

NOTICE of the Decisions of The Executive held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Llangefni on Tuesday, 1 March 2016

This Notice is published at 5:00pm on Thursday, 3 March, 2016. The deadline for the receipt of requests to call-in any decision must be made to the Chief Executive by no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, 10 March, 2016. The decisions will become effective (if no valid call-in application is recorded) on Friday, 11 March, 2016.

Present: Councillors R Dew, K P Hughes, A M Jones, H E Jones, J A Roberts and Ieuan Williams (Chair)

Also Present: Councillors John Griffith, Llinos Medi Huws, R. Meirion Jones, Alun Mummery, R. G. Parry, OBE

Apologies: Councillor Alwyn Rowlands

(10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.)

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	3 Financial Reserves Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To adopt the general policy on reserves and balances as noted in Appendix A to the report. • To set the minimum level of general balances for 2016/17 at £5m in accordance with the Section 151 Officer’s assessment. • To authorise the release of £1m from general balances for the creation of an Improvement Reserve. • To delegate to the Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer the power to release funds from the Investment Fund to meet the cost of projects to be funded. The decision as to which projects receive funding to be taken jointly by the Executive and the SLT at the strategic meetings of the Executive. • To confirm the continuation of the existing earmarked reserves.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To authorise the return of £35,176 from the two unrequired earmarked reserves back to the Council's general balances.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To manage the level and use of reserves and balances.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	Yes

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	4 Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the covering report. To endorse the content of, and assumptions and proposals made within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (including the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators) for 2016/17 (Annexe A to the report) To forward the Strategy to the County Council without further comment.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To comply with the Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	No. Matter to be considered by full Council on 10 March, 2016.

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	5 Fees and Charges 2016/17 Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer
DECISION	It was resolved to approve the schedule of fees and charges for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix A to the report.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To determine fees and charges for

	2016/17.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	Yes

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	6 2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget (A) Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer (B) Report of the Head of Democratic Services
DECISION	<p>(A) 2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget</p> <p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the formal consultation meetings on the budget and the resulting feedback as outlined in Section 2 and Appendix 1 of the report. • To note the equalities implications summary on the budget proposals in Section 11 of the report. • To agree that within the proposed budget, schools are given an increase in budget which meets the Welsh Government’s pledge for schools funding as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report. • To agree the final details of the Council’s proposed budget, investments, pressures and savings as shown in paragraph 10 and Appendix 5 of the report. • To note the Section 151 Officer’s recommendation that the minimum General Fund Balances be maintained at £5m, the confirmation of the robustness of the estimates underlying the proposals and the adequacy of the General Reserves in the context of other earmarked reserves. • To recommend a net budget for the County Council and resulting Tax to Council, noting that a formal resolution, including the North Wales Police and Community Council Precepts, will be presented to the Council on 10th March, 2016.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To authorise the Section 151 Officer to make such changes as may be necessary before the submission to the Council. • To agree that any unforeseen pressures on demand led budgets during the financial year will be able to draw upon funding from the general contingencies budgets. • To recommend a 3.5% Council Tax increase to full Council. • That with regard to implementing the cut to schools in 2016/17 to recommend that Option 2 be adopted, namely to split the cut on the basis of school balances as at 31 March, 2015 (primary, secondary and special schools). <p>(B) Corporate Scrutiny Committee scrutiny feedback</p> <p>It was resolved to note the views of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee from its meetings held on 16 November, 2015 and 1 February, 2016.</p>
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To complete the Executive's final budget proposals for 2016/17.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	No. Matter to be considered by the full Council on 10 March, 2016.

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	7 Capital Bids 2016/17 Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer
DECISION	<p>It was resolved to recommend to the Full Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the items shaded on Appendix A to the report (items valued up to £26.933m) be included in the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21. • That the items for HRA shaded in the second table on Appendix A to the report (items valued to £11.636m) be

	referred to the Housing Services Board for consideration of the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To enable the County Council to approve and authorise the capital programme for 2016/17.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	No. Matter to be considered by full Council on 10th March, 2016.

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<p>8 Council Tax Premiums for Second Homes and Long Term Empty Property Report of the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer</p>
DECISION	<p>It was resolved to recommend to the Full Council at its meeting on 10 March, 2016 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Isle of Anglesey County Council (“Full Council”) as a billing authority in Wales uses its discretionary powers under sections 12A and 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”) as inserted by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (the 2014 Act) to dis-apply any discount(s) granted to long-term empty dwellings and dwellings occupied periodically (usually known as second homes) and apply a higher amount of council tax (called the Council Tax Premium) to come into effect from 1 April, 2017. • That the Council Tax Premium be set at 25% of the standard rate of council tax for both long-term empty dwellings and for dwellings occupied periodically (usually known as second homes), and that a review of the Council Tax premiums be undertaken by the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer during 2018/19 (after the first full year of operation of the Council Tax premiums) to establish if the premiums determined have met the aims of the Executive and the Full Council and whether, as a consequence, the premium

levels determined need to be varied or revoked when the Full Council sets its Council Tax requirement for 2019/20. The revised premiums, if applicable, will then come into force from 1 April, 2019 onwards.

- That the Council instructs and authorises the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer:

- To publish a notice of its determination to charge a premium in a local newspaper within 21 days of its decision.

- To communicate its decision, also within 21 days and in particular to those who may be affected, by publication of press notices, providing information on website pages or other avenues to raise awareness. This to include direct communication with council taxpayers who are likely to be liable for the premium and in particular to those who normally reside outside the local authority area.

- To ensure that administrative arrangements are put in place to establish (before the Executive calculates the Council Tax Base for 2017/18 and the Full Council sets its Council Tax requirement for 2017/18) the estimated number of long-term empty dwellings and dwellings occupied periodically (usually known as second homes) that will be eligible to be charged a Council Tax premium under the 1992 Act, as inserted by the 2014 Act, subject to the exceptions allowed by regulations.

- To ensure that administrative arrangements are put in place for the proper administration and enforcement of the Council Tax premium from 1 April, 2017 onwards and notes that the Executive agrees in principle (subject to the Executive's approval) to any additional resources that is deemed necessary (by the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer), to

	<p>ensure that there is proper administration and enforcement of the Council tax premium, which will initially include, establishing the estimated number of dwellings where the Council Tax premium will apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Council also instructs and authorises the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer (before the Executive calculates the Council Tax Base for 2017/18 and the Full Council sets its Council Tax requirement for 2017/18) that the Executive, and the Full Council (as a billing authority in Wales) is advised whether it needs to determine under section 13 A of the 1992 Act to use its discretionary powers to reduce council tax liability resulting from a Council Tax premium being charged, to such extent it thinks fit. For fairness and transparency, should such a determination be required, advice is to be provided if the full Council should adopt a clear policy on whether and how these powers will be used, with appropriate delegated decision making authority being provided for in the Council's Constitution, but also recognising that each case is considered on its merits having taken into account the circumstances of each case.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To respond to legislative changes.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	No. Matter to be considered by full Council on 10 March, 2016

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<p>9 Standard Charge for Council Care Homes 2016/17 Report of the Head of Adults' Services</p>
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That whilst the Council acknowledges the costs incurred within residential care, that the actual cost of delivery is not reflected in the charge to

	<p>residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the increase for those contributing towards the cost of care is consistent for council services and set at 5%, and that a fee of £567.27 is set.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To set the standard charge for local authority care homes for 2016/17.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	Yes

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	<p>10 Independent Sector Residential and Nursing Home Fees 2016/17 Report of the Head of Adults' Services</p>
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To adopt the North Wales Fee Methodology as implemented hitherto by the Authorities in North Wales as a basis for setting fees in Anglesey during 2016/17 (Appendix 1 of the report). • To approve the recommendation to increase fee levels as noted in the table in paragraph 5 of the report. • To endorse for high cost/low volume placements increases consistent with the financial value of the increases as at the table in paragraph 5 therefore a fee increase for specialist residential placements of £17.56 and £22.44 for specialist nursing placements. • In line with other authorities, to authorise the Social Services and Finance Departments to respond to any request from homes to explore their specific accounts and to utilise the exercise as a basis to consider any exceptions to the agreed fees. Any exceptions to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder, Head of Finance and Head of Adult Social Care from within current budgets.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To determine independent sector residential and nursing home fees for 2016/17.

ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	Yes

ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER	11 Charges and Fees for Non-residential Services 2016/17 Report of the Head of Adults' Services
DECISION	<p>It was resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the home care charges outlined in paragraph 2.4.2 of the report. • To agree to a revision of home care charges in year as noted in paragraph 2.4.3 subject to appropriate consultation. • To approve charges for meals in day services as outlined in paragraph 2.5.2 of the report. • To approve charges for telecare services as outlined in paragraph 2.6.3 of the report. • To agree to a revision and simplification of telecare charges as noted under paragraph 2.6.4 subject to appropriate consultation. • To freeze the rate for Direct Payments at £10.50/hour as outlined in paragraph 2.7.2 of the report. • To maintain a charge of £10.00 for the administration in relation to Blue Badge requests and replacements as per paragraph 2.8.1 of the report. • To increase the fee for purchasing day care services in independent residential homes by 5% to £30.37 as per paragraph 2.9.1 of the report. • To agree to an increase in fees paid for commissioned domiciliary care from £14.50 to £15.50 per hour or part thereof.
REASON FOR THE DECISION	To determine charges for non-residential social care services for 2016/17.
ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN?	Yes