



Quarter 3 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	75.00%	 GREEN	 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 & 3 are now complete with stage 4 under way, this makes up the 75% completion figure. The remaining 25% will involve completion of stage 4. Stage 3 involved analysing data gathered from Stage 2 to plot departure and destination points, then cluster these destination and departure points to identify desire lines for walking and cycling routes. Stage 4 involves converting desire lines to routes which will be undertaken by desktop exercise and on site assessments. The timetable for informal engagement and statutory consultation has been revised due to the fact that Welsh Government has put back the submission date for the Integrated Network Map to November 3rd 2017. Additionally, Welsh Government are providing a new mapping system for Local Authorities to map out their proposed Active Travel Network which we are still waiting for. It is intended to now undertake informal engagement in early March with a view to the statutory consultations starting after the Local Elections in late May, early June 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: i) Carriageway surface dressing from 01/04/16 to 01/05/16 - All works are complete. ii) Carriageway resurfacing from 01/05/16 to 31/10/16 - All works are complete. iii) Carriageway patching from 01/04/16 to 31/03/17 - Part 1 of the works were completed 01/04/16 to 01/06/16 - Part 2 started on 01/02/2017 and scheduled for completion by 31/03/2017



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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.	Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	70.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Welsh Government funding received for Road Safety Grant Schemes (2016/17) - i) A5026, Lloc - Junction Improvement - Completed ii) A5104 Penymynydd to Warren Hall - Route treatment - Design complete, materials ordered, work to commence 24th February for an anticipated period of 3 weeks. iii) Liverpool Road/Alltami Road - Route treatment - Works currently in progress with completion anticipated end of February 2017. The 70% progress reflects the completion of two schemes the remaining 30% will involve the scheduled completion of two schemes in Q4 2016/17



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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	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	01-Apr-2017	75.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Working groups were set up within the 21 communities that signed up to the project and group meetings took place throughout August and September 2016. The purpose of the working groups was to organise 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 were held across the County during quarter 3 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. Drop in sessions will continue to be held during quarter 4.



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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

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

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.



Last Updated: 30-Nov-2016

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:

Consultation on strategic options was completed in December 2016 and feedback reported to the Planning Strategy Group at its February 2017 meeting. This will then feed into the production of the preferred strategy during March and April when the preferred growth and spatial options will be agreed. 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	70.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Energy Consumption figures for quarter 3 compared to quarter 3 last year, are showing reductions in all fuels as follows: Electricity -7.36 %, Gas -1.86%, Oil -18.62%, LPG -22.12% In absolute terms the current overall reduction of emissions is -4.64%. Activities completed during quarter 3 were lighting refurbishments at Deeside Enterprise Centre, Broughton School and LED lighting in Argoed High School drama studio and gym, New Building Energy Management Systems (BEMS) at Sychdyn CP School and Deeside Enterprise Centre. Two small Solar farms installed on former landfill sites (400KWp Brookhill and 700KWp Standard) are complete and commissioned. Private wire is being connected to Plastics Recycling Centre at Standard. Detailed design and pre project planning works for the 11Kv underground line between Brookhill Solar farm and Alltami depot are ongoing. Plans for quarter 4 are to continue to monitor heating controls at all sites with remote access, programme lighting refurbishment at Greenfield Business Centre. Three Solar Photo Voltaic (P.V.) installations are planned for Broughton School, Mynydd Isa Infants and Ysgol Derwen all 8kWp. The progress RAG for the quarter is Green given the reduced energy consumption figures for quarter 1 - quarter 3 however the outcome RAG remains at Amber as the gas, oil and lpg percentage reduction are lower compared to previous quarters due to 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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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
7.2.1.4 Reviewing the Flood Risk Management Strategy	Ruairi Barry - Senior Engineer	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	75.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Flintshire’s Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) runs from 2013-2017 and proposes that a review takes place in 2017 following the review of Welsh Government's National Strategy. Welsh Government have recently advised that a delay in the review of the National Strategy is probable. Such a delay does not preclude the Council from updating its Local Strategy in the interim period to reflect progress and changes that have been made since the initial publication. Updates include progress made on key measures such as implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS) based flood risk asset register, formalising consenting processes, clarification of surface water planning requirements . These amendments ensure that Flintshire’s LFRMS continues to accurately reflect the Lead Local Flood Authority’s approach to managing local flood risk, and this approach remains consistent with the strategic aims and objectives in the National Strategy. Approximately 50% of the required edits have been completed to date. Remaining work to be undertaken in quarter 4 will focus on improving the existing strategy document to be a more effective method of sharing information, raising awareness and communicating key messages to the wider public and other stakeholders. The revised LFRMS draft document will be available in March 2017 (for consultation if appropriate). It is possible a more comprehensive review of the LFRMS could 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	In Progress	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	75.00%	 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 2,800 tickets now issued. Anecdotal evidence from operational staff report 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
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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	15	12.5	 GREEN
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Lead Officer: Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation
Reporting Officer: Sam Tulley - Road Space Manager
Aspirational Target:
Progress Comment: The percentage of inspections undertaken was on roadworks carried out by external works promoters. The majority of these external promoters are utility companies such as Welsh Water, BT and the gas board. The inspections are undertaken to ensure highway reconstruction and reinstating meets standards, reducing the need to carry out further roadworks to repair defective reinstatements.

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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	9	7	7	 GREEN	↓	24	21	 GREEN

Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager
Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer
Aspirational Target:
Progress Comment: 7 Flintshire older drivers undertook driving assessments during this period. 1 of the clients referred to the Wales Mobility Assessment Centre for further assistance, due to deterioration of cognitive skills. The scheme is progressing, however internal advertising utilising the Council's social media avenues was delayed until February to avoid Christmas period. Workshops did not go ahead due to funding restraints.

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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	2	9	11	 AMBER	↑	19	33	 AMBER

Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager



Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

Aspirational Target:

Progress Comment: Welsh Government funding has been 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 recommended actions in an attempt to further promote the scheme. Following implementation of the actions a small increase in attendance has been recorded. The Council will continue to promote the scheme for a further increase during quarter 4. Courses are scheduled during March 2017.

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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	27	10	15	 AMBER	↓	36	45	 AMBER

Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager

Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

Aspirational Target:

Progress Comment: Welsh Government funding has been secured for BikeSafe Motorcycle Training for residents of Flintshire. The BikeSafe workshop explores the main riding hazards that a motorcyclist may encounter by delivering theory presentations and observed rides. A BikeSafe workshop will help motorcyclists discover their strengths and weaknesses and how to further develop their road skills. In addition to the BikeSafe workshop, a First Bike On Scene (FBOS) First Aid for Riders course is available to residents of Flintshire. Scooter Safe and Small Capacity motorcycle training is also available. The last course of the calendar year was held at Deeside Fire Station, with 10 Flintshire residents in attendance. Flintshire is leading in attendance across North Wales. Scooter Safe and Small Capacity motorcycle training is also available. The last course of the calendar year was held at Deeside Fire Station, with 10 Flintshire residents in attendance. Flintshire is leading in attendance across North Wales

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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
<p>Potential Effect: Deterioration of the condition of highways in Flintshire.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Progress Comment: Q3 - Contracts are in place, and preventative and corrective work has commenced across a number of improvement and maintenance schemes of the highest ranked sites within the network. This work will be completed before the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Last Updated: 02-Feb-2017</p>						

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
<p>Potential Effect: Increase in individual car usage. Increase in deterioration of the highway. Not meet the requirements of the Active Travel Wales bill.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Progress Comment: Work is ongoing with Welsh Government and regional partners through the Local, Regional and National Transport Plans looking at transport interventions such as integrated ticketing, quality partnerships, vehicle quality standards, infrastructure improvements and development of alternative services such as community based transport services.</p> <p>Last Updated: 17-Feb-2017</p>						

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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				Open
<p>Potential Effect: Decrease in bus services to residents, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>Management Controls: Develop services so that they become more commercially viable</p> <p>Progress Comment: Work is ongoing to make existing services more sustainable and provide support for the bus industry in partnership with Welsh Government with a Bus Summit held on 23.01.2017. The Bus Summit was facilitated by Welsh Government and aimed to bring together industry users, providers, and policy makers in devising a forward looking sustainable strategy for the bus industry in Wales.</p> <p>Existing supported bus services are operating within current financial levels for 2016-2017.</p> <p>Last Updated: 17-Feb-2017</p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Reduction of the Single Environment Grant.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment					Open
<p>Potential Effect: Potential reduction in future service provision</p> <p>Management Controls: Following initial Welsh Government projections for the grant this is now being raised as pressure for 2017/18.</p> <p>Progress Comment: In quarter 3 this still remains as the initial Welsh Government Revenue Grant Settlement indicates a reduction for 2017/18.</p> <p>The matter has been raised as a budget pressure for 2017/18.</p> <p>Last Updated: 10-Feb-2017</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				Open

Potential Effect: Decreasing income from resale of recyclates. Increased infraction charges. Carbon reduction targets not met.
Management Controls: 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.
Progress Comment: Recycling tonnages have improved on the previous year. A Countywide education campaign was carried out prior to Christmas to inform residents of an increase in the range and type of materials we collect. Further food specific campaigns are planned for March. This will continue to be monitored given the increase in what can be recycled and that the public are becoming more aware of the range of materials that can now be collected.

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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 3 a list of potential sites has been generated in partnership with the Green Growth Wales team, these will be reviewed and a programme for development established.

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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: During quarter 3 the grant and availability continued to be monitored. A capital bid to potentially address flood risk schemes is also being developed. The Mold scheme will be raised as a potential National Development Framework project which will provide greater strength when seeking capital. A review of the permitted Mold scheme is also in progress.
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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 3 improved information was provided prior to commencement of projects which has assisted in helping to manage expectations.
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RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Environmental crime programmes are not supported by the public and employees.	Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation	Harvey Mitchell - Waste and Ancillary Services Manager	Amber	Yellow	↓	Open

Potential Effect: Continued problems with littering, graffiti and loss of environmental quality
Management Controls: Monitor the effectiveness of projects and clarify the purpose of schemes prior to implementation.
Progress Comment: In Quarter 3 the introduction of a pilot scheme carrying out environmental enforcement using a specialist contractor has so far been successful with the number of FPN's issued exceeding 2,800.
 There is anecdotal evidence suggesting that there has been a reduction in the amount of litter being dropped in our town centres.
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