

Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 18 February 2025

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1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations 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 21 January 2025 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
5	DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INTERIM STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK FOR NORTH EAST WALES	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) agrees the interim statement as presented in Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) approves the interim statement as the authority’s response to the current National Resources Wales consultation on the National Park proposal.
6	PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2023/24	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) considered the data in the letter, alongside the Council’s data, to understand more about performance complaints, including any patterns or trends and the organisation’s compliance with recommendations made by the Ombudsman, and (b) agreed that any considerations and proposed actions as a result of the PSOW Annual Letter were reported back to the PSOW at the earliest opportunity.
7	UPDATE OF CONTRACT PROCEDURES RULES	RESOLVED that Cabinet acknowledge the changes to the Contract Procedure Rules to enable continuation of complaint procurement across the Council.
8	DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (PPA) - REPORT	RESOLVED that Cabinet – (a) note and welcome the Panel Performance Assessment Report (Appendix 1 to the

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	AND RESPONSE	<p><i>report);</i></p> <p><i>(b) reviewed and approves the statutory statements (Section 4.7 and 4.8 in the report) the Council was required to make in response to the Report and the action the Council intended to take, the 'Action Plan' (Appendix 2 to the report), and in doing so reviewed and approves the response to recommendations for change provided by the Governance and Audit Committee (Appendix 2 to the report), and</i></p> <p><i>(c) recommend approval of the Statements and Action Plan to Council on 20 February 2025.</i></p>
9	COUNCIL BUDGET 2025/26	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p><i>(a) supports the proposals outlined in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2025/26 – 2027/28 (Appendix 1 to the report), detailed in Section 4 of the report, in order to set the budget for 2025/26;</i></p> <p><i>(b) approves the average Council Tax rise of 5.29% for council services plus an additional 0.71% for the increase in the levy to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority; this equates to an overall uplift of 6.00% proposed (paragraph 4.5 of the report);</i></p> <p><i>(c) delegates authority 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 was movement between the draft and final settlement figures in order to allow the setting of Council Tax in a timely manner;</i></p> <p><i>(d) supports the strategy for use of reserves as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report, and</i></p> <p><i>(e) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Cumulative Well-being</i></p>

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		<i>Impact Assessment as set out in Section 7 of the report.</i>
10	FINANCE REPORT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) note the budgets set for 2024/25 and progress against the agreed strategy, and</p> <p>(b) approves the set-aside of £3.956m to earmarked reserves, as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.</p>
11	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that Cabinet’s forward work programme be noted.
12	AWARD OF THE REGIONAL NORTH WALES DOMICILIARY CARE AGREEMENT	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) approves the acceptance of the tenders submitted by 97 suppliers and the rejection of the tenders submitted by 3 suppliers for the reasons detailed within the Contract Award Recommendation Report (Appendix 1 to the report), and</p> <p>(b) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Appendix 2 to the report) as part of its consideration.</p>