

Council Plan 2023/28 – Part 1

Priority Name	Green Society and Environment
Description/ 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
Phosphates Mitigation Definition: Provision of viable and deliverable options to mitigate the impact of phosphates from new development on Special Areas of Conservation protected rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producing guidance on viable and deliverable options to mitigate the impact of phosphates from new development on SAC protected rivers – by March 2024
Net Zero Carbon Council (Changed from Carbon Neutrality) Definition: A net carbon zero Council by 2030 and supporting wider decarbonisation actions across the County, making this central to Covid-19 recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the procurement policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from suppliers – by March 2024 Developing plans towards net zero carbon for our assets in line with Welsh Government guidance – by March 2024 Working with Flintshire's leisure and culture trust partners to reduce carbon emissions – by March 2024 A net zero carbon Council by 2030 and supporting wider decarbonisation actions across the County, making this central to Covid-19 recovery – by 2030 Aura's Council-owned building assets to contribute towards the wider net carbon zero ambition – by March 2024
Climate Change Adaptation Definition: Be more resilient to the changes that have happened due to climate change and prepare for predicted future change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the Council's Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment – by June 2023 Reviewing the Council's Flood Risk Management Strategy – by June 2024 Carrying out flood investigations and alleviation works where appropriate – by March 2024 Assessing the feasibility of schemes within land assets for resisting flood and drought while enhancing biodiversity and increasing carbon storage – by March 2024 Ensuring climate change and biodiversity are considered a priority in key decision making across all Council services – by March 2024 Identifying projects to further support climate adaptation ambitions following Welsh Government guidance – by March 2024
Flood Risk Management Strategy Definition:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the Council's Flood Risk Management Strategy – by June 2024

<p>Refresh the Council's flood risk management strategy to align with the national strategy and identify communities at most risk in Flintshire and the actions required to mitigate this risk</p>	
<p>Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment</p> <p>Definition: Review the Council's Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment in light of the Ministerial letter of November 2021, to prepare for the implementation of revised TAN15 Development and Flood Risk guidance which becomes operational in June 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the Council's Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment – by June 2023
<p>Fleet Strategy</p> <p>Definition: Reducing the environmental impact of our fleet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the environmental impact of Aura's fleet via the wider agreement with the Council – by March 2024 • Reducing the environmental impact of our fleet by transitioning to ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) – by March 2030
<p>Green Environment</p> <p>Definition: Enhance and increase biodiversity and trees to deliver multiple benefits for people, wildlife, and the environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering an increase in canopy cover as part of the Urban Tree and Woodland Plan – by March 2024 • Progressing Ash Dieback Action Plan – by March 2024 • Enhancing the natural environment through the delivery of the Section 6 Environment Act Wales biodiversity duty – by March 2024 • Developing a strategy to improve biodiversity and carbon sequestration on the agricultural estate – by March 2024
<p>Flintshire Forest</p> <p>Definition: Development of a plan to establish a Flintshire Forest that will identify available land assets, budget requirements and a realistic delivery timescale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Flintshire Forest Plan – by March 2024
<p>Green Access</p> <p>Definition: The promotion, good management, and protection of our green spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opportunities to develop the Flintshire Coast Park through the production of a scoping study – by March 2024 • Delivering the Rights of Way Improvement Plan with a focus to ensure improved access for all and the promotions of Walking for Health – by March 2024

<p>to deliver multiple benefits to the environment and our residents and visitors</p>	
<p>Renewable Energy</p> <p>Definition: The promotion and support of renewable energy opportunities across the Council Estate and wider communities</p>	<p>REMOVED - Captured within the Climate Change and Adaptation Sub Priority</p>
<p>Active and Sustainable Travel Options</p> <p>Definition: Create opportunities to increase levels of walking and cycling (active travel) and the use of sustainable public transport options, enabling the undertaking of multi-modal transport journeys to access key destinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of 20mph national legislation - by September 2023 • Promoting active travel and further develop the County's walking and cycleway network - by March 2028 • Supporting the development of public electric vehicle charging network - by March 2028 • Implementing formalised crossing facilities at existing school crossing patrol sites - by March 2028 • Declassification of hazardous routes across the county where appropriate through the implementation of engineering initiatives - by March 2028
<p>Circular Economy</p> <p>Definition: Support and promote the Welsh Government's strategy to create a sustainable, circular economy in Flintshire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the Council's Waste Strategy – by September 2023 • Achieving Welsh Government recycling targets – by March 2024 • Working in partnership, actively support and engage with community led groups by developing recycling initiatives – by March 2024 • Promoting the option to reuse and repair unwanted items at Household Recycling Centres by partnering with local Charities or social enterprises – by March 2024 • Developing a Recycling Waste Transfer Station for the deposit and processing of recyclable materials – by March 2025

Priority Name	Economy
Description/ Well-being Objective	Connecting communities and enabling a sustainable economic recovery and growth
<p>Rural Regeneration</p> <p>Definition: Ensure that Economy interventions consider and meet the needs of rural businesses and individuals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that Economy interventions consider and meet the needs of rural businesses and individuals – by March 2024 • Recruit a Digital Connectivity Officer to support rural communities to access better quality connectivity options – buy June 2023. • Commission a data review for rural Flintshire and hold community consultation to better understand rural community needs – by March 2024.
<p>Levelling Up</p> <p>Definition: Prepare and submit bids to the UK Government Levelling Up Fund programme to invest in projects in deprived coastal communities in Flintshire</p>	<p>REMOVED - The Council was not awarded any funding by UK Government from the Levelling Up Fund programme. Any actions and risks associated with LUF have therefore, been removed</p>
<p>Town Centre Regeneration</p> <p>Definition: Regenerate and re-invent our town centres</p> <p>Linked to Personal and Community Well-being</p> <p>Linked to Affordable and accessible housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the health and vitality of town centres to support effective management and business investment decisions – by March 2024 • Encouraging and supporting investment in town centre properties specially to facilitate more sustainable uses and including improvements to the environment – by March 2024 • Understanding the needs of and supporting community enterprises in town centre locations – by March 2024 • Engaging town centre small businesses and promote support packages available to them – by March 2024 • Libraries and leisure centres are community well-being hubs with social objectives underpinning their operation – by March 2024
<p>Business</p> <p>Definition: Enable business continuity and encourage appropriate investment</p> <p>Linked to Green Society and Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting small and/or local businesses to engage with public sector procurement opportunities – by March 2024 • Supporting recovery of the County’s Street and indoor markets – by March 2024 • Supporting growth of the local and regional food and drink business sector through marketing and collaborative projects – by March 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors and rebuild confidence in the industry – by March 2024 Increasing the scale and impact of the social business sector – by March 2024 Supporting local businesses in their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resource efficient – March 2024
<p>Transport Connectivity</p> <p>Definition: Develop and promote effective transport connectivity while supporting recovery and economic growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update the Councils integrated transport strategy – by March 2024 Supporting the establishment of CJsCs and delivery of the Joint Regional Transport Plan - by May 2024
<p>Digital Infrastructure</p> <p>Definition: Ensure the digital networks facilitate and support recovery and growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving digital connectivity across the County for businesses and residents – by March 2024
<p>Local Development Plan (LDP) Targets</p> <p>Definition: Achieve Local Development Plan (LDP) policy objectives for growth, protection, and enhancement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring overall Plan performance via the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and submit to Welsh Government – by January 2024 Maintaining and update the LDP Housing Trajectory in line with planning decisions made – by March 2024 Making decisions at Planning Committee in line with the adopted LDP – by March 2024 Referencing the LDP growth strategy in early work on a North Wales Strategic Development Plan (SDP) - by March 2024
<p>Spending money for the benefit of Flintshire</p> <p>Definition: Grow our local economic vitality through social value commitments and procurement strategy</p>	<p>REMOVED - Now business as usual and therefore, does not warrant a specific sub priority within the new Council Plan</p>
<p>Reducing Worklessness</p> <p>Definition: Work with our partners to support individuals to gain employment</p> <p>Linked to Poverty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordinating a multi-agency approach to support businesses to recruit people from disadvantaged groups – by March 2024 Delivering mentoring and wider support programmes to assist disadvantaged people to re-engage with the labour market - by March 2024