

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Communities Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	No apologies were received.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	<p>The following declarations of interests were made – all of which were personal interests:</p> <p>Councillor Huw O Williams – his son is a pupil in one of the County’s schools Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies – governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog Councillor Cheryl Williams – governor at Christ the Word School Councillor Tina Jones – governor at Ysgol Melyd Councillor Andrew Thomas – governor at one of the County’s schools Councillor Merfyn Parry – governor at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor Councillor Graham Timms – governor at one of the County’s schools Councillor Emrys Wynne – governor at Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Ysgol Borthyn Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts – parent governor at one of the County’s schools</p>
3	URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR	No urgent items had been raised.
4	MINUTES	<p>Agreement on the recommendation was by consensus. No formal vote was taken. All members indicated they were in favour of the recommendation, no one indicated they were against it and no one indicated they wanted to abstain.</p> <p><i>Resolved: - subject to the above corrections, that the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 March 2020 be received and approved as a true and correct record</i></p>
5	RECOVERY PLAN FOR SCHOOLS	Agreement on the recommendation was by consensus. No formal vote was taken. All members indicated they were in favour of the recommendation, no one indicated they were

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		<p>against it and no one indicated they wanted to abstain.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u> - subject to the above observations to:</p> <p><i>(i) support the action taken to date to enable schools to safely open for all pupils in September 2020, and endorse the evolving post COVID Recovery Plans for Schools; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) extend the Committee’s sincerest gratitude to all Education and other Council services’ staff for all their hard work and efforts during the lockdown and in planning and facilitating the re-opening of the County’s schools</i></p>
6	RECOVERY PLAN FOR COUNCIL BUILDINGS	<p>Agreement on the recommendation was by consensus. No formal vote was taken. All members indicated they were in favour of the recommendation, no one indicated they were against it and no one indicated they wanted to abstain.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u> - subject to the above observations to:</p> <p><i>(i) support the progress made to date to prepare the Council’s buildings for reopening, decommissioning any temporary uses, and facilitating and dealing with maintenance backlogs;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) extend the Committee’s sincerest gratitude to all staff for all their hard work and efforts in securing the safety of Council buildings during the pandemic and preparing for their safe re-opening; and</i></p>

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		<p align="center"><i>(iii)request that a follow-up report be presented to the Committee in six months’ time on the progress made in relation to the recovery of Council buildings post COVID-19</i></p>
7	RECOVERY PLAN FOR HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC REALM	<p>Agreement on the recommendation was by consensus. No formal vote was taken. All members indicated they were in favour of the recommendation, no one indicated they were against it and no one indicated they wanted to abstain.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u> - subject to the above observations to:</p> <p><i>(i) support the recovery plan, as set out in Appendix A, to the report;</i> <i>(ii) extend the Committee’s sincerest gratitude to all staff within the Highways and Public Realm Service for all their work and efforts in delivering services to the best of their abilities during the lockdown restrictions period, and also for their work in preparing and planning for the Service’s recovery from responding to the pandemic to delivering day to day business and the Service’s recovery objectives; and</i> <i>(iii)request that the Member Workshop on the Highways Code of Practice and Service associated matters that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic be rescheduled and held via video conferencing as soon as possible</i></p>
8	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME	<p>Agreement on the recommendation was by consensus. No formal vote was taken. All members indicated they were in favour of the recommendation, no one indicated they were against it and no one indicated they wanted to abstain.</p>

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		<p><i>Resolved:</i> - subject to recommendations made during discussions on earlier agenda items and the inclusion of the items suggested during the above discussion to approve the Committee's forward work programme</p>