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To: Cllr Ray Hughes (Chairman)

Councillors: Haydn Bateman, Glenys Diskin, Chris Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, David Evans, Veronica Gay, Alison Halford, Cindy Hinds, Colin Legg, Brian Lloyd, Richard Lloyd, Ann Minshull, Sara Parker and Paul Shotton

1 December 2016

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 7th December, 2016 in the Delyn Committee Room, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA to consider the following items

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 MINUTES (Pages 3 - 6)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016.

4 NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE PROJECT UPDATE

A verbal update will be given on the final stages of contract completion.

5 **QUARTER 2 IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016/17 MONITORING REPORT**
(Pages 7 - 24)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) and Chief Officer (Planning and Environment) enclosed. Portfolio of the Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Environment and the Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure.

Purpose: To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.

6 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 25 - 30)

Report of Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator enclosed.

Purpose: The Committee is asked to consider, and amend where necessary, the Forward Work Programme for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely



Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **2 NOVEMBER 2016**

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held in the Delyn Committee Room, County Hall, Mold on Wednesday, 2 November 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Ray Hughes (Chairman)

Councillors: Haydn Bateman, Glenys Diskin, Veronica Gay, Cindy Hinds, Colin Legg, Brian Lloyd, Richard Lloyd, Ann Minshull and Paul Shotton

SUBSTITUTES: Councillors: Nancy Matthews (for Chris Dolphin) and Hilary McGuill (for Sara Parker)

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Ian Dunbar, David Evans and Alison Halford, and Councillor Derek Butler, Cabinet Member for Economic Development

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Bernie Attridge, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment; Councillor Kevin Jones, Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection & Leisure; Chief Officer (Planning & Environment); and Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation)

Sadie Smith, Energy Conservation Engineer (for minute number 38)

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator and Committee Officer

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

There were no declarations of interest.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2016 were submitted.

Councillor Hilary McGuill thanked the Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) for circulating the detailed information on gully cleaning.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38. RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Chief Officer (Planning & Environment) introduced an update on progress with the Renewable Energy 10 year Action Plan which had been developed to maximise the social, environmental and economic opportunities of low carbon and renewable energy generation on Council owned land. A summary of activities undertaken during the first year of the Action Plan were set out, including an update on the solar PV installations at the Brookhill and

Standard landfill sites. A site visit to the Standard landfill site was to take place following the meeting.

Councillor Kevin Jones highlighted the significant progress on the landfill sites, in particular the substantial savings to be gained from the connection from the Brookhill site to provide electricity to Alltami depot which would also link to the proposed electric vehicle fleet. He also spoke about opportunities to develop areas of biomass through grant funding and with involvement by colleagues in Agricultural Estates on potential flood alleviation.

Councillor Paul Shotton commended the £2.8m savings expected to be generated over the 20 year cycle and asked whether any other areas had been identified. The Energy Conservation Engineer said that a list of Brownfield sites provided by the Valuation & Estates section would be analysed in detail to establish their suitability. In respect of hydro generation at Wepre Park, the scheme design was awaiting completion.

The Chief Officer (Streetscene & Regeneration) referred to the challenges on both landfill projects and thanked the Energy Conservation Engineer and Mr Paul Murphy, the manager of both sites, for their work.

Councillor Hilary McGuill questioned the scope of the public consultation exercise. The Energy Conservation Engineer explained that a link to the survey had been displayed on the Council's website and Twitter during the spring. Councillor Bernie Attridge acknowledged the need to include town and community councils as part of future consultation and said that the survey would be revisited at some point.

Councillor McGuill asked about the potential for solar PV installation at the high-rise flats in Flint and was informed that this was not viable due to the external wall fabrication and that the panels needed to be mounted on an angle to be more effective. A request for further clarification would be followed up by a separate detailed response. In response to comments on new housing developments by North East Wales (NEW) Homes, the Chief Officer (Planning and Environment) said that various funding sources would be explored to maximise opportunities for renewable energy. The list of identified Brownfield sites would be assessed to establish if any were suitable for solar PV installation or future development by NEW Homes.

Councillor Nancy Matthews spoke about the need for a cautious approach to achieve the predicted savings and for consideration of flood risk management on biomass schemes. In response to a question, it was explained that solar battery storage was being explored at both landfill sites.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee continues to support the actions set out in the Renewable Energy Action Plan and the progress made so far.

39. QUARTER 1 IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING REPORT 2016/17

The Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) introduced the regular update report to consider progress towards the delivery of the impacts set out in the 2016/17 Improvement Plan, focussing on the areas of under-performance relevant to the Committee during Quarter 1.

On the major risk area, Councillor Bernie Attridge referred to reliance on grant funding for priority flood alleviation schemes and forthcoming discussions with the local MP on the Mold scheme. Councillor Nancy Matthews spoke about the importance of delivering a viable scheme for Mold and suggested that Welsh Assembly Members should be involved in those discussions.

The Chief Officer (Planning and Environment) said that the intention was to review the current approved Mold scheme to ensure it was affordable and met requirements. Responding to comments from Councillor Haydn Bateman, he stated that the cost of the scheme was significant and that alternative options were being explored with funding sought from Welsh Government. Councillor Kevin Jones pointed out that this would be a separate funding stream from the Single Environment Grant.

On flood risk, Councillor Hilary McGuill commented on flooding at a housing scheme involving a holding tank, where permission had been granted by the Welsh Government Inspectorate. The Chief Officer advised that in each case, the decision-maker needed to be satisfied that there would be no detrimental impact on the drainage solution, based on evidence provided at the time. Councillor Veronica Gay had concerns about a similar scheme in Saltney and was informed that this had already been raised with Natural Resources Wales.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

40. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The following actions were agreed:

- A final update on the North Wales Residual Waste Project was confirmed for the next meeting on 7 December 2016.
- Members would be notified whether the provisional budget meeting on 9 December 2016 would proceed.
- All Members had been invited to attend a workshop on Public Space Protection Orders on 5 January 2017, where some elements would help to inform the feedback report from the Dog DNA Task & Finish Group on 11 January 2017. Councillor Hilary McGuill asked that the workshop include information on the approach to the Dog DNA scheme and the cost to the Council. Councillor Bernie Attridge suggested that a reminder of the workshop be sent to all Members.

- Following a suggestion by Councillor Veronica Gay, an update on cross-border communications, such as Mersey Dee Alliance, would be scheduled for a future joint meeting with the Community and Enterprise Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

On the provisional budget meeting, Councillor Nancy Matthews expressed her concerns about the impact of any further proposed budget cuts within the portfolio. Councillor Attridge said that the meeting was unlikely to take place as all service efficiencies had already been considered by Overview & Scrutiny committees and Cabinet. As requested by Councillor Matthews, details of efficiencies within service portfolios would be shared as a reminder to Members.

In response to remarks from Councillor Richard Lloyd on conflicting times of meetings and seminars, Councillor Attridge pointed out that it was the responsibility of those arranging events to avoid committee dates set in advance as part of the formal Diary of Meetings.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Work Programme be amended as necessary; and
- (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

41. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 10.50 am)

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Chairman



ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 7 th December, 2016
Report Subject	Quarter 2 Improvement Plan 2016/17 Monitoring Report
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Officer – Streetscene and Transportation Chief Officer – Planning and Environment
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Improvement Plan for 2016/17 was adopted by the Council on 14th June 2016.

This report presents the monitoring of progress for the second quarter of the Improvement Plan 2016/17 priority 'Environment' relevant to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee from July to September 2016.

Flintshire is a high performing Council as evidenced in previous Improvement Plan monitoring reports as well as in the Council's Annual Performance Reports. This second quarter monitoring report for 2016/17 is another positive report with 98% of activities being assessed as making good progress and 54% likely to achieve the desired outcome. In addition, 68% of the performance indicators met or exceeded target for the quarter. Risks are also being successfully managed with the majority being assessed as moderate (71%) or minor/insignificant (12%).

This report is an exception based report and therefore detail focuses on the areas of under-performance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee consider the Quarter 2 Improvement Plan monitoring reports to monitor under performance and request further information as appropriate.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING REPORT
1.01	<p>The Improvement Plan monitoring reports give an explanation of the progress being made toward the delivery of the impacts set out in the 2016/17 Improvement Plan. The narrative is supported by performance indicators and / or milestones which evidence achievement. In addition, there is an assessment of the strategic risks and the level to which they are being controlled.</p>
1.02	<p>Monitoring our Activities</p> <p>Each of the sub-priorities have high level activities which are monitored over time. 'Progress' monitors progress against scheduled activity and has been categorised as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity; not on track • AMBER: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track • GREEN: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule, on track <p>A RAG (Red/Amber/Green) status is also given as an assessment of our level of confidence at this point in time in achieving the 'outcome(s)' for each sub-priority. Each outcome has been categorised as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED: Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) • AMBER: Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) • GREEN: High – full confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s).
1.03	<p>In summary our overall progress against the high level activities is: -</p> <p>ACTIVITIES PROGRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are making good (green) progress in 56 (98%) activities. • We are making satisfactory (amber) progress in 1 (2%) activity. <p>ACTIVITIES OUTCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a high (green) level of confidence in the achievement of 31 (54%) activity outcomes. • We have a medium (amber) level of confidence in the achievement of 26 activity outcomes (46%). • None of our activities have a low (red) level of confidence in achievement of outcomes.
1.04	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the Improvement Plan performance indicators is undertaken using the RAG status. This is defined as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED equates to a position of under-performance against target • AMBER equates to a mid-position where improvement may have been

	<p>made but performance has missed the target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREEN equates to a position of positive performance against target.
1.05	<p>Analysis of current levels of quarterly performance shows the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 (68%) had achieved a green RAG status • 3 (7%) have an amber RAG status • 11 (25%) have a red RAG status
1.06	<p>The quarterly performance indicators (PI's) which showed a red RAG status for current performance, relevant to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee are:-</p> <p>Priority: Environment PI: Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Newly qualified young drivers</p> <p>There has been a low uptake. Recommended actions to promote the scheme are being implemented to achieve an increase in take up. Attendance on the Pass Plus Cymru course has been in decline in previous years, with the decline acknowledged by the Young Persons Steering Group (YPSG). The YPSG have recommended actions in an attempt to further promote the scheme including communication with all Flintshire based Driving Instructors to promote the benefits of attending the Pass Plus Course. The scheme will be advertised in local service garages and, awareness to parents and young drivers will be promoted across social media.</p> <p>Priority: Environment PI: Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Motorcyclists</p> <p>Initiatives include First Bike on Scene (FBoS), Scooter Safe and Bikesafe. North Wales Police deliver the schemes. Further events are planned throughout North Wales, with courses booked.</p>
1.07	<p>Monitoring our Risks</p> <p>Analysis of the current risk levels of strategic risks identified in the Improvement Plan are as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 (6%) are insignificant (green) • 6 (12%) are minor (yellow) • 36 (70%) are moderate (amber) • 6 (12%) are major (red) • There are no severe (black) risks.
1.08	<p>The one major (red) risk area identified for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee is:-</p> <p>Priority: Environment Risk: Funding will not be secured for priority flood alleviation schemes.</p>

	Continue to monitor the grant situation and availability. A business case to access capital monies to potentially address flood risk schemes is also being established.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications for this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The Improvement Priorities are monitored by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.
3.02	Chief Officers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Progress against the risks identified in the Improvement Plan is included in the report at Appendix 1. Summary information for the risks assessed as major (red) is covered in paragraph 1.08 above.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Quarter 2 Improvement Plan Monitoring Report – Environment

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None. Contact Officer: Margaret Parry-Jones Telephone: 01352 702427 E-mail: margaret.parry-jones@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Improvement Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan.
7.02	Risks: These are assessed using the improved approach to risk management endorsed by Audit Committee in June 2015. The new approach, includes the use of a new and more sophisticated risk assessment matrix

which provides greater opportunities to show changes over time.

Risk Likelihood and Impact Matrix

Impact Severity	Catastrophic	Y	A	R	R	B	B
	Critical	Y	A	A	R	R	R
	Marginal	G	Y	A	A	A	R
	Negligible	G	G	Y	Y	A	A
		Unlikely (5%)	Very Low (15%)	Low (30%)	Significant (50%)	Very High (65%)	Extremely High (80%)
Likelihood & Percentage of risk happening							

7.03 The new approach to risk assessment was created in response to recommendations in the Corporate Assessment report from the Wales Audit Office and Internal Audit.

7.04 CAMMS – An explanation of the report headings

Actions:

Action – Each sub-priority have high level activities attached to them to help achieve the outcomes of the sub-priority.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for updating the data on the action.

Status – This will either be ‘In progress’ if the action has a start and finish date or ‘Ongoing’ if it is an action that is longer term than the reporting year.

Start date – When the action started (usually the start of the financial year).

End date – When the action is expected to be completed.

% complete - The % that the action is complete at the time of the report. This only applies to actions that are ‘in progress’. An action that is ‘ongoing’ will not produce a % complete due to the longer-term nature of the action.

Progress RAG – Shows if the action at this point in time is making limited progress (Red), satisfactory progress (Amber) or good progress (Green).

Outcome RAG – Shows the level of confidence in achieving the outcomes for each action.

Measures (Key Performance Indicators - KPIs):

Pre. Year Period Actual – The period actual at the same point in the previous year. If the KPI is a new KPI for the year then this will show as ‘no data’.

Period Actual – The data for this quarter.

Period Target – The target for this quarter as set at the beginning of the year.

Perf. RAG – This measures performance for the period against the target. It is automatically generated according to the data. Red = a position of under performance against target, Amber = a mid-position where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target and Green = a position of positive performance against the target.

Perf. Indicator Trend – Trend arrows give an impression of the direction the performance is heading compared to the period of the previous year. It is important to note that a ‘downward arrow’ always indicates poorer performance regardless of whether a KPI figure means that less is better (e.g. the amount of days to deliver a grant or undertake a review) or if a KPI figure means that more is better (e.g. number of new jobs in Flintshire). Similarly an ‘upward arrow’ always indicates improved performance.

YTD Actual – The data for the year so far including previous quarters.

YTD Target – The target for the year so far including the targets of previous quarters.

Outcome RAG – The level of confidence of meeting the target by the end of the year. Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Red), medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Amber) and high-full confidence in the achievement of the target (Green).

Risks:

Risk Title – Gives a description of the risk.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for managing the risk.

Supporting Officer – The person responsible for updating the risk.

Initial Risk Rating – The level of the risk at the start of the financial year (quarter 1). The risks are identified as follows; insignificant (green), minor (yellow), moderate (amber), major (red) and severe (black).

Current Risk Rating – The level of the risk at this quarter.

Trend Arrow – The shows if the risk has increased, decreased or remained the same between the initial risk rating and the current risk rating.

Risk Status – This will either show as ‘open’ or closed’. If a risk is open then it is still a relevant risk, if the risk is closed then it is no longer a relevant risk; a new risk may be generated where a plan or strategy moves into a new phase.



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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	60.00%	 AMBER	 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 are now complete with stage 3 under way, this makes up the 60% completion figure. The remaining 40% will involve completion of stage 3 and 4. The intention is to also undertake informal engagement with stakeholders in the new year to help shape the draft Integrated Network Map ready for Statutory Consultation which is proposed to be carried out April 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. Carriageway Surface Dressing from 01/04/16 to 01/05/16 - All works are complete. Carriageway Resurfacing from 01/05/16 to 31/10/16 - All works are in Progress with 2 schemes left to complete. Carriageway Patching from 01/01/17 to 31/03/17 - Works are in progress and are anticipated completion as per dates above.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
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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	53.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Welsh Government funding received for Road Safety Grant Schemes (2016/17) - i) A5026, Lloc - Junction Improvement - Design complete, materials ordered, due on site next month for physical works. ii) A5104 Penymynydd to Warren Hall - Route treatment - Route treatment - Design complete, materials ordered, due on site next month. iii) Liverpool Road/Alltami Road - Route treatment - Tender being prepared with a return date of mid December. Site works to begin during January 2017. Welsh Government funding received for Safer Routes in the Community (2016/17) for an upgrade of existing zebra Crossing, to a light controlled crossing, London Road, Trelawnyd (Outside School) - Scheme complete</p> <p>Last Updated: 28-Nov-2016</p>							

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	Ongoing	01-Apr-2016	01-Apr-2017	-	 GREEN	 AMBER
<p>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS: Working groups have now been set up within the 21 communities that have signed up to the project and working group meetings have been taking place throughout August and September 2016. The purpose of the working groups is to organise the 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 will be held across the County starting on 30th September 2016 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.</p> <p>Last Updated: 23-Sep-2016</p>							

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
<p>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.</p>							



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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:

Q2 Update: The position at quarter 2 is that this action is progressing as per the timeframe for completion, which was set out in the progress report for quarter 1 (See below). A number of Member, Stakeholder and Town and Community Council engagement sessions have taken place to consider the growth and spatial options which then began a six week period of public consultation on 28th October 2016. Q1 Update: The Plan's vision and objectives were consulted on in the spring of 2016 as part of the Key Messages public consultation, where the feedback resulted in only minor amendments to the wording of certain objectives for clarification. The vision and objectives now form part of the emerging Plan strategy. Growth and spatial options have been developed and discussed with Members at the Planning Strategy Group. These will be published for public consultation in the autumn of 2016, in line with the revised Delivery Agreement and Timetable approved by Cabinet in June 2016. 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	50.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Same as Q1 except for energy consumption figures have changed and asset rationalisation. Flintshire County Councils Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) returns showed a reduction of 913 tonnes from 22032 tonnes in the year 2014/15 to 21119 in 2015/16. Energy Consumption figures for Q2 compared to Q2 last year, reflect the warm summer and mild early autumn showing reductions in all fuels as follows: Electricity - 4 %, Gas - 36%, Oil -80%, LPG -43%. Asset rationalisation has started to take effect with four school closures, Ysgol Llanfynydd, Ysgol Maes Edwin, Ysgol Y Fron, Perth y Terfyn, various library closures and CAT transfers (Connah's Quay Baths). Activities to achieve 50% completion were lighting refurbishments completed at County Hall (Phase 2), County Offices Flint, Gwynedd CP School and Derwen CP School, Kinnerton. Two small Solar farms are being installed on former landfill sites (400KWp Brookhill and 700KWp Standard) which are expected to be complete and commissioned by 3rd October. Private wire is being connected to Plastics Recycling Centre at Standard. Financial case being prepared to construct an 11Kv overhead or underground line between Brookhill Solar farm and Alltami depot. Evaporative cooling system operational in Alltami Depot data centre replacing the air conditioning system, approximate annual savings of 138 tonnes of carbon. Two Solar Photo Voltaic (P.V.) installations have been completed at Cornist CP School, Flint (25kWp) and Ewloe Green CP School (12kWp). Progress for Quarter 3 – Quarter 4 is to continue to monitor heating controls at all sites with remote access, programme lighting refurbishments and solar PV installations. The progress RAG for the quarter is Green given the reduced energy consumption figures for Q1 and Q2 however the outcome RAG remains at Amber as we now enter 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	40.00%	 GREEN	 AMBER

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Work remains on-going on reviewing Flintshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS). The present strategy runs from 2013-2017 and proposes that a review takes place in 2017 following the review of Welsh Government's National Strategy. At the September 2016 North Wales Flood Risk Management Group meeting in St Asaph, Welsh Government (WG) officials noted that updates of Local Strategies should follow on from WG 's update of the National Strategy. It is unlikely that that national update will be complete by April 2017. Notwithstanding the above, Flintshire's present LFRMS is in need of minor amendments and updates, particularly considering recent re-structuring and re-organisation. The national delay does not prevent the Council from updating our existing strategy in the interim period. This will ensure that the publically available LFRMS document continue to provide an up to date account of the Council's current approach to managing local flood risk, and that the approaches remain consistent with the strategic aims and objectives in the National Strategy. In summary the review of the LFRMS will continue and remains on track for a revised document to be available prior to March 2017. A more comprehensive review may 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	Completed	01-Apr-2016	31-Mar-2017	100.00%	 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 2,000 tickets now issued. Anecdotal evidence from operational staff reports that there is 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
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	27	25	 GREEN

Lead Officer: Stephen Jones - Chief Officer - Streetscene and Transportation




Reporting Officer: Sam Tulley - Road Space Manager

Aspirational Target:

Progress Comment: This shows the percentage of category A inspections undertaken in quarter 2. Inspections take place during the works to ensure compliance and reduce the need to carry out future remedial works.

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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	11	9	7	 GREEN		17	14	 GREEN

Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager



Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

Aspirational Target:

Progress Comment: The scheme is progressing. 9 Clients undertook an assessment during July, August & September. An internal advertising programme is planned for Quarter 3 along with an Older driver workshop.

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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	21	6	11	 RED	↓	10	22	 AMBER
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Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager
Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer
Aspirational Target:
Progress Comment: Welsh Government funding 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 have recommended actions in an attempt to further promote the scheme including communication with all Flintshire based Driving Instructors to promote the benefits of attending the Pass Plus Course. The scheme will be advertised in local service garages and, awareness to parents and young drivers promoted across social media.

The Council will continue to monitor the impact of the increased promotion of the scheme in terms of numbers attending.

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IP7.1.1.3M03 Road safety initiatives to reduce the risk of collisions of high risk groups: Motorcyclists	35	13	15	 RED	↓	26	30	 AMBER

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Lead Officer: Anthony Stanford - Highways Strategy Manager

Reporting Officer: Lee Shone - Road Safety Officer

Aspirational Target:

Progress Comment: Welsh Government funding secured for Bikesafe Motorcycle Training for resident and Road Users of Flintshire. The BikeSafe workshop explores the main riding hazards that a biker faces. By delivering theory presentations and observed rides, a BikeSafe workshop will help riders discover their strengths and weaknesses and also where to go next to develop and get more from your biking.

In addition to The Bikesafe Workshop, an FBOS (First Bike On Scene) First Aid for Riders course is available to residents of Flintshire. Attendees will be given instruction in relation to six elements:

- Mechanics of injury
- Scene Management
- Extraction
- Basic Life Support
- Log Roll
- Safe Helmet Removal

Scooter Safe & Small Capacity Rider training is also available.

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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

Potential Effect: Deterioration of the condition of highways in Flintshire.
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.
Progress Comment: In quarter 2 significant schemes have been measured on a internal matrix for the purposes of rank ordering, and collated for tendering purposes to ensure cost effective delivery. Contracts are in place, and preventative and corrective maintenance schemes of the highest ranked sites within network will be completed before the end of the financial year.

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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

Potential Effect: Increase in individual car usage. Increase in deterioration of the highway. Not meet the requirements of the Active Travel Wales bill.
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
Progress Comment:

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
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	Amber	Amber	↔	Open

Potential Effect: Decrease in bus services to residents, particularly in rural areas.
Management Controls: Develop services so that they become more commercially viable
Progress Comment:

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
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Reduction of the Single Environment Grant.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p>Potential Effect: Potential reduction in future service provision</p> <p>Management Controls: Put pressure on WG for the need to secure the grant at its current level, and raise awareness of the implications of its reduction.</p> <p>Progress Comment: In quarter 2 this still remains a risk as we await the final WG Revenue Grant Settlement and the impact that may have on grant levels. Latest information suggests a 6% overall reduction for 2017/18.</p> <p>The matter has been raised with the Council's leadership and with WLGA colleagues in turn.</p> <p>Last Updated: 29-Nov-2016</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	Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p>Potential Effect: Decreasing income from resale of recyclates. Increased infraction charges. Carbon reduction targets not met.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Progress Comment:</p>						

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 2 the initial appraisal was undertaken with Green Growth Wales team.

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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: In Quarter 2 the grant and availability is continuing to be monitored. A capital bid to potentially address flood risk schemes is also being established.

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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 2 improved information was provided prior to commencement of projects helping to address expectations.

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Environmental crime programmes are not supported by the public and employees.	Andrew Farrow - Chief Officer - Planning and Environment		Amber	Yellow		Open
<p>Potential Effect: Continued problems with littering, graffiti and loss of environmental quality</p> <p>Management Controls: Monitor the effectiveness of projects and clarify the purpose of schemes prior to implementation.</p> <p>Progress Comment: In quarter 2 the success of projects has continued to be monitored and actions taken which have resulted in a reduced risk.</p> <p>Last Updated: 30-Nov-2016</p>						



ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 7 December, 2016
Report Subject	Forward Work Programme
Cabinet Member	Not applicable
Report Author	Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work programme of the Committee of which they are Members. By reviewing and prioritising the Forward Work Programme Members are able to ensure it is Member-led and includes the right issues. A copy of the Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration which has been updated following the last meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider, and amend where necessary, the Forward Work Programme for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1	That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme and approve/amend as necessary.
2	That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
1.01	Items feed into a Committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. Members can suggest topics for review by Overview & Scrutiny Committees, members of the public can suggest topics, items can be referred by the Cabinet for consultation purposes, or by County Council or Chief Officers. Other possible items are identified from the Cabinet Work Programme and the Improvement Plan.
1.02	<p>In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful for a 'test of significance' to be applied. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Will the review contribute to the Council's priorities and/or objectives?2. Is it an area of major change or risk?3. Are there issues of concern in performance?4. Is there new Government guidance of legislation?5. Is it prompted by the work carried out by Regulators/Internal Audit?
2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.
3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Publication of this report constitutes consultation.
4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.
5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Draft Forward Work Programme
6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Margaret Parry-Jones Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702427</p> <p>E-mail: margaret.parry-jones@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Improvement Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan.

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ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Draft Forward Work Programme

Date of Meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report/Presentation	Scrutiny Focus	Responsible/Contact Officer	Submission Deadline
11 January 2017 10.00 am	Dog DNA Task & Finish Group feedback	To receive an update report from the Task & Finish Group	Update	Facilitator	
	Planning Enforcement Policy	To consider the proposed changes	Options consultation	Chief Officer Planning and Environment	
13 January 2017 10.00 am (Budget meeting)			Budget options consultation	Chief Officer Planning & Environment/Chief Officer Streetscene and Transportation	
8 February 2017 10.00 am	Trading Standards Collaborative Projects	To receive an update on the collaborative projects	Awareness Raising	Chief Officer Planning and Environment	
8 March 2017 2pm	Q3 Improvement Plan Monitoring report	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring	Assurance	Facilitator	
13 June 2017 10.00 am	Q4 and Year End Improvement Plan monitoring	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring	Assurance	Facilitator	
11 July 2017 10.00 am					

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED as agreed by Committee

Item	Purpose of Report/Session	Responsible / Contact Officer

REGULAR ITEMS

Month	Item	Purpose of Report	Responsible / Contact Officer
Quarterly/ Half-Yearly	Improvement Plan Monitoring and Performance Reports	To enable Members to fulfil their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.	Chief Officers