

CABINET
12th DECEMBER 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held in the Clwyd Committee Room, County Hall, Mold on Tuesday, 12th December 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor Aaron Shotton (Chair)

Councillors: Bernie Attridge Chris Bithell, Derek Butler, Christine Jones, Ian Roberts and Carolyn Thomas.

APOLOGY:

Councillor Billy Mullin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Corporate Finance Manager and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

101. FINANCIAL FORECAST AND STAGE TWO OF THE BUDGET 2018/19

The Chief Executive introduced the Financial Forecast and Stage Two of the Budget 2018/19 report which sought consideration of the feedback from Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to which all Members had been invited to, on Stage Two of the budget and to make recommendations to County Council later that day.

The draft resolutions from that Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting had been given to Cabinet Members and were:

1. *That having considered the Stage 2 budget options, the report and proposals be noted;*
2. *That the remaining stages of the budget process and timescales be noted;*
3. *That the letter to the Cabinet Secretaries for Finance and for Local Government and Public services and the Resilience Statements be circulated to all Members;*
4. *That the full detail of the assessments of the risks, impacts and consequences of all of the budget proposals be made available for review in January;*
5. *That the Environment and Education and Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committees be convened in January to review in detail the car parking charges and school budget proposals respectively, including the risks and consequences of the proposals, prior to any final decision being taken; and*
6. *That a report reviewing the process for the setting of the annual budget process be prepared for the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 31st January 2018.*

He commented in particular on the arrangements for the special Environment and Education and Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committees that were scheduled for January to review car parking and school budget proposals which resulted from the comments at the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Due to timescales and that the budget was now reported in three stages, this was the best route for specific issues to be scrutinised as part of the process.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That feedback from Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received with a recommendation to Council on Stage 2 of the budget strategy;
- (b) That the remaining stages of the budget process and the timescales be noted; and
- (c) That the 6 draft recommendations from Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (listed below) be received and accepted. Cabinet noted and recommended Stage 2 of the budget to County Council with the proviso that the specific proposals on schools budgets and car parking charges would be reported to the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees in January for full review, for them to report back before any final agreement on those two areas.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations:

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 - 6. *That a report reviewing the process for the setting of the annual budget process be prepared for the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 31st January 2018.*
- (2) *That the remaining stages of the budget process and the timescales be noted; and*
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102. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. and ended at 9.25 a.m.)

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Chair