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(Building Community Resilience)

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For the attention of Community & Town Councillors Liaison Forum & Flintshire County Council

Helping build community resilience/ options paper for consideration for Flintshire

Flintshire has 57 Wards represented by 34 Community & Town Councils. You will be aware that with our support we introduced the OWL crime and safety alert/watch schemes in 2007/08 operating in Flintshire.

Since the initial core scheme being Neighbourhood Watch we provide in Flintshire 102 other types of watch schemes such as School, Business, Shop, Farm, Forecourt, Care Watch –(no cold calling watch) etc. providing localised communications and support. Where possible we have attended events to support the people including older people’s groups providing our doorstep crime/scam clinics to help increase safety through providing information and resources.

Funding background: initially Flintshire County Council covered the license costs for OWL to operate in Flintshire District. In helping to save costs to Flintshire the license cost was migrated to Mark Polin, the then Chief Constable, before passing onto the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) at the time being Mr Roddick. Since 2016 there has been no funding provided to us to cover the operating and license costs. We do however have a funding arrangement with the current PCC Mr Arfon Jones which equates to £956.33 per quarter per district to OWL Cymru as well as a small core funding arrangement with FCC for management costs.

In light of this OWL Cymru’s Board of Trustees offer this paper for consideration by all of the Community & Town Councils in Flintshire for the OWL Cymru system/service to continue. Without support from you we, OWL Cymru will not be able to continue to provide service without implementing charges to the community. This options paper is for all The Community & Town Councils and their communities as a vested interest for the whole of Flintshire to consider the options below.

We have based the options below on **ALL WARDS participation** to provide a fair approach to all and gives Councils the opportunity to continue to have the service and support of OWL Cymru. In providing as much notice as we can the options below based on financial contribution, as set out below. This will need to be in place quite quickly, if not we will use the final couple of months to implement option D with the community or lose the OWL system from Flintshire.

- A. OWL system for alerts & responses £350
- B. + additional charge of a community event £100 - £150 dependant on requirements
- C. Package of above to include A. with 3 events £650
- D. We apply for an annual fee to the public who wish to continue receiving OWL support/services from us.

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