

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 24 January 2017

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1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillor Bobby Feeley – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 8.
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.
5	PROPOSED 3 - 16 CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN RHYL	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) approve proceeding to formal consultation on a proposal to close Ysgol Mair Catholic primary and Blessed Edward Jones Catholic High school as of the 31 August 2019 and to open a 3 – 16 Catholic school on the same site on 1 September 2019, and</p> <p>(b) recommend approval of the funding to commence to the concept /detailed design stage.</p>
6	AMENDMENTS TO THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION ASSESSMENT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approve amendments to Denbighshire’s draft Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for submission to Welsh Government, including requirements for –</p> <p>a) a residential Gypsy and Traveller site in Denbighshire of 6 pitches to meet the needs of Gypsy and Traveller households in the county, and</p> <p>b) a transit site for 4 – 5 pitches to provide for Gypsies and Travellers travelling through the county.</p>
7	COMMUNITY PLANS IN THE NEW COUNCIL	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) agrees that the Town and Area Plans for each Member Area Group area in the Council</p>

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		<p align="center"><i>are no longer required, and</i></p> <p><i>(b) that the new system of community planning described in the report be adopted.</i></p>
8	REPORT ON THE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF AWELON RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p><i>(a) confirm that they have taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment as part of their considerations;</i></p> <p><i>(b) agree that Options 1 and 3b of Grwp Cynefin’s feasibility study are not viable options for the reasons stated in appendices 1 and 5 respectively to the report;</i></p> <p><i>(c) agree that discussions take place between local members, officers, Grwp Cynefin and the committee of Canolfan Awelon to work through Options 2a, 2b and 3a to take forward the best configuration for the site that meets all parties needs and provides least disruption for existing residents/tenants, and</i></p> <p><i>(d) requests that officers work with representatives of the community groups who currently use Canolfan Awelon to identify appropriate alternative facilities for their use during the construction process.</i></p>
9	HOUSING RENT SETTING & HOUSING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2017/18	<p>RESOLVED that –</p> <p><i>(a) the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2017/18 (Appendix 1 to the report) and the Housing Stock Business Plan (Appendix 2 to the report) be adopted;</i></p> <p><i>(b) rents for Council dwellings be increased in accordance with the Welsh Government Policy for Social Housing Rents introduced in April 2015 to an average weekly rent of £81.77 with effect from Monday 3 April 2017, and</i></p>

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		(c) rents for Council garages be increased in line with the increase in rents for Council dwellings to £6.85 for Council Tenants and £8.22 for other Tenants per week.
10	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT GROUP	RESOLVED that the projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report for inclusion in the 2017/18 Capital Plan be supported and recommended to full Council.
11	BUDGET 2017/18 - FINAL PROPOSALS	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) notes the impact of the Local Government Settlement 2017/18;</p> <p>(b) supports the proposals outlined in Appendix 1 to the report which were in line with assumptions presented to members at the budget workshop held on 1 November 2016, and accordingly recommends them to the full Council in order to finalise the 2017/18 budget, and</p> <p>(c) recommends to Council that the average Council Tax rise required to support the budget is 2.75%.</p>
12	FINANCE REPORT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) notes the budgets set for 2016/17 and progress against the agreed budget strategy;</p> <p>(b) approves the transfer of £1m from the Corporate and Miscellaneous budget to the Budget Mitigation Reserve in order to facilitate the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan which requires an additional cash contribution of £1m for 2018/19 in order to mitigate and smooth the effects of the projected funding reductions over a number of years, and</p>

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		<p>(c) <i>having considered the Strategic Investment Group’s recommendations with regard to the Ysgol Llanfair 21st Century Schools project, Cabinet –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>supports the submission of a Business Case for Ysgol Llanfair (Appendix 5 to the report) new school building to the Welsh Government</i> • <i>formally approves the overall budget of £5.369m as detailed in the business case</i> • <i>supports in principle the proposed purchase of land at Llanfair to facilitate the development of the new school.</i>
13	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s Forward Work Programme be noted.
14	TO APPROPRIATE THE BENEFIT OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AT EAST PARADE, RHYL TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF THE PROPOSED HOSPITALITY PHASE OF THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT	RESOLVED that the Council should appropriate the restrictive covenants that run with the land edged red on the plan at Appendix A to the report.
15	LAND AT TIRIONFA, MELIDEN ROAD, RHUDDLAN	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approves –</p> <p>(a) <i>the declaration of the blue land (as detailed within Appendix A to the report) as surplus to requirements to the Council and to dispose on the open market;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>to enter into a Land Ownership Agreement with the owner of the red land (as detailed within Appendix A to the report) and releasing the covenant on the red land owned by a third party in exchange for a right of way over the red land to benefit the blue and yellow land owned by the Council, and</i></p>

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		<p>(c) <i>to dispose of the red, green and blue land (as detailed within Appendix A to the report) jointly with the adjacent owner with the Council receiving 66.05% of the net proceeds of sale after the deduction of agreed costs for obtaining outline planning consent for the red and blue land only.</i></p>
16	BODYNYS FARM, RHEWL, RUTHIN	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the declaration of Bodynys Farm, as shown edged red on the plans attached at Appendix A to the report, as surplus to requirements and approves the disposal of the farm.</p>