

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 18 July 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillor Rhys Thomas – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 3
3	URGENT MATTERS	Free School Meal Holiday Provision – recent announcement by the Welsh Government that free school meals would not be extended over the summer holidays
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that, subject to correction of a typographical error, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
5	SECOND HOME / LONG-TERM EMPTY COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Council –</p> <p>(a) that there be parity between the standard second home and long term empty premium, to minimise avoidance by taxpayers (who may apply to switch to the more favourable category) and so ensure the administrative burden is not increased significantly, except for properties that fall within recommendation (c) below;</p> <p>(b) that the second home and long term empty premium charge will remain at 50% for April 2023 then increases to 100% from April 2024, then 150% from April 2025, and</p> <p>(c) that properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for 5 years or more pay a higher premium at 50% more than the standard premium.</p>
6	FINANCE REPORT	RESOLVED that Cabinet note the budgets set for 2023/24 and progress against the agreed strategy.
7	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s forward work programme be noted.
8	INSURANCE SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD	RESOLVED that Cabinet –

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		<p>(a) <i>approve the award of contracts from the initial tender process as outlined in Section 4.1 and 4.2 of the report for Lots 3 to 9, and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>notes the position with regard to Lots 1 and 2 and delegates authority to the Head of Finance and Audit (Section 151 Officer) to award contracts in respect of Lots 1 and 2 in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</i></p>
9	VARIATION TO A LONG-STANDING CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF STAFF TO OUR IN-HOUSE WORK OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE	RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the issuing of an extension to the Cynnig contract, with a refreshed interim specification and terms and conditions, for a period of 1 year, with the option to extend for a further 12-month period.