

# WHY?

Due to the current economic climate Flintshire County Council (FCC) needs to make £52m in savings over the next three years. These huge savings will not be achieved by smarter working practices alone. Services will have to be delivered differently such as the Council's appeal to local communities to get involved and work together on its community asset transfer programme.

## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER?

Community Asset Transfer (CAT) is “the leasehold transfer of a FCC asset to an organisation with a social purpose and who plan to use the asset for the benefit to the local community”.

FCC has buildings and land that are used for a variety of community and public purposes, through transfer it aims to:

- Increase the range and number of publicly owned assets managed by the community, providing an increasing asset base for local communities to shape services and which meet their needs, and;
- Generate new sources of income to sustain local community services and maintain local assets.

# **FULL LIST OF FCC ASSETS IN MOLD OFFERED FOR TRANSFER**

- Mold Town Hall
- Bus Station public conveniences
- New Street public conveniences
- Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Ground including: play area, playing field, ornamental gardens, Kendrick's Field, skate park, tennis courts, bowling green, tennis / bowling pavilion
- All playing fields
- All equipped play areas
- Daniel Owen Centre
- Daniel Owen Library, Museum and Gallery
- Glanrafon Centre
- Mold Leisure Centre
- Bus Station kiosk

It is likely that other assets and services will be offered for transfer in the near future.

# LIST OF ASSETS THAT MOLD TOWN COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING

- Mold Town Hall
- Bus Station public conveniences
- New Street public conveniences
- Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Ground including:  
play area, playing field, ornamental gardens,  
Kendrick's Field, skate park, tennis courts,  
bowling green, tennis / bowling pavilion
- All playing fields
- All equipped play areas

## WHAT ABOUT THE COST?

Information on FCC's current running costs for most of the Community Assets has been provided. If Mold Town Council takes on any of these Assets it will need to budget for them. It would look at how they could be run more efficiently and funded, and one option may be that residents have an increase in their precept contributions to cover additional costs.

## WHAT IS THE PRECEPT?

The Town Council precept is a tax charged on each property in our town to fund Mold Town Council. It is used to fund all the activities that Mold Town Council undertakes for the benefit of our community. The Town Council produces a budget for the next financial year detailing what we intend to spend the money on. The

precept is collected, on behalf of Mold Town Council, by FCC through the Council Tax payments. For the year 2015/16 the total precept for Mold is £230,491, which equates to £54.42 per average Band D household.





# MOLD TOWN HALL (Earl Road)

**Description:** Two storey detached building with partial basement, constructed in three distinct phases, the original building dating to 1911. The building is listed Grade II, so any repair or alteration work will require careful consideration and planner's consent.

The building is currently occupied by Mold Town Council, Flintshire Disability Forum, Flintshire Credit Union and FCC's Markets Department. Detailed construction and asbestos surveys have been carried out by Mold Town Council and FCC which provide estimated costs for repairs and maintenance, and are available upon request.



## Cost Summary (September 2014)



## Current running costs (2013-2014)





# PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

## New Street car park public conveniences

**Description:** Stand alone brick building containing male, female and disabled public toilets in the centre of the car park. Currently serviced and maintained by FCC as a free of charge service for the public, they have been identified by FCC as a Community Asset at risk. FCC has offered to provide around £13,000 to Mold Town Council as a contribution towards a refurbishment, or FCC will carry out minor repair works prior to any transfer.



### Premises costs 2013/14:

• Building/Plant/Grounds	£2,802
• Energy	£1,013
• Rates/Water	£4,132
• <b>Total</b>	<b>£7,948</b>

## Bus Station public conveniences

**Description:** Brick construction with a kiosk attached, containing male, female and disabled public toilets at the main bus station in Mold. Currently serviced and maintained by FCC providing a free of charge service for the public.

### Premises costs 2013/14

• Building/Plant/Grounds	£2,977
• Rates/Water	£2,176
• <b>Total</b>	<b>£5,153</b>





# PLAYING FIELDS

## Victoria Road



**Description:** A large open green space approximately 9,467 metre square.

**Maintenance costs:** There are no costs available for maintenance of green spaces.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS WITH PLAYING FIELDS

## Town Park, Maes Bodlonfa



**Description:** A key ‘Destination’ park centrally located within the town of Mold offering a variety of different spaces including equipped children’s play area, ornamental gardens, sports pitches, tennis courts, bowling greens, pavilion, skate park and Kendrick’s Field.

**Maintenance costs:** ‘Destination’ site approximately £2,500 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS WITH PLAYING FIELDS

## Town Park, Maes Bodlonfa



**Description:** A very well used play facility serving a child and youth population that makes up some 27% of the play areas catchment. It is equipped to cater for up to 19 year olds. This play area is considered to be in a very good state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.

**Maintenance costs:** Skate park site approximately £2,000 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of the tennis courts or pavilion.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS WITH PLAYING FIELDS

## Gas Lane



**Description:** One of two 'Neighbourhood' equipped children's play areas in Mold, serving a child and youth population that make up some 23% of its catchment area. The play area has recently received significant investment with new improved play equipment through match funding between Mold Town Council and FCC.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Neighbourhood' site approximately £1,700 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of greenspace.





# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS WITH PLAYING FIELDS

## Park Avenue



**Description:** One of two 'Neighbourhood' equipped children's play areas in Mold. A very well used play facility serving a child and youth population equipped to cater for up to 19 year olds, making up some 23% of its catchment area. The equipped play area is considered to be in a poor state of repair and requires a high degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** Because of known demand and scale of use of this facility it is anticipated that improvements will be required.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Neighbourhood' site approximately £1,700 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.





# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS WITH PLAYING FIELDS

## Maes y Dre (off Denbigh Road)



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used serving child and youth population up to the age of 14 year olds that make up 16% of its catchment area. The play facilities for toddlers are considered to be in a poor state of repair and require replacement.

**Recommendation:** Continue to monitor, maintain and where possible improve. It is anticipated that this play area will require significant investment within the next 5 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.





# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS IN AMENITY GREEN SPACE

## Bailey Hill

**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area located within Bailey Hill. Bailey Hill is the site of a Norman Motte and two Baileys and is designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The equipped play area is considered to be under used, serving child and youth population up to the age of 8 years old that makes up 16% of its catchment area.



**Recommendation:** It is considered this facility does not warrant further investment until such time as a regeneration scheme for Bailey Hill is implemented. It is safe for continued use and incurs low maintenance costs.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of the Inner Bailey.





# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS IN AMENITY GREEN SPACE

## St. Mary's Park (Upper Bryn Coch)

**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area reasonably well used serving a child and youth population up to the age of 14 years old that make up 30% of its catchment area.

**Recommendation:** Continue to monitor, maintain and improve this play facility. Anticipate need for some improvements to this park. Opportunity should be taken to engage with local community to identify play priorities.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.





# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS

## Bryn Hilyn Lane

**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 24% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a good state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.



**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor this play area with a view to investment within 5-7 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

## Chapel Street (Glanrafon Road)



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 23% of its catchment area. It will receive significant improvements in 2015/16 through match funding from MTC and FCC and Section 106 money.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor and maintain.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS

## Ffordd Pentre



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population up to the age of 14 years old that makes up 23% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a poor state of repair and requires moderate degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor this play facility. Anticipated need for partial refurbishment within 3-5 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

## Hawthorn Avenue



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 27% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a fair state of repair and requires moderate degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** This play area will require investment to replace items of equipment and infrastructure within 5 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS

## Is y Coed



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 24% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a good state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor, maintain and where possible improve this small local play facility.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

## Llys Pont y Garreg (Wrexham Road)

**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 24% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a good state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.



**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor, maintain and where possible improve this play facility.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS

## Lon Cae Del



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 28% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a good state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor and maintain. Anticipated need for investment within the next 5-7 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

## Maes y March (Clayton Road)



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 25% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in a fair state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** This play area will require refurbishing in 3-5 years, the play area is now 20 years old.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.



# EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS

## Maes y Tŵr (Nercwys Road)



**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population for under 8 year olds that makes up 24% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in excellent state of repair and requires a low degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor, maintain and where possible improve. The replacement of individual items of equipment is likely to be required within the next 5 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

## Parc Alun

**Description:** A 'Local' equipped children's play area, reasonably well used, serving a child and youth population up to the age of 14 years old that makes up 23% of its catchment area. It is considered to be in good state of repair and requires a moderate degree of maintenance works.

**Recommendation:** To continue to monitor, maintain and where possible improve. Anticipated need for refurbishment in 5-7 years.

**Maintenance costs:** 'Local' play area sites approximately £1,350 per year. There are no costs available for maintenance of green space.

