

## Council Plan 2023/28 – Part 1

Priority Name	Poverty
Description/ Well-being Objective	Protecting our communities and people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs and to be resilient
<p><b>Income Poverty</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> People on low income who are unable to meet day to day living costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing free access to swimming lessons (subject to WG funding), children's outdoor play areas, resources, and information via library services – by March 2024</li> <li>• Providing free activities and sports sessions during all school holidays within communities across Flintshire (subject to external grant funding) – by March 2024</li> <li>• Further develop our community hub approach giving access to a range of programmes, services, and agencies together in one place – by March 2024</li> <li>• Explore development of support schemes to mitigate in work poverty – by March 2024</li> <li>• Delivering Welsh Government support schemes linked to the cost-of-living crisis – by March 2024</li> <li>• Maximising the number of people signposted for support to facilitate longer term change – by March 2024</li> <li>• Ensuring that take-up to benefit entitlement is maximised in a timely way by processing claims efficiently – by March 2028</li> <li>• Maximising the take up of the Discretionary Housing Payments scheme and other financial support – by March 2028</li> </ul>
<p><b>Food Poverty</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> People who are not able to access food that meets their daily nutritional needs and requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to develop delivery of a “Hospital to Home” meals service – by March 2024</li> <li>• Further develop of the warm spaces initiative in partnership with organisations and third sector – by March 2024</li> <li>• Providing free access to Fit, Fed and Read sessions during summer holidays providing activities, sport, reading, crafts, and meals (subject to external grant funding) – by March 2024</li> <li>• Continue to roll out a transported and delivered food service “Mobile Meals” to those who are vulnerable – by March 2026</li> <li>• Introduce and develop a “Well Fed at Home Service” – by March 2026</li> </ul>

Priority Name	Affordable and Accessible Housing
<b>Description/ Well-being Objective</b>	Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities
<b>Housing Support and Homeless Prevention</b>  <b>Definition:</b> Offering support to people to retain their housing and live well and ensuring homelessness is rare, brief, and unrepeated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify site for a young person’s homeless hub offering accommodation and support services – by June 2023</li> <li>• Ensuring a multi-agency partnership approach to homeless prevention and develop a culture where homelessness is “everyone’s business” – by March 2024</li> <li>• Ensuring when homelessness does occur it is rare, brief, and non-recurring – by March 2024</li> <li>• Progress build project for the new homeless hub accommodation – by December 2024</li> <li>• Delivering our Rapid Rehousing transition plan – by March 2025</li> <li>• Promoting housing support and homeless prevention services with our residents and partners – by March 2028</li> <li>• Commissioning a wide range of housing related support that meets the needs of the people of Flintshire – by March 2028</li> </ul>
<b>Housing Needs and Housing Options</b>  <b>Definition:</b> Helping people to explore their housing options so they can access the right homes to meet their needs  <a href="#">Linked to Poverty</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Single point of access service for Housing help and advice – by March 2024</li> <li>• Developing self-service approaches that enable people to identify their own housing options through online support – by March 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Social Housing</b>  <b>Definition:</b> Working with housing partners to develop and invest in affordable housing and social housing - with modern methods of construction, improving the quality of Council homes, and a commitment towards carbon neutral  <a href="#">Linked to Poverty</a>  <a href="#">Linked to Green and Environment</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise the plan for the de-carbonisation of Council homes in line with Welsh Government guidance to ensure their thermal efficiency is optimised and the cost of heating homes are minimised - by September 2023</li> <li>• Working with residents to ensure our communities are well managed, safe, and sustainable places to live - by March 2024</li> <li>• In partnership with Denbighshire CC, creating a new Dynamic Procurement System to ensure CPRs are met and provide a wider opportunity for tendering Disabled Adaptation projects – by December 2024</li> <li>• Supporting our tenants to access technology and create sustainable digital communities - by March 2025</li> <li>• Increasing the Council’s housing portfolio by building social housing properties and affordable properties for North-East Wales (NEW) Homes – by March 2028</li> <li>• Working with housing association partners to build new social housing properties and additional affordable properties – by March 2028</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that any new social housing stock meets DQR standard energy efficiency A rating – by March 2028</li> <li>• Maximising Welsh Government Funding to increase stock capacity – by March 2028</li> <li>• Ensuring increase in stock capacity meets the identified needs and demands – by March 2028</li> <li>• Ensuring that the Council’s housing stock maintains the current Welsh Housing Quality Standards – by March 2028</li> <li>• Implementation of the initial recommendations of the sheltered housing review to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of current and prospective tenants – by March 2028</li> </ul>
<p><b>Private Rented Sector</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Supporting the private sector to raise standards in the management and condition of housing and promote tenancy sustainment in our communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a Private Sector Housing Support Team - by March 2024</li> <li>• Engaging with private sector tenants, giving them a voice, and responding to their needs – by March 2028</li> <li>• Working in partnership with landlords and private sector agents to better understand their needs – by March 2028</li> </ul>