

## ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
<b>Report Subject</b>	Council Plan 2023-28 Development
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy;  Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection; and  Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy); and  Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
<b>Type of Report</b>	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 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 the respective 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.	To support the Council Plan 2023-28 Part 1 and Part 2 documents that outline the actions, measures and risks that underpin the Priorities, Sub-Priorities and Well-being objectives of the Council Plan 2023-28.
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## REPORT DETAILS

1.00	COUNCIL PLAN 2023-28
1.01	<p>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.</p>
1.02	<p>A full review has been undertaken to ensure the appropriateness and relevance of the well-being objectives, priorities, and sub-priorities going forward. This includes a review of the current Council Plan 2022-23 to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• priority actions that continue from 2023 onwards for sustained attention</li> <li>• priority actions which could be removed as they have been completed or become operational (business as usual); and</li> <li>• emerging new priority areas, actions and measures for 2023-28</li> </ul>
1.03	<p>The high-level structure of the Council Plan 2023-28 was agreed in October 2022, and consists of seven priorities, well-being objectives, and a number of sub-priorities. The priorities relevant to the Environment &amp; Economy Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee are detailed below:</p> <p><b>Priority: Green Society and Environment</b>  <b>Well-being Objective:</b> 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  <b>Sub-priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phosphates Mitigation</li> <li>- Net Zero Carbon Council (Previously called Carbon Neutrality)</li> <li>- Climate Change Adaptation</li> <li>- Flood Risk Management Strategy</li> <li>- Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment</li> <li>- Fleet Strategy</li> <li>- Green Environment</li> <li>- Flintshire Forest</li> <li>- Green Access</li> <li>- Renewable Energy* (Removed)</li> <li>- Active and Sustainable Travel Options</li> <li>- Circular Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority: Economy</b>  <b>Well-being Objective:</b> Connecting communities and enabling sustainable economic recovery and growth  <b>Sub-priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rural Regeneration</li> <li>- Levelling Up* (Removed)</li> <li>- Town Centre Regeneration</li> <li>- Business</li> <li>- Transport Connectivity</li> <li>- Digital Infrastructure</li> <li>- Local Development Plan (LDP) Targets</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spending Money for the benefit of Flintshire* (Removed)</li> <li>- Reducing Worklessness</li> </ul>
1.04	A lot of work has taken place within each of the portfolios to identify the actions, measures and risks that sit beneath each of the sub priorities and underpin the Council Plan. The actions, measures and risks for the sub-priorities relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee are detailed within the Council Plan Part 2 document attached at Appendix 2.
1.05	Following adoption by County Council, the Council Plan 2023-28 will be available as a web-based document published on the Flintshire County Council website.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
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.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	To date, all Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the draft Well-being objectives, priorities and sub-priorities before these were agreed in October 2022.
3.02	All Members will have the opportunity to review the Council Plan Part 2 document and scrutinise any actions, measures and/or targets set for 2023-28.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>								
4.01	<p><b>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</b></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 high-level Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the Council Plan 2023-28. This will be supported with an overview of the Integrated Impact Assessments that will be carried out to support the actions identified within the 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><b>Well-being Goals Impact</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td>The Council Plan 2023-28 continues to</td> </tr> </table>	Long-term	The Council Plan 2023-28 continues to be aligned to the Sustainable Development Principles across all of their working. A high-level Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the Council Plan 2023-28. This will be supported with an overview of the Integrated Impact Assessments that will be carried out to support the actions identified within the Council Plan 2023-28.	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement	Prosperous Wales	The Council Plan 2023-28 continues to
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<p><b>Council's Well-being Objectives</b>  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>								

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	<p><b>Appendix 1 - Council Plan 2023-28 Part 1:</b> An overview of the Well-being Objectives, Priorities, Sub priorities and their definitions</p> <p><b>Appendix 2 - Council Plan 2023-28 Part 2:</b> How achievements will be measured - Supporting Actions, Measures and Risks</p>

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None.

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

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	<p><b>Council Plan:</b> The document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council.</p> <p><b>Medium Term Financial Strategy:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Council Plan Part 2:</b> The document which underpins the Council Plan, which captures the Actions, Measures, and Risks set out within each priority.</p>