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To: Cllr Veronica Gay (Chair)

Councillors: Haydn Bateman, Ron Davies, Glenys Diskin, Chris Dolphin, David Evans, Cindy Hinds, Ray Hughes, Hilary Isherwood, Joe Johnson, Colin Legg, Brian Lloyd, Nancy Matthews, Ann Minshull and Paul Shotton

27 November 2015

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee which will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 3rd December, 2015 in the Wepre Park Visitor Centre, Wepre Park, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay, Flintshire CH5 4HL to consider the following items

*** PLEASE NOTE: Members are requested to arrive at the Wepre Park Visitor Centre at approximately 9.20am. Members will then be given a talk on the Heritage Lottery Fund Project before the Committee meeting starts at 10.00am. Following the meeting, there will be an opportunity to take part in a walk.**

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2015.

4 NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

Purpose: To receive a presentation on the work of Natural Resource Wales to include an update on work being undertaken to control invasive weeds e.g. Himalayan Balsam.

5 **COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CAMS)** (Pages 9 - 12)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning and Environment) enclosed.

Purpose: To inform members of the information technology methods available for the public to report problems on public rights of way.

6 **Q2 - MID YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING REPORT** (Pages 13 - 28)

Report of Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator enclosed.

Purpose: To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.

7 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 29 - 36)

Report of Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator enclosed.

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Yours faithfully



Peter Evans
Democracy & Governance Manager

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **21 OCTOBER 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held in the Delyn Committee Room, County Hall, Mold on Wednesday, 21 October 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Veronica Gay (Chair)

Councillors Haydn Bateman, Ron Davies, Chris Dolphin, David Evans, Ray Hughes, Hilary Isherwood, Colin Legg, Nancy Matthews and Paul Shotton

SUBSTITUTES: Councillors: Ian Dunbar (for Ann Minshull) and Mike Reece (for Joe Johnson)

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Glenys Diskin and Brian Lloyd. Councillor Kevin Jones, Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection & Leisure

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Bernie Attridge, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment; Waste Services Manager; Highways Network Manager and Highways Strategy Manager

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator and Committee Officer

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 were submitted.

Matters Arising

The Facilitator explained that a completed action sheet from the previous meeting had not been circulated as some responses remained outstanding. These would be addressed as part of the following actions:

Minute number 23: Review of Winter Maintenance - the Waste Services Manager agreed to follow up the request made by Councillor Carolyn Thomas for a cost comparison of salt heaps and gritting services, to enable a response to be circulated to the Committee. In response to comments made by Councillor Colin Legg, it was stated that the number of vehicles accessing the Halkyn depot site should have reduced as the site was now closed. In addition, the report outlining the arrangements for gritting footpaths at sheltered accommodation was being prepared for circulation to Members. The request for copies of Priority 2 routes would be followed up and circulated to all Members.

Minute number 24: Introduction of Zero Tolerance for Littering - in response to Councillor Joe Johnson's question on dog fouling, the Waste Services Manager reported that in 2014/15, 52 fixed penalty notices had been

issued of which 42 were paid, four withdrawn and six successfully prosecuted. Of the 12 fixed penalty notices issued so far this year, eight had been paid and two successfully prosecuted with two pending. The Facilitator agreed to circulate these statistics to the Committee by email.

Councillor Paul Shotton informed the Committee that a Task Group had been set up to look into the issue of fly tipping in the Golftyn ward along with other areas along the Deeside strip including Shotton and Queensferry.

Minute number 27: DNA Recognition Information Bank Task & Finish Group - the Chair, Councillors Colin Legg, David Roney and Arnold Woolley had all expressed an interest in sitting on the Group. Councillor Ray Hughes also confirmed his interest and asked that the remit of the group be extended to include tackling dog fouling in general. Arrangements would be made to liaise with those five Members to arrange the first meeting. The Facilitator also referred to a press report on the mandatory micro-chipping of dogs in Wales from April 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

36. VERBAL UPDATE ON NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE PROJECT

The Waste Services Manager reported that Natural Resources Wales had considered the application made by Wheelabrator Technologies for an environmental permit to operate the facility. Following public consultation in September 2015, a draft permit had been given with a full permit due to be granted at the end of the month.

The partnership between the five Authorities was now in the latter stages of finalising contractual arrangements with Wheelabrator. The Welsh Government (WG) had approved the release of subsidy funding for the facility which was scheduled to be operational early in 2019. A 'Meet the Buyer' event which had just been held as part of Flintshire Business Week enabled local businesses to discuss potential opportunities for involvement, and had generated a high level of interest registered so far.

Councillor Nancy Matthews welcomed the progress made on the project and hoped that local businesses would take advantage of the opportunities. This view was also shared by Councillor Paul Shotton who referred to the involvement of two local companies on the project.

Councillor Ian Dunbar spoke positively about the interest from local businesses and engagement with local residents, but felt that concerns around transport and noise levels should be resolved before finalising the contract. The Waste Services Manager said that the standard practice of liaison groups was useful in discussing any concerns raised by individuals.

Concerns were also expressed by Councillor Ron Davies on the impact of transport on the A494/A55, particularly along the Aston Hill, which he hoped would be considered as part of the current consultation exercise by WG.

The Waste Strategy Manager agreed to feedback the Committee's comments to the Programme Manager.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

37. REVIEW OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR INTRODUCING TRAFFIC CALMING AND OTHER HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY FEATURES ON THE HIGHWAY

The Highways Network Manager introduced the report outlining proposed changes to the consultation process with local Members, Town and Community Councils and members of the public. The proposals would then be subject to Cabinet approval. As part of the key consideration of the report, he detailed the procedure to evaluate and rank schemes against the Road Safety Scheme Matrix and the Traffic Calming Policy. Any new traffic calming schemes put forward would be discussed with local Members prior to consultation with local residents.

Councillor Hilary Isherwood referred to the management restructure and the lack of feedback for safer routes in communities which had been submitted as part of the Speed Limit Review. The Highways Network Manager explained that the Speed Limit Review was still ongoing, with outcomes due to be implemented before Christmas. The process allowed for each suggested scheme to be assessed, scored and ranked in line with the Road Safety Scheme Matrix, which would determine schemes to be put forward to bid for Welsh Government (WG) funding. Following comments on sharing the Matrix, the Highways Strategy Manager agreed that it could be circulated to Members. He explained that the procedure was to report back the assessment outcome to any local Members who had requested a particular scheme, however work was currently being undertaken to clear historic requests and collate all schemes on one database.

As Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Bernie Attridge pointed out that the Matrix system had been shared with the Committee at an earlier stage, prior to Cabinet approval. Having considered the practice previously in place, he and the Chief Officer had recognised the need for improvement which had resulted in the new approach to assess and rank schemes using the Matrix system which demonstrated transparency.

Whilst acknowledging that the issue had previously been considered by the Committee, Councillor Isherwood explained that her point was around the importance of Members having sight of the Matrix.

Following remarks from Councillor Mike Reece on village schemes such as Bagillt, the Highways Strategy Manager provided details on the consultation process which had involved other affected households in the area. He referred to the positive turnout at the consultation event, the outcome of the public ballot and correspondence from residents, which had demonstrated overall support for the scheme. It was noted that some of the representations made by local residents had been accommodated in modifications to the scheme. The Highways

Strategy Manager confirmed that road traffic accident statistics had been provided to Bagillt Community Council as requested.

Councillor Reece said that a compromise was needed between the Council and Bagillt Community Council on this traffic calming scheme. Whilst Councillor Attridge was aware of some concerns about the traffic calming measures in Bagillt, he gave a reminder of their purpose and said that the Council aimed to listen to the views of communities and that minor changes to the scheme could be considered where possible.

Councillor Colin Legg highlighted the need for road safety to be a priority for everyone with more education needed to encourage safe driving. In response to comments on reducing the speed limit as opposed to installing physical traffic calming measures, the Manager said it should be considered whether this was likely to have any effect if drivers did not adhere to the original speed limit. He acknowledged the point made but spoke about the challenges on enforcement and pointed out the Council's statutory duty of care to prevent accidents.

Councillor David Evans referred to the proposal for Town/Community Councils to gather the views of their respective communities and raised concerns that smaller Councils may not have enough resources to do this. The Managers explained that the aim was to work with Town/Community Councils to recognise their role in engaging with the public and that support could be made available to assist in the delivery of letters to residents or through officers attending a public consultation exhibition if required.

In relation to comments about the scheme in Higher Kinnerton, the Highways Strategy Manager confirmed that the consultation process had been followed by engaging with the local Member, Town/Community Councils and a public exhibition which had been well attended.

Councillor Ray Hughes requested an update on the proposed speed camera along the A541 in Pontblyddyn and said that he had not been consulted on the different speed limits along the Penyffordd to Pontblyddyn road where fatal accidents had occurred. Councillor Attridge advised that WG had recently confirmed the allocation of funding for the A541 speed camera which would be installed in this financial year. He suggested that Councillor Hughes discuss the latter point with the officers outside the meeting. The Highways Strategy Manager agreed that he could look into the matter, but commented on the advisory signs displayed along that route which met the criteria set out in WG guidance.

The Council's duty to reduce accidents was highlighted by Councillor Paul Shotton who said that the policy was working effectively in his area. He welcomed the proposal for involvement by Town/Community Councils on consulting with the public which was a more streamlined approach.

Councillor Nancy Matthews felt that an overarching scheme was needed for road safety including traffic calming and speed limits. Due to the backlog of historic schemes submitted and the change in management, she asked whether Members should re-submit their proposed schemes to ensure that they were

considered. The Highways Network Manager suggested that Members check the matrix which was to be circulated before re-submitting schemes.

Concerning the scheme in Connah's Quay, Councillor Ian Dunbar said that the consultation event had been well attended, with most residents welcoming the measures installed. In response to his request for a change to the scheme, it was suggested that he liaise directly with the officers to see if this could be accommodated.

Councillor Chris Dolphin spoke in support of Councillor Legg's comments about reducing speed limits and said that traffic calming measures could be used as a supplementary option if required. On the consultation process, the Highways Network Manager gave assurance that once the schemes had been evaluated and scored, local Members would be consulted first on their preferences before forwarding to Town/Community Councils.

In response to concerns raised by Councillor Ron Davies about 'rat runs' off the A494 in Connah's Quay, Councillor Attridge suggested the possibility of a site visit to look into the matter. Following comments on 20 mph zones outside schools in the county, he explained that the majority of these were advisory and that the absence of signs to indicate the end of those zones was perhaps a technicality to be raised with WG.

In moving the recommendation, Councillor Evans asked that the proposed approach to public consultation include the caveat 'if Town and Community Councils were able to do so'.

When asked by Councillor Isherwood about schemes which may have been omitted from the process, the Highways Strategy Manager gave assurance that the list of schemes was constantly changing, prioritised by the results of the assessment.

Members commended the way in which the Highways Network Manager had responded to the queries raised.

The Chair referred to the viability of schemes based on whether funding was available. The Highways Network Manager highlighted the purpose of consultation along with the Council's statutory duty, however funding would need to be identified prior to the start of consultation and would need to be returned to WG if the majority opposed the scheme.

The Committee supported the Facilitator's suggested rewording of the resolution which reflected Members' comments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed new approach for consulting with local communities on future traffic calming schemes be welcomed by the Committee; and
- (b) That the comments of the Committee be fed back to Cabinet on the capacity of Town and Community Councils to undertake the community consultation process.

38. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Facilitator introduced the current Forward Work Programme for consideration by the Committee. As the item on the A55/A494 improvements had been deferred, due to an update awaited from Welsh Government (WG), it was agreed that a separate meeting may be required.

Councillors Attridge and Evans felt that a response from WG was unlikely until after the end of the consultation period and that the item may be of interest to all Members. The Facilitator suggested that an update be scheduled for a future meeting and that a briefing note would be sought in the meantime. This was supported by the Committee.

Councillor Attridge also suggested that a briefing note could be requested from the Chief Officer on improvements to the Queensferry roundabout, as confirmation of funding had been received from WG.

Councillor Paul Shotton asked that the item on renewable energy be brought forward to the next available meeting.

A suggestion from Councillor Mike Reece for Coastal Rangers to assist in tackling dog fouling was noted by the Waste Services Manager, who agreed to pass this on for consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Work Programme be updated accordingly.

39. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am and ended at 12.00 pm)

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Chair



ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 3 December 2015
Report Subject	Countryside Access Management System (CAMS)
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment
Report Author	Chief Officer (Planning & Environment)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with information about the Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) and CAMS web – the internet-enabled module for reporting faults on public rights of way. (There will be a practical demonstration of CAMS web at the meeting.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	For members to note the contents of this report and receive a demonstration of the CAMS web system.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CAMS)
1.01	CAMS is a database linked to a Geographical Information System (GIS) that has been used by the County Council's Rights of Way Section for nearly 20 years to log issues that the public report on rights of way throughout the County. It was developed by Exegesis, a company based near Brecon.
1.02	The system has been updated and upgraded over the years, and in 2014 the Council launched CAMS web – the internet-enabled module that allows members of the public to report problems direct. If anyone wishes to report an issue on a public right of way, they must first register their details

	through CAMS, whereupon they will be provided with a personal log-in. Once registered, they can access the digital rights of way map that enables them to locate their problem and enter exact details via drop-down lists. Each report is allocated a unique reference number, which when entered during any subsequent visits to the site will allow users to check progress with any issue they have reported.
1.03	Flintshire's CAMS web is currently being upgraded so that in the future, automatic emails will provide updated information to anyone who has reported a problem via this system.
1.04	Many people are already using this system and, with the above upgrades, even more should be encouraged to do so.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	By enabling the public to make use of this facility, it will reduce the number of routine calls that the section takes and improve efficiency by freeing up staff time so that they can concentrate on some of the more pressing and longstanding issues.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Contact Officer: Stephen Bartley - Senior Rights of Way Officer Telephone: 01352 704622 E-mail: steve.bartley@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	1. CAMS Countryside Access Management System CAMS - a complete database and map management system designed to simplify the task of managing and maintaining public rights of way.

2. Geographical Information System (GIS) – a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on the Earth's surface. GIS can show many different kinds of data on one map.

3. Public right of way - a highway over which the public have a right to pass and repass. There are three types in Flintshire:

- a. Public footpath - a right of way on foot
- b. Public bridleway - a right of way on foot and on horseback and for bicyclists
- c. Byway open to all traffic – a highway for vehicles and all other traffic used mainly by non-vehicular traffic.

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ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 3 rd December 2015
Report Subject	Quarter 2 Improvement Plan Monitoring Report
Portfolio Holder	Cabinet Member for Corporate Management
Report By	Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator
Strategic / Operational	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Improvement Plan 2015/16 was adopted by the Council in June 2015. This report presents the monitoring of progress for the second quarter of 2015/16 focusing on the areas of under performance relevant to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

This report is an exception based report and therefore detail focuses on the areas of under-performance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee consider the 2015/16 Quarter 2 Improvement Plan Monitoring Report, highlight concerns and feedback details of any challenge to the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee which is responsible for the overview and monitoring of performance.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE QUARTER 2 IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING REPORTS
1.01	The Improvement Plan monitoring report gives an explanation of the progress being made towards the delivery of the impacts set out in the 2015/16 Improvement Plan. The narrative is supported by performance indicators and/or milestones which evidence achievement. In addition, there is an assessment of the strategic risks and the level to which they are controlled.
1.02	The detailed sub-priority reports, shown at Appendix 1, are in a new format, which has been generated from the new performance management solution, CAMMS.
1.03	<p>CAMMS has been purchased to provide benefits which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • efficiencies by reducing duplication and data entry; • a single version of the truth; • improved visibility and accountability for performance and programme / project management objectives; including an audit trail; and • dynamic, exception based reporting with dashboards and standard reports.
1.04	<p>Analysis of performance against the Improvement Plan measures is undertaken using the RAG (Red, Amber and Green) status. This is defined as follows:-</p> <p><u>Performance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED – equates to a position of under-performance against target. • AMBER – equates to a mid-position where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target. • GREEN – equates to a position of positive performance against target. <p><u>Outcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED – equates to a forecast position of under-performance against target at year end. • AMBER – equates to a forecast mid-position where improvement may have been made but performance will miss target at year end. • GREEN – equates to a forecast position of positive performance against target at year end.
1.05	The high level (RED) risk area identified for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, is as follows:-
1.05.1	<p>Priority: Environment (Transport Infrastructure and Services) <i>PI: Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older drivers – Quarter 2 Target 20 – Quarter 2 Actual 4

	<p>Documentation from the Advanced Driving Instructor to confirm the actual numbers for the quarter is awaited. When this is received the reported actual of four will increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Newly qualified young drivers – Quarter 2 Target 27 – Quarter 2 Actual 14</p> <p>As reported in quarter 1, funding was not received until mid-May and has been granted on the basis of cost per head trained, therefore not providing for advertisement. In addition, a scheduled course for quarter 2 had to be cancelled. It is envisaged that two full courses will be rescheduled for quarter three.</p> <p>Motorcyclists – Quarter 2 Target 27 – Quarter 2 Actual 15</p> <p>The target represent the maximum funding available to enable 108 people (27 per quarter) to be trained during the year. However, the actual number of people trained will be dependent on the North Wales Police BikeSafe Trainer’s time allocation for training within Flintshire. For quarter two this was only a small allocation. Given the target has been set based on maximum funding available rather than historic performance it is highly unlikely that the target for the year will be met.</p>
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific financial implications for this report; however the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan is aligned to resource the priorities of the Improvement Plan.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The Chief Officer Team and the Performance Leads from across the Authority have contributed to help shape the new approach to reporting.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Progress against the risks identified in the Improvement Plan have been reported on for quarter 1 and the detail is included in the report at Appendix 1.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Quarter 2 Improvement Plan Progress Report.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p><u>Improvement Plan 2015/16</u></p> <p>http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Improvement-Plan.aspx</p> <p>Contact Officer: Margaret Parry-Jones Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702427</p> <p>E-mail: margaret.parry-jones@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Improvement Plan – the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan.</p>
7.02	<p>CAMMS – is an integrated planning, risk management and programme/project management and reporting software. It was purchased in April 2015 and work to commence implementation began in Mat; focusing initially on the Council’s Improvement Plan and the Portfolio of Social Services. The link below provides further information about CAMMS.</p> <p>http://cammsgroup.com/</p>

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Actions



7 Environment



7.1 Safely accessing employment, local services and facilities

7.1.1 Transport Infrastructure and Services

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.1 Use available funding to support Council priorities for accessing employment, health, leisure and education	Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	25.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Active Travel - preparation of consultation on track. Local Transport Fund - Final design to be agreed with Welsh Government (21.09.15) Last Updated: 18-Nov-2015</p>							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.2 Prioritise the Council's road infrastructure for repairs and maintenance and implement network improvement programmes	Ian Bushell - Technical and Performance Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	80.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: The infrastructure priorities have been set and maintenance contracts are in the process of being completed. All maintenance work will be completed by 31/03/16 Last Updated: 25-Nov-2015</p>							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.3 Use available funding to support the Council's priorities to improve road safety on the County's highway network.	Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	25.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Progress to date; - A548 Sealand Road / Seahill Road - Proposed Junction improvement - Design underway (Siemens) - A541 Pontblyddyn, Nr. Plas Teg - Introduction of Fixed Speed Camera - Specification complete, To be issued to Tender asap - A548 Deeside Industrial Park - Proposed Route Treatment - Measures identified. Included within annual resurfacing Tender Last Updated: 18-Nov-2015							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.4 Develop and support community transport arrangements.	Katie Wilby - Transportation and Logistics Manager	Ongoing	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	-	 AMBER	 GREEN
ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Community Transport is being dealt with as part of the wider community engagement proposals Stage 1 involves public engagement events, which started on 16 November 2015 Last Updated: 18-Nov-2015							

7.2 Environmental development which maximises social and economic benefits

7.2.1 Sustainable Development and Environmental Management



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.1 Agree the Local Development Plan's vision, objectives and options to accommodate growth.	Andy Roberts - Planning Strategy Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	33.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Publication of Local Development Plan (LDP) main issues report in quarter 1 2016 will be out to consultation. On course to a chieve end date of 31/03/16.</p> <p>Last Updated: 18-Nov-2015</p>							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.2 Identify and develop large scale renewable energy schemes.	Will Pierce - Energy Manager	Deferred	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	15.00%	 AMBER	 AMBER
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: A number of potentially suitable sites have been identified, of which two, following a cabinet report were given approval to proceed to full planning applications. However, the U.K. Government have recently announced a consultation on the level of future subsidies for Solar and Wind projects, which has brought uncertainty to the likely financial returns. Consequently the business cases cannot be concluded until the outcome of the consultation is known, in a couple of months' time. All projects are therefore under review. As of the 25th November, there is still no comment from Central Government in relation to the level of future subsidies.</p> <p>Last Updated: 05-Oct-2015</p>							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.3 Minimise waste sent to landfill and maximise opportunities for energy generation from waste.	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2015	31-Mar-2016	25.00%	 AMBER	 GREEN
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Cessation of trade waste collections will result in overall waste arising sent to landfill. Recruitment of HRC site specific staff and the introduction of bag splitting at all HRC's being implemented during August should result in waste being diverted from landfill. Waste disposal contract awarded to treatment outlet from October 2016</p> <p>Last Updated: 06-Nov-2015</p>							



Performance Indicators



7 Environment



KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.1.1M01 Successful delivery of WG funded schemes / feasibility studies funding through the Local Transport Fund	N/A	25	20	 AMBER	↔	50	40	 AMBER
<p>Lead Officer: Barry Wilkinson - Highways Networks Manager Reporting Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager Aspirational Target: Progress Comment: Consultant commissioned. Detailed scheme design now complete, Welsh Government approved scheme design departures.</p>								

KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.1.1M03 The percentage of notices issued for all roadworks for the purposes of coordinating and minimising disruption to Flintshire's highway network	N/A	Not Set	No Data		N/A	Not Set	No Data	
<p>Lead Officer: Barry Wilkinson - Highways Networks Manager Reporting Officer: Sam Tulley - Road Space Manager Aspirational Target: Progress Comment: Currently these figures are not recorded in a management system and therefore accurate numbers cannot be produced. Alterations to working methods will now allow for all roadworks to be recorded. Percentage figures to be produced at quarter three.</p>								



KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.1.1M04 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Older drivers	N/A	20	4	 RED	↓	40	11	 RED
<p>Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer Aspirational Target: Progress Comment: Awaiting paperwork from Advanced Driving Instructors, so record of 4 is currently inaccurate.</p>								

KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.1.1M05 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Newly qualified young drivers	N/A	27	14	 RED	↑	54	21	 RED
<p>Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer Aspirational Target: Progress Comment: Same issues as Qtr 1 and a scheduled course at Coleg Cambria had to be cancelled. Hopefully able to reschedule 2 full courses at Coleg Cambria during Qtr 3.</p>								

KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.1.1M06 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Motorcyclists	N/A	27	15	 RED	↓	54	35	 RED
<p>Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer Aspirational Target: Progress Comment: Target stipulated represents maximum funding available. Price per head allocation will enable a maximum of 108 persons trained. Actual number of persons trained will be dependent on BikeSafe Trainer's time allocation for Training within Flintshire. Nominated North Wales Police BikeSafe Trainer conducts initiative throughout all North Wales Authorities. Small capacity bike training undertaken throughout Qtr 2.</p>								

KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.2.1M08 (WMT/009(b)) The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated bio wastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way	N/A	59	58.18	 AMBER	↓	59	58.50	 AMBER

Lead Officer: Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager
Reporting Officer: Danielle Richards - Area Recycling Officer
Aspirational Target: 60.00
Progress Comment: Target has been narrowly missed due to the recycling performance within the HWRC sites across the county, the sites are now showing a steady improvement and will be targeted throughout the remainder of the year to ensure the annual target is met.



KPI Title	Pre. EOY Actual	Period Target	Period Actual	Perf. RAG	Performance Indicator Trend	YTD Target	YTD Actual	YTD RAG
IP7.2.1M09 (WMT/011) The percentage of local authority municipal waste received at all local authority household waste amenity sites that is prepared for reuse, recycled or of source segregated bio waste that is composted or treated biologically in another way	N/A	63	66.9	 GREEN	↑	63	65.36	 GREEN

Lead Officer: Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager
Reporting Officer: Danielle Richards - Area Recycling Officer
Aspirational Target:
Progress Comment:

RISKS

7 Environment

Strategic Risk

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sufficient funding is not found to ensure our highways infrastructure remains safe and capable of supporting economic growth.	Deterioration of the condition of highways in Flintshire	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Barry Wilkinson – Highways Network Manager	Targeting funding on those schemes that maintain or reduce the pace of deterioration of the condition of the main highway infrastructure. Targeting funding for routes accessed for road safety schemes. Following successful bid model to maximize funding received through the quality of the bid submission.			↔	Open




Progress Comment:

This risk is considered to be 'amber' due to constraints on budgets and funding, although this is mitigated by the continued application of the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP). The risk level remains the same as work-to-date plans and budgets remain on course and are continuing as expected.




RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sustainable transport options do not remain attractive to users.	Increase in individual car usage. Increase in deterioration of the highway.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Katie Wilby – Transportation and Logistics Manager	Promotion of sustainable transport options. Continual review of subsidised bus			↔	Open

	Not meet the requirements of the Active Travel Wales bill.			services. Consideration of community based transport options. Maintenance and upkeep of the cycle ways. Continue to provide as many new and linked cycleways in Flintshire.				
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Progress Comment:
Nothing implemented to date.

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sufficient funding will not be found to continue to provide subsidised bus services.	Decrease in bus services to residents, particularly in rural areas.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Katie Wilby – Transportation and Logistics Manager	Explore all funding opportunities. Explore options with commercial operators. Review of subsidised bus services. Explore community based options.				Open

Progress Comment:
Nothing implemented to date.

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Agreement and funding for the renewable energy schemes is not secured.	Schemes cannot move forward and carbon reduction targets cannot	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment	Will Pierce – Energy Manager	All funding sources fully explored. Early engagement with stakeholders. Feasibility studies				Open


be met.

on appropriate sites. Alternative site identification.

Progress Comment:


A number of potentially suitable sites for large scale renewable energy schemes have been identified, of which two, following a cabinet report were given approval to proceed to full planning applications. However, the U.K. Government have recently announced a consultation on the level of future subsidies for Solar and Wind projects, which has brought uncertainty to the likely financial returns. Consequently the business cases cannot be concluded until the outcome of the consultation is known, in a couple of months' time. All projects are therefore on hold and the risk level remains unchanged.

Whilst the projects themselves are on hold, due to the very tight timeframes involved (if we wait for the Government's consultation response there will be insufficient time to obtain planning and tender the works), planning applications have been developed and will be submitted. Mini tender documents have been developed with an intention to go out to tender as soon as the APSE framework contract is available. Once the projects have been tendered we will have the information to determine the business case for them and then obtain both final approval from Cabinet and funding probably through prudential borrowing. All actions are however subject to any Government announcements that might derail the financial case.

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Funding for the waste transfer station is not secured.	Delay in implementation of project, funding would need to be sought from elsewhere	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Planning submitted, meeting with WG planned for August, meeting with NRW who have agreed in principle to the proposal. Local members from the area have been consulted pre-app and are broadly supportive. The site is remote from any housing conurbations so no direct local consultation is deemed necessary other than the statutory planning requirements.		N/A	↓	Closed



Progress Comment:

Funding has now been secured from Welsh Government's (WG) Collaborative Change Programme (CCP) to support the project. This risk is closed.

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Planning approval for the waste transfer station is not secured.	Invest to save project efficiencies are not realised. A temporary permit for tipping from NRW would be required if the project does not go ahead.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Planning application has been submitted. NRW have agreed in principle to the project (NRW would have been the main object to the project). Consultation and engagement has been undertaken with relevant Council members prior to the planning application being submitted.		N/A	↓	Closed

Progress Comment:

Planning approval has been granted. This risk is now closed

RISK TITLE	POTENTIAL EFFECT	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	MANAGEMENT CONTROLS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Recycling programmes are not supported by the public and employees.	Decreasing income from resale of recyclates. Increased infraction charges. Carbon reduction	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Recycling information to public. Employee recycling schemes in place. Incentives for local business to recycle. Marketing campaigns.			↓	Open



	targets not met.			Targeting of areas with low participation rates. Increase meet and greet service at HRCs. Early stakeholder engagement.				
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Progress Comment:

Residents continue to recycle and the authority is on track to meet the statutory in year target.





ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 3 December, 2015
Report Subject	Forward Work Programme
Cabinet Member	N/A
Report Author	Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work programme of the Committee of which they are Members. By reviewing and prioritising the Forward Work Programme Members are able to ensure it is Member-led and includes the right issues. A copy of the Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration which has been updated following the last meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider, and amend where necessary, the Forward Work Programme for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1	That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme and approve/amend as necessary.
2	That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
1.01	Items feed into a Committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. Members can suggest topics for review by Overview & Scrutiny Committees, members of the public can suggest topics, items can be referred by the Cabinet for consultation purposes, or by County Council or Chief Officers. Other possible items are identified from the Cabinet Work Programme and the Improvement Plan.
1.02	<p>In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful for a 'test of significance' to be applied. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Will the review contribute to the Council's priorities and/or objectives?2. Is it an area of major change or risk?3. Are there issues of concern in performance?4. Is there new Government guidance of legislation?5. Is it prompted by the work carried out by Regulators/Internal Audit?
2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.
3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Publication of this report constitutes consultation.
4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.
5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Draft Forward Work Programme
6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Margaret Parry-Jones Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator Telephone: 01352 702427 E-mail: margaret.parry-jones@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Improvement Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan.

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ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Draft Forward Work Programme

Date of Meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report/Presentation	Scrutiny Focus	Responsible/ Contact Officer	Submission Deadline
13 January 2016 10.00 a.m.	Bus Subsidy Report Rogue Traders app	To receive an update report To inform members of the rogue traders app available to members of the public in Flintshire	Policy development Information	Transportation Manager Chief Officer Planning & Environment	
9 February 2016 2.00 p.m.	Street Advertising Pilot Design of drainage for new development sites Renewable Energy	To receive feedback on the pilot undertaken To receive a report outlining the process for new development sites including flood risk mitigation measures. To receive a report outlining the developments to include the responses received following consultation.	Policy development Information	Chief Officer Streetscene and Transportation/ Chief Officer Planning and Environment Chief Officer Planning and Environment Chief Officer Planning and Environment / Energy Manager	
17 March 2016 2.00 p.m.	Q3 Improvement Plan Monitoring Update	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.	Assurance	Facilitator	

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Date of Meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report/Presentation	Scrutiny Focus	Responsible/ Contact Officer	Submission Deadline
13 April 2016 2.00 p.m.	Consultation on the Improvement Plan 2016-17	To consult with members of the Committee on the draft improvement plan 2016-17	Options consultation Information	Performance Team Leader	
	Integrated Transport Unit	To receive a progress report on the new arrangements		Transportation Manager	
18 May 2016 2.00 p.m.	Update on North Wales Waste Project	To receive a progress update every 6 months	Information	Chief Officer Streetscene and Transportation	
15 June 2016 10.00 a.m.	Year End Reporting & Chief Officer Reports.	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.	Assurance	Facilitator	
19 July 2016 2.00 p.m.					

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED as agreed by Committee

Item	Purpose of Report/Session	Responsible / Contact Officer
Pilot Resident Parking Scheme	Update report on completion of pilot	Chief Officer Streetscene & Transportation
Agriculture/Agriculture Estate Annual Performance Report – Planning Rights of Way Service Review (part 2) Collaborative Projects update (To receive an update on collaborative projects regionally and sub-regionally)		To be confirmed

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REGULAR ITEMS

Month	Item	Purpose of Report	Responsible / Contact Officer
Quarterly/ Half-Yearly	Improvement Plan Monitoring and Chief Officer Performance Reports	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.	Chief Officers
Half-Yearly	North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project	To receive and consider further details on the progress of the project.	To be confirmed

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