p>The works to the sea defence walls and the new resin surface on the promenade are 90% complete.</p> <p>The soft play structure has been installed and certified by inspectors. The fitness suite has also been installed along with all supporting ICT systems. Staff have been on site since the end of</p>

	<p>October setting up systems and preparing operating procedures, risk assessments and carrying out staff training. All furniture is now on site and being built in preparation for the opening on 23rd November.</p> <p>TSA Hospitality, who will be providing the food and beverage offer are on site to set up their kitchen, bars, vending and services. All opening hours, menu costs, soft play party packages, marketing and promotions and calendar of events have been agreed.</p> <p>Both Leisure services and TSA Hospitality have now appointed staff for a number of positions. There were exactly 200 applicants for the jobs available at the Nova and Rhyl Leisure Centre. There will be 26 new jobs, either full time or part time with further casual jobs likely post opening excluding appointments made by TSA Hospitality.</p> <p>The new holding page for the Nova can be found at www.novaprestatyn.co.uk. This will become the full website when the Nova opens. Nova facebook has received over 2000 likes after a marketing campaign. Feedback has been very positive.</p> <p>20,000 promotional flyers announcing the opening have been distributed across Denbighshire schools, libraries, Prestatyn Town Champion and Denbighshire Leisure Services.</p> <p>Opening activities includes a VIP evening for local businesses, councillors, AM's, MP's etc. to showcase the attraction.</p> <p>On the 5th December, there will also be a Festive Family Funday and official opening to include free play, splash sessions in the pool, express fitness classes in the studio, access to the new fitness suite, circus workshops, magic shows and other children's activities.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 15/16	£3.400m

West Rhyl Coastal Development Phase 3

Total Budget	£5.492m
Expenditure to date	£5.253m
Estimated remaining spend in 15/16	£0.239m
Future Years estimated spend	£Nil
Funding	DCC £0.577m; WG/WEFO £4.576m; WG £0.199m; Town Plans/Town Council £0.140m
Comments	<p>This coastal defence scheme is the final phase of works designed to protect 2,700 properties from coastal flooding.</p> <p>The coastal defence works are now operationally complete.</p> <p>Surfacing to all levels is complete. Anti-skid is being applied to the upper promenade and viewing platforms. This work has been delayed due to the weather.</p> <p>The extension to the play area is now complete.</p> <p>Reinstatement of laybys/parking bays and white lining is complete.</p> <p>Further works to be completed include the installation of remaining handrails and seating.</p> <p>Organise and undertake internal Health and Safety audit upon completion of works and rectify any points raised.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 15/16	£2.460m

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15 December	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Corporate Plan Performance Report 2015/16 Q2	To consider progress against the Corporate Plan	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Liz Grieve
	3	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh - Compulsory Purchase Order	Tbc	Tbc	Graham Boase
	4	Officers Scheme of Delegation	To approve amendments to the scheme	Yes	Cllr Barbara Smith/Gary Williams/Lisa Jones
	5	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
12 January	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Budget Report		Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	3	Supporting People Local	To approve the Supporting	Yes	Cllr Bobby Feeley /

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		Commissioning Plan	People Local Commissioning Plan 2016-19 for submission to the North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee		Sophie Haworth-Booth
	4	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
16 February	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Ruthin Primary Proposals - Ysgol Llanbedr	To consider the objections received for the closure of Ysgol Llanbedr, and whether to approve implementation of the proposal	Yes	Councillor Eryl Williams / James Curran
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
29 March	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Corporate Plan Performance	To consider progress against	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-

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		Report 2015/16 Q3	the Corporate Plan		Hill / Liz Grieve
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
26 April	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Future of Adult Provider Services	To consider the future of adult provider services.	Yes	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Phil Gilroy / Holly Evans
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator

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Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

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<i>November</i>	10 November	<i>December</i>	1 December	<i>January</i>	23 December

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