

Appendix 1- Table of Current Regional Collaborative Work

North Wales	LAs involved	Rationale	Timescale	Additional information
Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People	All North Wales Councils	To develop understanding of regional needs and where practical to commission and manage services regionally, while budget accountability remains a local matter.	Established September 2012	Regional commissioning plan has been produced and submitted to Welsh Government. A number of regional services have been commissioned such as body positive, Night Stop and Supported Lodgings. Plans are being developed to consider options for (sub) regional contract monitoring and review.
North Wales Housing Management Apprenticeship Consortia	Denbighshire; Conwy; Flintshire;	Optimise opportunities for the utilisation of housing management apprenticeships	Commenced September 2012	Housing Associations also involved, including, Pennaf, Wales and West, North Wales Housing, Cartrefi Conwy. Flintshire had 3 existing staff who were identified to take part in the programme.
Regional Telecare and Warden Call” service	Conwy, Anglesey and Flintshire with Denbighshire as a customer	Cost savings, service efficiencies and improvement of quality of service across North Wales	Regional Call Monitoring centre established June 2011	Service working well. Further work to be undertaken to develop new services and grow the business, including an out of hours personal response service
Joint application form for Affordable Housing Register	Flintshire, Denbighshire, Wrexham and Conwy have one joint form. Anglesey and Gwynedd have developed their own independently.	Improve services for customers – who only have to fill out one form to apply across a number of North Wales areas. Also costs shared as only one form developed for four councils	Both launched 2011/12	Next steps are to develop an online form and associated services to streamline process and to see whether SARTH can be utilised as a single process for Flintshire.

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Gypsy Traveller Needs Assessment	Flintshire, Conwy, Denbighshire, Anglesey, Gwynedd	Housing Act requires the assessment of Gypsies Travellers accommodation needs	Report finalised and accepted by all partners	Additional provision to be developed across the region to meet identified need.
North Wales Gypsy & Traveller Coordination Group	Flintshire Conwy Denbighshire Anglesey Gwynedd Wrexham Snowdonia NPA	Coordination of activities relating to the management of Gypsy Traveller issues across the authorities involved	Commenced in April 2013	The group was established to continue and expand the network established to oversee the Gypsy Traveller Assessment. The group is expanding its remit to include the coordination of policy and strategy development to ensure consistency and establish mechanisms to collect needs data to assist future planning
Regional Empty Homes initiative	All 6 NW authorities	Create efficiencies in regional delivery and plus greater ability to share expertise	Scheme commenced in 2012 and is ongoing	Flintshire leading on administering national loans scheme. Good outputs achieved to date
Regional Supporting People developments via Regional Collaborative committee	All 6 NW Authorities	WG requirement for economies of scale, efficiencies and sharing best practice	Implemented 2012	Some joint commissioning achieved for specialist services. See report to joint scrutiny on 6 th February. Further work being developed to achieve cost efficiencies needed
Single Access Route to Housing (SARTH) (Common housing register)	Flintshire, Wrexham, Denbighshire & Conwy councils	To provide realistic advice for all applicants utilising a single access route incorporating early housing	Flintshire, Conwy and Denbighshire currently seeking approval to	Flintshire will implement the new allocations policy from late 2014. Further work will continue to assess the viability of a regional approach. IT costs and the

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	Glyndwr University	options advice	implement the agreed allocation policy and single register for their own counties.	need to balance local knowledge with maximum efficiency are causing some slow down in regional progress but individual councils are moving ahead with local implementation RSL partners include – Cartrefi Conwy, Pennaf, Tai Clwyd, North Wales Housing and Wales & West
Procurement of Private Sector Loans Administrator	Flintshire, Denbighshire & Gwynedd	Better pricing through increased capacity	October 12 implementation	19 loans administered to date by Street UK for Flintshire at an average of £14.5k per loan
Joint Housing Market Assessments	Flintshire and Wrexham (with Glyndwr University)	Updated Local Housing data – to feed into the Local Development Plan and Local Housing Strategy	January 2012	Revised Housing strategy agreed in early 2013
Eco scheme-	Wrexham, Flintshire, Denbighshire	Maximise energy efficiency resources through fuel company obligations and help to address fuel poverty	Scheme about to go live following tendering in Autumn 2013	Wrexham lead. Main focus on solid wall insulation at present.
Out of county protocol for homeless cases	All 6 Local Authorities	Improved service to homeless cases and protection of vulnerable households	Protocol signed Sep 2013	Protocol implemented

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Staff training and development	All 6 Local Authorities	Cost saving Sharing knowledge and building relationships between staff in different authorities	Joint training plan to be developed as appropriate	Quarterly meeting taking place
Reviewing options to introduce Service charging policy (WG legislative priority)	Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham and Anglesey	Service efficiency and maximise income to HRA	2014-2015	Working group established with consultant support. No political approval as yet.
Private Rented Sector Market Assessment	Gwynedd Conwy Ynys Mon Flintshire	Reduced costs through joins commission.	October 13	To support activity to better understand the Private Rented Sector market and develop proposals to support its growth.
WHQS Programme	Flintshire and Wrexham	Reduced costs through joint procurement of work streams where appropriate and sharing of investment planning and timescales to ensure the construction sector has capacity to deliver.	April 14 to April 20	First joint procurement agreed for cross boundary roofing contract in 2014.