

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 23 January 2024

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	Councillor Win Mullen-James would be arriving late to the meeting due to a prior engagement.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declaration of interest had been raised.
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2023 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
5	OUTCOME OF COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF CABINET'S DECISION RELATING TO THE LIBRARY/ONE STOP SHOP SAVINGS PROPOSAL	<p>RESOLVED that –</p> <p>(a) Cabinet acknowledges Communities Scrutiny Committee's observations, conclusions and recommendations following its review of the Cabinet decision relating to the 'Library/One Stop Shop Savings Proposal', and</p> <p>(b) Cabinet does not accept the Scrutiny Committee's report recommendation 3.2, confirms its original decision made on 19 December 2023, and undertakes to do further work to identify alternative sources of funding.</p>
6	COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) notes the impact of the Provisional Settlement 2024/25;</p> <p>(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 set the budget for 2024/25;</p> <p>(c) recommends to Council the average Council Tax rise of 8.23% for council services plus an additional 1.11% for the increase in the levy to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority; this equates to an overall uplift of 9.34% proposed;</p>

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		<p>(d) <i>recommends to Council that authority is delegated to the Head of Finance and Audit in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance, to adjust the use of cash reserves 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;</i></p> <p>(e) <i>supports the strategy for use of reserves as set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report and recommends to the full Council, and</i></p> <p>(f) <i>confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment as set out in Section 7 of the report.</i></p>
7	WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON "FAIRER COUNCIL TAX"	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) <i>approve the proposed consultation response as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, supporting officers' recommendations on the Expanded proposal and delivered through an incremental approach, and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the decision be implemented immediately as an urgent decision under Section 7.25 of the Council's Constitution based on the rationale as set out in paragraph 4.4. to the report.</i></p>
8	FINANCE REPORT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet note the budgets set for 2023/24 and progress against the agreed strategy.</p>
9	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet's forward work programme be noted.</p>

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10	DISPOSAL OF PERONNE FARM, FFORDD COPPY, DENBIGH	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) <i>approves the declaration of Peronne Farm, as shown edged red on the plan attached at Appendix A to the report, as surplus to requirements and approves the disposal of the farm as set out in the report, and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Appendix D to the report) as part of its consideration.</i></p>