



County Forum Agenda

Date: Tuesday 19th June 2018

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Leeswood Community Centre, King Street, Leeswood, Flintshire, CH7 4SB

Host/Chair: Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council

1. Council Topics

1A. **Armed Forces Update – Janette Williams, Regional Armed Forces Liaison Officer**

Purpose:

- (1) To make Town and Community Councils aware of the Armed Forces Covenant and raise awareness of the work of the Armed Forces Steering Group in Flintshire, and
- (2) To ask the Forum to propose someone to represent them at these meetings.

Background:

The Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment from the nation to ensure that the Armed Forces community are treated fairly and not disadvantaged because of their service.

1B. **Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for Flintshire – Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor, Flintshire County Council**

Purpose:

- (1) To raise awareness of the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for Flintshire, and
- (2) To identify actions that can be taken forward by Town and Community Councils.

Background:

The Council has a duty under the Welsh Language Standards to produce a Welsh Language Promotion Strategy to increase or maintain the numbers of Welsh language speakers within the county. The strategy aims to raise the profile and increase the visibility and auditability of Welsh language and culture within Flintshire. The Council would like support from Town and Community Councils to contribute to the Strategy. A draft Welsh Language Promotions Strategy will go out for consultation.

1C. Bus Service Review – Stephen Jones, Chief Officer – Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the four options that have been put forward as part of the Review as per agreement at the County Forum meeting in May 2018

Background:

The current review of the bus network in Flintshire is being undertaken to ensure that subsidies are being provided in a consistent, fair and equitable manner across the County and consider how best to prioritise increasingly limited public funding where there is most need.

1D. Local Government Reform Update – Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council

Purpose:

- (1) To reflect on the plenary discussion on the Welsh Government Review of Town and Community Councils at the last meeting, and to consider making a collective response as the County Forum
- (2) To update on the consultation on the Green Paper on Local Government Reform: Strengthening Local Government and the possible next steps of Welsh Government and
- (3) To look ahead to future boundary review work.

Background:

Welsh Government are running parallel reviews of the future of local government and of town and community councils, and their possible reform. A full discussion was held at the last meeting in the presence of a Welsh Government official.

2. Town and Community Councils Items

Items submitted by Town and Community Councils:

Local Authorities expected to improve access to toilets – Northop Community Council

Purpose:

To gain clarification around; 1) the Council's intentions and, 2) whether there is any duty on Community Councils to undertake a review of provision in their area.

Background:

Under the Welsh Government's Public Health (Wales) Act, local authorities will have one year to assess the needs of its community, including changing facilities for babies and Changing Places facilities for disabled persons, and put a strategy in place to ensure the public will have greater access to these facilities.

Further information is available:

<https://gov.wales/newsroom/health-and-social-services/2018/publictoilets/?lang=en>

3. Future Meetings

Date: Thursday 4th October 2018

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Chair: Saltney Town Council

Venue: Douglas Place Community Centre, Woodall Avenue, Saltney, Flintshire, CH4 8NB

Proposed Agenda Items – 4th October 2018:

- **DEWIS Presentation/Demonstration** - To demonstrate DEWIS and its value as a resource for improving health and well-being (**Helen Jones / Kate Howard**)