

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Finance
<b>Report Subject</b>	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22 – Final Closing Stage
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Council has received full reports on previous stages of the budget setting process for 2021/22 and previous reports and appendices are attached as background information.

Cabinet set a revised minimum budget requirement for 2021/22 of £16.750m at its meeting on 15 December and received an update on the implications of the Welsh Government Provisional Settlement for 2021/22 on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

In January, Cabinet considered a progress report including a close to final budget estimate. At that stage there were some remaining issues to be resolved in reaching a balanced budget for recommendation to Council. This work has now been concluded.

Cabinet received a report on the Council Fund Budget 2021/22 at its meeting this morning which set out how the Council can achieve a legal and balanced budget. The calculations are based on an annual Council Tax rise of 3.95%. This report is attached as Appendix A.

Cabinet's resolution for balancing the budget will be provided to Members following the meeting in advance of the Council meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	That the Council approves the recommendations of Cabinet for balancing the budget for 2021/22.
2	That Council approves the level of Council Tax for 2021/22 as recommended by Cabinet.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE CURRENT POSITION – BALANCING THE BUDGET FOR 2021/22</b>
1.01	The Council has received reports at all stages throughout the budget process for 2021/22.
1.02	Council has been updated on the financial forecast for 2021/22 throughout the year and received an update on the latest budget requirement for 2021/22 on 23rd December together with the impact of the Provisional Settlement.
1.03	In January, Cabinet considered a progress report including a close to final budget estimate. At that stage there were some remaining issues to be resolved in reaching a balanced budget for recommendation to Council.
1.04	The outstanding work to balance the budget is complete and Cabinet considered a report at its meeting this morning which included a recommendation for setting a legal and balanced budget. The report is attached as Appendix A.
1.05	Cabinet's resolution for balancing the budget will be provided to Members following the meeting in advance of the Council meeting and a presentation on the budget will be made to Council.

## **2.00 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

2.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 16 February which is attached.
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## **3.00 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT**

3.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 16 February 2021 which is attached.
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<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	As contained within the report to Cabinet of 16 February 2021 which is attached.
<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix A – Cabinet Report 16 February 2021
<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	As included in the Cabinet Report 16 February 2021
<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Colin Everett, Chief Executive Gary Ferguson, Corporate Finance Manager <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702271 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk">gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	As set out in the attached report.