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# Quarter 2 Improvement Plan 2016/17 Progress Report

## Environment



Flintshire County Council



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## 7 Environment



### Actions

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.1 Access available funding to support Council priorities for accessing employment, health, leisure and education	Sue Price - Transport Policy Officer	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	60.00%	 AMBER	 GREEN

#### ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

The Active Travel Design Guidance recommends following 7 stages for developing the Integrated Network Map for submission to Welsh Government for approval in September 2017. The stages to be completed within the scope of this financial year are Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4. Stages 1 & 2 are now complete with stage 3 under way, this makes up the 60% completion figure. The remaining 40% will involve completion of stage 3 and 4. The intention is to also undertake informal engagement with stakeholders in the new year to help shape the draft Integrated Network Map ready for Statutory Consultation which is proposed to be carried out April 2017.

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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 programmes of work within available funding in order to improve the resilience, efficiency and reliability of the transport network.	Ian Bushell - Technical and Performance Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	65.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN



#### ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:



Road Infrastructure and Repairs and Maintenance are built up of 3 main contracts. Carriageway Surface Dressing from 01/04/16 to 01/05/16 - All works are complete. Carriageway Resurfacing from 01/05/16 to 31/10/16 - All works are in Progress with 2 schemes left to complete. Carriageway Patching from 01/01/17 to 31/03/17 - Works are in progress and are anticipated completion as per dates above.

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7.1.1.3 Use available funding to support the Council's priorities to improve road safety on the County's highway network.	Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	53.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p><b>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:</b>                  Welsh Government funding received for Road Safety Grant Schemes (2016/17) - i) A5026, Lloc - Junction Improvement - Design complete, materials ordered, due on site next month for physical works. ii) A5104 Penymynydd to Warren Hall - Route treatment - Route treatment - Design complete, materials ordered, due on site next month. iii) Liverpool Road/Alltami Road - Route treatment - Tender being prepared with a return date of mid December. Site works to begin during January 2017. Welsh Government funding received for Safer Routes in the Community (2016/17) for an upgrade of existing zebra Crossing, to a light controlled crossing, London Road, Trelawnyd (Outside School) - Scheme complete</p> <p>Last Updated: 28-Nov-2016</p>							

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.1.1.4 Work closely with the communities to develop innovative and sustainable community transport schemes	Katie Wilby - Transportation and Logistics Manager	Ongoing	01-Apr-2016	01-Apr-2017	-	 GREEN	 AMBER
<p><b>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:</b>                  Working groups have now been set up within the 21 communities that have signed up to the project and working group meetings have been taking place throughout August and September 2016. The purpose of the working groups is to organise the public drop-in events within their communities, arrange publicity for the events and identify the demand within each area. A series of 'drop in' events will be held across the County starting on 30th September 2016 to engage with the wider community and stakeholders to explain how people can get involved in the project, understand the demand and capacity within the areas and what support may be required in setting up the new initiatives.</p> <p>Last Updated: 23-Sep-2016</p>							

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.1 Establish an Environment working Group to ensure that the Council adopts an integrated approach to service delivery which meets the aims and objectives of the Single Environment Grant (SEG).	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment	Completed	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	100.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p><b>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:</b>                  The Single Environment Working Group (SEWG) was established in June and has met twice since. The Group has successfully coordinated the actions of the two portfolios to meet the aims of the SEG claim. SEWG are tracking the latest position on 2017/18 SEG level. Officers attended a Welsh Government workshop on 30.11.2016 to gain advice on clarity for submitting future SEG claims and we will also be presenting in terms of our SEWG approach.</p>							



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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.2 Agree the Local Development Plan vision and objectives, and options to accommodate growth	Andy Roberts - Planning Strategy Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	50.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Q2 Update: The position at quarter 2 is that this action is progressing as per the timeframe for completion, which was set out in the progress report for quarter 1 (See below). A number of Member, Stakeholder and Town and Community Council engagement sessions have taken place to consider the growth and spatial options which then began a six week period of public consultation on 28th October 2016. Q1 Update: The Plan's vision and objectives were consulted on in the spring of 2016 as part of the Key Messages public consultation, where the feedback resulted in only minor amendments to the wording of certain objectives for clarification. The vision and objectives now form part of the emerging Plan strategy. Growth and spatial options have been developed and discussed with Members at the Planning Strategy Group. These will be published for public consultation in the autumn of 2016, in line with the revised Delivery Agreement and Timetable approved by Cabinet in June 2016. The Plan is on target to prepare the Core Strategy by the end of 2016 which will be made available for consultation by March 2017.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.3 Reducing our Carbon footprint	Paul Kindlin - Energy Conservation Building Surveyor	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	50.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Same as Q1 except for energy consumption figures have changed and asset rationalisation. Flintshire County Councils Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) returns showed a reduction of 913 tonnes from 22032 tonnes in the year 2014/15 to 21119 in 2015/16. Energy Consumption figures for Q2 compared to Q2 last year, reflect the warm summer and mild early autumn showing reductions in all fuels as follows: Electricity - 4 %, Gas - 36%, Oil -80%, LPG -43%. Asset rationalisation has started to take effect with four school closures, Ysgol Llanfynydd, Ysgol Maes Edwin, Ysgol Y Fron, Perth y Terfyn, various library closures and CAT transfers (Connah's Quay Baths). Activities to achieve 50% completion were lighting refurbishments completed at County Hall (Phase 2), County Offices Flint, Gwynedd CP School and Derwen CP School, Kinnerton. Two small Solar farms are being installed on former landfill sites (400KWp Brookhill and 700KWp Standard) which are expected to be complete and commissioned by 3rd October. Private wire is being connected to Plastics Recycling Centre at Standard. Financial case being prepared to construct an 11Kv overhead or underground line between Brookhill Solar farm and Alltami depot. Evaporative cooling system operational in Alltami Depot data centre replacing the air conditioning system, approximate annual savings of 138 tonnes of carbon. Two Solar Photo Voltaic (P.V.) installations have been completed at Cornist CP School, Flint (25kWp) and Ewloe Green CP School (12kWp). Progress for Quarter 3 – Quarter 4 is to continue to monitor heating controls at all sites with remote access, programme lighting refurbishments and solar PV installations. The progress RAG for the quarter is Green given the reduced energy consumption figures for Q1 and Q2 however the outcome RAG remains at Amber as we now enter the winter period and the energy consumption figures are weather reliant. If we have a prolonged period of cold

weather then our buildings are heated for a longer period of time and the energy consumption will increase.



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7.2.1.4 Reviewing the Flood Risk Management Strategy	Ruairi Barry - Senior Engineer	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	40.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Work remains on-going on reviewing Flintshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS). The present strategy runs from 2013-2017 and proposes that a review takes place in 2017 following the review of Welsh Government's National Strategy. At the September 2016 North Wales Flood Risk Management Group meeting in St Asaph, Welsh Government (WG) officials noted that updates of Local Strategies should follow on from WG 's update of the National Strategy. It is unlikely that that national update will be complete by April 2017. Notwithstanding the above, Flintshire's present LFRMS is in need of minor amendments and updates, particularly considering recent re-structuring and re-organisation. The national delay does not prevent the Council from updating our existing strategy in the interim period. This will ensure that the publically available LFRMS document continue to provide an up to date account of the Council's current approach to managing local flood risk, and that the approaches remain consistent with the strategic aims and objectives in the National Strategy. In summary the review of the LFRMS will continue and remains on track for a revised document to be available prior to March 2017. A more comprehensive review may follow in 2017/18 should Welsh Government's review of the National Flood Risk Management Strategy require it.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.5 Reducing the occurrence and impact of environmental crime.	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Completed	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	100.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Introduction of a third party contractor on a 12 month pilot scheme to enforce littering and dog fouling offences in line with the council's zero tolerance approach. A third party contractor was appointed in July on a 12 month pilot. The pilot is progressing well with over 2,000 tickets now issued. Anecdotal evidence from operational staff reports that there is a reduction in litter. Cabinet approval is now being sought to prepare a tender for a long term contract with an external supplier to enforce litter and dog fouling offences.

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## Performance Indicators

KPI Title	Pre. Year Period Actual	Period Actual	Period Target	Perf. RAG	Perf. Indicator Trend	YTD Actual	YTD Target	Outcome RAG
IP7.1.1.2M02 Percentage of inspections undertaken to ensure reinstatements meet required standards so as to improve the standard of works undertaken on Flintshire's network.	No Data	15	12.5	 GREEN	N/A	27	25	 GREEN




**Lead Officer:** Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation

**Reporting Officer:** Sam Tulley - Road Space Manager

**Aspirational Target:**

**Progress Comment:** This shows the percentage of category A inspections undertaken in quarter 2. Inspections take place during the works to ensure compliance and reduce the need to carry out future remedial works.

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KPI Title	Pre. Year Period Actual	Period Actual	Period Target	Perf. RAG	Perf. Indicator Trend	YTD Actual	YTD Target	Outcome RAG
IP7.1.1.3M01 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Older drivers	11	9	7	 GREEN		17	14	 GREEN

**Lead Officer:** Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager



**Reporting Officer:** Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

**Aspirational Target:**

**Progress Comment:** The scheme is progressing. 9 Clients undertook an assessment during July, August & September. An internal advertising programme is planned for Quarter 3 along with an Older driver workshop.

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IP7.1.1.3M02 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Newly qualified young drivers	21	6	11	 RED	↓	10	22	 AMBER
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**Lead Officer:** Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager

**Reporting Officer:** Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer



**Aspirational Target:**

**Progress Comment:** Welsh Government funding secured for Flintshire Young drivers (aged 17 - 24) to attend a Pass Plus Cymru Driving Course (theory and practical driving elements).

Attendance on the Pass Plus Cymru course has been in decline in previous years, with the decline acknowledged by the Young Persons Steering Group. The Steering Group have recommended actions in an attempt to further promote the scheme including communication with all Flintshire based Driving Instructors to promote the benefits of attending the Pass Plus Course. The scheme will be advertised in local service garages and, awareness to parents and young drivers promoted across social media.

The Council will continue to monitor the impact of the increased promotion of the scheme in terms of numbers attending.

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KPI Title	Pre. Year Period Actual	Period Actual	Period Target	Perf. RAG	Perf. Indicator Trend	YTD Actual	YTD Target	Outcome RAG
IP7.1.1.3M03 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Motorcyclists	35	13	15	 RED	↓	26	30	 AMBER

**Lead Officer:** Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager

**Reporting Officer:** Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

**Aspirational Target:**

**Progress Comment:** Welsh Government funding secured for Bikesafe Motorcycle Training for resident and Road Users of Flintshire. The BikeSafe workshop explores the main riding hazards that a biker faces. By delivering theory presentations and observed rides, a BikeSafe workshop will help riders discover their strengths and weaknesses and also where to go next to develop and get more from your biking.

In addition to The Bikesafe Workshop, an FBOS (First Bike On Scene) First Aid for Riders course is available to residents of Flintshire. Attendees will be given instruction in relation to six elements:

- Mechanics of injury
- Scene Management
- Extraction
- Basic Life Support
- Log Roll
- Safe Helmet Removal

Scooter Safe & Small Capacity Rider training is also available.

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## RISKS

### Strategic Risk

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sufficient funding to ensure our highways infrastructure remains safe and capable of supporting economic growth.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Barry Wilkinson - Highways Networks Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open



**Potential Effect:** Deterioration of the condition of highways in Flintshire.  
**Management Controls:** Focussed investment through the funding of schemes that maintain or reduce the pace of deterioration of the condition of the main highway infrastructure. Road Safety Scheme identification for improvement to routes through available funding. Maximize funding received through the quality of the bid submission by aligning submissions to follow successful bid model techniques.  
**Progress Comment:** In quarter 2 significant schemes have been measured on a internal matrix for the purposes of rank ordering, and collated for tendering purposes to ensure cost effective delivery. Contracts are in place, and preventative and corrective maintenance schemes of the highest ranked sites within network will be completed before the end of the financial year.

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RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sustainable transport options do not remain attractive to users.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Katie Wilby - Transportation and Logistics Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open

**Potential Effect:** Increase in individual car usage. Increase in deterioration of the highway. Not meet the requirements of the Active Travel Wales bill.  
**Management Controls:** Develop initiatives around fares, ticketing interoperability, transport integration, vehicle standards, accessibility (low floor vehicles), safety and security measures (e.g. CCTV mandatory), driver training, quality of passenger transport information, marketing and promotion of services  
**Progress Comment:**

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Sufficient funding will not be found to continue to provide subsidised bus services.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Katie Wilby - Transportation and Logistics Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open

**Potential Effect:** Decrease in bus services to residents, particularly in rural areas.  
**Management Controls:** Develop services so that they become more commercially viable  
**Progress Comment:**

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Reduction of the Single Environment Grant.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Potential reduction in future service provision</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> Put pressure on WG for the need to secure the grant at its current level, and raise awareness of the implications of its reduction.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> In quarter 2 this still remains a risk as we await the final WG Revenue Grant Settlement and the impact that may have on grant levels. Latest information suggests a 6% overall reduction for 2017/18.</p> <p>The matter has been raised with the Council's leadership and with WLGA colleagues in turn.</p> <p>Last Updated: 29-Nov-2016</p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Recycling programmes are not supported by the public and employees.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Decreasing income from resale of recyclates. Increased infraction charges. Carbon reduction targets not met.</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> Recycling information to public. Employee recycling schemes in place. Incentives for local business to recycle. Marketing campaigns. Targeting of areas with low participation rates. Increase meet and greet service at HRCs. Early stakeholder engagement.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b></p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Limitations on suitable Council sites with sufficient area for larger scale renewables schemes and suitable connections to the electric grid.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Amber	↔	Open

**Potential Effect:** Unable to generate power through FCC controlled renewables sources. Continue to pay market prices for energy.

**Management Controls:** Continue to review the availability of sites.

**Progress Comment:** In quarter 2 the initial appraisal was undertaken with Green Growth Wales team.

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RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Funding will not be secured for priority flood alleviation schemes.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Red	Red	↔	Open

**Potential Effect:** Flood schemes will not be delivered

**Management Controls:** Review our approach to funding capital projects

**Progress Comment:** In Quarter 2 the grant and availability is continuing to be monitored. A capital bid to potentially address flood risk schemes is also being established.

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RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Customer expectations around the delivery of flood alleviation schemes are not effectively managed.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Amber	↔	Open


**Potential Effect:** Flood schemes will not be delivered

**Management Controls:** Review our approach to funding capital projects

**Progress Comment:** In quarter 2 improved information was provided prior to commencement of projects helping to address expectations.

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Environmental crime programmes are not supported by the public and employees.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Yellow		Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Continued problems with littering, graffiti and loss of environmental quality</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> Monitor the effectiveness of projects and clarify the purpose of schemes prior to implementation.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> In quarter 2 the success of projects has continued to be monitored and actions taken which have resulted in a reduced risk.</p> <p>Last Updated: 30-Nov-2016</p>						