

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 21 January 2020

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1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillor Graham Timms – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 7 Councillor Bobby Feeley – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 10 Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 10
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2019 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
5	HIGHWAYS CODE OF PRACTICE	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) accept the report and ratify the new Code of Practice so that it can be formally applied in Denbighshire, and (b) confirms it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix A to the report) as part of its consideration.
6	SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSON RESETTLEMENT SCHEME	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) confirms it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix 1 to the report) as part of its consideration, and (b) agrees to continue to support the settlement of refugees in Denbighshire through the Global Resettlement Scheme dependent upon the terms and financing of such a scheme once published by the Home Office.
7	LLANGOLLEN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact

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		<p><i>Assessment (Appendix 1 to the report) as part of its consideration;</i></p> <p><i>(b) notes the contents of the BID Business Plan (Appendix 2 to the report) and the officer recommendation that there are no grounds on which to Veto under the BID Wales (2005) Legislation (Appendix 3 to the report) as it does not conflict with any existing local policy nor propose a disproportionate burden on particular businesses in the area;</i></p> <p><i>(c) agrees to support the establishment of the BID by voting ‘Yes’ in the BID ballot in respect of each of the Council’s eligible rateable properties in the BID area, and</i></p> <p><i>(d) agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economy and Public Realm to cast the votes in respect of each of the Council’s eligible rateable properties in the BID area.</i></p>
8	HOUSING RENT SETTING & HOUSING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2020/21	<p>RESOLVED that –</p> <p><i>(a) the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2020/21 (Appendix 1 to the report) and the Housing Stock Business Plan (Appendix 2 to the report) be adopted, and</i></p> <p><i>(b) rents for Council dwellings be increased in accordance with the Welsh Government Policy for Social Housing Rents to an average weekly rent of £92.35 with effect from Monday 6 April 2020.</i></p>
9	BUDGET 2020/21 - FINAL PROPOSALS	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p><i>(a) notes the impact of the Draft Local Government Settlement 2020/21;</i></p> <p><i>(b) supports the proposals outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, and detailed in Section 4 of the report, and recommends them to the full Council in order to finalise the budget for</i></p>

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		<p>2020/21;</p> <p>(c) recommends to Council the average Council Tax rise of 4.3% proposed;</p> <p>(d) recommends to Council that authority is delegated to the Head of Finance and Property in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance to adjust the use of cash included in the budget proposals by up to £500k if there is movement between the draft and final settlement figures in order to allow the setting of Council Tax in a timely manner, and</p> <p>(e) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessments submitted as part of the report.</p>
10	FINANCE REPORT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) note the budgets set for 2019/20 and progress against the agreed budget strategy;</p> <p>(b) approve the HRA proposal to build Passivhaus homes at Lodge Farm, Denbigh (as detailed in Appendices 6, 7 and 8 to the report);</p> <p>(c) approve the proposal to construct a new centre for recycling waste materials, and that £63k is set aside in the Medium Term Financial Plan to pay for the annual prudential borrowing costs (as detailed in Appendices 6 and 9 to the report);</p> <p>(d) approve the proposal to replace the substandard and environmentally inefficient accommodation at Botanical Gardens, Rhyl and that £39k is set aside in the Medium Term Financial Plan to pay for the annual Prudential Borrowing Costs (as detailed in Appendices 6 and 10 to the report), and</p> <p>(e) approve to replace £440k of the £616k cash allocation with base budget to help ensure</p>

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		<i>the sustainability of the SC2 provision going forward (as detailed in Section 4 to the report).</i>
11	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s forward work programme be noted.