

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11 th October 2022
Report Subject	Council Plan 2023-28
Cabinet Member	<p>Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure;</p> <p>Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy;</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection; and</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy</p>
Report Author	<p>Chief Executive; and</p> <p>Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy); and</p> <p>Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)</p>
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2023 - 28 has been reviewed and refreshed to reflect the key priorities of the Council for the five-year term of the new administration.

The 'super-structure' of the Plan comprises of seven priorities and relevant sub-priorities. The seven priorities take a long-term view of recovery, projects and ambitions over the next five years. The priorities and sub-priorities relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee are shown at Appendix 1.

The Council Plan 2023 - 28 will be published in a similar format to previous years, identifying actions aimed at achieving the Well-being objectives, priorities and sub-priorities. National and regional issues/risks which could impact on the achievement of these priorities will be identified and monitored.

Part 2 of the Council Plan will be considered by all Overview and Scrutiny committees to ensure full coverage of Part 1 of the Council Plan 2023/28 and its respective measures and their targets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	That the Committee support the proposed Priorities, Sub-priorities and Well-being objectives of the Council Plan 2023-28, as set out at Appendix 1.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	COUNCIL PLAN 2023-28
1.01	It is a requirement of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for organisations to 'set out any actions to increase the extent to which the council is meeting the performance requirements.' Plans for organisations should be robust; be clear on where it wants to go; and how it will get there.
1.02	<p>A full review has taken place to ensure the appropriateness and relevance of the well-being objectives, priorities, and sub-priorities going forward. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• priority actions that continue from 2023 onwards for sustained attention• priority actions which could be removed as they have been completed or become operational (business as usual); and• emerging priority actions for 2023-28
1.03	<p>The proposed structure of the Council Plan 2023-28 consists of seven priorities, well-being objectives, and sub-priorities as follows:</p> <p>Priority: Poverty Well-being Objective: Protecting our communities and people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs and to be resilient Sub-priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Income Poverty- Child Poverty- Food Poverty- Fuel Poverty- Digital Poverty <p>Priority: Affordable and Accessible Housing Well-being Objective: Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities Sub-priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing Support and Homeless Prevention- Housing Needs and Housing Options- Social Housing- Private Rented Sector- Empty Properties <p>Priority: Green Society and Environment Well-being Objective: Limiting and enhancing the impact of the Council's services on the natural environment and supporting the wider communities of Flintshire to reduce their own carbon footprint Sub-priorities:</p>

- Phosphates Mitigation
- Carbon Neutrality
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment
- Fleet Strategy
- Green Environment
- Flintshire Forest
- Green Access
- Renewable Energy
- Active and Sustainable Travel Options
- Circular Economy

Priority: Economy

Well-being Objective: Connecting communities and enabling sustainable economic recovery and growth

Sub-priorities:

- Rural Regeneration
- Levelling Up
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Business
- Transport Connectivity
- Digital Infrastructure
- Local Development Plan (LDP) Targets
- Spending Money for the benefit of Flintshire
- Reducing Worklessness

Priority: Personal and Community Well-being

Well-being Objective: Supporting people in need to live as well as they can

Sub-priorities:

- Independent Living
- Safeguarding
- Direct Provision to support people closer to home
- Local Dementia Strategy
- A Well-connected, Safe and Clean Local Environment.

Priority: Education and Skills

Well-being Objective: Enabling and Supporting Learning Communities

Sub-priorities:

- Educational Engagement and Achievement
- Digital Learning Opportunities
- Learning Environments
- Learning Community Networks
- Specialist Educational Provision
- Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP)
- Well-being

Priority: A Well-managed Council

Well-being Objective: A responsible, resourceful and trusted Council operating as efficiently as possible

Sub-priorities:

- People
- Anti-Racist and Anti-Discriminatory Council
- Financial Resilience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flintshire Assets - Digital - Partnerships
1.04	The final Council Plan will be available as a web-based document published on the Flintshire County Council website following adoption by County Council in June 2023.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial review arrangements.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	All Members will have the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Well-being objectives, priorities and sub-priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise targets set for 2023-28.

4.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT														
4.01	<p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Long-term</td> <td rowspan="5">The Council Plan 2023-28 continues to be aligned to the Sustainable Development Principles across all of their working. A full integrated impact assessment will be carried out for Council Plan 2023-28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> </tr> </table> <p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td rowspan="7">Council Plan 2023-28 continues to provide evidence of alignment with the Well-being Goals. Specific strategic and policy reports include impact and risk assessments.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More equal Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cohesive Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vibrant Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Globally responsible Wales</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council's Well-being Objectives The Council's Well-being objectives have been reviewed as part of this exercise. The refreshed set Well-being objectives is found within this report in section 1.03.</p>	Long-term	The Council Plan 2023-28 continues to be aligned to the Sustainable Development Principles across all of their working. A full integrated impact assessment will be carried out for Council Plan 2023-28	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement	Prosperous Wales	Council Plan 2023-28 continues to provide evidence of alignment with the Well-being Goals. Specific strategic and policy reports include impact and risk assessments.	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More equal Wales	Cohesive Wales	Vibrant Wales	Globally responsible Wales
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5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Plan 2023-28 – Proposed Priorities, Sub-priorities and Well-being Objectives relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Sam Perry, Performance and Risk Management Support Officer</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 701476</p> <p>E-mail: Sam.perry@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	Council Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council.
8.02	Medium Term Financial Strategy: a written strategy which gives a forecast of the financial resources which will be available to a Council for a given period, and sets out plans for how best to deploy those resources to meet its priorities, duties and obligations.
8.03	Council Plan Part 2: the document which underpins the Council Plan, which captures Measures, Tasks and Risks.