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Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, David Healey, Dave Hughes, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones and Billy Mullin

14 December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
CABINET
TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2022 at 10.00 AM

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

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A G E N D A

1 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Purpose: To receive any declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 16)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2022.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

4 **BUDGET 2023/24 AND THE FUNDING STRATEGY**

Purpose: To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager.

5 **COUNCIL PLAN 2022/23 MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORTING** (Pages 17 - 104)

Report of Chief Executive - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To review the Council Plan 2022/23 mid-year outturn performance monitoring report.

6 **REVIEW OF VEHICLE PERMIT CRITERIA FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES** (Pages 105 - 154)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

Purpose: To review the current household recycling centre (HRC) operations and vehicle permit criteria.

7 CONSULTATION ON THE FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-28 (Pages 155 - 168)

Report of Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Social Services) - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

Purpose: To share the draft Well-being Plan, which contains new five year well-being objectives and the actions that the Council commits to taking to meet them in collaboration with its PSB partner organisations.

8 MEMBERSHIP OF THE RIVER DEE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT BOARD (Pages 169 - 180)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection

Purpose: To agree to participate in the River Dee Nutrient Management Board (NMB) to deal with the issue of mitigating the impact of phosphates, and to identify the Council's representation at senior officer and Member level.

9 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 7) (Pages 181 - 202)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 7, and projects forward to year-end.

10 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2022/23 (Pages 203 - 222)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: To present the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2022/23 for recommendation to Council.

11 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2023/24 (Pages 223 - 230)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To approve the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2023/24 as part of the process of the revenue budget setting and Council Tax setting process for the new year.

12 COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REGULATIONS TO EXTEND EXCEPTIONS TO SECOND HOME PREMIUMS (Pages 231 - 236)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To provide information on a Welsh Government consultation seeking views on an exception from a Council Tax premium for properties restricted by a planning condition preventing occupation.

13 VICTIM SUPPORT'S HATE CRIME CHARTER (Pages 237 - 242)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To seek support to adopt Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter.

14 THE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013, SCHOOL ORGANISATION CODE FOR AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE PREMISES OF A SCHOOL FOR DRURY C.P. SCHOOL AND PENYFFORDD C.P. SCHOOL (Pages 243 - 260)

Report of Chief Officer (Education and Youth) - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

Purpose: To provide details of the responses from the Statutory Objection period for an enlargement of the premises at two schools - Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School and to invite Cabinet to determine on the Statutory Proposals.

15 EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS (Pages 261 - 262)

Purpose: To provide details of actions taken under delegated powers.

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - COUNTY COUNCIL, CABINET, AUDIT AND OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY - FOR INFORMATION

Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours

CABINET
22ND NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Dave Hughes (Deputy Leader in the Chair)

Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Dave Healey, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones and Billy Mullin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Social Services), Chief Officer (Housing and Communities), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Corporate Finance Manager, Corporate Manager – Capital Programme and Assets, Corporate Manager, People and Organisational Development, Benefits Manager, Revenues and Procurement Manager and Team Leader – Democratic Services.

APOLOGY: Councillor Ian Roberts

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

72. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 18th October 2022 were submitted and confirmed as a correct.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

73. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND BUDGET 2023/24

Councillor Johnson introduced the report which provided an update to the additional budget requirement for the 2023/24 financial year in advance of the specific Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings to be held throughout December, and in advance of the receipt of the Provisional Settlement on 14th December 2022.

Since September a number of changes and significant risks had been identified that were likely to lead to a further increase in the additional budget requirement and they were detailed in the report. The impact of those were still being modelled and some areas would be subject to negotiation over the coming weeks. However, it was projected that the additional budget requirement would rise to around £32m.

The report also provided an update on the budget solutions available to the Council to meet the additional budget requirement which would be brought forward for Member consideration in stages throughout the budget process.

The Chief Executive said that all other Councils were in the same position as Flintshire and the overall view was that Welsh Government (WG) should make money available for the provisions they promised.

The Corporate Finance Manager said that all of the budget solutions outlined in the report were being progressed at pace and the proposals would be considered by each portfolios Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the risks that will increase the additional budget requirement for the 2023/24 financial year be noted; and
- (b) That all cost pressures and any available budget reductions be referred to the individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees for review in December.

74. CAPITAL STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24 – 2025/26

Councillor Johnson introduced the report which provided an update on the Council's Capital Strategy and sought Cabinet approval for recommendation to Council.

The report explained the need for the Strategy, it's key aims, and the content of each of its sections.

Under the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code), authorities were required to set a range of Prudential Indicators (PIs). The Capital Strategy included details of the Council's Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 – 2025/26.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Capital Strategy be approved and recommended to Council; and
- (b) That the following be approved and recommended to Council:
 - The Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 – 2025/26 as detailed within Tables 1, and 4-8 of the Capital Strategy; and
 - Delegated authority be granted for the Corporate Finance Manager to effect movements between the separately agreed limits within the authorised limit for external dent and the operational boundary for external debt (Table 6 of the Capital Strategy).

75. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 – 2025/26

Councillor Johnson introduced the report which detailed the proposed Capital Programme for the period 2023/24-2025/26 for recommendation to Council.

The Council's Capital Programme covered investment in assets for the long term to enable the delivery of high quality and value for money public services. Assets included buildings (such as schools, care homes and day centres), infrastructure (such as highways and ICT networks) and assets not owned by the Council (such as works to improve and adapt private sector homes). The proposed capital investments outlined in the report were closely aligned to portfolio service business plans and the Council Plan.

The Council had limited capital resources from Welsh Government (WG) to support Council priorities, needs and liabilities. However, it had the powers to fund capital schemes by borrowing. That was temporary and ultimately, the cost of repayment of any borrowing was charged to the Council's revenue budget. Schemes funded by borrowing were carefully considered due to the long-term impacts on the Council's revenue budget.

The report divided the Council Fund Capital Programme into three sections:

1. Statutory / Regulatory – allocations to cover regulatory and statutory works
2. Retained Assets – allocations to fund infrastructure works necessary to ensure service and business continuity
3. Investment – allocations to fund works necessary to remodel services to deliver efficiencies outlined in portfolio business plans and invest in services as outlined in the Council Plan

Historically, much of the Council's programme had been funded from capital receipts and grants. The Council's ability to generate significant capital receipts was challenging as the assets the Council had available for disposal diminished. Wherever possible every opportunity to identify assets for sale and other sources of funding such as specific grants and revenue contributions would be explored. However, the Council would need to use prudential borrowing to finance more of the programme going forward. In particular, the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B programme, and other schemes included within the investment programme would need to be funded through prudential borrowing.

The Capital Strategy had been updated and was presented separately on the agenda.

The Chief Executive added that the report had been considered at the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee the previous week where concerns had been raised on capital funding and possible impacts on the revenue budget. A level of assurance was given on the capital programme and a robust discussion took place.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the allocations and schemes in Table 3 of report for the Statutory / Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2023/24 – 2025/26 be approved;
- (b) That the schemes included in Table 4 of the report for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2023/24 – 2025/26 be approved;
- (c) That the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2024/25 in Table 5 of the report at this point in the approval process allowing flexibility be noted. Options including a combination of future capital receipts, alternative grants (if available), prudential borrowing or the re-phasing of schemes will be considered during 2023/24 and included in future Capital Programme reports; and
- (d) That the schemes included in Table 6 of the report for the specifically funded section of the Council Fund Capital Programme which will be funded in part through borrowing be approved.

76. RENTING HOMES WALES ACT 2016

Councillor Bibby introduced the report and explained that the Renting Homes Act was the biggest change to housing law in Wales for decades. From 1st December 2022 the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 would change the way all landlords in Wales rented their properties.

The Act aimed to simplify the process of renting a home in Wales and to provide parties with more information about their rights and obligations. The Act was partially in force, for the purpose of making regulations and issuing guidance.

The report provided an overview of the new Act and the changes that would be brought into effect from 1st December 2022.

The report had been considered at the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th November with concerns raised on: what consultation was carried out; changes to Introductory Tenancies; changes to Abandonment Notices; and Enhanced Succession Rights.

In response to a comment made on the termination of tenancies, the Benefits Manager had made enquires with Welsh Government and the Council's legal partners and a response would be provided to Members once received.

Councillor Bibby said he would take the comments made at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to WG and he was seeking a meeting with the Minister, and that action be recorded as an additional resolution.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed changes to the way all landlords in Wales rent their properties for implementation from 1st December 2022 be noted; and
- (b) That the use of discretion provided in the Act to remove the use of introductory tenancies from the policy be noted; and
- (c) That the representations made at the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee be shared with the Minister by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration.

77. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 6)

Councillor Johnson introduced the report which provided the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.

The projected year end position was:

Council Fund

- An operating deficit of £0.033m (excluding the impact of the pay award which would need to be met by reserves), which was a favourable movement of (£0.647m) from the deficit figure reported at Month 5
- A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31st March 2023 of £8.071m (before the impact of final pay awards)

Housing Revenue Account

- Net in-year revenue expenditure forecast to be £3.324m higher than budget
- A projected closing balance as at 31st March 2023 of £3.150m

Hardship Funding from Welsh Government (WG) helped secure £16m of direct financial help the previous year and the authority would continue to claim for payments in 2022/23 for Self-isolation and Statutory Sick Pay Enhancement payments, along with Free School Meals direct payments within their eligible periods.

Members congratulated the Corporate Finance Manager and his team for all the work undertaken on the budget.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget be noted.

78. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 6)

Councillor Johnson introduced the report which summarised the changes made to the Capital Programme 2022/23 since it was set in December 2021 to the end of Month 6 (September 2022) along with expenditure to date and projected outturn.

The Capital Programme had seen a net decrease in budget of £0.154m during the period which comprised of:

- Net budget increase in the programme of £1.639m (Table 2 – Council Fund (CF) (£2.647m), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) £4.286m;
- Carry Forward to 2023/24 approved at Month 4 of (£1.543m) (all CF);
- Identified savings at Month 6 of (£0.250m) (CF)

Actual expenditure was £22.471m.

No capital receipts had been received in the second quarter of 2022/23. Savings identified totalled £0.250m. That gave a revised projected surplus in the Capital Programme at Month 6 of £3.376m (from a Month 4 funding position surplus of £3.126m) for the 2022/23 – 2024/25 Capital Programme, prior to the realisation of additional capital receipts and/or other funding sources.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be approved;
- (b) That the carry forward adjustments be approved; and
- (c) That the additional allocations be approved.

79. COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2023/24

Councillor Mullin suggested deferral of the item pending further work to be undertaken, which was supported.

RESOLVED:

That the report be deferred until December.

80. CONSULTATION ON THE REFORM OF BUSINESS RATES

Councillor Mullin introduced the report which provided information on a Welsh Government (WG) consultation seeking views on a wide range of improvements to Business Rates.

The Procurement and Revenues Manager explained that the proposals included:

- More frequent revaluation cycles
- Improving the flow of information between government and ratepayers
- Proving WG with more flexibility to amend reliefs and exemptions
- A review of reliefs and exemptions
- Providing greater scope to vary the multiplier
- Improving the administration of valuation functions
- Further measures to tackle rate avoidance

The report provided a series of recommended responses on the improvement proposals, which were appended to the report, to specific questions posed by WG.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals of the Welsh Government consultation be considered and the Revenues and Procurement Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources, be authorised to respond to the consultation questions as outlined in the report.

81. LEVELLING UP FUND

Councillor Healey introduced the report and explained that, announced at the Spending Review in 2020, the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) contributed to the United Kingdom (UK) Government levelling up agenda by investing in infrastructure that improved everyday life across the UK, including regenerating town centres and high streets, upgrading local transport, and investing in cultural and heritage assets.

The £4.8 billion fund was designed to realise a visible and tangible impact on people and place and support economic recovery.

The report provided an update on the development and submission of two bids in line with the bidding strategy agreed at Cabinet on 18th January 2022 and on a third strategic transport bid. The report also provided an update on the programme as a whole and requested an allocation of match funding from the capital programme of £1,106,915 (£630,467 Alyn and Deeside bid, £476,448 Delyn bid) in order to draw down the UK Government funding.

The Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) said the report had been considered at the recent meeting of Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee where the recommendations were supported. On the resubmission of the Transport Bid, he confirmed that the element which was not supported in the first round had been removed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the progress in developing and submitting bids to round two of the UK Government Levelling Up Fund be noted;
- (b) That the risks and mitigations associated with the package of products be noted; and
- (c) That match funding of up to £1.107m is made available from the capital programme in 2024/2025.

82. BIODIVERSITY DUTY UPDATE

Councillor Healey introduced the report which provided details on how the Council was making progress in delivering its biodiversity duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

Flintshire County Councils Biodiversity Duty Delivery Plan 2020-2023, titled 'Supporting Nature in Flintshire', was explained and the progress of action to deliver objectives was reviewed, highlighting key areas of biodiversity work within the County. The report included the statutory Section 6 report which would be submitted to Welsh Government (WG) in January 2023 at the end of the second 3-year reporting round.

The Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) said the report had been submitted to the recent Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee where the recommendations were supported. Some positive suggestions were made at that meeting on how biodiversity was monitored from a planning perspective, which could be built into the monitoring report of the Local Development Plan (LDP). The connection was made between biodiversity and the climate change agenda, and the Climate Change Committee would be requesting that biodiversity was placed on their forward work programme.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the report be noted and support for officer in their ongoing work associated with improving biodiversity be confirmed.

83. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

Councillor Healey introduced the report and explained that the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) would deliver £2.5bn of investment until March 2025 across the UK. The aim of the programme was "to build pride in place and increase life chances". United Kingdom (UK) Government had allocated £126m to North Wales to deliver the programme between 2022/2023 and 2024/2025, with £10.8m allocated to Flintshire for the core programme.

The report provided an update on the development of the programme management infrastructure, both locally and regionally, and set out recommended priorities for the programme, as well as criteria by which projects seeking funding through the programme would be assessed.

The report also provided a broad update on the strategic Council projects that were under development in readiness for the programme.

Gwynedd County Council had been nominated as the lead accountable body for the programme in North Wales. In advance of the UK Government approval for the programme, officers from the six authorities had been preparing the systems needed to allocate and manage funds from the programme.

The Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) said the report had been considered at the recent Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee where it was supported.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the progress made in developing the Shared Prosperity Fund programme both regionally and locally be noted; and
- (b) That the broad outline of the structures and processes to be used to deliver the programme be approved, and delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) and the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy to amend and finalise those as needed, once the approval for the programme had been received from UK Government and final terms and conditions were available.

84. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2021-22 AND COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2022-23

Councillor Mullin introduced the report which shared the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter 2021-22 for Flintshire County Council.

The Ombudsman's Annual Letter provided an overview of the annual performance of the Council in relation to complaints investigated in 2021-22.

The Chief Officer (Governance) welcomed Matthew Harris, Head of Complaints Standards Authority, who was in attendance to provide an overview of the Ombudsman's role and Annual Letters.

The report also provided an overview of complaints received by each portfolio of the Council between 1st April – 30th September 2022.

The Customer Contact Service Manager explained that in 2021/22, 99 complaints had been made against Flintshire which was an increase from the previous year, which was 59 complaints received. The figure reflected the Ombudsman's findings that complaints against local authorities had increased by 47%. However, whilst a higher than average figure, it should not be viewed unfavourably because 80% of the complaints to the Ombudsman were closed because they were out of jurisdiction, premature or closed after initial consideration.

Complaints were a valuable source of information which enabled the Council to improve its services.

Matthew Harris complimented the authority on engaging with their complaint's standards work and utilising the training offered by the Ombudsman. It demonstrated that the Council was committed to continuing to improve processes in the future. There was good practice which had originated in Flintshire, in relation to social media, that had been shared around Wales.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the annual performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales during 2021-22 be noted;
- (b) That the 2022-23 half year performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to services in line with its complaints procedure be noted; and
- (c) That the actions outlined in the report to further improve complaints handling across the Council be supported.

85. NEW RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY IN FLINT – ‘CROES ATTI 2’

Councillor Jones introduced the report and explained that, as part of its ambitious plans, and Welsh Governments (WG) agenda to rebalance care, the Council was committed to increasing the in-house residential care capacity across the authority. Following from the success of the Marleyfield House new build in Buckley, the next stage in this work was to look at increasing capacity in the Flint area.

Currently, Flint had the provision of Croes Atti, a 31-placement residential care home located in Prince of Wales Avenue.

Over the last 12 months work had been underway to explore appropriate options to increase the capacity of residential care in Flint and the surrounding area through a number of options appraisals and site designs. This had resulted in the Council bringing forward the site on Cornist Road where Flint Community Hospital previously stood in early 2022. Since that time a full feasibility study had been completed exploring options of how a new 56 placement home could be situated on the site.

The Chief Officer (Social Services) gave an overview of progress to date on the design as well as detailing key milestones as the detailed design of the home was finalised, including the delivery of the operating model of the home.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That support for the ‘Croes Atti 2’ project as a strategic priority for Social Services be confirmed; and
- (b) That the key upcoming project activities including developing and implementing the operational model with the Health Board be noted.

86. EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS

An information item on the actions taken under delegated powers was submitted. The actions were as set out below:-

Revenues

- **Council Tax Write Offs**

Financial Procedure Rules requires the Corporate Finance Manager and the Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources to write off debts between £5k and £25k.

Three companies/individuals have outstanding Council Tax debts totalling £23,196.35 which are deemed irrecoverable due to the liable individuals or companies becoming insolvent and a write off is considered necessary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

87. MANAGED STORES CONTRACT

Councillor Bibby introduced the report which sought approval for the future supply of building materials and associated services to be provided through a managed stores by way of a direct award contract via the ADRA All Wales Materials framework.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the award of the managed stores contract be done via the ADRA All Wales Materials framework; and
- (b) That the award of a four year contract with the option to extend for a further four years subject to performance be noted.

88. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press or public in attendance.

(The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 12.13 p.m.)

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Council Plan 2022/23 Mid-Year Performance Monitoring
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services Including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan 2022/23 was adopted by the Council in July 2022. This report presents the mid-year out-turn of progress against the Council Plan priorities identified for 2022/23.

This out-turn report for the 2022/23 Council Plan shows 59% of activities are making good progress. 70% of the performance indicators have met or exceeded their targets, 9% are being closely monitored and 21% are currently not meeting target.

This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on those areas of performance which are not currently achieving their target.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	To endorse and support levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as at mid-year within 2022/23 Council Plan.
2.	To endorse and support overall performance against 2022/23 Council Plan performance indicators as at mid-year.
3.	To be assured by explanations given for those areas of underperformance.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2021/22 PERFORMANCE AT END OF YEAR
1.01	The Council Plan performance report provides an explanation of the progress made towards the delivery of the priorities set out in the 2022/23 Council Plan. The narrative is supported by information on performance indicators and/or milestones.
1.02	This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on those areas of performance which are not currently achieving their target.
1.03	<p>Monitoring Activities</p> <p>Each of the sub-priorities under each theme within the Plan have high level activities which are monitored over time. 'Progress' shows action against scheduled activity and is categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity and, not on track • AMBER: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track • GREEN: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule and on track
1.04	<p>In summary our overall progress against activities is:</p> <p>Progress RAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are making good (green) progress in 91 (59%) activities • We are making satisfactory (amber) progress in 53 (35%) activities • We are making limited (red) progress in 9 (6%) activities
1.05	<p>The nine activities which show a red RAG status are:</p> <p>AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING Exploring opportunities to develop a young person's homeless hub offering accommodation and support services Initial work to identify a potential site for a young person's hub have come to a halt. A site was identified but has not progressed, a partner suggested the site but there were significant challenges that would hinder the ease of development for housing. Planning would likely also have been a significant issue to overcome. Further exploration of potential sites is ongoing, and consideration will be given to both accommodation and shared service delivery models with co-location of young person focused services under one roof.</p> <p>In partnership with Denbighshire CC, creating a new Dynamic Procurement System in order to ensure CPR's are met and provide a wider opportunity for tendering Disabled Adaptation projects</p>

Currently processing specification details with procurement, expected implementation 2023. Unfortunately, due to the procurement lead being off on long term sick and then leaving the authority this has created a delay in progress. However, a new procurement lead is now working with Flintshire County Council and Denbighshire Council in order to progress in a timely manner.

Increasing the Council's housing portfolio by building social housing properties and affordable properties for North East Wales (NEW) Homes

The impact of Covid, the subsequent economic downturn together with major supply chain disruption and more recently the war in Ukraine have had an impact on development activity and a hiatus in new build completions across Wales. Labour and material costs have increased affecting scheme viabilities. Additionally, environmental impacts of phosphates in water courses upon the planning process has further constrained development approvals. An outline development programme for the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) 2 has been developed for the next three years and can be viewed in the 18 October Cabinet Papers which could deliver a further 260 additional homes via FCC and NEW Homes.

Working with housing association partners to build new social housing properties and additional affordable properties

The Planned Development Programme (PDP) 2022/23 has been approved by Welsh Government and 266 Registered Social Landlords homes have been approved for future development in the County. Currently, the phosphate issues impact on a number of schemes requiring planning permission.

ECONOMY

Supporting small and/or local businesses to engage with public sector procurement opportunities

The Council is developing a Dynamic Purchasing Solution to enable smaller businesses to engage with our domestic energy programmes. In addition, the Council supports businesses in taking part in wider public sector procurement opportunities. There have not been any relevant processes in this period.

Ensuring Flintshire strategic transport priorities are well-represented in the Regional Transport Plan from the forthcoming Corporate Joint Committee development

Following the publication of Welsh Government's New Wales Transport Plan, we are in the process of reviewing our own Integrated Transport Strategy. Once complete, this will form the basis of Flintshire's forthcoming Regional Transport Plan submission, however, Welsh authorities are currently awaiting confirmation of how the Regional Transport Plan will be coordinated.

Connecting further rural communities to improved digital infrastructure

Recruitment into the vacant broadband officer role was unsuccessful. Furthermore, the support schemes that were a large element of the role have been placed on hold by UK and Welsh Government pending the outcome of a review of broadband infrastructure.

	<p>From a more positive perspective, commercial roll out of both Superfast and Ultrafast speed broadband has accelerated dramatically in Flintshire so that the vast majority of households now have access to good connectivity.</p> <p>Once the governmental review process above concludes the Council and partners will be able to identify which geographical areas will still require support to improve connectivity.</p> <p>Reviewing the Social Value Strategy to identify further opportunities to maximise social value across the Council, its services and expenditure Generating social value from the Council's commissioning and procurement activity is the largest contributor of increased social value and remains a key area of focus. Furthermore, and due to the recent and on-going shortfall in resource capacity, we have been unable to progress work on other areas of the strategy. However, we have begun to progress the Council's planning policies, with the view of exploring ways to maximise the generation of social value from planning applications. We have also supported a number of voluntary sector funding applications this quarter, which progresses the area outlined within the current Social Value Strategy.</p> <p>EDUCATION AND SKILLS Upskilling employees within the Education and Youth Portfolio through access to the GwE professional learning offer and other appropriate training opportunities Discussions held with the Senior Manager for Education and Youth Business Support and School Governance regarding the nature of support. Questionnaire to go out after HwB board meeting in November. Action Plan to be produced by April 2023.</p>
1.06	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the performance indicators is undertaken using the RAG status. This is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED - under-performance against target. • AMBER - where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target. • GREEN - positive performance against target.
1.07	<p>Analysis of current levels of performance against target shows the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 (70%) have achieved a green RAG status • 5 (9%) have an amber RAG status • 12 (21%) have a red RAG status
1.08	<p>The 12 performance indicators (PIs) which show a red RAG status for current performance against target are:</p> <p>POVERTY Number of sessions provided</p>

Digital learning held a total of 99 sessions (Target 225 sessions)

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by All Housing Partners

Lettings by Housing partners are as follows: Flintshire County Council 179; Clwyd Alyn 24; Wales & West Housing 25; Gwrp Cynefin 3 and Adra 4. It is noted that Lettings across all housing partners are lower than target. With fewer properties becoming available, the consequence is that the length of time applicants will wait to be rehoused will be longer. Also, few homes available through social housing providers reduces the opportunities for the Council to prevent and relieve homelessness through positive move on into social housing is reduced.

Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by Flintshire County Council

179 applicants rehoused by Flintshire County Council.

Lettings against target and previous half year reporting for 2021-2022 is lower for applicants moving into Council Homes. This will increase waiting times for applicants on the Common Housing Register and impact the ability to prevent and relieve homelessness through access to Council Homes. Void levels account for some of the reduction in lettings and work is underway to address void performance issues.

Number of Council Homes under construction

Schemes at Maes Penant (30) are on site and now due for completion in January/February 2023 after issues with the roofing contractor that have now been overcome. The schemes for homeless accommodation at Park Lane and Duke Street (6) are due for completion in November/December 2022. The scheme at Nant y Gro (41) is yet to start on site. It was due to start in April/May. The contractor is seeking repricing to address general material and labour cost increases and additional ground works. We are currently reviewing the schemes viability.

Number of Council Homes completed

On target to complete 36 homes by March 2023.

Number of Residential Social Landlord (RSL's) homes completed

Delays with phosphates have hampered completions due this year.

Total number of Mandatory Medium Disabled Adaptations completed

The number of Mandatory Medium adaptations will start to reduce due to the change in policy whereby the £10,000 limit for discretionary medium adaptations has been removed.

Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Medium Disabled adaptation

We are still incurring start date delays for jobs with contractors due to their high workloads and the lack of contractors to be able to award contracts to. We have identified additional contractors so this position should now improve and next year we will be implementing the Dynamic Purchasing System which will also alleviate the lack of contractors' issue.

Total number of Mandatory Large Disabled Adaptations completed

There has been delays with contractors start dates, but also with planning applications for large jobs. The target was set using last year's completions, however, due to the amount of large jobs outstanding prior to 2021/22 the amount of completed jobs last year was higher than normal. This year we will be in a position to identify a 'normal' year which will assist in setting a more precise target.

Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Large Disabled adaptation

There were a number of outstanding large jobs which had started prior to Covid-19, the majority of the jobs have now completed, however due to these delays, this will mean that this year's target will have been adversely impacted.

Number of inspections of HMOs

14 properties have been inspected (The target was 20). Of these, four were closed and ten are ongoing.

ECONOMY

Number of individuals receiving support

123 individuals received support from the Communities for Work (CFW) programme and were assigned to an employment mentor.

Engagement within local schools both, primary and high school has resumed targeting parents and young people leaving school as well as referrals from youth justice (including the parenting branch of Youth Justice), Social services/Children's services and housing solutions.

Everyone engaged with the programme has access to a plethora of information regarding pathways and training opportunities, employability events and job vacancies that are available to them. The CFW Facebook and Twitter pages continue to be updated with any events/activities we have coming up along with sharing information regarding job vacancies and other provider information to draw interest from a wider audience.

CFW mentors attend a weekly drop-in at Mold Jobcentre which has proved successful in obtaining referrals to the programme.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications for this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT	
3.01	Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact	
	Long-term	Throughout all the End of Year Monitoring Report there are demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all the Sustainable
	Prevention	
	Integration	

Collaboration	Development Principles. Specific case studies will be included in the Annual Performance Report for 2022/23.
Involvement	
Well-being Goals Impact	
Prosperous Wales	Throughout the End of Year Monitoring Report there is 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	
Council's Well-being Objectives	
<p>The Council undertook a review of its Well-being Objectives during the development of the 2021/22 Council Plan and are currently being reviewed for the 2023-28 Council Plan. The updated set of Well-being Objectives are a more focused set of six. The Well-being Objectives identified have associated themes for which they resonate. See the full list below.</p>	
Theme	Well-being Objective
Poverty	Protecting people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs
Affordable and Accessible Housing	Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities
Green Society and Environment	Limiting the impact of the Council's services on the natural environment and supporting the wider communities of Flintshire to reduce their own carbon footprint
Economy	Enabling a sustainable economic recovery
Personal and Community Well-being	Supporting people in need to live as well as they can
Education and Skills	Enabling and Supporting Learning Communities

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Reporting Measures are monitored by the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.
4.02	Chief Officers and Senior Managers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

5.00	APPENDICES
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5.01	Appendix 1 - Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Monitoring Report
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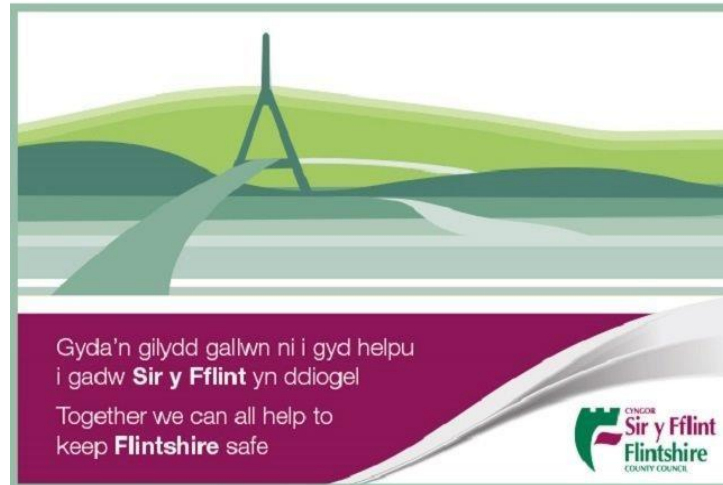
6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Council Plan 2022/23.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Lisa Brownbill Telephone: 01352 702231 Email: lisa.brownbill@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Council Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. 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> <p>An explanation of the report headings</p> <p>Measures (Key Performance Indicators - KPIs)</p> <p>Actual (YTD) – the year-to-date performance identified i.e. by numbers, percentages, etc</p> <p>Target (YTD) – The target for the year to date which is set at the beginning of the year.</p> <p>Current RAG Rating – This measures performance for the year against the target. It is automatically generated according to the data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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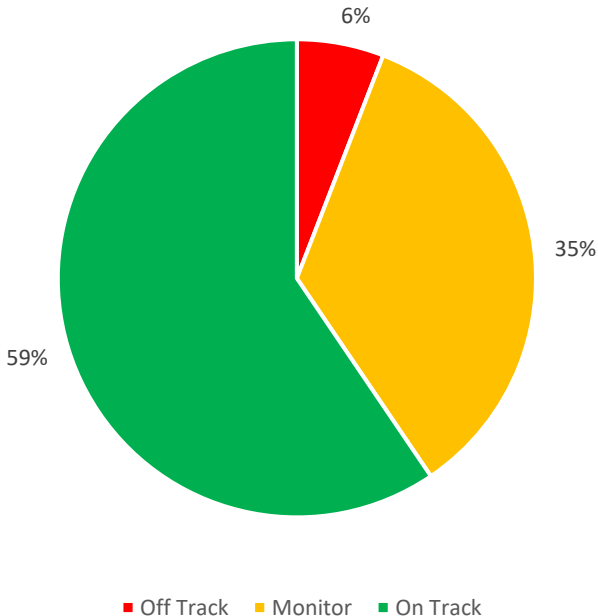
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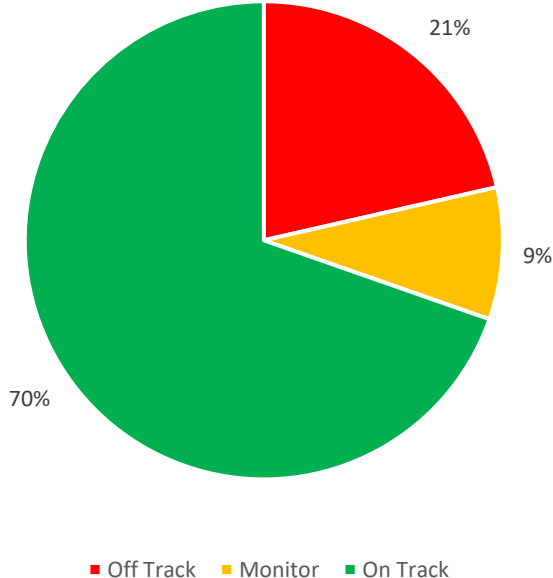
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Council Plan - Measure RAG Status



Key

- ▲ Red: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity and, not on track.
- Amber: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track.
- ★ Green: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule and on track.

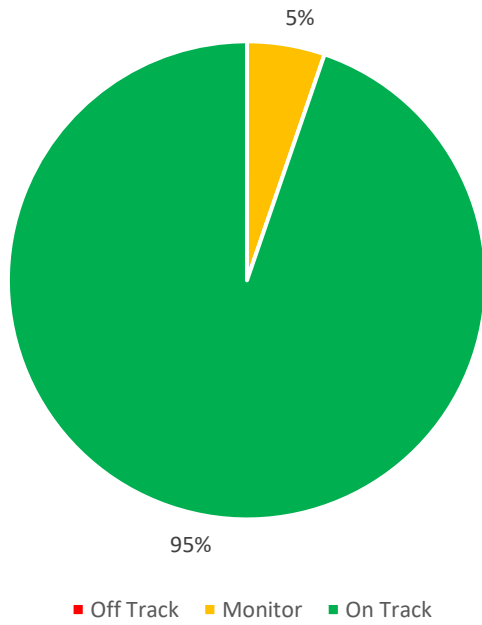
Measures Off Track

Priority	Sub-Priority	Measure	RAG
Poverty	Digital Poverty	Number of sessions provided	▲
Affordable and Accessible Housing	Housing Needs and Housing Options	Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by All Housing Partners	▲
		Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by Flintshire County Council	▲
	Social Housing	Number of Council Homes under construction	▲
		Number of Council Homes completed	▲
		Number of Residential Social Landlord (RSL's) homes completed	▲
		Total number of Mandatory Medium Disabled Adaptations completed	▲
		Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Medium Disabled adaptation	▲
		Total number of Mandatory Large Disabled Adaptations completed	▲
	Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Large Disabled adaptation	▲	
	Private Rented Sector	Number of inspections of HMOs	▲
Economy	Reducing worklessness	Number of individuals receiving support	▲

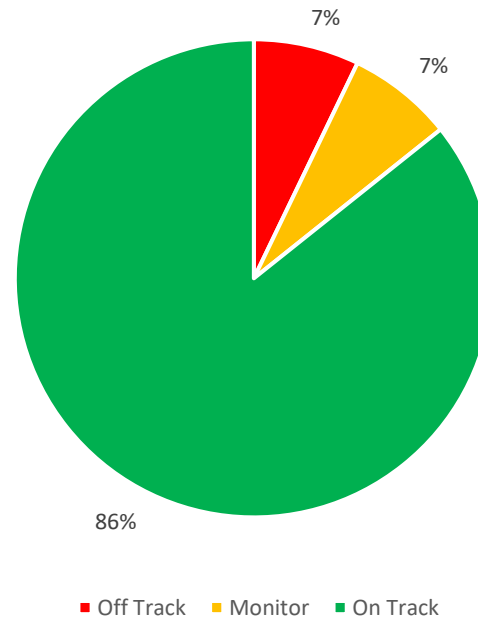
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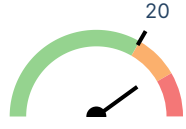
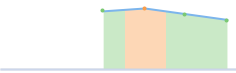


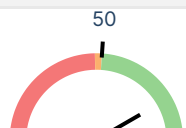

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Income Poverty 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to offer our community hub (Contact Centres) approach giving access to a range of programmes, services and agencies together in one place	50%	★	<p>The Community support hubs in Shotton and Holywell continue to be very busy.</p> <p>Wellness days are carried out every Tuesday and residents have the opportunity to receive on the day food support from Nanny Biscuit as well as be supported by the Well-Fed 12 week food store programme where residents have a choice on the food they eat and receive fresh ingredients to cook meals themselves at home.</p> <p>★ Prior to the end of the summer term, Nanny Biscuit carried out a successful Prom dress/suit exchange and ensured children and parents were ready for the new term by running a uniform exchange.</p> <p>The community hubs will be supporting the Croeso Cynnes/Warm Welcome Project, providing a safe, warm and welcoming space over the winter months.</p> <p>We are currently identifying the areas to open a further two community support hubs.</p>
Ensuring that take-up to benefit entitlements is maximised in a timely way by processing claims efficiently	50%	★	<p>We are ensuring take up is maximised by carrying out proactive promotion of all benefits and grants we offer. We are updating our website regularly and have created a Cost-of-Living webpage specifically designed to promote benefits and grants.</p>
Maximising take up of the Discretionary Housing Payments scheme and other financial support	70%	★	<p>Discretionary Housing Payments expenditure has been fully utilised in supporting Flintshire residents as a result of continuing increases due to the additional financial pressures of rent and rising of fuel bills which has had an impact on tenants' ability to pay their rent.</p>
Maximising the number of people signposted for support to facilitate longer term change	60%	★	<p>With the continuation of the impacts of the pandemic and the ongoing cost of living crisis, referrals continue to be received. The ongoing advice and support forms part of the Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) application process, even if a DHP is unsuccessful. It is envisaged that figures will continue to rise with the increased energy bills.</p>

Income Poverty 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA001M	Average number of calendar days to process new claims for housing benefit and council tax reduction	24.00	20.00	21.00	 <p>24.00</p>	
<p>We have missed the performance target for this quarter. This is due to the need to prioritise the processing of Free School Meals and Uniform Grants during the summer months, so resources were diverted to this area. Despite this, it was an improvement on the previous quarter.</p>						
CHA002M	Average number of calendar days to process change in circumstances for housing benefit and council tax reduction	9.00	8.00	6.00	 <p>9.00</p>	
<p>We have missed the performance target for this quarter. This is due to the need to prioritise the processing of Free School Meals and Uniform Grants during the summer months, so resources were diverted to this area.</p>						
CHA003M	Total spend of Discretionary Housing Payments (%)	80.00	50.00	79.00	 <p>80.00</p>	
<p>Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) expenditure is exceeding target values due to the increase in DHP applications and support required due to the financial impacts in households as a result of the ongoing cost of living increases.</p>						

Child Poverty 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Encouraging take-up of the free school breakfast for year 7 pupils eligible for free school meals	50%	●	Work was undertaken nationally during the summer term to understand the potential barriers faced by schools in embedding this provision. Welsh Government have been evaluating the programme and refining the qualitative, quantitative and operational elements that can be measured and reported on to inform future plans. 9 out of 11 secondary schools are currently able to participate in the pilot.
Ensuring children have access to well-maintained outdoor play areas which offer a varied and rich play environment	80%	★	Aura Leisure and Libraries in partnership with the Local Authority continue to inspect, maintain and repair all Council equipped place spaces.
Increasing usage of online resources for children and young people	0%	★	Aura continues to invest in new digital resources for Children and Young People, including those to accompany the 2022 'Gadgeteers' Summer Reading Challenge and the Reading Well for Teens scheme, launched in October 2022. Please note: Usage figure provided by suppliers at the end of the reporting year.
Maintaining the network of seven libraries in partnership with Aura	100%	★	Seven libraries open.
Making the processes for claiming free school meals as simple and straightforward as possible to increase the percentage of take-up against entitlement	100%	★	Information about free school meals eligibility and application processes is available on the Council website. There is a dedicated email address and telephone number for any enquiries about applications. Schools are encouraged to share relevant information with their parent community. Our Connect Centres across the county can support families with the application process, including having an advisor sitting with the family to support them with their application. Officers continue to review the process to make the system more accessible.
Maximising the take-up of the school uniform grant	75%	★	Primary and secondary schools were asked to support the Revenue and Benefits team in publicising with parents the eligibility and application process for this grant. There was an increase in applications following this. FAQs were also available to advise parents. There is a dedicated email address and phone number for enquiries. Since April 2022, the Council has awarded 3,491 Uniform Grants. As a comparison we awarded 3,148 for the whole of last year (05/07/2021 - 03/07/2022).

Child Poverty 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CAU001M	Number of libraries open	7.00	7.00	6.00		
<p>Seven libraries open. Deeside Library reopened October 2021.</p>						
CEY013M	Percentage of secondary school offering the free breakfast to those eligible year 7 pupils	82.00%	50.00%	90.00%		
<p>Work ongoing to support all schools to participate in this important initiative. Welsh Government have also been evaluating the programme and refining the qualitative, quantitative and operational elements that can be measured and reported on to inform future plans.</p>						

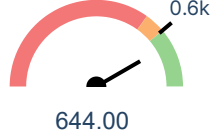

Food Poverty 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to develop delivery of a "Hospital to Home" meals service	60%	★	The 'Hospital to Home' safety box service is available for residents being discharged from Aston and Mold community hospitals. We are working with Well-Fed to expand the offer to the larger hospitals for residents being discharged and who live in Flintshire.
Developing a "Well Fed at Home service"	70%	★	The Well-Fed at home service is available to all Flintshire residents, to receive meals they have selected along with fresh ingredients delivered direct to their door. We will be carrying out three slow cooker pilots over the winter months to support residents to eat well and introduce them to the 'Well Fed at Home' Service.
Introducing a transported and delivered food service "Mobile Meals" to those who are vulnerable	70%	★	The Well-Fed "Meals on Wheels" service is available to all Flintshire residents, to receive meals along with fresh ingredients delivered direct to their door.

Fuel Poverty 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Engaging, supporting and referring vulnerable households to reduce fuel poverty and improve health and wellbeing	19%	★	Previous year's funding was not available at the start of the year; however, a new member of staff has now been employed, specifically to help deliver this area of work using our crisis fund and our fee-based work for social housing providers. This will help to work towards reducing fuel poverty and our carbon footprint across the county.
Reducing the risk of fuel poverty for residents by increasing the energy efficiency of homes	52%	★	The measure is made up of various component parts delivered by the Domestic Energy Efficiency Project team. Included within the statistic is work carried out on private and public housing stock for renewable heating, gas central heating, loft and cavity insulation and solar photo voltaic installations. By the end of quarter two, 625 improvements have been carried out from a target of 1,200.

Fuel Poverty 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CPE001M	Total number of households receiving energy efficiency support	644.00	600.00	835.00		

This measure is made up of energy efficiency work fitted in private and public homes, alongside individual support provided to vulnerable households to help reduce fuel poverty.

Digital Poverty 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Increasing loans of devices through the Aura Digital Access Scheme	50%	★	77 devices available for loan with 208 loans during first half of 2022/23 reporting year. Significant growth already noted as 2021/22 reporting year saw a total of 76 loans for the full year.
Increasing take-up of digital learning opportunities supported by Aura	0%	★	Aura continue to offer online learning opportunities to customers and the community. Free Learn My Way digital tutoring courses are available at all Aura libraries, as well as bespoke sessions to support people accessing the Aura Digital Loan Scheme, where people can borrow a device (with 'buy back 'option at the end of the loan period). Please note: Final figure provided at end of reporting year.
Providing free of charge public access to the internet and devices where necessary at Flintshire Connects Centres, Aura library services and the four Leisure Centres	100%	★	Free of charge public access to the internet and devices is available during normal opening hours.
Supporting people to use digital technology through promotion of suitable training to develop digital skills and confidence in the communities we serve	100%	★	The Digital Flintshire Hub promotes a range of initiatives to help people to use digital technology now and in the future. The Hub includes resources to keep people safe online, training, health and wellbeing resources, digital events and activities. The Hub also provides information about the Council's ambitious plans contained in the Digital Strategy.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CAU003M	Number of devices available for loan	77.00	77.00	77.00		
<p>Aura has a total of 77 devices available for loan.</p>						
CAU004M	Percentage of libraries providing free of charge internet access	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		
<p>All libraries provide free internet access.</p>						
CAU005M	Number of registered learners	283.00	75.00	5.00		
<p>Digital learning supported a total of 283 learners.</p>						
CAU006M	Number of sessions provided	99.00	225.00	5.00		
<p>Digital learning held a total of 99 sessions.</p>						

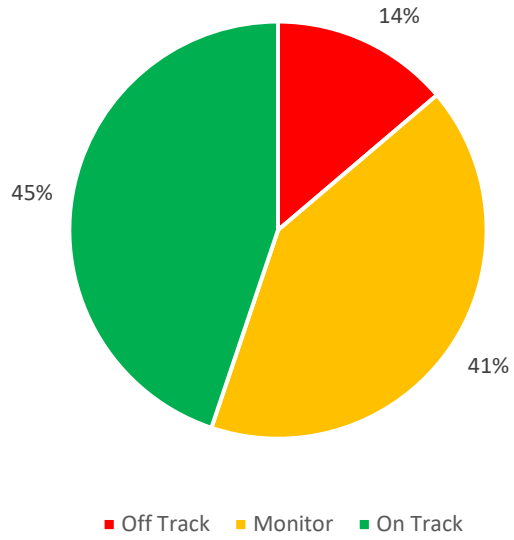
Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CAU007M	Total loans of devices	208.00	85.00	5.00	<p>85 208.00</p>	
<p>The Aura Digital Access Scheme loaned out a total of 208 devices.</p>						
CGV001M	People can access Council information digitally to develop and retain their digital skills – the number of online transactions across the Council	57,981.00	30,000.00	30,247.00	<p>30k 57,981.00</p>	
<p>Online services are designed to be simple and easy to use. There are a wide range of online services for people to access on the Council's website to save them time contacting us in person, or by telephone. A variety of online services mean people can report, apply and pay for Council services at a time and place that is convenient to them, as well as providing opportunities to use their digital skills. In the first half of 2022/23, 57,981 online transactions were received.</p>						
CGV002M	The number of eforms available online to enable people to apply, report and pay for Council services	152.00	132.00		<p>132 152.00</p>	
<p>Online services provided by Flintshire County Council are designed to be responsive. This means digital services can be accessed on any device chosen by the customer. Online services are also designed to be compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines which means access to services to all people, regardless of disability type or severity of impairment. The Council has 152 online forms providing a range of opportunities for customer to interact with services digitally.</p>						

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CGV003M	The number of people subscribed to My Account	27,068.00	25,000.00	20,505.00		
<p>27,068 people have subscribed to My Account on the Council’s website. My Account allows customers to access a range of information including who their local Councillor is, Planning, Waste and Recycling, Revenues and Benefits.</p>						

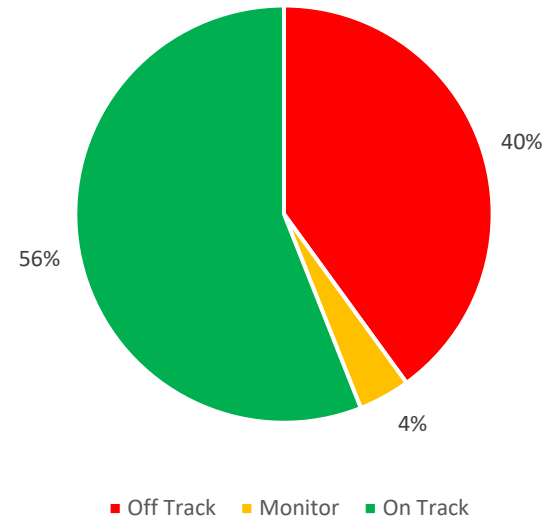
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Housing Support and Homeless Prevention 2022/23

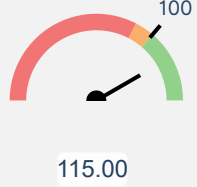

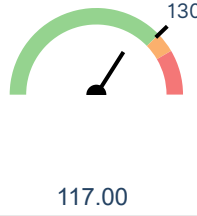

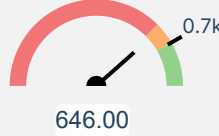
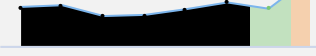
Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Commissioning a wide range of housing related support that meets the needs of the people of Flintshire	10%	●	Additional funding from Welsh Government has enable increased capacity within housing related support services through the enhanced Housing Support Grant award. Some services have not been progressed due to workforce issues. Two Contracts & Reviewing Officers appointed and due to start November 2022. Work has already started on the commissioning process for Domestic Abuse provision with consultations taking place with providers/staff/service users. Work will start on the re-commissioning of floating support provision in the new year in line with the Housing Support Programme Strategy 2022-26 and the Rapid Rehousing plan.
Developing and extending our Housing First and Rapid Rehousing approaches for those who do experience homelessness	40%	●	Initial Draft of the Rapid Rehousing Plan has been submitted to Welsh Government and we have received positive feedback. Further work to do around data and partnerships before adoption in December 2022. Briefing on Rapid Rehousing completed with Scrutiny Committee September 2022 and High Level Action Plan and Priorities to be considered October 2022. The Housing First Partnership with Conwy and Denbighshire Council continues to deliver services in Flintshire with a caseload capacity of 20 residents presently.
Ensuring a multi-agency partnership approach to homeless prevention and develop a culture where homelessness is "everyone's business"	50%	★	The Housing Support Programme Strategy is the Councils corporate document that demonstrates a commitment to multi agency working. Partners were involved in the development of the Housing Support Programme Strategy which was launched April 2022 and engagement work with partners ahead of the adoption of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan is scheduled for the second half of the year.
Ensuring when homelessness does occur it is rare, brief and non-recurring	50%	★	Numbers in temporary housing continue to be high and are expected to increase further with the cost of living crisis and significant increases in demand for social housing. The 50% homeless nominations process linked to SARTH (Single Access Route to Housing) is being sustained and is a key intervention to help ease pressures on temporary housing services and provide pathways for households experiencing homelessness to exit homelessness. Rapid Rehousing will build on positive practices and the Rapid Rehousing High Level Action Plan and Priorities will be considered at the October meeting of the Housing & Community Scrutiny Committee.
Exploring opportunities to develop a young person's homeless hub offering accommodation and support services	10%	▲	Initial work to identify a potential site for a young person's hub have come to a halt. A site was identified but has not progressed, a partner suggested the site but there were significant challenges that would hinder the ease of development for housing. Planning would likely also have been a significant issue to overcome. Further exploration of potential sites is ongoing, and consideration will be given to both accommodation and shared service delivery models with co-location of young person focused services under one roof.
Promoting housing support and homeless prevention services with our residents and partners	30%	●	Housing Support Services and Homeless Prevention Services are promoted through the Council's website. A series of training and awareness raising sessions are available to internal and external services and presentations have been provided at the Flintshire Landlord Forum to raise awareness amongst the landlord and lettings agent community. Further work to be completed in the second half of the year including further updates to website content, social media profile and Member Workshop to raise awareness amongst local Councilors as community champions.

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Remodelling the "emergency beds" Homeless Hub accommodation offer and service delivery	0%	●	Site in Deeside under consideration and survey work underway with results expected in quarter three. Upon consideration of the site survey the feasibility study will be completed. A partner for the feasibility work has been identified and is primed ready to commence in quarter three. Once site feasibility complete, consideration can be given to capital commitments and grant funding for the build phase. Existing Housing Support Grant funding for existing Homeless Hub provides a baseline budget for Homeless Hub version 2.0.

Housing Support and Homeless Prevention 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA007M	Number of presentations to the homeless service	737.00	700.00	366.00		
<p>Presentations to the homeless service continue to be significant with ongoing pressures post-Covid and further challenges ahead as the cost of living crisis develops further. Some landlords are selling up and leaving the private rented sector leaving households unable to remain in their homes so they will have to be assisted to secure other housing to avoid homelessness.</p>						
CHA008M	Percentage of successful prevention outcomes for homelessness under Housing Wales Act 2014	65.00	65.00	66.66		
<p>Under difficult circumstances performance is at target which is positive with a prevention rate at 65%. A move to a Rapid Rehousing Model will over time contribute positively to our homeless prevention outcomes.</p>						
CHA009M	Percentage of successful relief outcomes for homelessness under Housing Wales Act 2014	45.00	45.00	66.66		
<p>Performance at the half year point is at 45% for the relief of homelessness. Opportunity to move people on promptly from homelessness is a clear focus within the transition to Rapid Rehousing.</p>						

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Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA010M	Number of households accommodated by the Council under Housing Wales act 2014 homeless duties	115.00	100.00	80.00		
<p>At the end of quarter one, there were 117 households accommodated in emergency or temporary housing and at the end of quarter two, there were 115 households accommodated. Pressures continue with demand on homelessness temporary housing. With reduced opportunities for move on through social housing and private rented sector these numbers are likely to increase over the course of the year. Rapid Rehousing will over time make a significant impact on reducing demand for temporary homeless accommodation but not in the short term.</p>						
CHA011M	Average length of stay for those households in interim homeless accommodation under Housing Wales Act 2014	117.00	130.00	82.00		
<p>Average length of stay is increasing for those household's placed in temporary homeless accommodation. At the end of quarter one the figure was 114 days and has now increased to 117 days. This is to be expected with and will likely increase further with pressures growing and fewer opportunities for move on, due to a challenging private rented sector and fewer lettings through the common housing register. Fewer homes available via social housing presents a significant challenge and will increase length of stays in temporary homeless accommodation.</p>						
CHA012M	Number of referrals received through the Housing Support Gateway	646.00	700.00	292.00		
<p>For quarter two, the Gateway received 296 referrals for housing-related support. This number is consistent with previous years - for quarter two in 2021, 292 were received. Work continues to be done to promote the service and encourage people to reach out for support. Our new Housing Hub on the FCC website which will streamline access to our Housing services has been completed and is waiting to be signed off and made live.</p>						

Housing Needs and Housing Options 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing self-service approaches that enable people to identify their own housing options through online support	75%	★	Website content being routinely refreshed and new services such as the Social Housing Waiting Time Calculator and Stock Profile Mapping features near completion. Longer term ambitions to develop an applicants portal with opportunity for people to upload their own information into the applications system and submit evidence as part of the verification process has been raised with IT and being explored through future forward work planning.
Piloting a risk assessment process to identify pre tenancy support needs to reduce risk of tenancy failure	20%	●	An officer was in post but has now left the Council and we are therefore seeking to recruit to increase staffing capacity and will revisit this action within the second half of the year.
Promoting the Single Access Route to Housing (SARTH), Common Housing Register, Affordable Housing Register and Housing Support Gateway within the community and with professionals	75%	★	A range of communication activities continue to be routinely delivered to promote our services and generate take up of services. Training for colleagues in other service areas have been delivered to promote the Common Housing Register and Support Gateway. Further work to be completed by year end on website content refresh for Common Housing Register and Homelessness services.
Reviewing our sheltered housing stock to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of current and prospective tenants	75%	★	The Council are now in the process of finalising the detailed option appraisals for each identified sheltered scheme/site. We will be completing further assessments in terms of condition and calculating the investment costs, along with what measures will be required to be implemented, to ensure compliance with the Welsh Housing Quality Standards, building safety compliance and energy efficiency. The Council are also in the process of finalising our scoring matrix, that will be used to evaluate each sheltered scheme before we consider reclassification. Areas of consideration consist of, but are not limited to, Desirability, Amenities, Access & Egress, Allocation Waiting Lists, Rent Loss and Asset Compliance. From this assessment and field work, a report will be presented to Cabinet and Housing Scrutiny, detailing our approach to re-classification and further options appraisals as and when sheltered schemes are identified for review.

Housing Needs and Housing Options 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA013M	Number of applicants on the Common Housing Register	2,438.00	2,400.00	2,243.00		
<p>Numbers of applicants for social housing has increased by 14% since the start of the financial year. This is a reflection of ongoing and increasing community and housing hardship post-Covid. This is not unique to Flintshire and is being monitored through both the Corporate Risk Register and the SARTH (Single Access Routh to Housing) Partnership Steering Group, which is made up of Local Authorities and Housing Associations across Flintshire, Denbighshire and Conwy.</p>						
CHA015M	Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by All Housing Partners	235.00	310.00	136.00		
<p>Lettings by Housing partners are as follows: Flintshire County Council 179; Clwyd Alyn 24; Wales & West Housing 25; Gwrp Cynefin 3 and Adra 4. It is noted that Lettings across all housing partners are lower than target. With fewer properties becoming available, the consequence is that the length of time applicants will wait to be rehoused will be longer. Also, there are few homes available through social housing providers which reduces the opportunities for the Council to prevent and relieve homelessness through positive move on into social housing.</p>						
CHA016M	Number of applicants rehoused via SARTH by Flintshire County Council	179.00	220.00	100.00		
<p>179 applicants rehoused by Flintshire County Council. Lettings against target and previous half year reporting for 2021-2022 is lower for applicants moving into Council Homes. This will increase waiting times for applicants on the Common Housing Register and impact the ability to prevent and relieve homelessness through access to Council Homes. Void levels account for some of the reduction in lettings and work is underway to address void performance issues.</p>						

Social Housing 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Creation of a new amalgamated Disabled Adaptations Team consisting of Privately rented/Owned properties and Council Housing stock	70%	●	Expected implementation date January 2023.
Developing plans 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	50%	★	The Council is currently in the process of testing our draft strategy through our Decarb Pilot works programme following the successful grant award (£3m) through the ORP bid. The draft decarbonisation strategy will continue to be reviewed and updated and is nearing the final stages for sign off. We will ensure the strategy captures our aims and objectives in assuring our plans for de-carbonisation are robust and correct for the tenants of Flintshire.
Ensuring that the Council's housing stock meets the Welsh Housing Quality Standard and achieves a minimum SAP energy efficiency rating of 65	50%	★	The Council continue to target properties that do not meet the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) 65 rating through various improvement works. Installation of efficient central heating systems, renewable technology (Solar Panels & Air Source Heating) and extensive external refurbishment contracts comprising of new windows, doors, loft insulation and roof coverings, the energy performance and thermal efficiency of our properties is addressed and improved. Our current average SAP rating for our entire stock is 70.3. We are currently moving towards incorporating our decarbonisation measures into our investment programmes of refurbishment works to our tenanted homes.
In partnership with Denbighshire CC, creating a new Dynamic Procurement System in order to ensure CPR's are met and provide a wider opportunity for tendering Disabled Adaptation projects	30%	▲	Currently processing specification details with procurement, expected implementation 2023. Unfortunately, due to the procurement lead being off on long term sick and then leaving the authority this has created a delay in progress. However, a new procurement lead is now working with Flintshire County Council and Denbighshire Council in order to progress in a timely manner.
Increasing the Council's housing portfolio by building social housing properties and affordable properties for North East Wales (NEW) Homes	50%	▲	The impact of Covid, the subsequent economic downturn together with major supply chain disruption and more recently the war in Ukraine have had an impact on development activity and a hiatus in new build completions across Wales. Labour and material costs have increased affecting scheme viabilities. Additionally, environmental impacts of phosphates in water courses upon the planning process has further constrained development approvals. An outline development programme for the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) 2 has been developed for the next three years and can be viewed in the 18 October Cabinet Papers which could deliver a further 260 additional homes via FCC and NEW Homes.
Listening to our tenants and working with them to improve our services, homes and communities	50%	●	All tenants were sent Satisfaction of Tenants and Residents (STAR) survey in April 2022. Final report with results was compiled in September 2022 with 25% response rate received overall. Data is to be interrogated to inform ward results and action plan based on priorities.
Supporting our tenants to access technology and create sustainable digital communities	50%	★	The Accommodation Support team have received training to be digital champions, to support residents either in their homes or in the sheltered accommodation community centres when using their own devices or taking part in a tablet loan scheme to access the internet for shopping, cheaper deals and keeping in contact with friends and family, etc.

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Working with housing association partners to build new social housing properties and additional affordable properties	60%	▲	The Planned Development Programme (PDP) 2022/23 has been approved by Welsh Government and 266 Registered Social Landlords homes have been approved for future development in the County. Currently, the phosphate issues impact on a number of schemes requiring planning permission.
Working with residents to ensure our communities are well managed, safe, and sustainable places to live	50%	●	Results from recent Satisfaction of Tenants and Residents (STAR) survey outline the priorities that residents have which will ensure that service delivery is targeted on an area basis based on the need.

Social Housing 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA018M	Number of Council Homes under construction	36.00	71.00	0.00		
<p>Schemes at Maes Penant (30) are on site and now due for completion in January/February 2023 after issues with the roofing contractor that have now been overcome. The schemes for homeless accommodation at Park Lane and Duke Street (6) are due for completion in November/December 2022. The scheme at Nant y Gro (41) is yet to start on site. It was due to start in April/May. The contractor is seeking repricing to address general material and labour cost increases and additional ground works. We are currently reviewing the schemes viability.</p>						
CHA019M	Number of Council Homes completed	0.00	6.00	0.00		
<p>On target to complete 36 homes by March 2023.</p>						
CHA020M	Number of Affordable Homes under construction via NEW Homes	5.00	0.00	0.00		
<p>Five additional homes as part of a package deal with Wates are under construction and should be completed before March 2023.</p>						
CHA021M	Number of Affordable Homes completed via NEW Homes	0.00	0.00	4.00		
<p>Five additional homes as part of a package deal with Wates are under construction and should be completed before March 2023.</p>						

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA022M	Number of Residential social landlords (RSL's) homes under construction	36.00	36.00			
<p>36 homes are on site at present and a further 150 are due to commence this year. This includes 100 units at Northern Gateway, where ground works to handover to the developer are underway. The development will be phased the details of which are awaited. 50 homes in Mynydd Isa were due to be on site earlier this year, but the contractor withdrew as a result of pricing issues. A new one has been appointed and should be on site this year.</p>						
CHA023M	Number of Residential Social Landlord (RSL's) homes completed	4.00	18.00			
<p>Delays with phosphates have hampered completions due this year.</p>						
CHA026M	Total number of Small Disabled Adaptations completed	396.00	160.00			
<p>This value is the total number of actual small adaptations processed, not number of households, this is to keep consistency with reporting to Welsh Government</p>						
CHA027M	Average number of days to complete a Small Disabled adaptation	9.00	28.00			
<p>Since Covid restrictions have lifted, targets have improved this year.</p>						

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA028M	Total number of Discretionary Medium Disabled Adaptations completed	29.00	20.00			
<p>Discretionary adaptations have increased since the change in policy whereby an increase in the limit to £10,000 was introduced at the end of last year, meaning more discretionary adaptations are being awarded.</p>						
CHA029M	Average number of days to complete a Discretionary Medium Disabled adaptation	88.00	122.00			
<p>Since Covid restrictions have lifted target have improved this year, with delayed start dates from contractors decreasing.</p>						
CHA030M	Total number of Mandatory Medium Disabled Adaptations completed	24.00	30.00			
<p>The number of Mandatory Medium adaptations will start to reduce due to the change in policy whereby the £10,000 limit for discretionary medium adaptations has been removed.</p>						
CHA031M	Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Medium Disabled adaptation	184.00	122.00			
<p>We are still incurring start date delays for jobs with contractors due to their high workloads and the lack of contractors to be able to award contracts to. We have identified additional contractors so this position should now improve and next year we will be implementing the Dynamic Purchasing System which will also alleviate the lack of contractors' issue.</p>						

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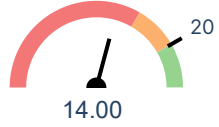
Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CHA032M	Total number of Mandatory Large Disabled Adaptations completed	3.00	4.00			
<p>There have been delays with contractors start dates, but also with planning applications for large jobs. The target was set using last year's completions, however, due to the amount of large jobs outstanding prior to 2021/22 the amount of completed jobs last year was higher than normal. This year we will be in a position to identify a 'normal' year which will assist in setting a more precise target.</p>						
CHA033M	Average number of days to complete a Mandatory Large Disabled adaptation	549.00	456.00			
<p>There were a number of outstanding large jobs which had started prior to Covid-19, the majority of the jobs have now completed, however due to these delays, this will mean that this year's target will have been adversely impacted.</p>						
CHA034M	Total number of Disabled Adaptations completed	461.00	214.00			
<p>Since Covid restrictions have lifted, more adaptations are being completed.</p>						

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Private Rented Sector 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing a "landlord offer" that encourages landlords to work with the Council to raise standards of property management and condition of homes where needed	40%	●	The private rented sector is increasingly challenging to access for those who are on low income and benefit dependent. Availability of homes locally is down approximately 50% over the last three years and therefore a number of landlord incentives have been developed to help people access homes from local landlords and lettings agents. Funding has been ring fenced through Housing Support Grant to assist with making homeless clients more attractive to landlords and this includes rent in advance packages, enhanced deposits, property improvement grants (repairs) and the Bond Scheme. Further promotion of our Landlord Offer is to be progressed in the second half of the year.
Engaging with private sector tenants, giving them a voice and responding to their needs	30%	●	Work continues regionally in regard to developing engagement activities for tenants within the private rented sector. TPAS Cymru are working with North Wales Councils to encourage tenants to get involved with an online event which is due to be undertaken in October. The event will focus on the "Cost of Living Crisis" with services available (Warm Wales and Pennysmart) to offer advice on a range of cost of living issues. This is one of several planned events and engagement opportunities.
Improving access to private sector properties for those who are homeless, at risk of homeless and in housing need	40%	●	In an effort to better understand movement and changes in the private rented sector Arc4 Consultants have been engaged to complete research and analysis regarding availability, affordability and overall performance of the local market in Flintshire. This will enable the Council to better inform plans for interventions that will assist with securing properties for both temporary housing, move on for homeless households and a range of other housing needs including resettlement programmes linked to the Ukraine, Syrian and Afghan workstreams. Full report expected October 2022 and this will assist with the development of the Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) which is due refresh in early 2023.
Mapping Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO's) across Flintshire to ensure legal minimum housing standards are met and to improve residents' quality of life	40%	★	Progress has been made in the mapping of HMO programme, 14 properties have been targeted and work is ongoing with them properties to ensure they meet the required minimum HMO standards. For ten of the properties work is ongoing.
Working in partnership with landlords and private sector agents to better understand their needs	40%	●	Homelessness is not solely a housing issue, and many additional needs impact on people's risks of homelessness and present challenges for the Council to prevent and relieve homelessness. By working with partners across public sector we are able to respond to housing problems. Whilst we are good at responding to one-off incidents and issues, our Rapid Rehousing transition Plan will firm up more of our strategic partnership arrangements. Engagement with partners for Rapid Rehousing is a key activity for the second half of the year to ensure homelessness is a shared priority across the Council and other public services.

Private Rented Sector 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CPE002M	Number of inspections of HMOs	14.00	20.00	12.00		
<p>14 properties have been inspected (The target was 20). Of these, four were closed and ten are ongoing.</p>						

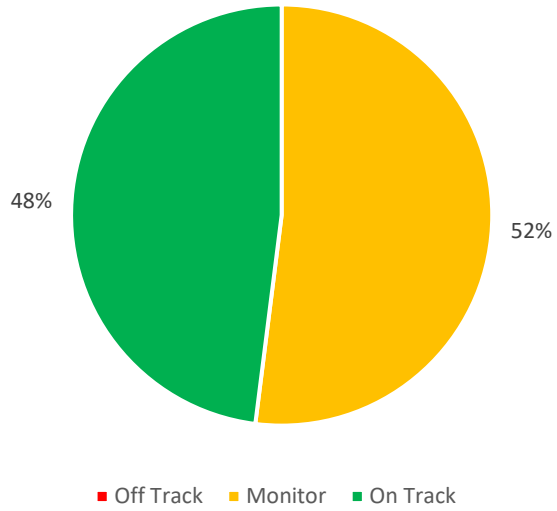
Empty Properties 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Bringing empty homes back into use through the Empty Homes Loan Scheme	50%	★	Number of applications for the loan scheme all being reviewed by Empty Homes and Legal.
Exploring opportunities to develop a project management service for non-commercial landlords to encourage take up of the Empty Home Loan Scheme	50%	★	Work is ongoing in taking ownership of long term empty properties, refurbishing them and renting them out. Waiting for agreement to be arranged.
Exploring opportunities to maximise housing and revitalise our towns through the redevelopment of the High Street	90%	★	Existing funding opportunities have been promoted to key stakeholders/audiences and enquiries have converted into several applications being developed, submitted and approved through Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Place Making Grant and Loans Initiative. These developments contribute towards revitalising our towns and high streets. The council's Regeneration Team has also been part of a regional working group which has been responsible for scoping out and developing proposals for a new 'Property Improvement Scheme' which is now at the stage of being a very advanced proposal, and subject to approval in November 2022, will be rolled out from April 2023 onwards.
Targeting 'problem' empty homes in our communities and use enforcement powers where appropriate to improve our communities and increase housing supply	50%	★	A property is in the process of going through the enforced sale, works are being completed by Building Control.

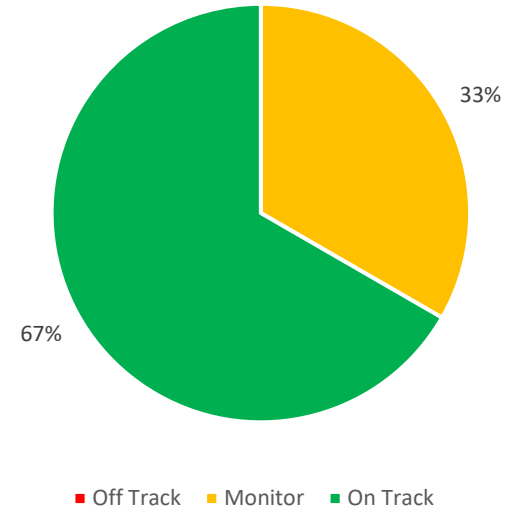
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Carbon Neutrality 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing plans towards net zero carbon for our assets in line with Welsh Government guidance	40%	★	Non-domestic Energy team are working with key Officers and Welsh Government Energy Service to identify priority assets for next phase of building improvements both for schools and other public buildings.
Gathering information on annual Council greenhouse gas emissions to submit to Welsh Government and the Carbon Programme Board	80%	★	Data has been collated for submission to Welsh Government and the latest progress report will be issued in quarter three.
Reviewing the procurement policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from suppliers	50%	●	Carbon reduction ambitions have been added to draft review of Procurement strategy. Remaining review of other parts of strategy is in process within Procurement team.
Working with Flintshire's leisure and culture trust partners to reduce carbon emissions	20%	●	Partners are involved in relevant Climate Change Programme Working groups and the requirement for further support is being ascertained.

Climate Change and Adaption 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Assessing the feasibility of schemes within land assets for resisting flood and drought while enhancing biodiversity and increasing carbon storage	20%	★	Work has started evaluating land assets against the national criteria to identify potential sites for carbon planting and a map layer has been created in the mapping software to visually record these sites.
Carrying out flood investigations and alleviation works where appropriate	25%	●	External consultants have prepared project briefs to carry out work on two prioritised schemes - Cae Bracty and Hendre. The initial phase is to survey and assess options for mitigation. The outcome will then inform future bids to Welsh Government for funding to take each project to a detailed business case stage, and then onto design and build, subject to it passing each Welsh Government stage. Further pipeline of schemes will be reviewed and prioritised. The feasibility work on the above two schemes will be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.
Reviewing the Council's Flood Risk Management Strategy	0%	●	External consultants have been instructed to prepare a proposal to review the Council's strategy in line with the National Flood Risk Management Strategy, and to base the local update on an analysis of areas most at risk of flooding. This will then form a local action plan for prioritising investment and bids to Welsh Government for funding.
Reviewing the Council's Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment	95%	●	External consultants have provided their first draft report having reviewed the Council's SFCA. This has been reviewed by officers who will meet with the consultants to discuss any matters arising and amend the report as required. Final report delivery is anticipated to be by November 2022 deadline set by the Welsh Minister.

Fleet Strategy 2022/23


Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Converting the authority's fleet to electric and alternative fuels (hydrogen etc)	10%	★	Investigations are continuing in relation to Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) at Alltami depot to support the introduction of Electric Vehicles (EV). Two chargers currently installed on site through Innovate UK funding, and the delivery of two recycling vehicles and two buses are due imminently.

Green Environment 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Delivering an increase in canopy cover as part of the Urban Tree and Woodland Plan	30%	★	Winter planting schemes developed and planned. On track to deliver outputs.
Delivery of green infrastructure projects under the Local Places for Nature grant funding stream	50%	★	Autumn/winter project delivery is planned and on track.
Enhancing the natural environment through the delivery of the Section 6 Environment Act Wales biodiversity duty	50%	★	On track to deliver in year outputs. Welsh Government report drafted for November Cabinet.

Green Access 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Delivering the Rights of Way Improvement Plan with a focus to ensure improved access for all and the promotions of Walking for Health	50%	★	Funding secured to deliver rights of way improvements and intergenerational health walking project. Outputs are on track.
Exploring opportunities to develop the Flintshire Coast Park through the production of a scoping study	100%	★	The scoping study has been completed and will be presented to Environment Overview and Scrutiny on 11 October 2022 and to Cabinet on 18 October 2022.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CPE006M	Completion of the Coast park Scoping Study	100.00	50.00			
<p>Scoping study complete, recommendations going to cabinet on 18 October 2022.</p>						

Renewable Energy 2022/23



Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Agreeing appropriate investment strategy for future renewable energy developments	40%	●	Welsh Government Energy Service have provided guidance on next step renewable energy schemes on our land assets. The feasibility of these needs to be assessed on a site-by-site basis in conjunction with the Capital Works programme.
Assessing the feasibility of renewable energy and land assets and link to wider carbon ambitions	40%	●	Welsh Government Energy Service have provided guidance on next step renewable energy schemes on our land assets. The feasibility of these needs to be assessed on a site-by-site basis in conjunction with the Capital Works programme.

Active and Sustainable Travel Options 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing the County's electric car charging network	75%	★	A total of four electric charge points have been installed on the recently constructed Park & Ride facility on Zone 2 Deeside Industrial Park. A further 17 publicly accessible charge-points are scheduled to be implemented within nine Flintshire car parks with an estimated go-live date of November 2022. Works are ongoing to identify future economically viable sites.
Promoting active travel and further develop the Council's cycleway network	60%	★	Currently building Active travel routes in Hope, Mold, Queensferry, Shotton and Saltney. Also in the process of acquiring two strips of land to provide off road Active Travel links in Aston and Sandycroft.
Promoting multi modal transport journeys and the development of strategic transport hubs	50%	●	Works to progress multi-modal transport projects have progressed throughout the year which incorporates a programme of Active Travel schemes. Production of two electric bus vehicles is now complete and are scheduled to be delivered imminently. Attempts to secure funding for the construction of Deeside Station is ongoing. Locations of strategic transport Hubs are currently being reviewed as part the Council's integrated transport strategy review. Consideration will also need to be given to the outcome of the ongoing Welsh Government Bus Reform.
Promoting the use of public transport through the further development of the Council's core bus network	50%	●	A number of improvement schemes have been undertaken aimed at improving journey times on the Council's Core Bus Network. Welsh Government funding has been secured this financial year to undertake further infrastructure improvements. The progression of a multi-modal transport infrastructure scheme from Queensferry roundabout to Shotton is currently underway. The '1 Bws' ticket has also been introduced in North Wales in partnership with Local Authorities, Operators and Transport for Wales (TfW). Viability of the Core Network has also been promoted via the introduction of Local Travel Arrangements (LTA's) and Flecsi Services.

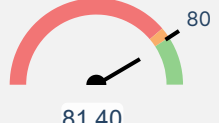

Circular Economy 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Achieving Welsh Government recycling targets	50%	●	While the statutory recycling target for 2022/23 is 64%, we aspire to meet the target of 70% ahead of 2024/25. Following the removal of Covid restrictions we are seeing residual waste tonnages decrease to pre-pandemic levels along with some recycling materials such as glass and food waste. This is improving our overall recycling performance; however, further improvement needs to be made. We will be support national 'Recycle Week' in October and our waste strategy will be reviewed throughout quarter three.
Promoting the option to reuse and repair unwanted items at Household Recycling Centres by partnering with local Charities or social enterprises	25%	●	A funding bid to introduce a reuse initiative across all Household Recycling Centres was submitted to the Landfill Disposal Tax Communities Scheme in January 2022. Unfortunately, that bid was unsuccessful. A refreshed bid was submitted to Welsh Government for Circular Economy Funding in June 2022 in order to progress the initiative. The outcome of that bid is yet to be determined.
Support and promote Re-Use and Repair initiatives in partnership with Refurbs Flintshire	50%	★	The Repair and Reuse Centre, with café, was successfully opened in 2021. Since that time the café has become well established with customer throughput increasing. A comprehensive programme of upcycling workshops, repair sessions and reuse initiatives are in place each month and are well attended. Further session such as developing IT skills and energy efficiency workshops have also taken place to further benefit the community.
Support local businesses in their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resource efficient	50%	●	36 (quarter one) and 33 (quarter two) local businesses engaged through the Deeside Decarbonisation Forum. Potential to deliver a Commercial Carbon Reduction Feasibility Study Grant via shared Prosperity Funding from quarter three to encourage carbon reduction for local businesses.
Working in partnership, actively support and engage with community led groups by developing recycling initiatives	0%	●	Options are being developed to undertake a pilot scheme introducing a recycling initiative whereby if a specified community could improve their recycling performance, then the benefits seen, such as financial savings, would be invested back into community groups to develop environmental improvements.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CST004M	Percentage of waste reused, recycled or composted	64.17	70.00	64.00		

Following the removal of Covid restrictions we are seeing residual waste tonnages decrease back to pre-pandemic levels; however, this is also the case for some recycling waste streams such as paper and food. In comparison to 2021/22, recycling performance is recovering however we are not in a position to meet the 70% statutory target set for 2024/25.

Note: this figure is based on unverified data.

CST005M	Average Recycling rate across Household Recycling Centres (HRCs)	81.40	80.00	87.02		
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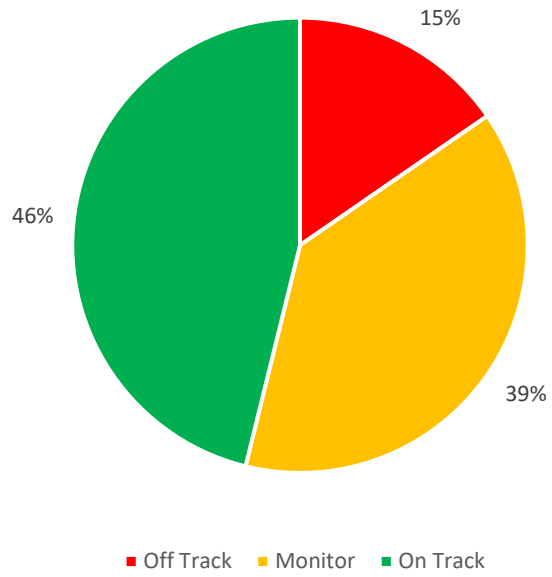
Recycling performance across all household recycling centres (HRCs) remains high. A new policy for vehicle permits was introduced in April 2022 which has seen a reduction in trade waste, including non-recyclable residual waste.

Note: this figure is unverified.

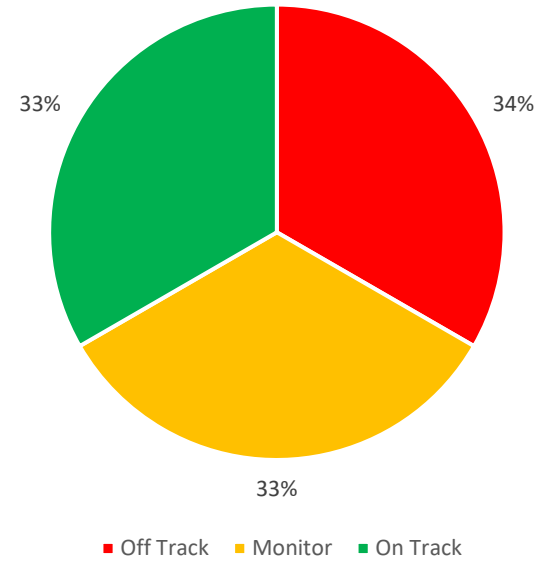
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Town Centre Regeneration 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Encouraging and support investment in town centre properties especially to facilitate more sustainable uses	80%	★	Information to promote investment opportunities has been developed and shared directly with key stakeholders via e-mail, in meetings and via the Council's website (Regeneration section). Officers in the Council's Regeneration Team have worked directly with interested parties (property owners, developers and agents) to respond to enquiries and work in partnership with them which involves work ranging from scoping out project proposals/concept ideas through to fuller development proposals and submission of funding applications.
Improving the environment in town centres	80%	★	Schemes have been developed and delivered as a result of external funding being secured to do so, as a range of environmental improvements in town centres (including Green Infrastructure Scheme in high streets - delivered in conjunction with the Council's Streetscene Service as funded through the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Initiative).
Monitoring the health and vitality of town centres to support effective management and business investment decisions	80%	★	A significant amount of work has been undertaken to implement Flintshire's SMART Towns initiative (roll-out of a Welsh Government funded digital device installation scheme across Flintshire towns to be able to monitor footfall numbers and trends). Work is underway to access and analyse data via digital dashboards which will result in information being shared with local stakeholders to inform business decisions. In addition to the SMART Towns project, work is ongoing in relation to tracking the number of vacant buildings in each town centre, and also to monitor CACI data (data around retail performance per sector/spend levels) for each of our towns.
Supporting the growth of community enterprises in town centre locations	80%	★	As part of work relating to the promotion of Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Initiative (and funding available through this to improve our towns) community enterprises have been supported to develop ideas to grow/enhance their offer within town centre locations in-line with the government's 'Town Centre First' approach. The growth of and role of community enterprises will be a key aspect to capture in emerging 'Place Making Plans' that the Council is responsible for leading the development of over the next two-year period.

Business 2022/23

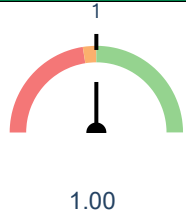
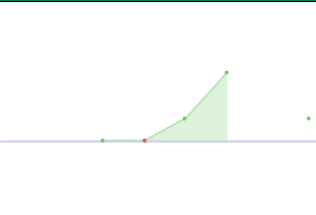
Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Engaging town centre small businesses and improve support packages available to them	70%	★	A range of support and financial tools/interventions are available to town centre small businesses. The Council's regeneration team supports small businesses to identify how they can improve in terms of attracting more business/impact the overall vibrancy and performance of the town they are located in, including supporting businesses to access other services and funding to achieve their goals. Engagement from small businesses is welcomed and ways of building up further opportunities for engagement are being developed, including face-to-face and digital consultations as part of the council's 'Place Making Plan' work, and also through the sharing of key town centre performance data with small business to assist them with business decisions.
Increasing the scale and impact of the social business sector	75%	★	There are currently seven Flintshire-based Social Enterprises now reporting on the Social Impact Toolkit, the added social value of social enterprise in Flintshire currently stands at £2,117,197.55. It is the intention to increase the number of social enterprises using this toolkit to 12 this year, 20 in 2023 and to 30 in 2024. The Social Enterprise Places' celebration event took place on 29 September 2022 attended by 60 social enterprise businesses.
Supporting growth of the local and regional food and drink business sector through marketing and collaborative projects	60%	★	Supporting local food and drink groups with their networking events (e.g., Meet the Producers B2B and Taste North East Wales programme). Food & Drink Sector Readiness for National Park Status - a scoping and feasibility study. A project which gives opportunities for food & drink businesses, networks and relevant organizations to contribute to research that may shape the future support for the food and drink sector in North East Wales. The 'ACE' project' continues to support food & drink businesses in North East Wales with action, collaboration and enterprise to help them develop and recover from the effects of the pandemic. The 'ACE' summer 2022 #TreatYourself social media campaign was created to raise the profile of independent food and drink businesses.
Supporting local businesses in their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resource efficient	50%	●	There are 36 local businesses engaged in quarter one and 33 during quarter two through the Deeside Decarbonisation forum. Potential to deliver a Commercial Carbon Reduction Feasibility Study Grant via shared Prosperity Fund from quarter three to encourage carbon reduction for local businesses.
Supporting recovery of the County's street and indoor markets	60%	●	Mold indoor market is 90% occupied and applications have been received for new traders to occupy the vacant stalls. Mold outdoor market is at full capacity and new traders have replaced stallholders who have retired recently. Holywell market is seeing a growth in stallholders as Mold traders are being encouraged to attend there also. The service will deliver a Christmas Market in quarter three for both market towns.

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Supporting recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors and rebuild confidence in the industry	60%	★	<p>Development of the Flintshire Tourism Ambassador Scheme is in progress. This scheme will provide online learning and opportunities to enhance knowledge of the visitor offer in Flintshire and wider North Wales region.</p> <p>Supporting local tourism business groups with their programme of networking activities (e.g. Sustainable Tourism Conference held 28 September 2022 which was attended by 60 businesses).</p> <p>Enterprise Renewal Fund has so far supported 11 (target of 13) rural Flintshire businesses in developing new products.</p> <p>Royal Welsh Show. Received very positive feedback from the Royal Welsh about our presence as feature county (Clwyd: Denbighshire; Flintshire; Wrexham; Conwy) at this year's show (18 - 21 July 2022). Supported by our local businesses who provided over 20 prizes to show attendees and with a very positive team work from the four local authorities. North Wales Way was used as the theme to link all four of the counties.</p> <p>Work has started on updating the Destination Management Plan which will cover the period 2022-2025. Priorities will focus upon events, hospitality support and key hubs.</p> <p>Our 'Parks for All' project at Greenfield Valley Heritage Park & Wepre Country Park (which has received Welsh Government Brilliant Basics Funding) is progressing well. The project will provide 'changing places' modular units at both sites as well updating and increasing capacity of existing toilet block at Wepre Country Park.</p>
Supporting small and/or local businesses to engage with public sector procurement opportunities	0%	▲	<p>The Council is developing a Dynamic Purchasing Solution to enable smaller businesses to engage with our domestic energy programmes. In addition, the Council supports businesses in taking part in wider public sector procurement opportunities. There have not been any relevant processes in this period.</p>

Transport Connectivity 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing and delivering transport infrastructure improvements as part of North Wales Metro programme and the Council's Integrated Transport Strategy	40%	●	Progression of the North Wales Metro and in-year transport schemes have been restricted due to ongoing land negotiations, supplier availability and restrictions associated with the pandemic. Discussions ongoing to progress Garden City bus interchange. The progression of a multi-modal transport infrastructure scheme from Queensferry roundabout to Shotton is currently underway.
Ensuring Flintshire strategic transport priorities are well-represented in the Regional Transport Plan from the forthcoming Corporate Joint Committee development	20%	▲	Following the publication of Welsh Government's New Wales Transport Plan, we are in the process of reviewing our own Integrated Transport Strategy. Once complete, this will form the basis of Flintshire's forthcoming Regional Transport Plan submission, however, Welsh authorities are currently awaiting confirmation of how the Regional Transport Plan will be coordinated.

Transport Connectivity 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CST008M	Number of schemes delivered through the Welsh Government Active Travel Fund	1.00	1.00	0.00	 <p>1.00</p>	

Final design being completed for Saltney Ferry to Sandy Lane, Cycle Way. Contractor to be appointed in November works completed early March 2023.

Digital Infrastructure 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Connecting further rural communities to improved digital infrastructure	0%	▲	<p>Recruitment into the vacant broadband officer role was unsuccessful. Furthermore, the support schemes that were a large element of the role have been placed on hold by UK and Welsh Government pending the outcome of a review of broadband infrastructure.</p> <p>From a more positive perspective, commercial roll out of both Superfast and Ultrafast speed broadband has accelerated dramatically in Flintshire so that the vast majority of households now have access to good connectivity.</p> <p>Once the governmental review process above concludes the Council and partners will be able to identify which geographical areas will still require support to improve connectivity.</p>
Starting delivery of the local plans within the North Wales Growth Deal for digital infrastructure	50%	★	<p>Business case development for the regional digital infrastructure Growth Deal projects is underway. This will clarify the details of what each project will deliver, how and where.</p> <p>Local schemes are on hold due to a review by UK and Welsh Governments of broadband connectivity. Once this process concludes it is hoped that new support schemes will be able to be rolled out.</p>

Local Development Plan (LDP) Targets 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Ensuring timely adoption of the LDP once Inspector's Report received	50%	●	Local Development Plan (LDP) submitted for Examination November 2020 in-line with Delivery Agreement. Commencement of Examination delayed several times by Inspectors and progress delayed further by the need to address the 'phosphates' issue raised by NRW. Examination Hearing Sessions now finished but the timing of the Inspectors agreement to the Council's approach regarding phosphates and to consulting on the Matters Arising Changes (MACs) did not give sufficient time to secure Cabinet approval for the MACs to go out to consultation without the six week consultation period encroaching into the pre-election period for the May local government elections. The MACs were consulted upon during June and July 2022 and representations are presently being considered by the Inspectors. The Inspectors have indicated that a draft report will be made available to the Council by mid-November 2022 (subject to slippage) for fact checking. Final binding report should be received during December with an anticipated adoption by Full Council in early 2023 within the required eight week period. It must be stressed that the Examination phase of the LDP preparation process is the remit of the Inspectors and outside of the direct control of the Council.
Maintaining and updating the LDP Housing Trajectory in line with planning decisions made	50%	●	The Council cannot formally update the housing trajectory until the Local Development Plan (LDP) has been adopted. However, the Council has produced a housing trajectory for April 2020 which has been agreed by the Inspectors as part of the Matters Arising Changes. Officers are continuing to undertake annual housing land monitoring each April in order to inform future updates of the housing trajectory as part of the Plans monitoring arrangements once the LDP is adopted, which is anticipated to be in the first quarter of 2023.
Making decisions at Planning Committee in line with the adopted LDP	95%	★	The Local Development Plan (LDP) cannot form the statutory development plan for making either decisions at Planning Committee or delegated decisions until it is adopted by the Council. The Council is on course to receive the Inspector's Report in December 2022 and subject to a positive outcome will need to adopt the plan by the end of February 2023. It is also the case that several appeal decisions have given weight to the non-adopted LDP on the basis of its imminent adoption. The Council is therefore very close to being able to formally use the LDP for decision making on planning applications.
Monitoring overall Plan performance via the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and submit to Welsh Government	50%	●	The Local Development Plan (LDP) cannot be monitored on an annual basis until it has been adopted. The monitoring chapter within the LDP has been the subject of discussion at an Examination Hearing Session and minor amendments agreed with the Inspector. These amendments have been consulted upon as part of the Matters Arising Changes (MACs), ahead of the Inspectors issuing their Report on the Examination. The Council have in place the monitoring arrangements as part of the LDP, which is anticipated to be adopted in the first quarter of 2023, to ensure effective annual monitoring. The first Annual Monitoring Report is likely to be prepared and submitted to Welsh Government in October 2024, a full 12 month period following adoption.
Referencing the Local Development Plan growth strategy in early work on a North Wales Strategic Development Plan (SDP)	50%	●	The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) has been convened and has met on several occasions with the Council represented by the Leader. Much of the early work has been to agree governance structures as well as establishing the requirements for various sub committees, one of which will oversee the development of an SDP. The intended adoption of the Flintshire LDP early in 2023 therefore aligns with the stage reached by the CJC. The Council can then make an early input into the consideration of the content, structure and format of an SDP, and what the main sub regional issues are that the plan needs to deal with.

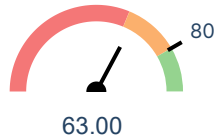
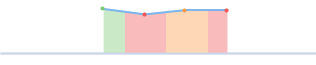
Spending Money for the Benefit of Flintshire 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to generate social value outcomes through the Council's procurement activities	50%	★	Support is ongoing, with no issues to report.
Generating local spend to support economic growth through the inclusion of social value measures in procurement activity	50%	★	Support is ongoing, with no issues to report.
Reviewing the Social Value Strategy to identify further opportunities to maximise social value across the Council, its services and expenditure	30%	▲	Generating social value from the Council's commissioning and procurement activity is the largest contributor of increased social value and remains a key area of focus. Furthermore, and due to the recent and on-going shortfall in resource capacity, we have been unable to progress work on other areas of the strategy. However, we have begun to progress the Council's planning policies, with the view of exploring ways to maximise the generation of social value from planning applications. We have also supported a number of voluntary sector funding applications this quarter, which progresses the area outlined within the current Social Value Strategy.
Supporting supply chain partners to measure and convert their social value offerings through procurement commitments, into real and tangible benefits for local residents and communities	50%	●	Support for supply chain partners is continuously ongoing. However, we have experienced a high number of delays in receiving performance data from many suppliers delivering Council contracts, and where social value procurement commitments have been provided. This will therefore be reflected in the quarterly and annual performance reports. We continue to issue reminders to Council's supply chain partners where applicable, of the requirement for social value performance reporting. We are also working with commissioning officers to ensure they are responsible for the management of this.

Reducing Worklessness 2022/23

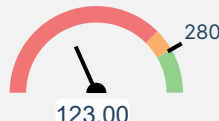
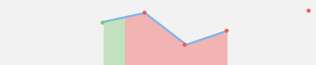
Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Co-ordinating a multi-agency approach to support businesses to recruit people from disadvantaged groups	55%	●	<p>Almost 600 people attended the first jobs, skills and training event held at Deeside Leisure Centre since start of the pandemic.</p> <p>The Jobs Fair was aimed at adults and young people seeking work and it proved to be another successful collaboration between Communities for Work, Jobcentre Plus and Careers Wales.</p> <p>The event had over 60 employers present all from a variety of employment sectors including hospitality, logistics, care, security and construction with over 1,000 live vacancies available. As well as applying for the many vacancies on offer, jobseekers were able to meet with and put questions direct to employers which has not been possible over the last two years.</p> <p>In partnership with Department for Work and Pensions and Adult Community Learning, Communities for Work held a 'Career in Childcare' Event on 26 May 2022 at Ty Calon in Deeside. Local training providers were on hand and employers were present to discuss the roles available for anyone thinking of a career working with children.</p> <p>Both events were followed up with a further job fair at Broughton Park supporting the retailers with their recruitment in preparation for the busy Christmas period. Over 350 individuals attended who were able to speak direct to over 12 employers with many vacancies on offer.</p>
Delivering mentoring and wider support programmes to assist disadvantaged people to re-engage with the labour market	55%	●	<p>Communities for Work supported the Health and Wellbeing Events held on 25 May 2022 and 29 September 2022 organised by Department for Work and Pensions employer advisors. The events are targeted at those individuals with health conditions who may require extra support and focuses on areas including volunteering, work placements and mental health support.</p> <p>Job clubs resumed during quarter one at both Holywell and Deeside Libraries, the sessions gave an opportunity to meet mentors and gain advice and guidance on CVs, applications and anything employability related. Unfortunately, at the end of quarter two the job clubs have ceased due to low number of attendees at the locations. Plans have been put in place for the mentors to attend the job centres across the county.</p> <p>Communities for Work supported the Mentoring Circles in partnership with the Step into Work programme with eight Flintshire clients engaging in the May cohort. Clients attended sessions including BCUHB and roles in the NHS, completing application forms and group interviews skills. Participants then completed their mandatory training before starting six week work placements in either HCA, admin or domestics within our local NHS settings.</p> <p>Smaller job fairs took place in Mold Market, Holywell High Street and Broughton Park. Support has been given to the new FCC apprentices with 14 of the cohort signing up to the programme to receive mentor support and assistance with travel, uniform and equipment. The team are part of a multi-agency approach to supporting the Ukraine citizens residing in Flintshire at weekly drop-in sessions.</p>

Reducing Worklessness 2022/23

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CPE012M	Number of individuals entering employment, learning or volunteering	63.00	80.00	35.00	 63.00	

63 individuals who were signed up to the Communities for Work programme were successful in gaining employment. The successful employment sectors included production, catering, administration and care/support work.

Throughout the quarter, a number of clients engaged in work-related training for example security training; CCTV & Level 2 Door Supervision, Fork Lift Truck & Heavy Goods Vehicle licence training and the NHS step into work training. Clients not quite ready for work engaged in the 'We Mind the Gap' programme along with the continuation of their e-learning on a number of topics.

CPE013M	Number of individuals receiving support	123.00	280.00	118.00	 123.00	
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123 individuals received support from the Communities for Work (CFW) programme and were assigned to an employment mentor.

Engagement within local schools both primary and high school has resumed targeting parents and young people leaving school as well as referrals from youth justice (including the parenting branch of Youth Justice), Social services/Children's services and housing solutions.

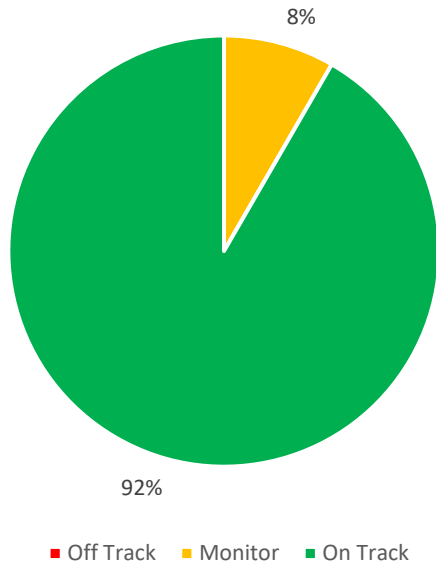
Everyone engaged with the programme has access to a plethora of information regarding pathways and training opportunities, employability events and job vacancies that are available to them. The CFW Facebook and Twitter pages continue to be updated with any events/activities we have coming up along with sharing information regarding job vacancies and other provider information to draw interest from a wider audience.

CFW mentors attend a weekly drop-in at Mold Jobcentre which has proved successful in obtaining referrals to the programme.

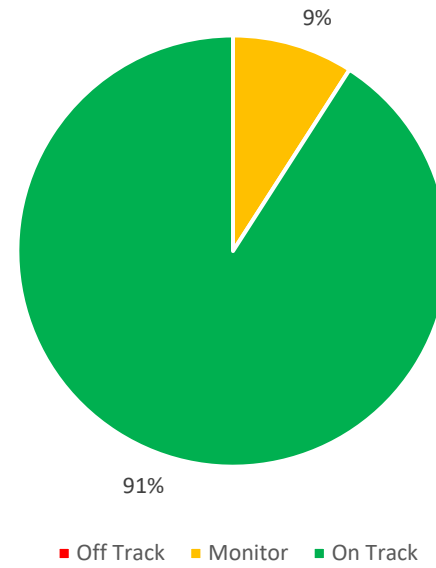
Personal and Community Wellbeing

Personal and Community Wellbeing Overall Performance

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Independent Living 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing an action plan to recommission our advocacy service for adults	30%	★	Tender timeline/action plan is in place. The PIN notice is currently advertised with end date of 14 October 2022. Engagement and final specification is scheduled to take place in October/November. The tender will be advertised in December.
Developing an Early Years Strategy to ensure that all our children ages 0-7 have the best possible start in life and are able to reach their full potential	50%	★	Following two years of development, the draft Early Years Strategy has been approved by the Partnership and requires consultation, including work priorities and delivery. At the request of Welsh Government, Flintshire has taken on the lead role for the Regional Early Years Integration and Transformation collaboration which commenced March 2022. This integration and transformation work will create the foundation for the strategy and support the Early Years and Family Service to bring together various priority areas. These priority areas will enable the impact of the strategy to be evaluated across all workstreams and projects to support our vision of 'For all children to have the best start in life', bringing together the work that has been identified across the service. We aim to have this strategy adopted by quarter three this year.
Plan for the relocation of Tri Ffordd supported employment project to a central site in Mold	50%	★	The project is currently at the relatively early stages of architectural design (RIBA Stage 2) with a planning application date scheduled for early December 2022. The design phases are broadly on track presently though there are still some initial survey results outstanding. Initial feedback relating to planning permission for the project indicates no significant adverse issues but until application is formally granted then there is some intrinsic uncertainty as to timescales for the commencement date of the construction phase.
Supporting people to achieve their mental well-being outcomes by promoting personal and community well-being through open access courses delivered by the Learning Partnership	70%	★	Course numbers and attendees have increased since last quarter. Social Media and webpage hits have also increased.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CSS003M	Direct Payments as a % of home-based services	41.00	38.00	39.00		

We continue to deliver a good percentage of our home-based services through a direct payment. This ensures that where possible individuals have choice and control over when and how they will receive their services at home.

CSS004M	Percentage of urgent requests for equipment that meet or exceed the national 1 Day response standards	100.00	98.00	100.00		
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Equipment is managed by the North East Wales Community Equipment Service. The National standard for urgent requests is 90% within one day.

CSS005M	Percentage of requests for equipment that meet or exceed the national 7 Day standard	100.00	80.00	100.00		
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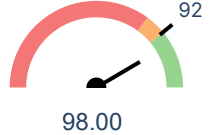
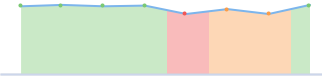

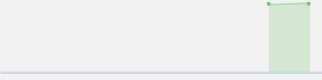
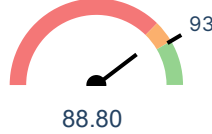

The North East Wales Community Equipment Service continue to provide 100% of equipment requests within the 7 day national standard.


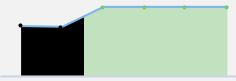
CSS006M	Percentage of equipment that is re-used	93.00	70.00	92.00		
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The standard of 70% is set nationally by the "National Minimum Standards for Community Equipment Services in Wales". However, the North East Wales Community Equipment Service (NEWCES) consistently achieve better than what is requested, with an average of approximately 90% re-use of equipment rather than throwing it away. By doing this there is a yearly cost avoidance of over £2m.

Safeguarding 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to promote the corporate e-learning package	50%	★	Between 1 April – 30 September, 635 social services staff completed the corporate e-learning module which equates to 57.21%. We also delivered seven safeguarding training sessions to 47 FCC staff. Virtual training sessions are aligned so the content is consistent with the All Wales e-learning module. With the addition of these sessions, we are able to provide a more accurate account of completion rates across Social Services. Virtual training is also offered to our third sector partners. The All-Wales e-learning package has been widely circulated and encouraged to our third sector partners also.
Preparing for the implementation of the new Liberty Protect Safeguard procedures	50%	★	The Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) will provide important rights and protections for people aged 16 and above who are or who need to be deprived of their liberty in order to enable their care or treatment, and lack the mental capacity to consent to their arrangements. People who might have an LPS authorisation include those with dementia, autism and learning disabilities who lack the relevant capacity. These procedures will replace the current Deprivation of Liberty safeguards. FCC have responded to the UK consultation on proposed changes to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 Code of Practice and implementation, and also, to the Welsh consultation on new regulations which will support the implementation of liberty protection safeguards (LPS). Both consultations closed on the 14 July 2022. The responses to the consultations are currently being reviewed. Implementation has been delayed and a date is yet to be confirmed. We are in the meantime beginning to plan for implementation of the new Liberty Protection Safeguards, and the developments are closely being followed.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CSS009M	The percentage of adult safeguarding enquiries that met the 7 day timescale	98.00	92.00	97.00	 98.00	
<p>The number of enquiries received in quarter one are showing a 20% reduction overall and quarter two a 12% reduction from this time last year. This could be down to a number of factors, primarily due to the fact that during summer 2021 we were still experiences the effects of the pandemic. Enquires at that time were reflective of a local demographic still struggling with the impact of reduced services, lack of resources and a general feeling of uncertainty. As services have returned to face-to-face work and proactive rather than reactive interventions, the safeguarding unit have been able to further develop their local networks to enable early case discussions to take place which in turn have assisted in safeguarding the individual without the need for formal intervention. This approach has possibly impacted on the need to submit formal safeguarding enquiries, particularly from social workers.</p> <p>We experienced a dip in performance during quarter 1one due to staffing issues and delays in partner agency response times, this recovered in quarter two.</p>						
CSS010M	The percentage of reviews of children on the Child Protection Register due in the year that were carried out within the statutory timescales	100.00	98.00		 100.00	
<p>The Children's Safeguarding Unit continue to maintain consistency in holding case conferences within statutory timescales despite working virtually for the past 12 months and also working with increasing numbers on the child protection register. The first two quarters last year were 100% in terms of timeliness. This year in quarter one, we attained 98% timeliness with the only conferences that went out of timescales being due to a full diary around Easter when working days were lost due to the Bank Holidays and a review conference driven by pre-birth timescales.</p> <p>We are now returning to face-to-face conferences rather than virtual meetings. We are hopeful that partner agencies will be able to provide a resource to ensure quoracy and maintain our consistency around timescales.</p>						
CSS011M	The percentage of Pre-birth assessments completed within timescales	88.80	93.00		 88.80	
<p>Capacity issues across the team and within Health impacted on the timeliness of two assessments. The pre births have now been completed.</p>						

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CSS012M	The percentage of children who were reported as having run away or gone missing from home who were offered a return interview	100.00	100.00	100.00	 100.00	

All young people who are reported as missing in Flintshire are offered a Return Home Interview with the Coordinator.

Direct Provision to Support People Closer to Home 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to grow our in-house fostering service to support more looked after children	50%	★	Since April 2022, we have approved two general foster carers and two connected persons, we also have four connected persons with temporary approval the demand remains for connected person assessments, the Special Guardianship Orders (SGO) service has grown in strength with a further five SGO's granted since April 2022.
Continuing to grow our in-house homecare service to support more people to live at home	50%	●	We continue to work hard to recruit new staff whilst retaining current staff to help grow the in-house domiciliary care service. However, the service has seen a decrease in the number of staff employed. Many staff have cited the cost of petrol and other expenses as their reason and in an increasingly competitive jobs market we are finding it difficult to achieve any significant market growth.
Setting up a registered Children's Home to help avoid the need for residential placements outside Flintshire	75%	★	Bromfield Park is now operational and supporting two children. Ty Nyth and Park Avenue are due for handover and start of registration process during October. It is anticipated that the services should complete registration by early 2023.

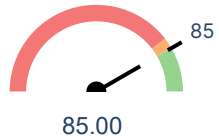
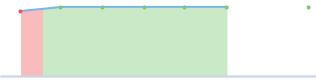
Local Dementia Strategy 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Establishing a Dementia Strategy Project Board and increasing engagement from citizens with lived experience of dementia	50%	★	A Dementia Strategy Steering Group was established in 2021 to oversee a consultation process and production of a Dementia Strategy for Flintshire. A Project Board has now been established to implement the key actions identified in the Strategy. The Project Board is in its early stages and detailed outcomes have not yet been evidenced.



A well-connected, safe and clean local environment 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Working in partnership, actively support and engage with community led groups by developing Local Environmental Quality initiatives	100%	★	Extremely encouraging work has been delivered across the summer months, taking advantage to work with local communities and third party colleagues at local fairs and carnivals and children's workshops. Feedback from initiatives remains very good and the attendance at such events has proved popular and welcoming. Along with the day to day work of dealing with the Environmental Crime issues, there has been a continued commitment to work alongside partners in promoting the Local Environmental Quality across Flintshire.
Working with two local communities to inform a long term vision and delivery plan for using the Flexible Funding Grant programme to achieve positive outcomes for people	10%	★	The community reliance work is in progress and a plan is under development, further updates will be provided.

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Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CST010M	Achieve minimum level of agreed Streetscene standards	85.00	85.00	85.00		

Streetscene & Transportation continues to deliver services in line with the agreed standards, whilst recognising that services such as grass cutting have been adjusted to accommodate changes in demand as a result of the heat wave experience in the summer. The Streetscene Standards will be reviewed in quarter four in preparation for refreshed measures in 2023/24.

CST011M	Number of targeted environmental educational campaigns	3.00	2.00	4.00		
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On 5 and 7 September 2022, College Cambria Fresher's Fair was attended, actively encouraging students to take ownership for their area and getting them involved in promoting and delivering FCC campaigns.

Following complaints from residents regarding dog fouling in Greenbank Drive, Flint, CH6 5RG, officers attended the area over several days, patrols of the area were made and officers engaged with the general public and issued dog foul bags. On a daily and on-going basis officers will look to offer any support and education in areas of continued and persistent offences relating to these matters.

On-going Public Space Protection Order signage being installed at sites across Flintshire. All new signage has now been improved by being larger in size and more concise in content for the public to understand. Officers have been offering education alongside the information on the signage.

Measure	Measure Description	Actual	Target	Last Year	Performance	Performance Trend
CST012M	Number of community engagement events to promote improved Local Environmental Quality	5.00	2.00		 5.00	

Mold Carnival in July 2022 was attended by FCC Environmental Improvement Co-Ordinator, the officer was promoting and raising awareness of dog fouling, littering, recycle and re-use, as well as flytipping and Duty of Care for Waste. There was lots of interest and promotional materials and giveaways were very well received.

On 26 July, a meeting was held with the Contact Centre Manager at Greenfield Valley to discuss the creation of Litter Picking Hubs, this would enable the general public to borrow Litter Picking equipment for such activities.

On 12 August, the Environmental Improvement Co-Ordinator met with local councillors and Access and Natural Environment Officer to discuss issues with flytipping in the area and potential solutions.

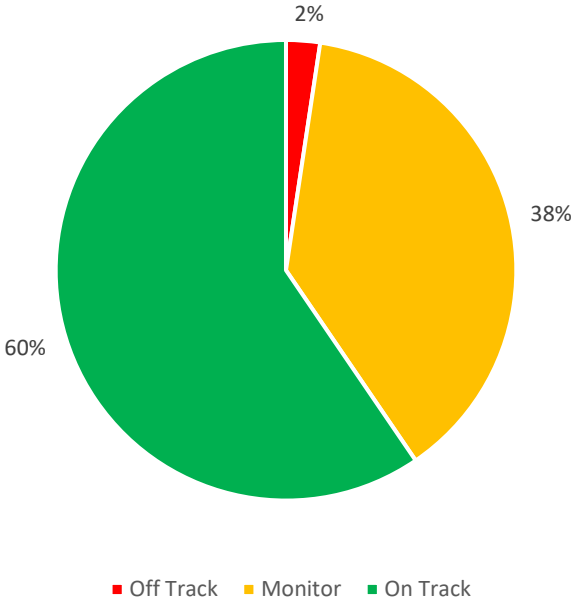
On 18 August, officers attended the Flintshire and Denbighshire annual county show. A Flintshire County Council stall/promotion was set up and FCC officers worked alongside Keep Wales Tidy in promoting Environmental Quality in our communities. The show was very well attended, and the responses and feedback were very positive.

In a joint clean-up with Housing Colleagues, Streetscene, the Environmental Improvement Co-Ordinator and local Members, action was taken in Green Lane Shotton, this involved clearing the areas/gardens of a substantial build up of waste and flytipping into skips and encouraging residents to keep their local areas clean and tidy. The community spirit on the day was very encouraging.

Education and Skills

Education and Skills Overall Performance

Education and Skills - Action RAG Status



Educational Engagement and Achievement 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Embedding the revised processes and procedures in relation to attendance and exclusion, using data to better inform and target interventions at both a pupil and school level	60%	●	The service models for the Engagement Services have been revised and shared with schools. Attendance and exclusion data is now generated and reviewed on a regular basis by the Inclusion & Progression Services and this is being used to target intervention with particular pupils/schools. Monitoring of the initial impact of the data review and service changes will take place in January 2023.
Maintaining support for settings and schools with the rollout of the revised curriculum for pupils from 3-16 which better prepares them for their future lives and employment	33%	★	This update reflects one term of the three terms falling within the reporting year completed to date. Progress is on track. All primary schools have implemented the new curriculum for Wales from September 2023. Support for curriculum development, including for Relationships & Sexuality Education (RSE) and Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) is continuing through cluster meetings and workshops. All secondary schools are continuing to prepare for the rollout of the curriculum for Years 7 & 8 from September 2023.
School employees continuing to access the GwE professional learning offer and engage in cluster working	50%	★	All schools are engaging positively with the GwE professional learning offer, as identified in their bespoke school improvement and support plans. A detailed breakdown of engagement was provided to the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee during October 2022.
Working with schools to support development and implementation of flexible and bespoke educational packages to improve attendance and engagement	65%	●	Finance has been delegated to schools to support the development of increased commissioning of alternative educational packages by schools. Officer roles have been revised in response to this to offer support with the identification of suitable provision. Termly meetings with schools are being planned by the Engagement Progression Coordinator which will further support the development of appropriate packages. The function of the Secondary Pastoral Leads meetings is also being reviewed to further support schools.

Digital Learning Opportunities 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to increase the range of digital material hosted on the North East Wales Archive website and other digital services to encourage greater participation	50%	★	Series completed: enclosure awards and printed maps; Series in progress: quarter sessions rolls; shipping crew lists; Proposed: World War I soldiers index; wills; building control plans, Lowther College magazines. This represents a variety of records we consider would be popular.
Continuing to monitor schools' provision for learners who are 'digitally disadvantaged'	50%	●	Clear communication to schools regarding this, Audit to be carried out by end of November 2022 and any shortfall to be addressed by April 2023.
Embedding the delivery plan for Integrated Youth Services by maintaining focus on increased digital engagement	75%	●	Two county-wide consultations have been conducted post-Covid, both indicating that young people want a return to face-to-face delivery. We are assessing this and will keep the C-Card and Sexual Health offer online.
Increasing take-up of digital learning opportunities supported by Aura	0%	★	Aura continue to offer online learning opportunities to customers and the community. Free Learn My Way digital tutoring courses are available at all Aura libraries, as well as bespoke sessions to support people accessing the Aura Digital Loan Scheme, where people can borrow a device (with 'buy back 'option at the end of the loan period). Please note: Final figure provided at end of reporting year.
Providing community training for online learning platforms in a partnership with Aura and Adult Community Learning	50%	★	On target - learning opportunities offered online include autism awareness, safeguarding and mindfulness.
Providing digital art workshops based on collections at Gladstone Library, in an Arts Council Funded partnership with Gladstone Library and visual artist	100%	★	Completed in previous reporting year.
Supporting schools and wider education services to increase their digital offer for children and young people	75%	●	School support ongoing. Support brokered from Welsh Government and other partners. Collaborating with other regional Digital officers.
Supporting schools to maximise their available hardware via the national Hwb programme and to ensure sustainable funding plans in place	80%	★	All equipment on course to be delivered. Agreement waiting to go to Budget forum on allocations.
Upskilling employees within the Education and Youth Portfolio through access to the GwE professional learning offer and other appropriate training opportunities	25%	▲	Discussions held with the Senior Manager for Education and Youth Business Support and School Governance regarding the nature of support. Questionnaire to go out after HwB board meeting in November. Action Plan to be produced by April 2023.

Learning Environments 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Commissioning a contractor and start design and development process for Drury CP and Penyffordd CP	90%	★	Contractors have been appointed to commence design development for Drury CP and Ysgol Penyffordd CP schemes.
Consult on increasing capacity of Drury CP and Penyffordd CP schools through the School Organisation Code	80%	★	On track with completing the consultation process. Currently in objection period for both Drury CP and Ysgol Penyffordd consultation processes due to be completed by end of October 2022.
Increasing usage of community spaces in re-developed Flint Library and Wellbeing Hub	0%	★	Aura's Library and Wellbeing Hub at Flint continues to be well used by partners such as Remploy, North East Wales MIND and BCUHB to support people - examples of this work include employability coaching, 1 to 1 counselling, and group wellbeing activities. The Community kitchen on site is also to be used as part of the Warm Welcome scheme for Flintshire. Target 61.7%. Previous reporting year returned 75%. Please note: Final figure provided at end of reporting year.
Progressing the development of a new premises plan for the North East Wales Archive	50%	●	A refreshed premises plan is being finalised by the Archive Project Board ready for consideration by Flintshire and Denbighshire Cabinets in December 2022 with a recommendation to submit a revised submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (Wales) for their next funding application round in February 2023.
Seeking Council approval to progress B and B Wales Government 21st Century Schools Investment Programme	60%	★	On track with seeking approval for progressing Band B Sustainable Communities for Learning programme (previously known as Band B 21st Century Schools Investment Programme).
Starting construction of the proposed 3-16 campus at Mynydd Isa	90%	★	Flintshire County Council have completed the necessary approvals and are currently awaiting sign off from Welsh Government so that financial close can be achieved and construction can commence.

Learning Community Networks 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continuing to consolidate the joint working between Flintshire County Council and Denbighshire County Council through the North East Wales Archive to provide a sustainable and resilient service	50%	●	The formal process of developing a contractual arrangement for a joint archive service between Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils has begun with a target completion date of the 1 April 2023. Officers from both councils have begun meetings to provide expert support to the development of the contract which is currently being drafted. Informal engagement with both staff teams has begun ahead of the statutory consultation process.
Developing a Delivery Plan for Adult Community Learning to increase engagement and improve skills within local communities	50%	★	Halfway through the delivery of the core learning delivery plan. Delivered a successful summer engagement programme to increase awareness of Adult Community Learning in Flintshire.
Developing a Supporting Learners strategy to increase levels of engagement and provide appropriate progression routes to further engagement, study or employment	100%	★	Supporting learners strategy developed and a comprehensive learner handbook produced and distributed to learners. Progression pathways have been included in the tutor handbook which is updated each quarter to ensure progression is mapped.
Expanding the adult learning offer to reflect national, regional and local priorities in order to provide the skills required through partnership planning	50%	★	All service delivery plans are aligned with the national priorities. Working much more closely with the Regional Skills Board to ensure Adult Community Learning (ACL) is represented on the Board and that ACL receives the data and intel available from the Region to inform delivery planning. ACL represented on the Economic Recovery Board to ensure local priorities inform planning.
Working in partnership with Aura to provide Alternative Provision to young people excluded from school to help gain meaningful qualifications	40%	●	Discussions are underway to develop and expand the suite of qualifications on offer through Aura to re-engage excluded pupils.
Working in partnership with Open University Wales to support and signpost library users to Open Learn courses and subsequent learning pathways with Open Learn Champions in each library	50%	●	On target - figure for mid-year only. Open Learn Champions in seven libraries and learners are being referred to Open Learn courses.
Working with Adult Community Learning and Flintshire Learning Recovery & Wellbeing Network Partners to share best practice and maximise opportunities for learning within the community with opportunities to be available in all Aura libraries	50%	★	On target - Aura Adult Community Learning have delivered 99 sessions to 283 learners in the first half of this reporting year.

Specialist Educational Provision 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Developing a strategic proposal for the next phase of the Additional Learning Needs provision which increases the level of in-house provision and seeks to reduce the reliance on out of county provision	30%	●	The Welsh Government has provided additional grant funding to support the development specialist provision. Options are being explored with the specialist schools to utilise this funding by the end of the financial year to secure an increase in capacity.
Further defining and embedding the menu of outreach support and training to be offered to schools via Plas Derwen Pupil Referral Unit	20%	●	The new Plas Derwen head teacher took up post in September. Initial discussions have taken place regarding the potential offer.
Implementing Year two of the Transformation plan for children and young people with additional learning needs, in line with Welsh Government legislation and associated guidance	40%	●	The relevant paperwork has been developed and shared with parents and schools. The conversion process has been mapped out for the mandated pupils in line with Welsh Government timescales but will prove challenging to complete given the number of pupils involved.

Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Continue to improve the Welsh language skills of employees in schools to more effectively support learners and the delivery of the curriculum	50%	★	An introduction to our language Continuum (Part 1) was delivered to Welsh leads from 54 English medium primary schools (61 teachers) in 2021/22. School leads cascaded information to other school staff, but where head teachers have identified a more intensive approach, the team is available to deliver the training to schools/clusters in 2022/23. Two schools requested and have received this intensive training with all staff present in September and October 2022. Also, Part 1 of the training was delivered to 12 schools (16 staff) in September 2022. The audience there were new staff or schools who were unable to attend this professional development the previous year. Introductory training relating to Cymraeg has been delivered to six NQT teachers working in the primary sector and six from the secondary sector (secondary was delivered by GwE colleagues). Members from the Welsh Advisory Service (WAT) are now visiting each of the primary NQT's offering bespoke 1:1 support. Clusters are currently identifying their priorities for developing Cymraeg, subsequently any further training will be delivered in response to their needs and reported on in the next quarter. WAT delivered training to nine staff from four Welsh medium primary schools focusing on the newly adapted digital resource to support latecomers in Flintshire attending Welsh medium education (funding provided via specific Latecomer grant funding). 50% (7/14) of teachers on the Welsh in a Year Sabbatical course, funded by Welsh Government, are teachers from Flintshire's English medium primary schools. Recruitment is currently taking place for the Spring term's intermediate course. Signposting for staff to access online language courses via bulletin. These courses are: i.) Self-study short course, 10 hours practitioners, ii.) Entry level teachers 120 hours, iii.) Short course, leaders 10 hours, iv.) Improving your Welsh short course 10 hours. It isn't clear how many Flintshire staff are accessing these currently as data is held by Welsh Government.
Continuing to increase the capacity and take up of Welsh medium education to achieve Welsh Government targets	50%	●	Welsh Government have approved the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for 2022-2032. This has now been published. The take up rate baseline figure for September 2021 ahead of publication was 1,419 learners accessing Welsh medium provision across all phases. Information for parents about access to Welsh medium education has been refreshed on the Council website and on individual school websites. The Council has been successful in bidding for additional grant funding for supporting our immersion programme for latecomers to Welsh medium education.
Embedding the role of the Integrated Youth Provision Welsh language coordinator	100%	★	This is complete
Ensuring all digital and face to face youth and play provision has an increasing bilingual offer which supports the expansion of the Council's Welsh Language immersion programme	75%	★	Each club has adopted a Welsh corner and participated in a range of activities promoting the Welsh Language and culture, including entries for the URDD Eisteddfod.
Extending the range of youth services which can be delivered bilingually to encourage young people to retain and use their Welsh language skills into early adulthood	75%	★	Integrated Youth Provisions aims to normalize the use of the Welsh language through our services in many informal ways including signage within youth clubs (simple phrases, bilingual posters), half term visits to all youth clubs to have informal discussions with staff and young people, and promoting benefits of bilingualism for future career prospects.

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Maintaining Welsh Government Quality Indicator for Welsh Language resources in Aura libraries	50%	●	On target - funds allocated to ensure required target of 4% of total resource budget to be spent on Welsh material for libraries.
Providing targeted support and intervention to schools to raise standards and promote bilingualism	50%	★	Schools continue to promote bilingualism and raise standards via implementation of Curriculum for Wales. Siarter Iaith coordinator is working closely with newly nominated Welsh cluster lead to identify priorities for 2022/23. All Welsh Medium schools have responded to a questionnaire in order to identify needs. Welsh Advisory Service (WAT) have identified ten schools that should aim for the Bronze Cymraeg Campus award and five schools that should aim for the Silver award in 2022/23. These 15 schools were provided with good practice visits (Step 1) to other successful schools in Flintshire during 2021/22. Following verification, one of these schools has successfully been awarded the bronze award in October 2022. All target schools are in regular contact with WAT. They have or are in the process of receiving a school visit from WAT to monitor progress. Further schools are currently being identified for good practice visits (Step 1) during Spring 2023 and will subsequently be targeted for Bronze/Silver during 2023/24.

Well-Being 2022/23

Action	Percentage Complete	RAG	Comment
Consolidating the Inspire Youth Work Hospital Project which provides support to young people at risk of self-harming behaviour	100%	★	Delivery with inspire has now been consolidated to a new delivery method. Face to face delivery takes place in Wrexham, through appointments and referrals. Flintshire operates referrals in County as well as supporting young people through group sessions. This has enabled a greater number of young people to be triaged and supported.
Developing action plans based on the findings, particularly in relation to Emotional Health and Wellbeing	0%	★	On track to deliver successfully within national timeframe (Summer 2023). The action planning phase will take place in summer term 2023 after the audit tools has been completed by end of March 2023. Schools are engaged in the process and in regular communication on progress to date.
Improving awareness of trauma informed practice with schools and Education and Youth workforce	25%	★	Currently in discussion with Public Health Wales and YOT TrACE working group to develop an awareness training package that can be shared with schools and education and youth workforce.
Meeting the requirements under Wellbeing Whole School Approach Development Fund for employee training and pupil engagement	80%	★	The spending plan has been developed following input from the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Steering group and is being delivered in line with the defined timescales. Final monitoring against the grant requirements will take place at the end of the financial year.
Rolling out the National Framework for Embedding a Whole School Approach to Emotional Health and Wellbeing in all Flintshire schools	30%	●	During quarter one and quarter two, our priority has been promoting briefing sessions and update meetings to raise awareness of the Framework. These have been supplemented by regular emails and the development of a Teams PLC group where schools can access all the required documentation and keep up to date.
Supporting all secondary schools to complete the School Health Research Network survey in 2022. Developing action plans based on the findings, particularly in relation to Emotional Health and Wellbeing	50%	●	All secondary schools have undertaken the School Health Research Network survey during Autumn 2021 and the findings were published during quarter one in individual school reports. Schools in quarter two were offered for a one page profile summarising the report to be developed to support each school individually in celebrating positive aspects and identifying areas to develop. Quarter three is where we would anticipate schools develop an action plan.



CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Review of Vehicle Permit Criteria for Household Recycling Centres
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy
Report Author	Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2021, following two all-member seminars, a number of recommendations were presented to Cabinet on changes to be made to the current waste strategy in order for the Council to achieve 70% recycling by 2024-2025.

One recommendation within that report was to review the Household Recycling Centre (HRC) vehicle permit criteria in order to make it clearer to service users what types and sizes of vehicles should or should not be issued a permit and to ensure that traders did not take advantage of the system.

The recommendations were approved by Cabinet; however, a further report was requested to give further clarity on what the changes would be and how those changes would be implemented and communicated to service users. Subsequently, a further report was presented to Cabinet in January 2022 proposing a revised vehicle permit policy with details of how it would be implemented. The revised policy was approved and subsequently implemented in April 2022.

Post-implementation and in response to a small number of complaints received from residents who were no longer permitted to access the HRCs with their vehicles, a commitment was given to undertake a review of the policy to ensure that that it met the original objectives set out and review whether the criteria needed further amendment.

This report provides an overview of the impact of the revised policy along with details of the review undertaken and proposals for amending the policy. Further considerations are also presented on the broader operations for HRCs with a view to introducing further service improvements and efficiencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1 | That Informal Cabinet supports the review undertaken and endorses the proposed amendments to the Vehicle Permit Policy for Household Recycling Centres. |
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2	That Informal Cabinet supports the proposed amendment to the Vehicle Permit Policy to introduce an annual permit (allowing a maximum of 12 visits) to allow certain sign written vehicles access the Household Recycling Centres on condition that the vehicle is registered to a Flintshire residential address for council tax; the trade is not associated with any trade waste; the waste deposited at the HRC has not been or is unlikely to have been produced by the activity of that business or associated business; and the only waste presented at the HRC is domestic household waste.
3	That Informal Cabinet supports and endorses the inclusion of tyres as an additional waste stream in the HRC booking system in order to ensure waste minimisation and control.
4	That Informal Cabinet supports and endorses the additional proposals to improve HRC operational controls and notes that the proposed extension to opening times will need to be reviewed in light of existing and future budgets and resources.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND FOR THE VEHICLE PERMIT POLICY REVIEW AND PRESENTING FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE OPERATIONS
1.01	<p>The five Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) are provided for householders to dispose of household waste safely and conveniently, as well as encouraging increased participation in recycling. However, some traders have been found to use the HRCs to illegally dispose of their waste, which in turn increases the disposal costs to the authority and reduces recycling. Additionally, it has been highlighted that, when challenged by site staff, some customers can become threatening or abusive and retaliate with violence. Unauthorised use of the centres by traders also leads to safety issues associated with larger vehicles and adds to waiting times for other legitimate users of the HRCs.</p> <p>Most, if not all, councils operate some form of restrictions policy, which may include height barriers, van and trailer bans, and weight restrictions or permit systems to control access to their HRCs. In Flintshire, a permit system is in place, which is deemed to be the fairest way to ensure controlled access to our HRC and ensure that residents can use their own vehicles to visit the sites, whilst deterring unlawful use by traders.</p> <p>Many of these schemes have proven successful in their aims and this has become increasingly important as the cost of waste treatment and disposal continues to rise and the temptation for traders to misuse household waste facilities increases.</p>
1.02	Trade waste is a challenging area to control and police, as a lot of trade / commercial waste or waste produced by businesses is very similar in nature to household waste; for example, waste from gardeners and independent trade people. Trade waste is difficult to distinguish from legitimate waste produced from householders, but it is more likely to be delivered via a trade or commercial type of vehicle. The focus of the review of the vehicle permit policy is to tackle trade waste abuse.

	<p>The Council's HRCs are not permitted to accept trade, commercial or business waste, which can be defined as any waste that comes from a commercial activity. If you use part of your home to run your business, then any waste from that part is business waste. Business waste also includes any waste that comes from construction, demolition, industry and agriculture.</p>
1.03	<p>In September 2021, following two all-member seminars, a number of recommendations were presented to Cabinet on changes to be made to the current waste strategy in order for the Council to achieve 70% recycling by 2024-2025. The Council's waste strategy is to re-use, recycle and compost as much recoverable waste as is practicable at our HRCs, which is in line with the Welsh Government Blueprint.</p>
1.04	<p>One of the recommendations made in the seminars was to revisit the current household recycling centre (HRC) vehicle permit scheme criteria. At the seminars, members had expressed concern that the current vehicle permit criteria were not clear enough and could be left to interpretation, which could create confusion for service users.</p> <p>At the time, it had also been highlighted by our HRC staff that the existing permitting system unintentionally allowed traders and commercial businesses to exploit the system and bring in trade waste streams, which we are not permitted to accept. When questioned or challenged by our site staff, some of these customers became abusive and violent leading to unpleasant working environments.</p>
1.05	<p>In the report presented to Cabinet in September 2021, it was proposed that the vehicle permitting criteria should be reviewed in order to make it clearer to service users what types and sizes of vehicles should or should not be issued a permit and to ensure that traders did not take advantage of the system.</p> <p>It was also proposed that some flexibility be allowed for those vehicles that were registered to a business to be allowed access to deliver waste, if it was clear that the waste had not been produced by that company or providing that the waste did not emanate from the activities of that business. For example, allowing a vehicle registered to a plumber to dispose of household garden waste.</p>
1.06	<p>Following consultation with elected members and with site operational staff, back office support staff and management, a further report was presented to Cabinet in January 2022, providing comprehensive detail on what the revised vehicle permit policy would be and how it would be implemented. The revised policy was approved and subsequently implemented in April 2022.</p> <p>Prior to introducing the policy, a communications plan was developed to ensure that all services users were made aware of the proposed changes and could make their application for a permit in a timely manner.</p> <p>The communications plan included, but was not limited to, updated website information, social media and Gov .delivery campaigns, briefings to members, as well as posters and leaflets distributed at all HRC sites.</p>
1.07	<p>Since March 2022, almost 2,000 applications for a vehicle permit have been received by the service.</p>

	<p>Of those, fewer than 300 applications have been refused due to the vehicle not complying with the new policy.</p> <p>Approximately 100 residents subsequently appealed the refusal; however only several of those appeals have been successful.</p>																						
1.08	<p>The table below details the main reasons for permits being refused and note that some applicants were refused due to not satisfying multiple criteria: -</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reason for Permit Refusal</th> <th>Nos.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Vehicle Oversized (Height/LWB)</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Documents provided did not match (different addresses)</td> <td>61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle registered to a business</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle is used for business/trade purposes</td> <td>46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The trailer has caged sides / boxed trailer</td> <td>42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The trailer is over 2m in length</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The vehicle is sign written</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The applicant is not a Flintshire resident</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The documents provided were not current (over 12 months old)</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The applicant's driving licence had expired*</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*Note: whilst two applicants have been refused a permit due to expired driving licences, almost 20% of applications were initially received with an expired driving licence as evidence. The assessment team responded to the applicants to inform them, at which time they renewed and resubmitted the document.</i></p>	Reason for Permit Refusal	Nos.	Vehicle Oversized (Height/LWB)	69	Documents provided did not match (different addresses)	61	Vehicle registered to a business	45	Vehicle is used for business/trade purposes	46	The trailer has caged sides / boxed trailer	42	The trailer is over 2m in length	24	The vehicle is sign written	12	The applicant is not a Flintshire resident	1	The documents provided were not current (over 12 months old)	1	The applicant's driving licence had expired*	2
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1.09	<p>For those small number of applicants who were not eligible for a permit under the revised criteria, it has created a negative response to the service with many local members and MPs/MSs contacting officers to request that the policy be relaxed.</p> <p>In response to this, the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy committed to undertake a further review of the policy so that members could provide officers with feedback and raise their concerns. As a result, two all member workshops were held on 26th September 2022 in a hybrid format.</p>																						
1.10	<p>The workshops were well attended with approximately 30 members present over the two sessions. To enable an inclusive and comprehensive review, the workshops were attended by officers from across the service, such as HRC site staff, supervisors, enforcement officers and recycling, data and compliance officers.</p> <p>To ensure that maximum benefit was achieved at the workshops, the review was extended to include the wider HRC site operations with a view to introducing further service improvements and efficiencies, and maximising the opportunities for recycling. Details of the content of those workshops are shown in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The workshops were delivered in two parts: firstly a presentation provided by officers to give an overview of HRC operations, the legislative background, current policy and procedures, as well as an update of the impact that the vehicle permit policy has had since its implementation in April 2022.</p>																						

	<p>The second part allowed members to provide their feedback on the vehicle permit policy and experiences from residents, ask questions and offer suggestions for increasing recycling levels at the HRCs or for improving operations. A copy of the slide deck presented to members at the workshop is detailed in Appendix 2. Additionally, members were invited to complete feedback forms following the workshops with any further comments that they may have wished to register.</p>
1.11	<p>Vehicle Permit Policy Review</p> <p>Following evaluation of the feedback provided at the workshops and subsequent feedback forms following conclusion of the session, the following proposals are presented for consideration: -</p> <p>Appendix 3 details the comments received by members, the associated considerations to be reviewed and, following appraisal of the advantages and disadvantages of those considerations, a proposed outcome for each comment.</p> <p>The proposed outcomes have been written into a revised policy document for consideration. The amendments and new clauses for inclusion in the policy have been highlighted in red text for ease of review - please see Appendix 4.</p> <p>If the proposed amendments to the vehicle permit policy were to be adopted, all the refused permit applications and appeals would be reassessed for eligibility against the revised criteria.</p>
1.12	<p>Following review at the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members raised concerns that the restriction of not allowing some sign written vehicles a permit to access the HRCs was too restrictive, particularly when the sign written vehicle was the sole means of transport in a household or when someone has utilised their personal vehicle to advertise a business.</p> <p>The restriction on sign written vehicles accessing the HRCs has been in place since 2005 with the prohibition of any sign written vehicle being allowed a permit to utilise the sites based on the fact that the vehicle could then be used to dispose of business/trade waste.</p> <p>At the Scrutiny Committee meeting, members expressed concerns around the reason for refusing vehicles with sign writing with specifically associated trade waste and members commented that the policy did not include anything not associated with trade waste. Members asked that consideration be given for an exemption for residents with sign written vehicles not associated with business, not producing trade waste, and where the vehicle was assigned to a residential property which was subject to council tax and asked that the policy be amended to reflect those circumstances.</p> <p>Members proposed that the policy be amended to allow residents who had a sign written vehicle and were not associated with a building trade and were promoting their business for the benefit of the community, but not producing trade waste, be allowed a permit. Members requested that a two-tiered system be introduced so that sign written vehicles could be issued with a permit, if it was determined that the associated business would not produce trade/commercial/business waste and that the waste is from their own home and not a business activity.</p>

1.13	<p>In response, it is proposed that a change to policy is introduced, allowing certain sign written vehicles an annual permit (allowing a maximum of 12 visits), on condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the vehicle is registered to a Flintshire residential address for council tax; • the trade is not associated with any trade waste • the waste deposited at the HRC has not been or is unlikely to have been produced by the activity of that business or associated business; • the only waste presented at the HRC is domestic household waste <p>The new annual permit would be available for Flintshire residents only and only one permit will be issued per household. Permits issued apply to a vehicle at a specific Flintshire address and not the waste. Therefore, even with a permit, HRC site staff can still turn away anybody suspected of bringing in waste of a commercial nature or waste related to the business of the sign written vehicle. If this does occur then the permit will be withdrawn from the resident as the terms and conditions of its issue will have been breached. Householders will not be permitted to use a permit to bring in any waste that relates to the business activity for which the vehicle is normally used.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, for example, if the vehicle was predominantly used for grass cutting or gardening services, the site would not be able to accept any grass cuttings or garden waste or if the vehicle was predominantly used for a plumbing business, the site would not be able to accept plumbing related waste, however small amounts of other household waste (in compliance with the Policy) would be accepted.</p>
1.14	<p>Booking System</p> <p>At the workshops, members acknowledged the benefits of the booking system; however, it was highlighted that the provision required improved publicity, as not all residents were aware of the process.</p> <p>As a result, it is proposed that another promotional campaign will be undertaken and improved signage at the HRC sites will be implemented to raise awareness.</p> <p>Due to the success of the booking system in ensuring that container availability is maintained, it is also proposed that tyres will be added to the waste streams requiring pre-booking. Appendix 5 details the proposed criteria for tyre disposal.</p>
1.15	<p>Charging for Disposal of Waste - Trader/Businesses/Charities</p> <p>It is becoming more common for local authorities to charge for the disposal of bulky/heavy waste items received at HRC sites, such as wood or soil and rubble. Not all members supported this proposal and others supported the provision of a chargeable service for the disposal of waste by businesses and trades. It is proposed that the options for charging for disposal of certain waste streams should be explored further to establish the cost and benefit of providing such a service, whilst taking into account any legislative requirements. A further report will be presented to Cabinet once this has taken place.</p>
1.16	<p>Alternative Opening Hours</p> <p>Currently, all five HRCs open between the hours of 9am and 5pm seven days a week. It has been acknowledged that these opening times can be quite restrictive, especially for those residents who work during these hours.</p>

	<p>Members were generally supportive of extending opening times to allow for more opportunity for residents to attend site at more convenient times. To facilitate this there would be a requirement to adjust the site operatives working times from a 7.4-hour day, five day working pattern, to a 9.25 hour day, four day working pattern (over 7 days).</p> <p>Options are being explored to extend the opening times e.g. 8am-5.30pm; however, this will be subject to consultation with the trade unions and workforce, and the decision to move to a revised shift pattern and a longer working day will need to be reviewed in light of existing and future budgets and resources.</p>
1.17	<p>Bagging and Charging for Soil Conditioner Members commented that charging for soil conditioner produced from the composting of the Council's collected garden waste would only be possible if the quality of the product was of a high standard and if the charge did not eliminate competition in the market for local businesses.</p>
1.18	<p>Implementation Subject to approval by Cabinet, it is intended that the new policy will come into effect from 1st April 2023 to coincide with the implementation of the body cameras for the HRC sites and allow for existing applications to be reassessed.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	ICT services support and assistance will be required to expand the back office booking system.
2.02	It is likely that an extension to the opening times of HRC sites will require additional resources and this will need to be assessed in light of available budgets and the medium term financial strategy.

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3.03	The vehicle permit scheme can be a very emotive topic and any changes can result in negative feedback from service users. A clear communications plan will be developed to control the distribution of any revisions to policy, including improved on site signage.														
3.04	If the revisions to policy are adopted, previously refused applications and appeals will be reassessed for eligibility against the new scheme criteria.														
3.05	The level of abuse and threats of violence to HRC staff has been highlighted previously and raised as an ongoing concern for some time. The site staff will soon be presented with new body worn CCTV cameras to wear for recording and reporting any incidents.														
3.06	Providing and retaining a clear and well-defined permit criteria will support the site staff in managing non-conforming waste arriving at the site.														
3.07	<p>Control of the vehicles utilising the sites will allow for better, easier access for Flintshire residents as large vehicles, which can take up to an hour to off-load their waste, will be prohibited.</p> <p>The HRCs have vehicle size restrictions in place due to the conditions of the Environmental Permit, traffic management and capacity on site, health and safety and to control trade waste abuse.</p>														
3.08	The booking system will notify residents when there is container availability, so that they do not bring their waste to site when containers are full and avoid wasted journeys.														
3.09	The risk to the authority is reduced by eliminating trade/business vehicles from the sites, as the current Environmental Permit does not allow for trade/business waste to be accepted at HRCs. It also eliminates the risk of rogue traders, who should not be transporting commercial waste without a valid waste carriers licence, waste transfer note or waste permit.														

3.10	<p>As part of their waste duty of care, businesses must classify the waste that their business produces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before it is collected, disposed of or recovered • to identify the controls that apply to the movement of the waste • to complete waste documents and records • to identify suitably authorised waste management options • to prevent harm to people and the environment <p>Further details about the waste duty of care can be found online at: https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/waste-management/waste-duty-of-care/?lang=en</p>
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
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4.01	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy.
4.02	Elected Members - Two workshops held on 26 September 2022.
4.03	Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4.04	Streetscene workforce and waste strategy team.
4.05	Trade Unions.

5.00	APPENDICES
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5.01	Appendix 1 – Workshop Agenda
5.02	Appendix 2 – Workshop Presentation
5.03	Appendix 3 – Members Comments and Policy Recommendations
5.04	Appendix 4 – Vehicle Permit Policy Suggested Revisions
5.06	Appendix 5 – Booking Criteria for Tyres

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
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6.01	Target 70 A Review of Flintshire County Councils Waste Strategy.pdf
6.02	Household Recycling Centre Vehicle Permit Criteria

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Ruth Tulley, Regulatory Services Manager Telephone: 01352 704796 E-mail: ruth.tulley@flintshire.gov.uk</p>
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
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8.01	Household waste and non-household waste are defined in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012.
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Appendix 1

Streetscene and Transportation Portfolio

All Member's Workshop – Household Recycling Centres, Target 70 (2022)

Welcome – Chair of Scrutiny / Cabinet Member)

- Introductions
 - Context and Background
- Where are we now
 - HRC Operations
 - Sites and locations
 - Permits and Legislation
 - Household and Business Duty of Care
 - What we collect and what happens to the recycling and waste
 - Deconstruction operation
 - HRC Recycling Performance
 - National Strategy and Policy (now and future)
 - Targets and statistics
 - Impact of missing targets (financial)
 - Funding Investments
 - HRC re-development
 - Greenfield
 - Repair/Reuse Initiatives
 - Future funding application requirements
 - Vehicle Permit Policy Update
 - Policy change overview
 - Permit applications to date
 - Impact on waste tonnage and cost
 - Impact on abusive behaviours
 - Impact on fly tipping
 - Policy Review
 - Vehicle permit policy
 - Booking system for waste streams
 - Charging for disposal of C/I waste for residents
 - Trader/charities tipping on site
 - Extended opening hours
 - Bagging and charging for soil conditioner
- Breakout Session / feedback
- Next Steps
- Close out and thank you

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Household Recycling Centre Operations and Vehicle Permit Criteria Workshop

26 September 2022

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Keep **Flintshire** Tidy



recycle for Flintshire
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Agenda

- Introductions / Purpose of Workshop
- Context / Background
- Where are we now?
 - HRC Operations
 - HRC Recycling Performance
 - Funding Investments
 - Vehicle Permit Policy Update
 - Policy Review
- Breakout Session / Feedback
- Next Steps

Context / Background

- The council's waste and recycling services are highly valued by local members and the wider community.
- Any changes made to these services have wide reaching impacts and can receive substantial interest and challenge.
- In the last 12 years we have moved from a backdoor collection service to a modern, controlled kerbside collection service with the emphasis on recycling.
- We have reduced, modified and upgraded our household recycling centres (HRCs) to improve the customer experience and maximise the services offered.
- Largely driven by Welsh Government (WG) Statutory Recycling Targets and the possibility of infraction fines if we do not achieve them i.e. 70% by 2024/2025
- The percentage of our total waste arisings recycled, composted or re-used increased to 69.16% in 2018/2019

Context / Background

- However, since the pandemic in 2020, we are seeing a year on year decrease in performance irrespective of the improvements made to our services.
- Over the last five years, we have reviewed our waste strategy three times, with the most recent review being the 'Target 70' campaign in July 2021.
- These reviews have allowed us to implement changes which have attributed to improving the way we deliver our household recycling centre services.
- In April 2022 a revised Vehicle Permit Policy and booking system was introduced to improve vehicular access and control and to reduce illegal trade waste disposal and address the verbal and physical abuse that staff were receiving at our HRC sites.
- Now that the new policy is embedded, a review of its effectiveness is required along with a wider review of HRC operations to ensure that they continue to positively contribute to the overall recycling performance.

Household Recycling Centre Overview

There are five HRCs located across the County

- ❖ Buckley
- ❖ Greenfield
- ❖ Nercwys (Mold)
- ❖ Rockcliffe (Oakenholt)
- ❖ Sandycroft



Only small amounts of domestic household waste can be taken to a HRC site under the constraints set out in the Environment Permit. Business and trade waste is not permitted. The types of household waste accepted on site include, but are not limited to:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓ Wood | ✓ Tyres |
| ✓ Garden waste | ✓ Plasterboard |
| ✓ Soils/Rubble | ✓ Mattresses and Carpets |
| ✓ Scrap Metal | ✓ Paints |
| ✓ Cardboard | ✓ Certain hazardous waste |
| ✓ Electrical items | ✓ Non-recyclable wastes |
| ✓ Plastic | |
| ✓ Glass | |
| ✓ Textiles | |

All waste collected and handled by the Local Authority has to be reported through a national reporting tool called WasteDataFlow.

Where all our recycling and waste ends up can be viewed on the website:

<https://myrecyclingwales.org.uk/>

Environmental Permitting

- All HRC sites are regulated by Natural Resources Wales under an Environmental Permit.
- An environmental permit sets out specific conditions on how a waste operation (Landfill Site, Transfer Station, Household Recycling Centre) must be carried out.
- The conditions include:
 - what type of waste can be taken to the site,
 - limits on the amount of waste that can be accepted and stored,
 - measures that need to be put in place to control site operations (drainage, security, odour, litter)

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The purpose of an Environmental Permit is to ensure protection of the natural environment.

- Our HRCs are routinely visited by NRW who undertake inspections to ensure we are operating compliantly with the regulations
- Data on how much waste is collected, where it has come from as well as where it is disposed of is provided to NRW Quarterly via waste returns.
- Any breaches of the permit could lead to a fine or imprisonment, dependant on the severity of the non-conformance.

Waste Duty of Care Requirements

When disposing of waste both residents and business have to comply with Duty of Care as set out in the Environmental Protection Act, Section 34. The following requirements must be met with any noncompliance possibly resulting in prosecution.



Business Waste

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- ✓ Have a compliant waste contract in place
 - ✓ Check person taking the waste is a registered waste carrier
 - ✓ Complete a Waste transfer note recording the waste type, who took it and where it has been disposed of
 - ✓ If transporting the waste obtain a waste carriers licence and take the waste to a licenced site

Household Waste

- ✓ Check person taking the waste is a registered waste carrier
- ✓ Record the business name
- ✓ Record the type and registration of the vehicle
- ✓ Record the date the waste was taken
- ✓ ALWAYS ask where the waste is going to
- ✓ Get a receipt

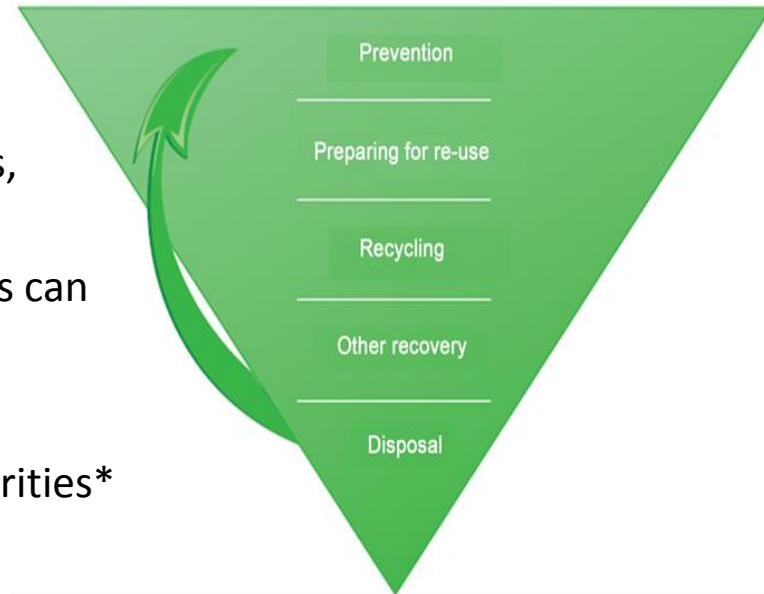
Reuse, Repurpose, Repair and Deconstruction

As well as collecting waste for recycling or disposal, we aim to encourage our residents to reuse, repurpose or repair items instead of disposal to fulfil the waste hierarchy and deliver on a circular economy.

Some of the interventions we have taken to achieve this include:

- Bulky waste collection service
- Reusable nappies scheme
- Discourage the use of single use items (plastic bottles, carrier bags)
- Have set-aside areas at the HRC where reusable items can be taken for resale or repurposing
- Provide repair, reuse and upcycling workshops
- Develop a “reuse for good” hub and partner with charities*
- Trial a doorstep collection service for textile items*
- Where an item cannot be reused they are deconstructed into their component parts which are then recycled.

*Both initiatives subject to a funding application



Polices, Legislation, Guidance & Changing Times

- Towards Zero Waste: Our Waste Strategy 2010
 - Municipal Waste Sector Plans, Collections Blueprint
- Recycling, Preparation for Re-use and Composting Targets (Monitoring and Penalties) (Wales) Regulations 2011
- Wales Waste Measure
 - Waste classification, Household/municipal waste
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016
 - End Destinations
 - proximity principle , market stability, reporting regimes
- Wales Circular Economy – Beyond Recycling Strategy
 - Repair and reuse, carbon reduction
- Waste Compositional Analysis
- Grant funding applications for new initiatives



Recycling Targets and Performance

Municipal Waste Collected by Local Authorities	2012-13	2012-13	2015-16	2019-20	2024-25
Minimum levels of preparing for reuse and recycling/composting (or AD) for municipal waste	40%	52%	58%	64%	70%

2018-2019 – almost had achieved 70% target at 69.16%

2019-2020 – Start of Covid-19 pandemic: 65.85%

2020-2021 - Covid-19 pandemic: 63.98%

2021-2022 – Covid-19 pandemic: 61%

2022-2023 (Q1) – Covid recovery: ??%

If we do not achieve the set target we could face fines of £200 per tonne of waste not recycled. For context, in 2020/21 we missed our target by just 17 tonnes which equated to a penalty of £3,400

Funding Investment and Redevelopment

New and redeveloped HRCs to provide a modern and safe environment

Improved welfare facilities for staff

New plant, machinery and equipment to deliver a safe and efficient operation



- Repair and Reuse Centre Buckley
- Community garden focusing on sustainability
- “Reuse for good” Hub
- Doorstep recycling collection service

Vehicle Permit Policy – Need for Change

- In September 2021, following two all-member seminars held in July 2021, a number of recommendations were presented to Cabinet on proposed changes to the current waste strategy to ensure that the Council achieves the 70% target by 2024/2025.
 - One of the recommendations made was to revisit the current Household Recycling Centre (HRC) vehicle permit scheme criteria.
 - At the seminars, Members had expressed their concerns that the current vehicle permit criteria was not clear enough and could be left to interpretation, which can create confusion and ambiguity for service users and staff.
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- It was also highlighted by our HRC staff that the permitting system unintentionally allowed traders and commercial businesses to exploit the system and bring in trade waste streams, which we are not permitted to accept.
- When questioned or challenged by our staff, some of these customers could become abusive and violent, leading to unpleasant working environments.
 - A report was submitted to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee in January 2022 and Cabinet approved a revised policy, which was implemented in April 2022.
 - At this time, a booking system for mattresses and asbestos was also introduced following further concerns that the containers for these materials were often full when customers arrived at site.

Vehicle Permit Policy – Key Changes April 2022

- All trailers, irrelevant of size now require a permit
- Size restrictions on vehicles and trailers that are eligible for a permit
- Trailers with extended and caged sides are not an approved vehicle
- Trailers are not permitted if towed by a vehicle requiring a permit (E.g. van)
- Permits are issued for one specific site only
- A 'one off permit' will be issued to a business vehicle, providing that the waste does not originate from the activities of that business
- A temporary permit to be issued to a hired vehicle allowing for up to three visits over a week during each calendar year
- All applications will be via an online application process
- If an applicant continually provides incorrect documentation then they will be refused a permit and not permitted to reapply for six months.
- An appeals process has been established should an application be refused.
- The policy details that abuse of the scheme will not be tolerated and that permits can be revoked for non-compliance

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Vehicle Permit Policy – Vehicle Issues

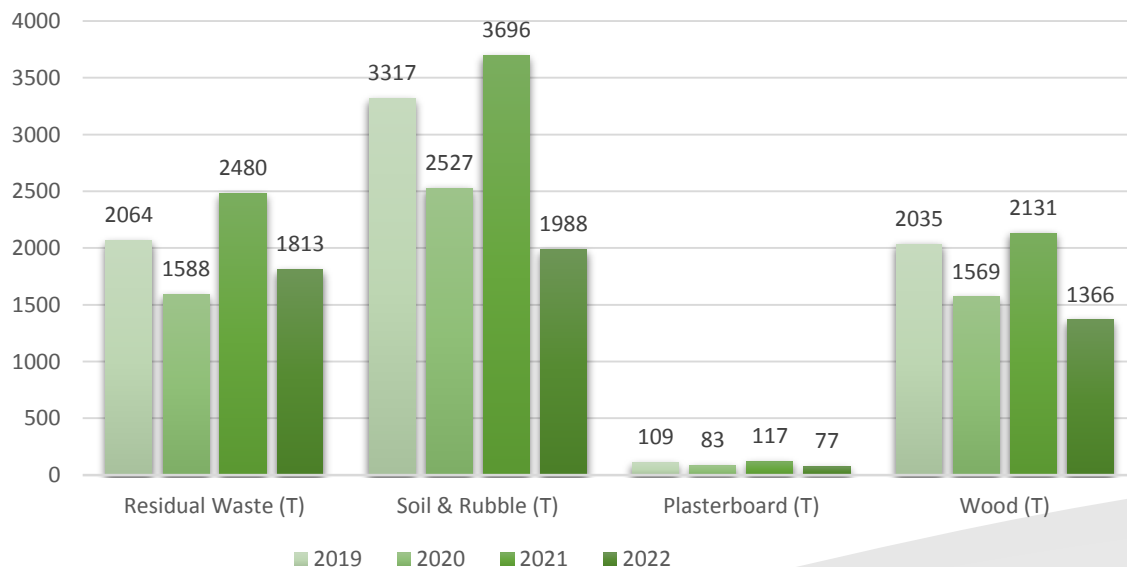


Vehicle Permit Policy – Impact

Waste Tonnes and Saving						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Difference 21-22	£ Saving
Residual Waste (T)	2064	1588	2480	1813	-667	-£55,411
Soil & Rubble (T)	3317	2527	3696	1988	-1708	-£13,664
Plasterboard (T)	109	83	117	77	-40	-£3,988
Wood (T)	2035	1569	2131	1366	-765	-£22,184
Total	7525	5768	8424	5244	-3180	-£95,247

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Waste Tonnes



Vehicle Permit Policy – Impact

Application Statistics

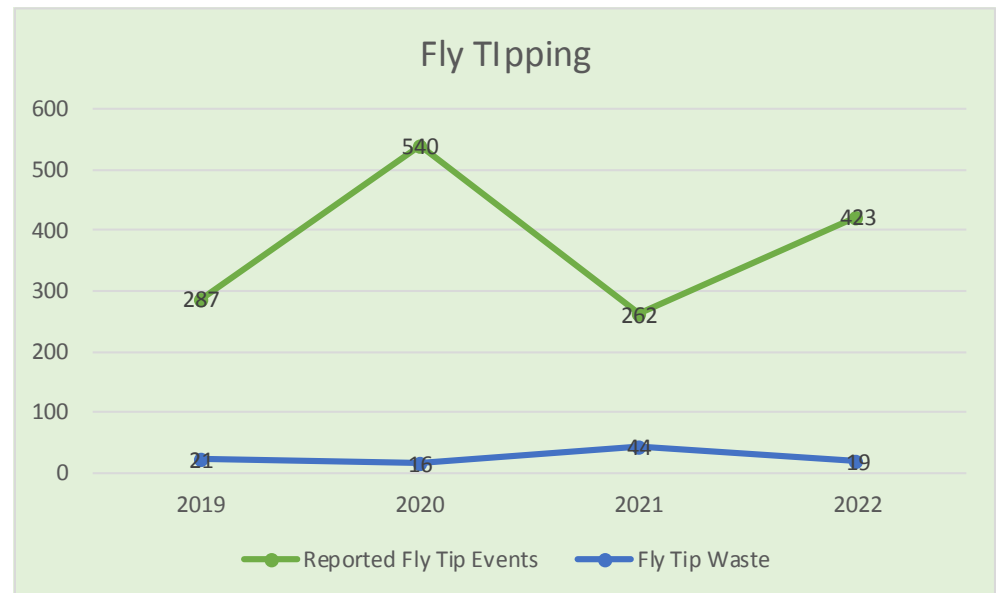
Permit Applications	1992
Permits Issued	1766
Permits Refused	266
Appeals Received	106
Appeals Upheld	6

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Reported Incidents of Violence and Aggression

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	4	X	3	1
May	4	X	1	0
June	0	X	1	1
July	2	0	0	0
August	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	0	5	2

Fly Tip Data				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reported Fly Tip Events	287	540	262	423
Fly Tip Waste (T)	21	16	44	19



Discussion Session and Points for Consideration

- Vehicle permit policy
- Booking system for waste streams
- Charging for disposal of C/I waste for residents
- Trader/charities tipping on site
- Extended opening hours
- Bagging and charging for soil conditioner
- Any other considerations

Next Steps

- Collate all feedback / create FAQs
- Review feedback
- Identify any operational and policy changes
- Report to E&EOSC in November for scrutiny
- Present to Cabinet in November for consideration

Thank You

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**Vehicle Permit Policy Review December 2022
Household Recycling centres (HRCs)**

Members Comment	Considerations	Advantages	Disadvantages	Proposed outcome of considerations
The application process is too complicated with too many documents required	Remove the amount of documents required at the application phase	The application process is simpler for the resident.	There would be no control measure in place to identify if a vehicle complies with the policy and terms and conditions. Increase conflict on the HRC should a non-compliant vehicle obtain a vehicle permit	Reduce the number of documents and photographs required to make an application.
Providing photographs of the vehicle at application phase is unnecessary	Remove the need to provide photographs at the application phase. Have vehicles checked for compliance at the HRC instead of via photographs	The application process is simpler for the resident.	There would be no control measure in place to identify if a vehicle complies with the policy and terms and conditions. Increase conflict on the HRC should a non-compliant vehicle obtain a vehicle permit	Retain the requirement to provide photographs as this would ensure that vehicles are compliant to policy.
There should no requirement to reapply for a permit on an annual basis	Automatically re-issue a vehicle permit every year without a need for re-application by the resident.	The resident would not be inconvenienced by resubmitting the same or similar documents year on year.	There would be no control measure in place to identify if a vehicle complies with the policy and terms and conditions. It is possible that vehicles could be altered or have signage added, for example, one a permit is re-issued.	Retain the requirement for residents to make an annual application.
Clarity is needed on what to do if a resident changes their vehicle	Include information in the policy to guide residents on what to do if they change their vehicles	Improve information to prevent complaints or confusion.	None identified	Include instruction in the vehicle permit policy
Clarity is needed on what to do if a resident loses their permit	Include information in the policy to guide residents on what to do if they lose their permit	Improve information to prevent complaints or confusion.	None identified	Include instruction in the vehicle permit policy

Appendix 3 - Members Comments and Policy Recommendations

Members Comment	Considerations	Advantages	Disadvantages	Proposed outcome of considerations
Can permits be transferred/loaned to other vehicle users	Allow permit to be transferred/loaned to other vehicles	Vehicles that do not have a permit can access the HRC to dispose of waste	<p>There would be no control measure in place to identify if the permit is passed to a non-compliant vehicle</p> <p>Increase conflict on the HRC should a non-compliant vehicle obtain a vehicle permit</p>	Retain the restriction on permits being transferred/loaned to other vehicle users
Can a resident loan a vehicle from a family member or friend to use at the HRC	Allow for compliant vehicle to be used if a family member form out of County offer to assist with waste disposal needs	Residents can make use of vans or trailers owned by family or friends to reduce cost of hiring vehicles to dispose of bulky waste	The system could be exploited by businesses working in the area, from out of County, to dispose of trade waste	Allow a one off permit to be issues for a vehicle loaned from family or friends following a controlled application process.
<p>Page 138</p> Trailers in excess of 2 meters should be granted a permit	Allow trailers in excess of the current 2m length restriction to be granted a permit	<p>Residents who have already bought a long trailer will have access to the HRC to dispose of waste</p> <p>Residents with large gardens/undertaking home improvements have to make multiple trips in domestic vehicles to dispose of larger amounts of waste</p>	<p>The length of the trailer would have Health and Safety implications due to the manoeuvrability on site</p> <p>Commercial sized trailers are open to abuse by trade/businesses</p> <p>From experience larger trailers attend site overloaded posing a H&S risk</p> <p>Large trailers spend an excessive amount of time on site off loading preventing residents in domestic vehicle accessing the sites in a timely manner</p>	<p>Retain the restriction on trailer length</p> <p>Improve clarity in the policy on trailer lengths permitted to access the HRCs, e.g. load length measurements.</p>
High sided vans should be allowed a permit to access the HRC	Allow vans elevated above 2.14 to be granted a permit	<p>Residents who already own a high sided van will have access to the HRC to dispose of waste</p> <p>Residents with large gardens/undertaking home improvements have to make multiple trips in domestic vehicles to dispose of larger amounts of waste</p>	<p>The height of the vans would not be able to access the HRCs due to onsite height restriction barriers.</p> <p>Having site staff open and close height restriction barriers would be time consuming and create possible onsite delays for other users</p> <p>Commercial sized vans are open to</p>	Retain the restriction on vehicle height

Appendix 3 - Members Comments and Policy Recommendations

Members Comment	Considerations	Advantages	Disadvantages	Proposed outcome of considerations
			<p>abuse by trade/businesses</p> <p>Large vans spend an excessive amount of time on site off loading preventing residents in domestic vehicle accessing the sites in a timely manner</p>	
<p>Trailers with ramps should be allowed to access the HRC</p>	<p>Trailers with ramps should be permitted to lower them to allow for waste removal on site</p>	<p>It will be easier for residents to remove waste from the trailer prior to disposal.</p>	<p>The extended ramps on trailers increase the length of a trailer reducing available space on site for other users.</p> <p>The extended ramps on trailers are a trip hazard for site users and staff.</p> <p>Waste can to be dragged down the ramps leading to debris on the ground and a trip hazard.</p>	<p>Retain the restriction that ramps on trailers must not be used when off loading waste.</p>
<p>Trailers with caged sides should be allowed to access the HRC</p>	<p>Trailers with extended cage sides should be allowed to access the HRCs</p>	<p>This will allow for the safer transit of waste within the trailer on the public highway.</p> <p>Trailers with caged sides that cannot be removed will be allowed to access the HRC with a permit.</p>	<p>Allowing trailers with increased holding capacity could be open to abuse by trade/businesses</p>	<p>Allow trailers with caged sides to have access to the HRC as long as they are standard factory issue and the waste can be removed without lowering the ramp or removing the sides completely</p>
<p>Boxed trailers should be allowed to access the HRC</p>	<p>Boxed trailers should be allowed access to the HRCs</p>	<p>This will allow for the safer transit of waste within the trailer on the public highway.</p> <p>Residents who have already bought a boxed trailer will have access to the HRC to dispose of waste</p> <p>Residents with large gardens/undertaking home improvements have to make multiple trips in domestic vehicles to dispose of larger amounts of waste</p>	<p>Boxed trailers are commercial in size and open to abuse by trade/businesses.</p> <p>Site staff cannot see what waste is retained inside the boxed trailer until it is at the point of disposal increasing the potential for non-conforming waste to be brought to site.</p>	<p>Retain the restriction on boxed trailers.</p>

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Appendix 4 - Vehicle Permit Policy



Vehicle Permit Policy



Policy	Vehicle Permit Policy
Portfolio	Streetscene and Transportation
Service Area	Waste Strategy
Related Documents	Household Waste Collection and Household Recycling Centre Operations Policy

Revision History

Version	Issue date	Summary of Changes
1	April 2022	Standalone policy implemented following review of the Household Waste Collection and Household Recycling Centre Operations Policy
2	TBC (following Cabinet approval)	XX XX XX

Consultation

Version	Who	Date
1	Operatives, management, Chief Officer Team, Elected Members, Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet	2021/22
2	Operatives, management, Chief Officer Team, Elected Members, Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	September – November 2022

Approval

Version	Who/Where	Date
1	Cabinet Committee	18 January 2022
2	Cabinet Committee	TBC

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1. Flintshire Vehicle Permit Scheme

The Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) are provided for householders to dispose of household waste safely and conveniently, as well as encouraging increased participation in recycling.

Flintshire County Council currently manages and operates five Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) for Flintshire residents to recycle or reuse household items that cannot be collected by the kerbside collections vehicles. The centres are situated at the following locations across the County:

- Greenfield
- Sandycroft
- Mold
- Buckley
- Rockliffe (Oakenholt)

The HRCs are solely for the disposal of small scale household waste from domestic properties. Commercial and/or business waste is not accepted in line with the conditions of the Environmental Permit.

The Council's HRCs are not permitted to accept trade, commercial or business waste, which can be defined as any waste that comes from a commercial activity. If you use part of your home to run your business then any waste from that part is business waste. Business waste also includes any waste that comes from construction, demolition, industry and agriculture.

To control access and manage the waste volumes being delivered to a HRC, the Council operates a vehicle permit scheme.

This policy sets out the parameters of the vehicle permit scheme.

1.1 Vehicle Permit Scheme Criteria

- A permit is issued on a rolling twelve month basis
- Twelve visits are permitted every twelve months.
- A householder can choose when to use the permits e.g. **either** all in one month or spread **the visits** over the year.
- A full application must be resubmitted following the permit expiry
- Only one permit is to be issued per residential address
- Trailers **will not** be allowed access if towed by a vehicle requiring a permit (E.g. van)
- **Certain sign written vehicles may be eligible for an annual permit subject to certain conditions (see Section 3.3)**
- **Vehicles registered to a business address or associated with business, trade or commercial waste are not eligible for a permit**
- **Domestic vehicles are not eligible if they are linked to businesses e.g. highlighted through business signage, logos, other advertising or address.**
- The vehicle/owner must **not be** a registered waste carrier with either Natural Resources Wales or Environment Agency (England)

- Permits are available to Flintshire residents only and only **one** permit can be issued per household.
- Permits issued apply to a vehicle at a specific Flintshire address and not the waste. Therefore, even with a permit, HRC site staff can still turn away anybody suspected of bringing in waste of a commercial nature or waste related to the business of the sign written vehicle. If this does occur then the permit will be withdrawn from the resident as the terms and conditions of its issue will have been breached.
- Householders will **not** be permitted to use a permit to bring in any waste that relates to the business activity for which the vehicle is normally used.

2. Vehicle Eligibility

The type of vehicle will dictate whether a permit is required.

2.1 Vehicles that do not require a permit

- Small car
- Standard car
- Large family car
- Sports Utility vehicles (SUV)
- 4x4 vehicles (also known as All-Wheel drive)
- Motorbike
- **Mobility vehicle (size must be within restrictions of policy - standard or low roof elevation below 7 feet or 2.14 metres and must have mobility aid modifications)**

2.2 Vehicles that do require a permit

- Pick-up (two and four seats) i.e. a small vehicle with an open/closed part at the back in which goods can be carried
- Car derived van
- Small van
- Medium van (standard or low roof elevation below 7 feet or 2.14 metres)
- Single axle trailers up to 6.6 feet / 2 metres in length **with/without caged sides***
- Twin axle trailers up to 6.6 feet / 2 metres in length **with/without caged sides***
- Minibus (with internal fixtures intact)
- Camper vans and motor homes (with internal fixtures intact and below 7 feet or 2.14 metres)

** The policy may allow trailers with caged sides to have access to the HRC as long as they do not exceed the dimensions indicated above (either at the point of purchase or retrofitted) and providing that the waste can be removed without removing the sides completely or without lowering the ramps.*

2.3 Vehicles that are not eligible for a permit

- Large box van (Luton type)
- Large goods vehicles (LGVs)
- Heavy goods vehicles (HGVs)
- Tipper vehicles
- Flatbed vehicles
- Large vans (XLWB; LWB)
- Vans with high roof elevations (over 7 feet or 2.14 metres)
- Trailers longer **than** 6.6 feet / 2 metres in length
- **Caged trailers** / Boxed trailers / trailers with extended side panels / modified trailers
- Trailers with access ramps
- Minibus (with internal fixtures removed)
- Camper vans and motor homes (with internal fixtures removed)
- Agricultural vehicles
- Horse boxes / trailers

3. Application process

Householders paying standard council tax in Flintshire will be entitled to apply for permits by fully completing an application form. Permits will only be issued to Flintshire households. (Only households in Flintshire paying standard Council Tax are entitled to use the Council's Household Recycling Centres).

All applications for a vehicle permit will be made via the online e-form available on the Council's Website.

On application, all required documentation must be submitted so that an assessment of eligibility can be made.

Householders will be required to provide the following information:

- Name of applicant
- Address
- Telephone number
- Vehicle registration number
- Vehicle make, **model** and colour
- **Height of the vehicle / dimensions of the trailer**

- Type of Vehicle: as specified in Section 2.2
- Confirmation of acceptance of Terms and Conditions of the permitting scheme

For applicants who repeatedly do not provide the required documentation their application will be refused and they will not be eligible to re-apply for a period of six months.

A resident will be allowed one appeal should a vehicle permit be refused. To lodge an appeal the resident must complete the relevant e-form on the Council's website clearly stating the grounds for appeal. **Before considering an appeal, residents must refer to this policy and only appeal if they deem that the policy has not been applied correctly.**

Terms and Conditions apply and can be viewed on the Council's website along with the privacy notice.

3.1 Vehicle documentation required on application

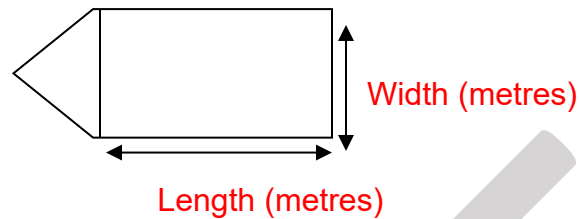
- Completed e-form
- Full vehicle log book / A copy of the V5 Vehicle Registration document
- Driving licence
- 1 x utility bill or council tax bill to prove you live within the County of Flintshire (current and within the last 12 months)
- **The addresses on the documentation must match and must detail the property where the vehicle is registered**
- Photos of the vehicle for which the permit is requested:
 - ~~Rear of vehicle showing number plate (doors closed)~~
 - Rear interior view from rear doors **showing registration plate (additional picture required if registration plate cannot be seen if doors are open)**
 - ~~Front view showing number plate~~
 - Side view **(one side)**

3.2 Trailer documentation required on application:

- Complete e-form
- Full vehicle log book / A copy of the V5 Vehicle Registration document
- Trailer dimensions **(see diagram below)**
- Driving licence
- 1 x utility bill or council tax bill to prove you live within the County of Flintshire (current and within the last 12 months)
- **The addresses on the documentation must match and must detail the property where the vehicle is registered**
- Photos of trailer for which the permit is requested clearly showing:
 - Rear of trailer showing registration plate

- Side view showing full length and height.

The trailer dimensions required to be submitted with the application are:



No alternative or self-interpreted dimensions will be accepted.

3.3 Certain sign written vehicles may be issued an annual permit (allowing a maximum of 12 visits), on condition that:

- the vehicle is registered to a Flintshire residential address for council tax;
- the trade is not associated with any trade waste
- the waste deposited at the HRC has not been or is unlikely to have been produced by the activity of that business or associated business;
- the only waste presented at the HRC is domestic household waste

The new annual permit would be available for Flintshire residents only and only one permit will be issued per household. Permits issued apply to a vehicle at a specific Flintshire address and not the waste. Therefore, even with a permit, HRC site staff can still turn away anybody suspected of bringing in waste of a commercial nature or waste related to the business of the sign written vehicle. If this does occur then the permit will be withdrawn from the resident as the terms and conditions of its issue will have been breached. Householders will not be permitted to use a permit to bring in any waste that relates to the business activity for which the vehicle is normally used.

4 Permit Holder Access

To better control access to HRCs and prevent abuse of the permit scheme, permits will be issued to a designated HRC site. The permits will be issued for the site in closest proximity to the resident's property or, where a valid business case is presented, for the resident's site choice. This will assist in the control of larger more complex vehicles at each site meaning that one site is not overwhelmed with permitted vehicles.

- Permits will only be issued to individual addresses once per annum.
- Vehicles cannot be issued permits against multiple addresses.
- A permit is only valid for the vehicle described on the permit

~~If a householder changes their address or vehicle they must notify the Council before reapplying with new details. Amended permits will invalidate the old permit.~~

4.1 Changing/Selling a vehicle

When a resident sells a vehicle which has been issued with a vehicle permit they must return the permit to the following address with a covering letter explaining the situation. The permit is not transferable with the vehicle at the point of sale.

Flintshire County Council,

Alltami Depot, Mold Road, Alltami, Flintshire CH7 6LG

If the resident purchases another vehicle that requires a permit then a new application must be made to ensure that the vehicle is compliant with this policy.

4.2 Lost or Damaged Vehicle Permits

If a resident loses or damages a permit they must contact the council immediately to notify of the situation. The permit will be immediately cancelled and site staff notified. A replacement permit can be issued; however, the number of uses already taken place will be deducted from the permit.

Streetscene Contact Centre 01352 701234

Email: streetsceneadmin@flintshire.gov.uk

4.3 Collection of Soil Conditioner

Soil conditioner is available free of charge from the HRCs. If a resident wants to collect this product in a vehicle that is subject to this policy then they must have a valid permit to gain access to the site. This is to ensure that only vehicles accessing the HRCs are of the approved height or length.

If the resident is only attending site to collect soil conditioner, and not to dispose of any recycling or waste, then they will have to show their valid permit however a visit will not be deducted from the allocated twelve.

5. Withdrawing from the vehicle permit scheme

Residents can withdraw from the vehicle permit scheme at any time by returning their permit to the following address with a covering letter explaining their wish to cancel:

Flintshire County Council

Alltami Depot, Mold Road, Alltami, Flintshire CH7 6LG

Should unused permits not be handed back, the Council will treat this situation the same as if a householder has lost the permits.

6. One-Off Permit

For those vehicles that do not conform to the vehicle eligibility criteria, such as a vehicle registered to a business, whose owner(s) require to use their vehicle/trailer to dispose of larger, bulky items, then a one-off permit can be issued if it is clearly demonstrated that the

waste being disposed of is not related to the business or activity of the business to which the vehicle is registered or used e.g. a vehicle registered to a plumber wanting to dispose of household garden waste.

To obtain a one-off permit an application must be made in advance of the visit via the specified e-form on the Council's website so that an assessment can be made and a permit issued.

The vehicle type for the application of a one-off permit must conform to one of the vehicle types stated in Section 2.2.

A one-off permit may be issued a maximum of two times in a twelve month period.

7. Temporary Permit

a) Using a Hired Vehicle to remove household waste

A temporary permit can be issued to a Flintshire resident who hires a vehicle to remove their own household waste.

The householder will be required to provide the vehicle hire agreement to demonstrate that the vehicle is on hire.

b) Borrowing or using a workplace or company van and commercial type vehicle

Householders from Flintshire may use their employer's van or commercial type vehicles (subject to the vehicle complying with the type and size restrictions detailed in Section 2.2) to deposit their own household waste at Household Recycling Centres.

However, the householder will require a letter from the owner (or their representative) on company notepaper giving permission to the applicant to use the vehicle to move their own domestic waste, which will be used in place of the Vehicle Registration Document V5 for verification purposes (proof of residency in Flintshire will still be required by the householder).

c) Borrowing or using family/friend's vehicle

Householders from Flintshire may make use of a family member or friend's vehicle (subject to the vehicle complying with the type and size restrictions detailed in Section 2.2) to deposit their own household waste at Household Recycling Centres.

Proof of residency in Flintshire will still be required by the householder, but it is not a requirement that the vehicle must be registered within Flintshire.

The vehicle type for the application of a one-off permit will be required to conform to one of the vehicle types stated in Section 2.2. If the vehicle does not meet the vehicle sizing or type requirements it will not be allowed access onto the HRC site.

A temporary permit will be issued a maximum of one time in a twelve month period and will allow for three visits over a seven day period.

To obtain a temporary permit an application must be made in advance by contacting **Streetscene Contact Centre on 01352 701234 / streetscenedadmin@flintshire.gov.uk** so that an assessment can be made and a permit issued.

8. Abuse of the vehicle permit scheme

Flintshire County Council reserves the right to terminate all concessions afforded by the permit scheme if the permit holder is in contravention of any stipulations contained within this policy and the Terms and Conditions of use.

Abuse, aggressive behaviour or threats to members of staff or other residents will not be tolerated and may result in a permit either being revoked with immediate effect or the permit holder being excluded from access to Flintshire County Council HRCs.

HRC staff members are authorised and permitted to confiscate a permit should certain circumstances make this necessary, for example:

- Abuse, aggressive behaviour or threats towards site staff or other residents.
- Not adhering to site rules including breach of site safety rules, speeding restrictions, staff directives.
- Permits defaced, altered or with illegible details are invalid.
- Not declaring hazardous waste within a load.
- Depositing non-conforming or waste types that are not permitted on site.

Permits issued apply to a vehicle at a specific Flintshire address and not the waste, therefore, even with a permit the site staff at HRCs are still able to turn away anybody suspected of bringing in waste of a commercial nature.

Lost or Damaged Permits

~~If any permits are lost or damaged the householders should contact the Council to report the loss or damage.~~

The Council will monitor visits to HRC sites to prevent and control duplicated requests for replacement of lost or stolen permits, that is, householders that continue to use the supposedly lost permits, after receiving new ones.

The Council will monitor visits to identify any permits that have been copied or faked.

The Council will have the right to reject any person from a HRC site if it suspects that the person has contravened any of the conditions highlighted within this Policy.

Householders who turn up at a Household Recycling Centre site without a permit for their van or small commercial-type vehicle will be turned away.

Any person bringing trade waste to site with or without a permit will be reported to Natural Resources Wales.

This Policy supersedes the Household Waste Collection and Household Recycling Centre Operations Policy 2017, Sections 12.7 to 12.13

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Appendix 5 - Proposed Booking Criteria for Tyres

The proposed Household Recycling Centre booking system criteria for Tyres:

- Online booking to be completed by resident
- Only domestic tyres to be accepted
- No commercial tyres (wagon/plant) will be accepted
- Restriction on the amount of waste coming in e.g. Up to 4 tyres per visit
- Restriction on the number of bookings e.g. one per year
- Allow disposal at all HRCs, not restricting to closest site due to container availability
- Review storage capacity at all HRCs to ensure consistent service provided
- If being brought in a van/trailer then the driver must have a valid permit to book
- Restrict number of time slots available per day e.g. 1 hour slots
- Allow seven days a week disposal

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Consultation on the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) draft Well-being Plan 2023-28
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Executive Chief Officer (Social Services)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires specific public bodies to work together under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

Responsibilities of PSBs include periodically preparing and publishing an assessment of local well-being, which is used to inform the setting of local well-being objectives that are contained within a five year local Well-being Plan.

Prior to publishing a new Well-being Plan, the PSB is required to consult a number of statutory consultees, including the Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 is presented at Appendix A for consideration and feedback.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Cabinet considers and comments on the draft Flintshire and Wrexham Well-being Plan for 2023-28.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-28
1.01	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a well-being duty on designated public bodies. This requires them to act jointly under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being and thus support the achievement of the seven well-being goals for Wales.
1.02	A PSB is required to periodically prepare and publish an assessment of local well-being. The assessment should be published within the 12 months preceding each ordinary local government election. Flintshire PSBs most recent Well-being Assessment was published in May 2022.
1.03	A PSB is also required to periodically prepare and publish a Well-being Plan that sets out the PSBs local well-being objectives and the action the PSB will take to meet them. A PSB should publish a Well-being Plan no later than 12 months after each local government ordinary election. Flintshire PSBs first Well-being Plan was published in 2017 and covered the period 2017 to 2023. The next Well-being Plan, covering the period 2023 to 2028, is due to be published before 4 th May 2023.
1.04	A team of officers drawn from partner organisations involved in the work of both Flintshire and Wrexham's PSBs have worked together to produce a draft Well-being Plan for 2023-28. Based on the evidence and insight highlighted by the well-being assessment; existing priorities of the PSB; and the learning and reflection from joint PSB working on community resilience over the last two years, this team of officers have produced a draft Well-being Plan that identifies the key actions needed to deliver two well-being objectives for 2023-2028: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing. • Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.
1.05	The draft Well-being Plan has been produced so that partners, stakeholders and communities can be engaged to co-produce ways to improve well-being and build resilience now and over the long term.
1.06	The purpose of the Well-being Plan 2023-28 is to identify a small number of shared objectives, focused around improving local well-being, that public sector organisations work on together to add value to the work of individual organisational plans and enhance outcomes through collaborative working.

1.07	The draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 can be found at Appendix A and is open for feedback and comments under a period of statutory consultation.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
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2.01	In recognition of shared local well-being priorities, and to enhance effective collaborative working to achieve the outcomes in the Well-being Plan 2023-28, the Public Services Boards of Flintshire and Wrexham have agreed to come together as a single body from January 2023. This is in line with other PSBs within the region.
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2.02	<p>The local authority must provide administrative support to the PSB, this includes arranging meetings, preparing the agenda and papers for meetings and working on the annual report, amongst others.</p> <p>This function is fulfilled by an Officer of the Council, with appropriate management support and supervision.</p>
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2.03	<p>The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which consists of officers across the public sectors, connecting organisations and communities across the region.</p> <p>The NWIP is encouraging regional partnership working to align priorities and identify opportunities across the PSBs, the Regional Partnership Board, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.</p>
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2.04	Welsh Government has provided a regional support grant for 2022/23. This grant is allowing the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped to shape the draft Well-being Plan. Welsh Government is considering making this support funding available for a longer period to enable sustainable collaborative working.
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2.05	<p>Working with partner organisations and communities, the Wales Cooperative Network is providing long term support for engagement and co-production.</p> <p>The PSB is utilising the support of this Network to help engage the local communities in well-being work.</p>
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3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
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3.01	<p>A full Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) for the Well-being Plan has not yet been completed. This work will be undertaken alongside the consultation period of the draft Well-being Plan and presented at full Council with the final Well-being Plan 2023-28 in spring 2023.</p> <p>In the interim, an overview of the likely impact the Well-being Plan will have is provided below.</p>
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	Long-term	Positive – the Well-being Plan is for a period of five years but will continue to build on the previous Well-being Plan objectives and have mechanisms to ensure continuity beyond the life of this Plan.
	Prevention	Positive – the Well-being Plan looks to address factors that may be detrimental to local well-being both now and in the future.
	Integration	Neutral
	Collaboration	Positive – the Well-being Plan will contain shared objectives which the PSB partners will commit to achieving in collaboration, including involving wider stakeholders as appropriate.
	Involvement	Positive – stakeholders will actively be encouraged to help co-produce ways to improve local well-being and enhance outcomes.
	Well-being Goals Impact	
	Prosperous Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Resilient Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Healthier Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	More equal Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Cohesive Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Vibrant Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Globally responsible Wales	Neutral
3.03	To comply with Welsh Language Standards, and to ensure the Well-being Plan can be read by all potential consultees, the draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 is available in both Welsh and English.	

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The draft Well-being Plan is now open for a statutory 12 week period of consultation. The consultation period will close in early February 2023.
4.02	When developing a Well-being Plan the PSB is required to consult fully with a number of statutory consultees. The local authority's overview and scrutiny committee is a statutory consultee and the Well-being Plan was

	presented to the Corporate Resources and Overview Scrutiny Committee on 15 th December 2022 to fulfil this requirement. The scrutiny committee has been invited to provide their comments on the draft Well-being Plan.
4.03	Copies of the draft Well-being Plan have been shared with other statutory consultees via email and the draft Well-being Plan is also available on the Council's website.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Flintshire and Wrexham PSB draft Well-being Plan 2023-28.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Further information on the PSB, along with links to <i>An Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire 2022</i> and the current <i>A Well-being Plan for Flintshire 2017-23</i> can be found online: https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Flintshire-Public-Services-Board.aspx

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Nicola McCann – Strategic Partnerships Advisor Telephone: 01352 702740 E-mail: Nicola.McCann@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Public Services Board (PSB) The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSB's which replaces the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of the Board is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area • Set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB's contribution to the well-being goals <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals • How it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take

	<p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</p>
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The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

Consultation on Flintshire and Wrexham's draft wellbeing plan

November 2022

Croeso!

Welcome to the latest stage on our journey to help improve local well-being across Flintshire and Wrexham. For a few years now, public sector organisations across our area have been working more closely with the third sector, businesses and communities. As we rebuild our resilience after COVID-19, and face the cost of living crisis together, we want to co-produce a long-term plan to look at issues such as climate change and mental health and wellbeing.

The Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board has to publish a five year plan on how we will work to improve local well-being by May the 4th 2023. This won't be set in stone. Circumstances may change and as more people get in involved, bringing their passion, energy and vitality, we will make sure the plan evolves.

We will make sure that our culture and language are clearly embedded in everything we do, as we continue to build proud and resilient communities.

We see this consultation stage as an opportunity for you to give your thoughts on where we have got to so far, and where we are heading. Please let us know what you think before the 5th February 2023. Details of how you can get in touch are provided at the end of this document.



FLINTSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
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Who are we?

The Public Service Boards are where the public sector organisations across Flintshire and Wrexham come together. It is a strategic partnership with a strong focus on taking a collective approach to planning, decision-making and action. Every member of the PSB is an anchor organisation working in our area, looking at how they use their resources more effectively to build improvements in well-being. Crucial to this work is the relationship with our communities, and how we work with them to add value and transform people's lives.

We're proud that in North Wales we are embracing the five ways of working (prevention, long term, collaboration, integration & involvement) in everything we do.

We want to change things for the better. The PSB will do this by bringing the magic of shared commitment by testing ideas, challenging impacts, undoing blockages and enabling co-production with our communities.

Based on what we have learned over the last few years throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and using evidence and data to guide us we have produced two broad objectives, which we feel, will help us all to work together to tackle inequality and improve well-being:

- Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.
- Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.

To support these broad objectives we have identified three areas to focus on: children and young people, communities and our workplaces.

Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.	Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.
Ensure children and young people will thrive through making the most of new skills, training and learning opportunities	Ensure there is an effective approach to prevention and early intervention for children and families across the public sector
Mobilise everyone's skills and talents to tackle climate change and build a strong, fair sustainable local economy	Innovate with communities to build good mental health and well-being through feelings of community safety, security and belonging.
Strengthen the connection between PSB organisations and their staff who work and live in communities	Ensure that PSB deeply understands the needs and resources of their communities

What do we know?

We know that our well-being assessments are a line in the sand of where we were in January 2022. Life has already moved on with people in Wales now facing a cost of living crisis and economic turmoil across the world. As a PSB, we are committed to assessing the needs of our population on an ongoing basis. This will ensure we improve the data we are gathering about the wellbeing of our communities and the information reflects the most up-to-date needs of citizens.

There are four pillars of well-being – environment, culture, society, and economy. These are intertwined, they are not separate. Across these four pillars, there are common challenges of inequalities and social determinants of health. Unless we commit as a society to tackling these common challenges across all four pillars, we will continue to risk a decline in population well-being.

A key aspect of our well-being assessment was to understand the big trends and drivers that are likely to shape the future in Flintshire and Wrexham and to provide insight into how we can best prepare for the future, around people and population, planetary health and limits, inequalities and technology. We used a range of resources to shape our thinking, including the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales' [Future Generations Report](#), Welsh Government's [Well-being of Wales](#) and [Future Trends Reports](#), and Natural Resources Wales' [North East Wales Area Statement](#).

[New Approaches to designing and delivering well-being with communities](#)

Working with all Public Services Boards across North Wales, we are planning a variety of regional engagement and involvement strands of work with partner organisations and community groups. Each strand is funded through the North Wales Regional Support Grant 2022-23, which is enabled by Welsh Government. This funding will allow us to work closely with community groups, listening to what really matters to them and designing services together. This work will be continual through the life of our Well-being Plan, and community services may change, as community needs change.

This approach to shared planning and equal decision-making with the PSB, wider partners and communities all working together and at the same time, is called **co-production**. We are learning about co-production and the positive difference it brings to service design and delivery, by being part of an exciting network of practitioners, trainers and facilitators: **The Co-production Network for Wales**.

The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB is committed to embedding co-production with communities into the service design and delivery of all well-being planning in future, so that resources and services are accessible and in the heart of our communities, for all to enjoy.

Examples of co-produced regional engagement and involvement work happening now, or starting soon, in North Wales includes:

- **Community Narratives** – creative methods such as storytelling to record voices and experiences of diverse communities
- **Diverse Together Community Chats** – community engagement with a diverse range of community groups with the Community Cohesion team, and facilitating their input on themes of safety, equality and wellbeing.
- **The Future Leaders Programme** – will give young people the opportunity to become 'co-producers' in well-being planning, and test the concept of a Future Leaders Programme with the potential for scale across the whole of North Wales, and beyond.
- **Citizens' Jury for North Wales** – This method of inquiry is where a small group of people come together to assess evidence and deliberate on an issue, and these views help the PSB co-produce their Well-being Plans.

- **Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (TrACE) Community of Practice** – bringing together people and organisations across North Wales engaging in ‘trauma informed practice’ to learn, share and innovate. It will help build strategic capacity and capability across the region and allow PSBs to understand many types of lived experience and actively support community resilience.

Research evidence, community stories, techniques and training for community engagement are shared at the **North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP)** which is a collaborative working space for the PSBs, partners and community voices.

Our objectives

This section gives more detail about the two objectives that we are proposing will be at the heart of our well-being plan, the evidence that has informed each one, and some of the projects that the public sector organisations will work together on in partnership with communities and other stakeholders.

[Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.](#)

Children and Young People

Ensure children and young people will thrive through making the most of new skills, training and learning opportunities.

Our assessment found that for four key social determinants (employment, education, and community safety) and health outcomes were poorer for those living in low-income area. Whilst the overall qualification profile is increasing, inequality in educational attainment remains and households with a disabled person in the household, and people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups are at risk of income poverty. It is critical that we invest in innovation and preparing young people for their future, and that there is a good range and quantity of well-paid, stable employment opportunities available.

What we could do...

Education

- Improve learning opportunities for children and young people through the Children’s University for Wrexham and Flintshire

Employment

- Support the Future Leaders programme and align with Future Generations Leadership Academy

Communities – prosperity and fairness

Mobilise everyone's skills and talents to tackle climate change and build a strong, fair sustainable local economy.

Climate change **is the defining issue of our time**. We have a real opportunity to work together to engage with our natural environment to build positive health outcomes, including improved physical and mental health, and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions. We must take the opportunity to develop a sustainable local economy, growing local business and focusing on developing green infrastructure to help to mitigate the effects of climate change and support improved well-being outcomes.

What we could do...

Place

- Work together to enable a climate change social movement
- Sign-up to the North Wales Healthy Travel Charter
- Create access to affordable, good quality, healthy food
- Work together to build resilient and cohesive communities, reducing discrimination and building opportunity.

Employment

- Implement a volunteering policy to provide opportunities for those currently excluded from the workplace to build their experience
- Take a joined up approach to training and recruitment of Welsh speakers to promote the benefits of speaking and using our Welsh language more regularly
- Actively build career pathways at all levels, prioritising those from the most deprived communities and publish progress

Where we work

Strengthen the connection between PSB organisations and their staff who work and live in communities.

Our assessment identified the key role that the public sector has to build strong communities, through its spending power, and role as anchor institutes. Co-producing projects with communities and stakeholders will encourage a diversity of voices from our communities. Employees who work for PSB organisations already invest their time in their communities, for example as school governors or organising local Eisteddfodau. By working together the PSB organisations will do much more to co-ordinate and support colleagues to develop a sense of belonging for all communities, reinforcing our Welsh culture.

What we could do...

- Commit to a staff volunteering policy that allows individuals and teams to commit a proportion of their work time to supporting local organisations, and encourages secondments, joint posts and collaboration

- Identify where organisations can change systems so that recruitment practices enable diverse and thriving workplaces.

Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy, safe and independent lives.

Children and Young People

Ensure there is an effective approach to prevention and early intervention for children and families across the public sector.

Preventing the need for people to require health and social care support and intervening early when help and support is required is the most effective way to improve the wellbeing of our population. Taking this approach is particularly important at a time when NHS and social care services are overwhelmed with demand. We can ensure that we respond to the changing profile of Wrexham and Flintshire, areas where the age profile of the population is growing increasingly older. All PSB members will need to work with the wider system to ensure that prevention is embedded across everything they do, with a strong focus on early years where we know investment will achieve the biggest return in long-term health and wellbeing outcomes. This will also balance the needs of our older population and creating an environment for healthy ageing.

Adverse Childhood Experiences are stressful experiences that children can be directly or indirectly exposed to while growing up, and these are connected to all the social determinants of health (well-being). Our assessment has identified that we need to focus on reducing these negative experiences otherwise they will continue to affect our population throughout their lives, leading to poor health, social problems and early death.

Community Safety

Community Safety is about reducing and tackling crime and disorder within the county. It relies upon working in partnership with our agencies and communities to make the areas in which we live safer. As a Public Services Board we work in partnership to implement strategies that are in line with legislation and wider priorities.

What we could do...

Prevention and Early Intervention

- Work towards a system wide approach to prevention and early intervention for children and families

Healthy Weight

- Commit to taking a leadership role in the Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight. Obesity, unhealthy diet and inactivity are some of the biggest risk factors for years lived with disability in Wales.

Communities – prosperity and fairness

Innovate with communities to build good mental health and well-being

For North Wales, there is a higher rate of mental health problems than for the rest of Wales, and this is without us fully understanding the impacts of COVID-19. In particular, we know from Wrexham’s population needs assessment that the current medical model of mental health service delivery in Wrexham may be preventing further opportunity to co-produce community based and accessible mental health services. So there is a real opportunity to ensure that access across Flintshire and Wrexham is better designed to ensure accessible, integrated, and seamless services for citizens.

What we could do...

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Support the Good Mental Health social movement across Wrexham and Flintshire that promotes the active use of the 5-ways to wellbeing

Green Health

- Optimise green health opportunities through social prescribing in Wrexham and Flintshire

Where we work

Ensure that the PSB understands the needs and resources of their communities

Our assessment found a mixed picture of engagement with our communities and stakeholders. We found that by committing to better, open conversations and actively seeking out seldom heard voices and stories and lived experience that the PSB must work with communities and services users on the design, delivery and ownership of the services they need.

What we could do...

- Work with communities and the Adverse Childhood Experiences hub, to become trauma informed organisations
- Address barriers to using public services faced by disabled people
- Commit to becoming Foster Friendly organisations to improve opportunities for our looked after children

What next?

We will reflect on comments, challenges and ideas we receive in this consultation stage as we continue to co-produce our well-being plan. To deliver sustainable change for Flintshire and Wrexham we have to be bold – we need to think about what will success look like in 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years and how do we get there.

We're proud that in North Wales we have use the five ways of working to shape how we do things. As we go forward it will be job of the Public Services Board to work with communities, stakeholders and businesses to bring the magic.

Get Involved

PSB organisations, partners and communities are coming together to change our ways of working and co-create better outcomes with communities. In the future we will continue to use and share our evidence, intelligence and insight to inform well-being planning. Join us.

If you'd like to comment on our shared objectives, and the actions we are shaping with communities, then please get in touch with the team before 5th February 2023.

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Membership of the River Dee Nutrient Management Board
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection
Report Author	Chief Officer (Planning, Environment, and Economy)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Cabinet agreement to formally participate in a newly-formed partnership in North Wales, the 'Dee Catchment Nutrient Management Board'. Participation will be alongside Wrexham Council and other North Wales and adjoining English councils, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government and Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water and others including developers, landowners and the agricultural sector, to oversee the coordination and implementation of a strategy and action plan to tackle phosphorus pollution in the River Dee. It sets out the reasons for creating the coordinating board and the draft terms of reference.

The Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (November 2021), attached as Appendix 1 has been prepared jointly by Flintshire and Wrexham Councils because they have had to address the issue of phosphorus in the Examinations in Public into their respective Local Development Plans (LDP).

Phosphorus is a nutrient and pollutant derived from wastewater, primarily originating from agriculture, but also from existing and new human development (housing etc.). Historically, it has been removed from wastewater at water treatment works (WWTWs) before the treated water is discharged into the main rivers (in Flintshire's case, the River Alyn which then flows into the River Dee).

In January 2021, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) introduced much more stringent limits on discharges of phosphorus into the River Dee to protect the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). This new standard has been applied to all other river SACs in Wales.

This issue has had a major impact on the preparation of Local Development Plans and the determination of individual Planning applications in Flintshire, Wrexham and elsewhere; in effect, creating a de facto moratorium on new development that cannot prove 'no net impact' or nutrient neutrality, on phosphorus discharges to the drainage system and the catchment of the River Dee.

The Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (DCPRS) (Appendix 1) has been developed jointly by Flintshire and Wrexham councils in consultation with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and other stakeholders, to tackle this problem. It has been prepared in this way because the River Dee catchment covers most of both council areas and because they are at the same stage in their Local Development Plan (LDP) Examinations in Public (EiP).

The DCPRS provides a strategic approach for delivering phosphorus reductions in the Dee catchment area while also facilitating development proposed in the Flintshire and Wrexham LDPs and demonstrating that on-site and off-site mitigation for phosphorus can be delivered in practice. It meets the immediate need of providing an evidence base to demonstrate that adverse effects from development in both LDPs will be avoided, and sets out a longer-term approach (non LDP-specific) to deliver reductions across the catchment.

Development of the strategy will now continue under the leadership of a River Dee Nutrient Management Board which will have the wider remit of delivering longer term solutions to excessive phosphorus in the Dee, the vast majority of which is not related to new development at all. Of course, the Dee catchment affects Denbighshire and Gwynedd in Wales, and Cheshire and Shropshire in England, and these and neighbouring councils will be invited to join the board from the outset to shape the strategy and action plan. The board will be supported by a technical officers sub-group and informed by engagement with a stakeholder sub-group, as set out below.

The new board is non-statutory and will not have decision-making powers. Any recommendations, such as the final strategy and action plan, will need to be endorsed by the respective Councils' Executive Boards (or their equivalent).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Cabinet supports the establishment of, and Council involvement in, the River Dee Nutrient Management Board.
2	That the Cabinet nominates the Lead Member for Planning, Public Health, and Public Protection to represent the Council on the new board.
3	That the Cabinet gives in-principle approval of the Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (November 2021) attached as Appendix 1, subject to considering further versions for approval as the new board develops and refines the strategy and associated action plan.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE PHOSPHATES ISSUE AND THE NEED FOR A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT BOARD
1.01	Phosphorus is a nutrient and, in excess quantities, a pollutant derived from wastewater. It arises from a number of sources: principally, agriculture (fertilisers and animal waste), but also existing housing in towns and villages. A small percentage is generated by new development.
1.02	Where it enters a river, it acts as a pollutant that harms water quality with consequent impacts on ecology. Too much phosphorus promotes the growth of nuisance species, such as algae, results in the loss of or damage to protected species and de-oxygenates gravel beds, to the general harm of the health of the river.
1.03	Phosphorous pollution in riverine Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) protected for their international habitat conservation value, such as the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC, became an issue for all organisations in Wales in January 2021 when Natural Resources Wales (NRW) set out new stringent water quality targets and issued compliance tests. These standards are much more challenging than before and the tests found a failure to meet them in parts of the River Dee. NRW subsequently issued guidance to Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) seeking to ensure, through the Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRA) of their LDPs, that there are no adverse effects on the integrity of any SACs arising from development promoted in the Plan.
1.04	The new standards have profound impacts on all plans and projects that fall within the scope of the Habitat Regulations (which sets legal duties with regard to SACs) and not just land use development plans and individual Planning applications (e.g. waste water discharge licencing and all agricultural activities).
1.05	A number of national work-streams have been established by NRW and Welsh Government (WG) to develop a strategic approach to mitigation, involving relevant stakeholders, such as LPAs, NRW, Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water, WG, other environmental agencies, Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and developers.
1.06	In the spring of 2021, the Local Development Plan (LDP) Inspectors wrote to Flintshire and Wrexham councils asking that the implications of NRW's new targets and guidance for the SAC in relation to phosphorus loading from new development be addressed within their LDPs. This work was done with the support of NRW and submitted to the Inspectors in November 2021. It demonstrated that development proposed in the LDPs will not have adverse effects on the SAC.
1.07	The Inspectors wrote to both councils in December 2021 with their preliminary view that both Councils needed to undertake lengthy detailed assessments of mitigation on allocated sites. Both Councils responded, challenging this approach, and in further correspondence from the Inspector to Flintshire dated February 2022, the Inspector confirmed that

	she now had sufficient information in order to consider her report and conclude the Examination.
1.08	<p>The Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (November 2021)</p> <p>The Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction Strategy (DCPRS) sets out broad milestones for action on mitigation measures that are both LDP-specific but also, importantly, wider non LDP-specific. This includes necessary developer proposals on-site, such as reed beds and tree planting, and off-site (i.e. via Section 106 Planning Obligations) such as better phosphorus filters in wastewater treatments works (WWTWs).</p>
1.09	The November 2021 draft of the strategy has been consulted upon on as part of the LDP Matters Arising Changes (MACs) statutory consultation process as supporting evidence and no issues arose from that to question the strategy's content or outcomes. It will be further developed by a proposed multi-agency coordinating board (see below) before being brought back to the Cabinet for consideration.
1.10	The first element of the strategy is to facilitate the delivery of development and avoid adverse effects on the SAC from planned growth as a result of the treatment of wastewater. In principle, new development will be 'phosphorus neutral' (i.e. will not add any additional phosphorus into the SAC). The responsibility for ensuring that development provides this mitigation (so-called 'Category 1' measures) lies with the Council as Local Planning Authority; hence a revised Flintshire LDP Policy EN15 Water Resources linked to this strategy. However, the strategy is very clear that new development is not responsible for addressing the vast majority of phosphorus pollution which comes from other sources.
1.11	The second element of the strategy is to deliver phosphorus reductions across the River Dee catchment, primarily caused by agriculture and discharges from WWTWs (so-called 'Category 2' measures). Responsibility for these actions lies with key stakeholders from all sectors, such as landowners, farmers, Welsh Water, NRW, WG and local councils in both North Wales and Northwest England. The strategy sets out a framework for these wider reductions and, importantly, the legislative and regulatory framework that already determines roles and responsibilities for delivering this work.
1.12	The strategy identifies a range of measures which are technically feasible and which can reasonably be delivered. These include agricultural source control, enhancement of WWTWs, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), Integrated Buffer Zones (IBZs) such as planting beds to keep livestock away from rivers, agricultural improvements and nature-based solutions (wetlands and tree planting).
1.13	The final section of the strategy covers implementation, the need for a (Section 106) developer contribution scheme where phosphorus derives from new development and potential sources of funding to address the wider issues (e.g. Welsh Government Grant in Aid, Strategic Allocated Funding and Water Quality Capital Fund, WG farming funding to deliver positive environmental benefits and AMP8, amongst several quoted

	sources). There are also targets and milestones to measure the success of the strategy. Beyond delivery of the milestones themselves, monitoring of water quality within the SAC will be necessary to provide confidence that the strategy is meeting its objectives.
1.14	The strategy recognises this is not just a problem for the Planning system or councils to resolve. Indeed, the biggest issues are in the wider catchment and outside the direct responsibility or control of the Council. Given the way that the Planning system is regulated by legislation, it has been relatively easy to direct the need to mitigate the impact of phosphorus to Planning, and it will continue to work to meet this obligation, but these will be of a relatively minor scale compared to the main contributors which are water treatment works and agricultural practices. It is considered that relatively minor improvements in these areas will have a much larger impact in reducing phosphorus levels than any work the Council could undertake. However, the Council is fully committed to playing its part in this issue and working successfully with other committed stakeholders.
1.15	Dee Catchment Nutrient Management Board Because the management of phosphorus across a river catchment area requires work by both private and public bodies and regulators, the DCPRS proposed that a multi-agency partnership called a 'Nutrient Management Board' (NMB) be created. This would be based on a similar board for the Rive Wye already in operation, and along the lines of many such partnerships already operating in North Wales, such as the AONB Joint Committee.
1.16	The creation of a board recognises that phosphorus pollution needs to be addressed by stakeholders under existing legislative and regulatory powers which already define their roles and responsibilities. Membership of the board will not impose any new statutory obligations, but provide a structure for coordinated, strategic multi-agency work.
1.17	The overarching purpose of the board will be to coordinate the reduction in phosphorus at a strategic catchment wide level, which will involve further developing the strategy and preparing and agreeing a more detailed action plan (DCPRAP) setting out specific targets (actions, numbers and sizes of interventions proposed and dates for implementation) roles and responsibilities.
1.18	The board will contain those bodies with regulatory responsibility for the condition of the SAC (Wrexham and Flintshire Councils in particular, but also other North Wales and Northwest England councils, NRW and Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water). In due course, membership could be expanded to include other local authorities within the Dee catchment and other regulatory and statutory bodies from the English side of the Dee (Natural England and Environment Agency).
1.19	Similar to the board created for the River Wye, it is proposed that the board be supported at an operational level by two sub-groups (a key stakeholder group, to ensure engagement with representatives from sectors directly impacted by phosphorus, such as agriculture and the

	development industry; and a technical officers group, with officers from the regulatory bodies providing technical support to the board).
1.20	The member organisations of the board and sub-groups will each have a role to play in delivering a range of existing schemes, policies and guidance to support the objectives of the strategy. Some of these opportunities include funding within their direct control.
1.21	The board would be chaired on a rolling basis, but Wrexham Council has taken the lead for the first meetings, to help build momentum. An exploratory inception took place on 21 st November 2022 although this was simply to establish the principle of the Board and discuss how to go forward. The Council was represented at senior officer level.
1.22	<p>Figure 1, below, shows a high-level breakdown of the proposed board and subgroups which would input into and coordinate the delivery of the Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Figure 1</p> <pre> graph TD NMB["Nutrient Management Board Members: Wrexham Council, other N Wales councils and adjoining English councils, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government, Dwr Cymru"] SG["Stakeholder Group Members: Relevant Local Authorities, Natural Resources Wales, Dwr Cymru, Welsh Government, National Farmers' Union, Farmers Union of Wales, Local Fisheries Groups, Afonydd Cymru, Welsh Dee Trust, LIFE Dee River, other interested groups"] TOG["Technical Officers Group Members: Officers from Flintshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government, Dwr Cymru"] NMB --- SG NMB --- TOG </pre>
1.23	The terms of reference of the board and sub-groups are set out in Appendix 2. They are based on the approach used in the River Wye board. It will be for the proposed board to agree their final form.
1.24	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>The strategy is a ‘live document’ and in any future version the milestones will reflect the level of detail available at the time, in particular the Category 1 and 2 measures which will be implemented through the strategy. The milestones will be updated with increasing specificity once further detail is available.</p>
1.25	The nature of the mitigation measures to be delivered is such that it is anticipated that ‘development windows’ will be agreed. These mean that a Developer Contribution Scheme will make provision for a quantum of mitigation to meet the needs of ‘x’ dwellings within period ‘y’ years. These will be defined on the basis of the timetable for delivery of specified mitigation measures and the phosphorus reductions which will be secured.

	This will ensure that occupation of development occurs in accordance with the delivery of necessary mitigation measures.
1.26	One of the first milestones in the strategy is the establishment of a Nutrient Management Board and an agreement on its terms of reference as soon as possible. Subsequent milestones will be dependent upon the operation of that board.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>Revenue: There are no direct financial consequences of the recommendations to create a coordinating board or the approval the strategy, although Welsh Government have identified the potential for a grant of £70,000 that can be applied for to support the establishment of the Board and/or fund the need for supporting studies etc. Wrexham Council will make the application to Welsh Government to secure this funding for the board.</p> <p>Capital: There are no implications for the approved capital programme for the current financial year and any impact on future years will be informed by the outcome of further work being carried out for the Council by consultants into the viability of developing wetlands downstream of the three affected WWTW in Flintshire</p> <p>Human Resources: The Lead Member and Chief Officer (or his deputy) will need to represent the Council on the Nutrient Management Board. There may also be a need for a specialist adviser/project officer, but this could be a joint post funded by developer contributions or from Welsh Government grant.</p>

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT		
3.01	<p>In order for the outcomes of the DCPRS to be acceptable both to NRW and to the LDP Examination Inspectors, a revised Habitats Regulations Assessment was carried out and submitted as part of the LDP Examination evidence submission.</p> <p>If the strategy's is not approved in principle, it will not be able to facilitate LDP Policy EN15 'Water Resources' which includes the delivery of measure specified in the Strategy and there will not be any of the necessary multi-agency coordination to reduce phosphates. In turn the sites that are affected in the LDP by the phosphates issue, will prove difficult to implement if deliverable mitigation cannot be identified.</p> <p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Long-term</td> <td>The aim of the DCPRS and the work of the NMB is to take a catchment wide multi-agency approach to finding solutions to the phosphates issue. The production of the strategy and inception of the Board are both</td> </tr> </table>	Long-term	The aim of the DCPRS and the work of the NMB is to take a catchment wide multi-agency approach to finding solutions to the phosphates issue. The production of the strategy and inception of the Board are both
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	positive steps in ensuring that the Council both fulfils its statutory responsibilities as a responsible body under the Habitat Regulations, as well as ensuring that the sites in its LDP can be developed.
Prevention	Identification of successful mitigation will not only allow affected development in the present LDP to be developed but also future proof this issue for the next version of the LDP
Integration	It is important to ensure that the LDP can make a full contribution to the National Policy driver for the Flintshire and Wrexham area, which is seen as a National Growth Area in the national development plan, Future Wales.
Collaboration	The issue of phosphate mitigation is not the sole responsibility of one Council or organisation and will only be successfully dealt with by taking a collaborative multi-agency approach.
Involvement	Having jointly produced the DCPRS which advocates the establishment of the NMB with Flintshire and Wrexham taking the lead, it is important for the Council to both formalise its support and attendance at the NMB,

Well-being Goals Impact

Prosperous Wales	Positive: The ability of the growth within the LDP to be able to contribute to local as well as national growth is important and the need to address the phosphates issue is a significant factor in ensuring that development does not stagnate.
Resilient Wales	Positive: Taking a shared responsibility for the health of Wales's rivers is important, and must be achieved by taking a collaborative and shared responsibility proportionate to the scale of the contribution made to the issue.
Healthier Wales	Neutral
More equal Wales	Neutral
Cohesive Wales	Neutral
Vibrant Wales	Positive: Flintshire is part of a National Growth Area and will be important to deliver growth and economic development to ensure that it continues to make a positive contribution to the economy of Wales
Globally responsible Wales	Positive: The DCPRS and formation of the NMB are not just to enable new development to take place, but to work on a broader catchment basis to ensure that the use of land can be done in a sustainable way that does not pollute the health of Wales's rivers

Council's well being goals?

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The DCPRS was consulted on as part of the LDP Matters Arising Changes (MAC) consultation where no adverse comments were received in relation to the purpose or content of the strategy. As part of the work of the NMB, further enhancement of the strategy wilol be required in order of support the development of an action plan and this will be the subject of reference to the NMB Stakeholder Group.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 DCPRS
5.02	Appendix 2 NMB Terms of reference

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Updated HRA of LDP

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Andy Roberts Service Manager Strategy Telephone: 01352703211/07920701241 E-mail: andy.roberts@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Nutrient Neutrality – Where the nutrients that arise from new development must be mitigated so that there is no net increase in nutrients entering SAC protected rivers from the new development</p> <p>Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) – Formerly the Planning Inspectorate</p> <p>Sustainable Urban drainage Systems (SuDS) – A new approach to surface water drainage from new development where the proposed approach should seek to take a more natural basis for drainage (soakaway, draining to watercourses) rather than revert to a piped system.</p> <p>Integrated Buffer Zones (IBZ) – These are nature-based approaches such as planting a belt of trees adjacent to SAC protected rivers in order to prevent livestock from entering the river and introducing direct pollutants.</p> <p>AMP8 – Welsh Water’s capital investment programme is organised on a five-year rolling basis and these are known as Asset Management Plans, with AMP8 covering the period 2025-2030.</p>

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Terms of Reference for the Nutrient Management Board's

Draft Terms of Reference:

1. The Nutrient Management Board is a long-term collaborative strategic partnership, entered into on a voluntary basis, with joint ownership of the Dee Catchment Phosphorus Reduction (DCPRS).
2. The objective of the Board is to identify and deliver actions that achieve the phosphorous conservation target of the River Dee SAC. The primary mechanism for achieving this will be through the delivery of the DCPRS.
3. Membership of the Board is shown in the schedule to this Terms of Reference.
4. Board Members will be responsible and accountable for the delivery of identified actions for their respective organisations, subject to any necessary democratic approval, and for identifying and obtaining the necessary resources to deliver the actions.
5. The Board will work together to review contributions across all organisations, working collaboratively to achieve the objectives and ensuring all members understand the issues and work together to resolve them.
6. The Board will prepare an Action Plan setting out a timetable with responsibility and accountability of measurable actions assigned to Board members. The Action Plan will include details of engagement with stakeholders including methods for community involvement to further the objectives of the Plan.
7. The Board will review performance and delivery of actions within the action plan and take timely corrective action where identified. The contributions of all organisations will be discussed as a whole.
8. The DCPRS will initially be reviewed annually and be subject to regular updates. Thereafter the DCPRS will be subject to mutually agreed reviewed periods as detailed in the action plan.
9. The Board will be supported by input from a Technical Group and a Stakeholder Group to help inform their decisions with the Board agreeing the frequency of Technical and Stakeholder Group meetings. Both groups will be formed on a catchment basis, with non-voting representation on the Nutrient Management Board. The terms of reference for both groups will be determined by the Board.
10. The Board will direct the Technical Group where additional actions or evidence is required.
11. The Board will be chaired by a representative of the Local Authority with the largest geographical SAC river catchment spread. In the future the chair will be rotated as agreed by the nutrient management board.

12. Board Members with voting rights will have 1 vote per Board Member. Any vote taken by a Board will not be binding upon Board Members.

Schedule
(Board Members)

Voting Board Members
WCBC - Lead Member for Organisation Planning & Corporate Services
WCBC - Head of Planning and Economy
FCC – Lead Member to be Confirmed
FCC - Chief Officer (Env. & Planning)
DCC - Lead Member for Environment and Transport
DCC - Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services
CCC – To be Confirmed
CCC – To be Confirmed
Snowdonia National Park - Director of Planning & Land Management
Natural Resources Wales - Head of Place NE Wales
Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water - Lead Forward Plans Officer
Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water - Wastewater Services Environment Manager
Developer Representative
Agricultural Representative
Non-Voting Board Members (To be Confirmed)
Representative(s) from Stakeholder Group
Representative from TAG



CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 20th December, 2022
Report Subject	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (Month 7)
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monthly report provides the latest detailed overview of the budget monitoring position in 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account for the financial year and presents the position, based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 7.

This report projects how the budget would stand at the close of the financial year, without new actions to reduce cost pressures and/or improve the financial return on efficiency planning and cost control is:

Council Fund

- An operating deficit of £0.094m (excluding the impact of the pay award which will need to be met by reserves), which is an adverse movement of £0.061m from the deficit figure reported at Month 6.
- A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £4.055m (after the impact of final pay awards)

Housing Revenue Account

- Net in-year revenue expenditure forecast to be £3.321m higher than budget
- A projected closing balance as at 31st March, 2023 of £3.153m

Hardship Funding from Welsh Government helped secure £16m of direct financial help last year and we have continued to claim payments in 2022/23 for Self-isolation and Statutory Sick Pay Enhancement, along with Free School Meals direct payments within their eligible periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget.
2	To approve the carry forward requests included in paragraph 1.07

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23
1.01	<p>Council Fund Projected Position</p> <p>The projected year end position, without mitigation to reduce cost pressures and improve the yield on efficiency planning, is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An operating deficit of £0.094m (excluding the impact of the pay award which will need to be met by reserves), which is an adverse movement of £0.061m from the figure reported at Month 7. • A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £4.055m (after the impact of pay awards) <p>To assist with managing risks and mitigating the overall projected overspend, the review of non-essential spend and a vacancy management process continues.</p>
1.02	<p>Hardship Funding from Welsh Government helped secure over £16m direct financial help last year and we have continued to claim payments in 2022/23 for Self-isolation and Statutory Sick Pay Enhancement, along with Free School Meals direct payments within their eligible periods. From the end of September, Winter Fuel Payments are also eligible to be claimed.</p>

1.03 **Table 1. Projected Position by Portfolio**

The table below shows the projected position by portfolio:

Portfolio/Service Area	Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	In-Year Over / (Under) spend
	£m	£m	£m
Social Services	77.969	78.641	0.672
Out of County Placements	15.101	16.207	1.105
Education & Youth	9.953	9.472	(0.481)
Schools	108.401	108.401	0.000
Streetscene & Transportation	38.466	39.538	1.072
Planning Env & Economy	6.797	6.240	(0.557)
People & Resources	4.324	4.259	(0.065)
Governance	10.772	10.152	(0.620)
Strategic Programmes	6.116	6.111	(0.005)
Assets	0.333	0.282	(0.051)
Housing & Communities	14.662	14.663	0.001
Chief Executive	2.235	2.152	(0.083)
Central & Corporate Finance	31.552	30.659	(0.893)
Total	326.682	326.778	0.094

1.04 The reasons for the projected variances are summarised within Appendix 1 and shows the detail of all variances over £0.050m and a summary of minor variances for each portfolio.

Significant Movements from Month 6

1.05 **Out of County Placements (£0.116m)**

- Children’s Services (£0.020m) – minor movements
- Education & Youth (£0.096m) – due to the impact of over provision for accruals of costs relating to the 2021/22 financial year payable to a Local Authority.

1.06 **Governance (£0.098m)**

Revenues (£0.090m)

- Further increase (£0.050m) to the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund; revised projected income for fines and enforcement fees (£0.040m).

Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder (£0.008m).

1.07	<p>Housing & Communities £0.232m</p> <p>The movement relates to a request for projected underspend of £0.240m on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) in the Benefits Service be carried forward to reserves to provide resilience against expected service budget pressures in future years.</p> <p>Minor movements across the Portfolio account for the remainder (£0.008m)</p> <p>In addition, a request for the carry forward of £0.093m which relates to unbudgeted amounts for the administration of grants received in respect of the Winter Fuel Support Scheme, self -isolation support and unpaid carers. This would provide further cover for the expected future pressures arising from overpayments of Benefits and the need to make an appropriate provision for bad debts.</p>
1.08	<p>There are a number of minor variances across the other Portfolios each below £0.030m that account for the remainder of the overall movement (£0.079m).</p>
1.09	<p>Tracking of In-Year Risks and Emerging Issues</p> <p>Members were made aware when setting the budget that there were a number of open risks that would need to be kept under close review. An update on these is provided below.</p>
1.10	<p>Council Tax Income</p> <p>'In-year' Council Tax collection levels, up to October 2022, are 66.4% compared to 66.5% in the previous year. Collections remain challenging as the rising costs-of-living are impacting on the ability of some households to make payment of council tax on time. The marginal 0.1% drop in collection levels is also consistent with other Welsh local authorities who are also seeing similar trends.</p>
1.11	<p>Pay Award (Teacher and Non-Teacher)</p> <p>The offer from the National employers for NJC employees of £1,925 on all spinal column points has now been accepted with back pay made to employees in November. This equates to an increase of 2.54% on the highest scale point to 10.5% on the lowest point.</p> <p>The Minister for Education has confirmed the pay award for teachers at 5%.</p> <p>The Council has provided for an uplift of 3.5% for Teaching and Non-Teaching staff – the increase above this level requires the Council to utilise reserves to fund the difference in the current financial year.</p> <p>The impact on 2022/23 is as follows:</p> <p>The in-year additional cost of the 2022/23 pay awards that will need to be met from reserves in-year has been recalculated to £3.955m after taking into account the reversal of the additional 1.25% rate of National Insurance (NI) from November.</p>

	<p>The above will also impact on the MTFs with the full year impact of the teachers' pay award increasing the impact for 2023/24 to £6.107m.</p> <p>There will also be an additional efficiency in 2023/24 for the full year NI reduction of £1.331m.</p>
1.12	<p>Other Tracked Risks</p> <p>In addition, there are a number of risks being tracked which may be subject to change and these are summarised below.</p>
1.13	<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Impact</p> <p>An update on the latest budget position was reported in November prior to the formal Overview and Scrutiny Process in December which showed a potential increase in the additional budget requirement for 2023/24 to around £32m. An update to the overall position and feedback from the overview and scrutiny meetings will be reported elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>All Portfolios consider their financial position, the risks within their service and the impacts on the Medium Term on a monthly basis as part of their Portfolio Management Team meetings.</p>
1.14	<p>Out of County Placements</p> <p>The risks include continued high demand for placements where children and young people cannot be supported within in-house provision, and market supply limitation factors and inflationary pressures leading to higher costs.</p> <p>There is a projected overspend of £1.105m for the current cohort of placements, however, this is likely to increase if demand for new placement remains at the current levels. There have been 48 new placements in the year to date with costs totaling £3.3m within the total projected spend for the year of £16.3m, which amounts to over 20%.</p> <p>The service areas within this pooled budget will continue to do everything possible to manage these risks and additional investment has already been made to further develop in-house provision to help to mitigate against such financial pressures.</p>
1.15	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) – Based on current demand, costs are currently projected to be £0.610m below budget, although this will be monitored closely throughout the year due to the potential for growth.</p> <p>There is continued high demand across the whole of the Benefits service which is expected to remain the case for the foreseeable future. There is a significant pressure on recovery of overpayments which is a combination of a shortfall of recovery against the level of income target budget which is partly influenced by lower number of overpayments occurring, and also the need to increase the bad debt provision on historic debt.</p>

	<p>The increased staffing levels are still required, and those costs are now being met in full from the additional funding of £0.300m previously approved to provide the service with the additional flexibility needed to adapt to and meet the sustained increase in customer demand.</p>
1.16	<p>Homelessness</p> <p>The risk is a consequence of the cessation of funding support from the Welsh Government COVID-19 Hardship Fund at the end of 2021/22.</p> <p>Although, there is continued support via the new Homelessness – No One Left Out grant, this still falls well below the amount of support we received via the Hardship Fund in 2020/21 and 2021/22.</p> <p>Although it has been possible to contain some of the expected pressure through prepaid accommodation to the end of September 2022, which has been funded by the COVID-19 Hardship Fund, the expected continued high demand for temporary accommodation including short term Bed & Breakfast provision will continue to present significant challenges.</p> <p>We continue to strategically use increased allocations of Housing Support Grant working with external partners, but there remains a risk that the costs of statutory provision of support for Homelessness may exceed existing funding provision from base budget and available grant funding.</p>
1.17	<p>Achievement of Planned In-Year Efficiencies</p> <p>The 2022/23 budget contains £1.341m of specific efficiencies which are tracked and monitored throughout the year. The Council aims to achieve a 95% rate in 2022/23 as reflected in the MTFs KPI's and fully achieved all efficiencies in the previous financial year</p> <p>It is projected that all efficiencies will be achieved in 2022/23 and further details can be seen in Appendix 3.</p>
1.18	<p>Unearmarked Reserves</p> <p>The final level of Council Fund Contingency Reserve brought forward into 2022/23 was £7.098m as detailed in the 2021/22 outturn report (subject to Audit). In addition, the Council has set-aside a further £3.250m to the carried forward £2.066m COVID-19 Emergency Reserve being a total of £5.316m as a safeguard against the continuing impacts of the pandemic (additional costs and lost income).</p> <p>Some claims for March 2022 were disallowed by WG and Internal claims for Quarter 1 and 2 have been made in 2022/23 relating to additional costs in Schools, Streetscene & Transportation and for income losses within AURA. These total £0.991m and the balance on the COVID-19 Emergency Reserve is currently £4.325m.</p> <p>After taking into account all of the above there is a projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £4.055m (after the impact of final pay awards totalling £3.955m).</p>

1.19	Housing Revenue Account The 2021/22 Outturn Report to Cabinet on 12 July 2022 showed an un-earmarked closing balance at the end of 2021/22 of £3.616m and a closing balance of earmarked reserves of £1.622m.
1.20	The 2022/23 budget for the HRA is £37.755m which includes a movement of £2.858m to reserves.
1.21	The monitoring for the HRA is projecting in year expenditure to be £3.321m higher than budget and a closing un-earmarked balance as at 31 March 2023 of £3.153m, which at 8.35% of total expenditure satisfies the prudent approach of ensuring a minimum level of 3%. Appendix 4 attached refers.
1.22	The monthly movement from Month 6 totalled £0.003m, being net minor variances.
1.23	The budget contribution towards capital expenditure (CERA) is £10.898m with the actual contribution projected to be £13.755m at outturn.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As set out within the report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	The financial impacts as set out in the report are a combination of actual costs and losses to date and estimates of costs and losses for the future. There is the possibility that the estimates will change over time. The budget will be monitored closely, and mitigation actions taken wherever possible.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	None specific.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Fund – Movement in Variances from Month 6 Appendix 2: Council Fund – Budget Variances Appendix 3: Council Fund – Programme of Efficiencies Appendix 4: Council Fund – Movement on Un-earmarked Reserves Appendix 5: Housing Revenue Account Variances

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
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6.01	Various budget records.
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7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Dave Ledsham Strategic Finance Manager</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 704503</p> <p>E-mail: dave.ledsham@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Budget: a statement expressing the Council’s policies and service levels in financial terms for a particular financial year. In its broadest sense it includes both the revenue budget and capital programme and any authorised amendments to them.</p> <p>Council Fund: the fund to which all the Council’s revenue expenditure is charged.</p> <p>Financial Year: the period of twelve months commencing on 1 April.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account: the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a local authority account showing current income and expenditure on housing services related to its own housing stock. The account is separate from the Council Fund and trading accounts and is funded primarily from rents and government subsidy.</p> <p>Intermediate Care Fund: Funding provided by Welsh Government to encourage integrated working between local authorities, health and housing.</p> <p>Projected Outturn: projection of the expenditure to the end of the financial year, made on the basis of actual expenditure incurred to date.</p> <p>Reserves: these are balances in hand that have accumulated over previous years and are held for defined (earmarked reserves) and general (general reserves) purposes. Councils are required to regularly review the level and purpose of their reserves and to take account of the advice of the Chief Finance Officer.</p> <p>Revenue: a term used to describe the day-to-day costs of running Council services and income deriving from those services. It also includes charges for the repayment of debt, including interest, and may include direct financing of capital expenditure.</p> <p>Variance: difference between latest budget and actual income or expenditure. Can be to date if reflecting the current or most up to date position or projected, for example projected to the end of the month or financial year.</p>

<p>Virement: the transfer of budget provision from one budget head to another. Virement decisions apply to both revenue and capital expenditure heads, and between expenditure and income, and may include transfers from contingency provisions. Virements may not however be approved between capital and revenue budget heads.</p>

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MONTH 7 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	-0.075	Domiciliary and Direct Payment costs decreased by £0.091m based on recent activity. The residential care budget reduced by £0.083m. The Localities staffing costs increased by £0.059m mostly as a result of the requirement to extend some agency contracts. The Minor Adaptations budget increased by £0.038m due to activity based spend.
Regional Integration Fund	0.079	The Step Down Regional Integration Fund (RIF) scheme which enables quicker discharges from hospitals by placing people into short term care before it is safe for them to return home is already fully spent. Currently it is unlikely that slippage from other RIF schemes will be able to offset this additional pressure and any additional step down costs will increase this overspend unless Welsh Government provide additional funding.
Minor Variances	0.010	
Adults of Working Age		
Children to Adult Transition Services	-0.056	These are the costs for young adults who are transferring from Children's Services to Adult Social Care this financial year. Care costs are estimated early on, but once services are agreed actual costs may vary. This month has seen a reduction on expected spend for care packages.
Residential Placements	0.073	The increase in expenditure is as a result of net changes to care packages and an additional agreed care package.
Minor Variances	-0.027	
Children's Services		
Minor Variances	0.013	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Charging Policy income	-0.025	Income received through the charging policy is expected to increase
Management & Support	0.033	Deferment to 2023/24 of the in-year reduction to the Regional Collaboration Team contribution
Minor Variances	0.012	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.037	
Out of County		
Children's Services	-0.020	
Education & Youth	-0.096	Mainly due to the impact of over provision for accruals of costs relating to 2021/22 payable to another Local Authority which had been overstated within the recharge schedule
Total Out of County	-0.116	
Education & Youth		
Minor Variances	-0.040	Cumulative net movements across the portfolio
Total Education & Youth	-0.040	
Schools	0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Service Delivery	0.029	Additional Security costs and Agency costs Increase
Transportation	0.033	School Transport costs increased due to capacity issues on a commercial bus service
Regulatory Services	-0.027	Vacancy savings due to delayed recruitment.
Other Minor Variances	-0.003	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.033	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Impact of Covid-19	0.021	Costs now projected to the end of the financial year.
Minor Variances	0.001	
Total Planning & Environment	0.022	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.006	
Corporate Finance	-0.001	
Total People & Resources	0.005	
Governance		
Legal Services	0.024	Additional locum/agency costs
Revenues	-0.090	At Month 7 a further revision to the potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund £0.050m; revised projection in income from fines £0.023m
Minor Variances	-0.031	
Total Governance	-0.098	
Strategic Programmes		
Minor Variances	0.003	
Total Strategic Programmes	0.003	
Assets		
Caretaking & Security	-0.013	
Industrial Units	-0.008	
Minor Variances	-0.012	
Total Assets	-0.033	
Housing and Community		
Benefits	0.241	Underspends which are being requested to be carried forward to reserves to provide resilience against expected service budget pressures in future years
Minor Variances	-0.009	
Total Housing and Community	0.232	
Chief Executive's	0.002	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.010	
Centralised Costs	0.025	
Grand Total	0.061	

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Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
Social Services							
Older People							
Localities	20.679	20.088	-0.591		-0.516	The commissioned Older Peoples domiciliary and Direct Payment budget is expected to underspend by £0.848m based on recent months activity. There are recruitment and retention challenges within this service which is limiting the amount of care which can be purchased. The residential care budget is projecting a £0.241m overspend due to the cost of placements net of income such as Free Nursing Care, Regional Integration Fund contributions and property income. The Localities staffing budget is expected to overspend by £0.009m. There is an underspend of £0.033m for day services and the Minor Adaptations budget is expected to overspend by £0.038m.	
Regional Integration Fund	0.000	0.165	0.165		0.086	The Step Down Regional Integration Fund (RIF) scheme which enables quicker hospital discharges by placing people into short term residential care until it is safe for them to return home, has already fully spent. At this moment it seems unlikely slippage from other RIF schemes will be able to offset the additional pressure.	
Minor Variances	10.190	10.213	0.023		0.013		
Adults of Working Age							
Resources & Regulated Services	29.481	29.732	0.251		0.258	The PDSI (Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment) budget is reporting a £0.125m overspend due to net costs of care packages. The in-house Supported Living service is £0.163m overspent and will likely increase as it continues agency cover is required. The Learning Disability Daycare and Workscheme budget is £0.077m overspent due mostly to inflationary pressures. The care package costs for independently provided care for Learning Disability Services is £0.114m underspent.	
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.951	1.100	0.149		0.205	These are the costs of care for young adults who are transferring to Adult Social Care from Childrens Services this financial year. Care costs are initially estimated but once servicees have been agreed the actual cost may be different.	
Professional and Administrative Support	0.367	0.315	-0.052		-0.029	Some temporary vacancies are resulting in in year savings.	
Residential Placements	1.956	2.409	0.453		0.380	Cost of currently commissioned care packages within the Mental Health Service.	
Professional Support	0.774	0.834	0.060		0.040	Increased contributions to the Nort East Wales emergency duty team and some staffing overspends.	
Minor Variances	2.892	2.826	-0.066		-0.050		
Children's Services							
Family Placement	2.862	2.809	-0.052		-0.047	Due to current in-house fostering and special guardianship order placement costs.	
Grants	0.236	0.287	0.051		0.037	There are a few smaller variances which are contributing to the overspend on the integrated working budget. These include a £0.010m additional cost for advocacy and some variation for staff costs.	
Family Support	0.375	0.513	0.137		0.137	Costs are based upon the current activity levels over the last few months and projected forward for the rest of the year. Workforce costs, primarily sesional staff are the primary cost driver for the service.	
Legal & Third Party	0.232	0.717	0.485		0.509	Legal costs are overspent by £0.239m due to the number of cases going through the courts and some use of legal professionals. Direct Payments also continue to increase in demand and are overspent by £0.246m	

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Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
Residential Placements	1.312	0.981	-0.331		-0.336	The in-year operating of some Childrens Residential care settings will mean that there will be one off savings, in addition it is expected that there will be non-recurring grant from Welsh Government to support start up costs.	
Professional Support	6.173	6.438	0.265		0.243	To support adequate levels of child protection the established staffing structure needs to be at a sufficient level to meet mandatory safeguarding standards. Vacancies are minimised and additional temporary posts are sometimes required to meet the challenges and demands of Childrens Services. There is an assumption that Welsh Government will allow for flexible use of Childrens Services grants as in previous years which results in some cost pressures being offset.	
Minor Variances	0.440	0.441	0.001		-0.001		
Safeguarding & Commissioning							
Business Systems & Financial Assessments	0.831	0.908	0.077		0.063	There are additional one off costs of £0.018m for an IT system upgrade. In addition there are temporary uplifts in hours which have increased staff costs. These additional costs are funded from underspends within the Business Support Service.	
Business Support Service	1.195	1.140	-0.055		-0.054	The underspend is due to a decrease in staff costs from vacancies which are unlikely to be filled this year.	
Safeguarding Unit	1.291	1.096	-0.194		-0.214	A consultation for the updated Liberty Protection Safeguard legislation continues to be undertaken. Due to the implementation delay for this legislation there will be an in-year saving.	
Commissioning	0.679	0.628	-0.051		-0.027	Vacancies have resulted in in-year cost reductions	
Minor Variances	-4.947	-4.999	-0.052		-0.064		
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	77.969	78.641	0.672	0.000	0.635		
Out of County							
Children's Services	10.097	11.600	1.502		1.523	The projected overspend reflects significant additional demands on the service in the year to date with 31 new placements having been made in the year to date - most of which are high cost residential placements - there is provision for a contingency sum of £0.250m, for net impacts of further new placements and other placement changes, but this may not prove to be enough.	
Education & Youth	5.004	4.607	-0.397		-0.301	The latest underspend reflects projected costs for the current cohort of placements and there have been 23 new placements in the year to date with further new placements also likely to emerge as the year progresses, for which contingency provision of £0.050m has been made.	
Total Out of County	15.101	16.207	1.105	0.000	1.222		
Education & Youth							
Inclusion & Progression	5.251	5.174	-0.077		-0.055	The latest underspend position reflects further savings within the ALN (Additional Learning Needs) by maximising grants and long term staff sickness. Also savings identified within EAL (English as an Additional Language) service, also by maximising grants against core staff. Part of the service savings have been captured as part of Plas Derwen, due to part year vacancies for senior staff.	
Integrated Youth Provision	1.035	0.978	-0.057		-0.046	The projected underspend is mainly due to staffing savings	

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Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
School Improvement Systems	1.889	1.736	-0.154		-0.142	Payments to NMS (Non Maintained Settings) and MS (Maintained Settings) projected similar to those in 21/22. Welsh Government have announced continuation of top-up funding to £5 p/hour so give the Early Entitlement budget increasing financial capacity. Alongside this, RRRS (Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards) and Early Years Pupil Development grant increases announced allow core budget to be released. Proposed efficiency savings currently under review.	
School Planning & Provision	0.671	0.580	-0.091		-0.076	Projected underspend on insurance liability claims costs and some salary savings	
Minor Variances	1.106	1.004	-0.103		-0.123		
Total Education & Youth	9.953	9.472	-0.481	0.000	-0.442		
Schools	108.401	108.401	0.000		0.000		
Streetscene & Transportation							
Service Delivery	9.277	9.486	0.209		0.180	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.100m for security costs at the Household Recycling Centres. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.070m revenue pressure on the Community Council income budget. Additional £0.100m overspend is attributable to high sickness levels/agency costs. The overall overspend is partially offset by additional income achieved through in-house construction work.	
Highways Network	8.096	8.582	0.486		0.489	Highways is incurring a revenue pressure of £0.400m in Fleet Services as a result of rising fuel costs. Also additional £0.050m increase in weed spraying contractor costs following concerns raised in Scrutiny, which cannot be covered by our existing budget.	
Transportation	10.031	10.482	0.451		0.418	Local bus subsidy is incurring an overspend of £0.100m due to the Park and Ride Service and Service 5. School Transport is incurring a revenue pressure of £0.090m, due to a shortfall in budget for 3 additional school days driven by Easter timelines in this financial year. At Period 5 there was an additional pressure of £0.200m identified in School Transport due to additional demand (PRUs/ALN) 6 routes in total equating to £270.00 per day. School transport is also facing an additional revenue pressure of £0.030m in Period 7 due to capacity issues on a commercial bus service. There may be further cost increases towards the end of this financial year due to rising transport operator costs (fuel, driver wages, insurance, energy etc).	
Regulatory Services	11.062	10.988	-0.074		-0.048	Regulatory Services has an underspend of £0.053m due to vacancies within the service. Increased rebate rates for the sale of electricity and improving car parking income has increased income by £0.020m.	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	38.466	39.538	1.072	-0.000	1.039		
Planning, Environment & Economy							
Community	0.890	0.964	0.074		0.073	Fee income shortfalls in Licensing and Pest Control and historic business planning efficiency £0.024m not realised	
Development	0.146	-0.438	-0.584		-0.589	Favourable variance following receipt of two high value one off Planning Fee each approx £0.300m	
Management & Strategy	1.385	1.293	-0.092		-0.095	Staff savings from vacant posts	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.054	COVID-19 related additional cleaning costs for Countryside Service and Environmental Health Officer costs	
Minor Variances	4.376	4.346	-0.029		-0.022		

Budget Monitoring Report

Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
Total Planning & Environment	6.797	6.241	-0.557	0.075	-0.579		
People & Resources							
HR & OD	2.284	2.246	-0.037		-0.043		
Corporate Finance	2.041	2.006	-0.035		-0.034		
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008		
Total People & Resources	4.324	4.260	-0.065	0.008	-0.069		
Governance							
Legal Services	0.884	0.940	0.056		0.033	Additional costs for locum services covering vacant posts	
Democratic Services	2.374	2.299	-0.074		-0.079	Variance as a result of the Members Allowances new rate not being implemented until May, 2022 and lower than anticipated take up of both Broadband and Pension Allowances (£0.108m) ; mitigated by the inception of the new Climate Change Committee Chair person Allowance plus minor variances across Service	
ICT	4.960	4.893	-0.068		-0.051	Vacancy savings together with a reduced contribution to DCC for procurement	
Customer Services	1.018	0.856	-0.162		-0.160	Registrars Fee Income higher than anticipated and savings from vacant posts	
Revenues	0.201	-0.113	-0.314		-0.223	The variance results from the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.250m) based on current information; minor variance across the service	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001		
Minor Variances	1.336	1.277	-0.059		-0.043		
Total Governance	10.772	10.152	-0.620	0.001	-0.523		
Strategic Programmes							
Minor Variances	6.116	6.111	-0.005		-0.008		
Total Strategic Programmes	6.116	6.111	-0.005	0.000	-0.008		
Assets							
Caretaking & Security	0.264	0.170	-0.094		-0.080	Savings on staffing due to vacancies	
Minor Variances	0.069	0.112	0.043		0.062	Cumulative minor variances across the service	
Total Assets	0.333	0.282	-0.051	0.000	-0.019		
Housing and Community							
Minor Variances	14.662	14.663	0.001		-0.231		
Total Housing and Community	14.662	14.663	0.001	0.000	-0.231		
Chief Executive's	2.235	2.152	-0.083		-0.085	Variance relates to vacant post and not all staff at top of scale	
Central & Corporate Finance	28.769	27.828	-0.941		-0.931	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recouperment against actuarial projections based on the current level of contributions together with a revised projection on the Central Loans & investment Account (CLIA) reported at Month 6	
Centralised Costs	2.783	2.778	-0.005		-0.030		
Soft Loan Mitigation	0.000	0.053	0.053		0.053		
Grand Total	326.682	326.778	0.094	0.084	0.033		

2022/23 Efficiencies Outturn Tracker - Month 7

Efficiency Description	Accountable Officer	Efficiency Target	Projected Efficiency	(Under)/Over Achievement	Efficiency Open/Closed (O/C)	Confidence in Achievement of Efficiency - Based on (see below) R = High Assumption A = Medium Assumption G = Figures Confirmed
		2022/23 £m	2022/23 £m	2022/23 £m		
Portfolio						
Corporate						
Increase in Reserves	Rachel Parry Jones	0.471	0.471	0.000	C	G
Utility Inflation	Rachael Corbelli	0.085	0.085	0.000	C	G
Efficiency from Restructure	Corporate Policy Rachel Parry Jones	0.025	0.025	0.000	C	G
Recharge to HRA	Chief Executive post to HRA 50% Rachel Parry Jones	0.027	0.027	0.000	C	G
Total Corporate Services		0.608	0.608	0.000		
Housing & Assets						
Connahs Quay Power Station	Neal Cockerton	0.290	0.290	0.000	C	G
Rent Newydd	Neal Cockerton	0.020	0.020	0.000	C	G
Total Housing & Assets		0.310	0.310	0.000		
Social Services						
Sleep in Pressure not Required	Neil Ayling	0.123	0.123	0.000	C	G
Total Social Services		0.123	0.123	0.000		
Governance						
Single Person Discount Review (One Off)	Gareth Owens	0.300	0.300	0.000	O	G
Total Governance		0.300	0.300	0.000		
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies		1.341	1.341	0.000		

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	%	£
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies	100	1.341
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	0	0.000
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	100	1.341
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies (Less Previously agreed Decisions)	100	0.000
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	0	0.000
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	0	0.000

Corporate Efficiencies Remaining from Previous Years

Income Target Remaining	£m
Income Target Efficiency remaining from Previous Years	0.041
Fees and charges increase 1st October, 2022	(0.026)
Total Income Efficiency Remaining	0.015

(0.015)

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Movements on Council Fund Unearmarked Reserves

	£m	£m
Total Reserves as at 1 April 2022	18.438	
Less - Base Level	(5.769)	
Total Reserves above base level available for delegation to Cabinet		12.669
Less - COVID-19 Emergency Funding Allocation		5.316
Less - Childrens Services Social Work Costs (approved 21/22)		0.157
Less - Children's Services front door service - agency workers (approved by Cabinet on 28th June)		0.300
Add - Total Balances Released to Reserves (Month 5)		1.208
Less - impact of the final pay awards		3.955
Less - Month 7 projected outturn		0.094
Total Contingency Reserve available for use		4.055

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Budget Monitoring Report
Housing Revenue Account Variances

MONTH 7 - SUMMARY

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variance	Action Required
Housing Revenue Account						
Income	(37.755)	(37.278)	0.477	0.454	We are currently projecting a variance of £0.477m due to loss of rental income in relation to void properties. Of this, £0.371m relates to void properties, £0.092m relates to utilities costs on void properties and £0.029m relates to void garages. The remaining (£0.015m) relates to other minor variances.	
Capital Financing - Loan Charges	6.723	6.723				
Estate Management	2.263	2.067	(0.197)	(0.162)	Additional cost of agency positions of £0.160m, which is offset by vacancy savings of (£0.196m) and additional funding from the Housing Support Grant of (£0.120m). Other minor variances of (£0.041m).	
Landlord Service Costs	1.265	1.327	0.062	0.061	Salary savings of (£0.044m) are currently being projected within the service which offset agency costs of £0.024m. There is a forecasted pressure on utilities costs of £0.062m. The remaining variance of £0.020m is down to other minor movements.	
Repairs & Maintenance	10.908	10.985	0.077	0.079		
Management & Support Services	2.716	2.762	0.045	0.035	Savings of (£0.072m) have been projected based on current vacancies within the service and a further (£0.100m) efficiency has been identified through a review of central support recharges. Costs of legal advice in respect of the Renting Homes Wales Act £0.017m. Pressure in relation to insurance costs currently forecasted to be £0.169m. Other minor variances of £0.031m.	
Capital Expenditure From Revenue (CERA)	10.898	13.755	2.857	2.857		
HRA Projects	0.122	0.122	(0.000)	(0.000)		
Contribution To / (From) Reserves	2.858	2.858				
Total Housing Revenue Account	(0.000)	3.321	3.321	3.324		

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23 for approval and recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.0	EXPLAINING THE MID YEAR REPORT
1.01	The Council has nominated the Governance and Audit Committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies. The Governance and Audit Committee has previously agreed to include treasury management as a standing item on each quarterly agenda to receive an update.
1.02	On 15 th February 2022, the Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23, following the recommendation of the Cabinet and consideration by the Governance and Audit Committee.

	<u>Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23</u>
1.03	The draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2022/23 is attached as Appendix 1 for review. As required by the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, this review has been reported to Governance and Audit Committee on 14 th November 2022 and will be reported to Council on 24 th January 2023.
	<u>Summary of Key Points</u>
1.04	<p>The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has continued to put pressure on global inflation and the economic outlook for UK and world growth remains weak. The UK political situation towards the end of the period following the 'fiscal event' increased uncertainty further.</p> <p>The economic backdrop during the April to September period continued to be characterised by high oil, gas and commodity prices, ongoing high inflation and its impact on consumers' cost of living, no imminent end in sight to the Russia-Ukraine hostilities and its associated impact on the supply chain.</p> <p>The Bank of England have increased the official Bank Rate to 2.25% over the period.</p>
1.05	No new long or short term borrowing was undertaken during the period. The Council continues to regularly review the position on its long-term borrowing requirement in conjunction with advice from Arlingclose. The borrowing strategy continues to address the key issue of affordability without compromising the longer-term stability of the debt portfolio. Section 4 provides more information on borrowing and debt management during the period.
1.06	Interest rates on investments have been increasing throughout the period, the average rate of return for the period being 1.05%. Section 5 of the report provides more information on the Council's investments.
1.07	The treasury function has operated fully within the limits detailed in the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Financial implications are addressed in the report; no other resource implications directly as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's treasury management advisors.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Risk Management directly addressed within the report and appendices including identification of risks and measures to mitigate likelihood and impact of risks identified.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	1. Draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022/23

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Chris Taylor - Strategic Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 703309 E-mail: Christopher.taylor@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Authorised Limit: A statutory limit that sets the maximum level of external debt for the Council.</p> <p>Balances and Reserves: Accumulated sums that are held, either for specific future costs or commitments (known as earmarked) or generally held to meet unforeseen or emergency expenditure.</p> <p>Bank Rate: The official interest rate set by the Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee and what is generally termed at the “base rate”.</p> <p>Basis Point: A unit of measure used in finance to describe the percentage change in the value or rate of a financial instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01% (1/100th of a percent). In most cases, it refers to changes in interest rates and bond yields. For example, if interest rates rise by 25 basis points, it means that rates have risen by 0.25% percentage points.</p> <p>Bond: A certificate of debt issued by a company, government, or other institution. The bond holder receives interest at a rate stated at the time of issue of the bond. The price of a bond may vary during its life.</p> <p>Capital Expenditure: Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of capital assets.</p>

Capital Financing Requirement (CFR): The Council's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes representing the cumulative capital expenditure of the local authority that has not been financed.

Certificates of Deposits (CD's): A savings certificate entitling the bearer to receive interest. A CD bears a maturity date, a specified fixed interest rate and can be issued in any denomination. CDs are generally issued by commercial banks. The term of a CD generally ranges from one month to five years.

Consumer Price Index (CPI): The UK's main measure of inflation (along with Retail Price Index or 'RPI') The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England set the Bank Rate in order to try and keep CPI at or close to the target set by the Government. The calculation of CPI includes many items of normal household expenditure but excludes some items such as mortgage interest payments and Council Tax.

Corporate Bonds: Corporate bonds are bonds issued by companies. The term is often used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments in their own currencies and includes issues by companies, supranational organisations and government agencies.

Cost of Carry: The "cost of carry" is the difference between what is paid to borrow compared to the interest which could be earned. For example, if one takes out borrowing at 5% and invests the money at 1.5%, there is a cost of carry of 3.5%.

Counterparty List: List of approved financial institutions with which the Council can place investments.

Credit Rating: Formal opinion by a registered rating agency of a counterparty's future ability to meet its financial liabilities; these are opinions only and not guarantees.

Debt Management Office (DMO): The DMO is an Executive Agency of Her Majesty's Treasury and provides direct access for local authorities into a government deposit facility known as the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility (DMADF). All deposits are guaranteed by HM Government and therefore have the equivalent of a sovereign credit rating.

Federal Reserve: The US central bank, the equivalent of the Bank of England. (Often referred to as "the Fed").

Financial Instruments: Financial instruments are tradable assets of any kind. They can be cash, evidence of an ownership interest in an entity, or a contractual right to receive or deliver cash or another financial instrument

Gilts: Gilts are bonds issued by the UK Government. They take their name from 'gilt-edged'. They are deemed to be very secure as the investor expects to receive the full face value of the bond to be repaid on maturity.

IFRS: International Financial Reporting Standards.

LIBID: The London Interbank Bid Rate (LIBID) is the rate bid by banks on Eurocurrency deposits (i.e. the rate at which a bank is willing to borrow from other banks).

LIBOR: The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is the rate of interest that banks charge to lend money to each other. The British Bankers' Association (BBA) work with a small group of large banks to set the LIBOR rate each day. The wholesale markets allow banks who need money to borrow from those with surplus amounts. The banks with surplus amounts of money are keen to lend so that they can generate interest which it would not otherwise receive.

LOBO: Stands for Lender Option Borrower Option. The underlying loan facility is typically very long-term - for example 40 to 60 years - and the interest rate is fixed. However, in the LOBO facility the lender has the option to call on the facilities at pre-determined future dates. On these call dates, the lender can propose or impose a new fixed rate for the remaining term of the facility and the borrower has the 'option' to either accept the new imposed fixed rate or repay the loan facility.

Low Volatility Net Asset Value Money Market Funds (LVNAV MMFs): refers to highly liquid money market funds which aim to maintain the level of their worth by investing in very secure instruments.

Maturity: The date when an investment or borrowing is repaid.

Maturity Structure / Profile: A table or graph showing the amount (or percentage) of debt or investments maturing over a time period.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP): An annual provision that the Council is statutorily required to set aside and charge to the Revenue Account for the repayment of debt associated with expenditure incurred on capital assets.

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC): Government Body that sets the Bank Rate. Its primary target is to keep inflation within 1% of a central target of 2%. Its secondary target is to support the Government in maintaining high and stable levels of growth and employment.

Money Market Funds (MMF): Pooled funds which invest in a range of short term assets providing high credit quality and high liquidity.

Non Specified Investment: Investments which fall outside the WG Guidance for Specified investments (below).

Operational Boundary: This linked directly to the Council's estimates of the CFR and estimates of other day to day cash flow requirements. This indicator is based on the same estimates as the Authorised Limit reflecting the most likely prudent but not worst case scenario but without the additional headroom included within the Authorised Limit.

Premiums and Discounts: In the context of local authority borrowing, (a) the premium is the penalty arising when a loan is redeemed prior to its maturity date and

(b) the discount is the gain arising when a loan is redeemed prior to its maturity date.

Prudential Code: Developed by CIPFA and introduced in April 2004 as a professional code of practice to support local authority capital investment planning within a clear, affordable, prudent and sustainable framework and in accordance with good professional practice.

Prudential Indicators: Indicators determined by the local authority to define its capital expenditure and asset management framework. They are designed to support and record local decision making in a manner that is publicly accountable; they are not intended to be comparative performance indicators

Public Works Loans Board (PWLB): The PWLB is a statutory body operating within the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, an Executive Agency of HM Treasury. The PWLB's function is to lend money from the National Loans Fund to local authorities and other prescribed bodies, and to collect the repayments.

Quantitative Easing (QE): In relation to the UK, it is the process used by the Bank of England to directly increase the quantity of money in the economy. It does not involve printing more banknotes. Instead, the Bank buys assets from private sector institutions – that could be insurance companies, pension funds, banks or non-financial firms – and credits the seller's bank account. So the seller has more money in their bank account, while their bank holds a corresponding claim against the Bank of England (known as reserves). The end result is more money out in the wider economy.

Retail Price Index (RPI): A monthly index demonstrating the movement in the cost of living as it tracks the prices of goods and services including mortgage interest and rent.

Revenue Expenditure: Expenditure to meet the continuing cost of delivery of services including salaries and wages, the purchase of materials and capital financing charges.

Specified Investments: Term used in the Welsh Assembly Guidance for Local Authority Investments. Investments that offer high security and high liquidity, in sterling and for no more than one year. UK government, local authorities and bodies that have a high credit rating.

Supported Borrowing: Borrowing for which the costs are supported by the government or third party.

Supranational Bonds: Instruments issued by supranational organisations created by governments through international treaties (often called multilateral development banks). The bonds carry an AAA rating in their own right. Examples of supranational organisations are the European Investment Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Temporary Borrowing: Borrowing to cover peaks and troughs of cash flow, not to fund capital spending.

Term Deposits: Deposits of cash with terms attached relating to maturity and rate of return (Interest).

Treasury Bills (T-Bills): Treasury Bills are short term Government debt instruments and, just like temporary loans used by local authorities, are a means to manage cash flow. They are issued by the Debt Management Office and are an eligible sovereign instrument, meaning that they have an AAA-rating.

Treasury Management Code: CIPFA's Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services, initially brought in 2003, subsequently updated in 2009 and 2011.

Treasury Management Practices (TMP): Treasury Management Practices set out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve its policies and objectives and prescribe how it will manage and control these activities.

Unsupported Borrowing: Borrowing which is self-financed by the local authority. This is also sometimes referred to as Prudential Borrowing.

Yield: The measure of the return on an investment instrument.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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TREASURY MANAGEMENT

MID YEAR REPORT 2022/23

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To provide Members with a mid-year update on matters relating to the Council's Treasury Management function.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 Treasury management comprises the management of the Council's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.
- 2.02 The Council's primary objectives for the investment of its surplus funds are to protect the principal sums invested from loss, and to ensure adequate liquidity so that funds are available for expenditure when needed. The generation of investment income to support the provision of local authority services is an important, but secondary, objective.
- 2.03 The Council's policy is to appoint external consultants to provide advice on its treasury management function. In September 2021 Arlingclose Ltd were reappointed as the Council's advisors for a period of 3 years, following a competitive tendering exercise. This period can be extended a further 2 years as per the contract terms to September 2026.
- 2.04 The Council has adopted the 2017 edition of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice, which requires the Council to approve a treasury management strategy before the start of each financial year, a mid-year report, and an annual report after the end of each financial year.
- 2.05 In addition, the Welsh Government (WG) issues guidance on local authority investments that requires the Council to approve an investment strategy before the start of each financial year.
- 2.06 This report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the WG Guidance.
- 2.07 The Council approved the 2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy at its meeting on 15th February 2022.

3.00 ECONOMIC & INTEREST RATE REVIEW APRIL – OCTOBER 2022.

Provided by Arlingclose Ltd, the Council's treasury management advisors.

Economic background: The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has continued to put pressure on global inflation and the economic outlook for UK and world growth remains weak. The UK political situation towards the end of the period following the 'fiscal event' increased uncertainty further.

The economic backdrop during the April to September period continued to be characterised by high oil, gas and commodity prices, ongoing high inflation and its impact on consumers' cost of living, no imminent end in sight to the Russia-Ukraine hostilities and its associated impact on the supply chain, and China's zero-Covid policy.

Central Bank rhetoric and action remained robust. The Bank of England, Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank all pushed up interest rates over the period and committed to fighting inflation, even when the consequences were in all likelihood recessions in those regions.

UK inflation remained extremely high. Annual headline CPI hit 10.1% in July, the highest rate for 40 years, before falling modestly to 9.9% in August. RPI registered 12.3% in both July and August. The energy regulator, Ofgem, increased the energy price cap by 54% in April, while a further increase in the cap from October, which would have seen households with average energy consumption pay over £3,500 per annum, was dampened by the UK government stepping in to provide around £150 billion of support to limit bills to £2,500 annually until 2024.

The labour market remained tight through the period but there was some evidence of easing demand and falling supply. The unemployment rate 3m/year for April fell to 3.8% and declined further to 3.6% in July. Although now back below pre-pandemic levels, the recent decline was driven by an increase in inactivity rather than demand for labour. Pay growth in July was 5.5% for total pay (including bonuses) and 5.2% for regular pay. Once adjusted for inflation, however, growth in total pay was -2.6% and -2.8% for regular pay.

With disposable income squeezed and higher energy bills still to come, consumer confidence fell to a record low of -44 in August, down -41 in the previous month. Quarterly GDP fell -0.1% in the April-June quarter driven by a decline in services output, but slightly better than the 0.3% fall expected by the Bank of England.

The Bank of England increased the official Bank Rate to 2.25% over the period. From 0.75% in March, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) pushed through rises of 0.25% in each of the following two MPC meetings, before hiking by 0.50% in August and again in September. August's rise was voted by a majority of 8-1, with one MPC member preferring a more modest rise of 0.25%. The September vote was 5-4, with five votes for a 0.5% increase, three for a 0.75% increase and one for a 0.25% increase. The Committee noted that domestic inflationary pressures are expected to remain strong and so given ongoing strong rhetoric around tackling inflation further Bank Rate rises should be expected.

On 23rd September the UK government, following a change of leadership, announced a raft of measures in a 'mini budget', loosening fiscal policy with a view to boosting the UK's trend growth rate to 2.5%. With little detail on how government borrowing would be returned to a sustainable path, financial markets reacted negatively. Gilt yields rose dramatically by between 0.7% - 1% for all maturities with the rise most pronounced for shorter dated gilts. The swift rise in gilt yields left pension funds vulnerable, as it led to margin calls on their interest rate swaps and risked triggering large scale redemptions of assets across their portfolios to meet these demands. It became necessary for the Bank of England to intervene to preserve market stability through the purchase of long-dated gilts, albeit as a temporary measure, which has had the desired effect with 50-year gilt yields falling over 100bps in a single day.

Bank of England policymakers noted that any resulting inflationary impact of increased demand would be met with monetary tightening, raising the prospect of much higher Bank Rate and consequential negative impacts on the housing market.

After hitting 9.1% in June, annual US inflation eased in July and August to 8.5% and 8.3% respectively. The Federal Reserve continued its fight against inflation over the period with a 0.5% hike in May followed by three increases of 0.75% in June, July and September, taking policy rates to a range of 3% - 3.25%.

Eurozone CPI inflation reached 9.1% y/y in August, with energy prices the main contributor but also strong upward pressure from food prices. Inflation has increased steadily since April from 7.4%. In July the European Central Bank increased interest rates for the first time since 2011, pushing its deposit rate from -0.5% to 0% and its main refinancing rate from 0.0% to 0.5%. This was followed in September by further hikes of 0.75% to both policy rates, taking the deposit rate to 0.75% and refinancing rate to 1.25%.

Financial markets: Uncertainty remained in control of financial market sentiment and bond yields remained volatile, continuing their general upward trend as concern over higher inflation and higher interest rates continued to dominate. Towards the end of September, volatility in financial markets was significantly exacerbated by the UK government's fiscal plans, leading to an acceleration in the rate of the rise in gilt yields and decline in the value of sterling.

Due to pressure on pension funds, the Bank of England announced a direct intervention in the gilt market to increase liquidity and reduce yields.

Over the period the 5-year UK benchmark gilt yield rose from 1.41% to 4.40%, the 10-year gilt yield rose from 1.61% to 4.15%, the 20-year yield from 1.82% to 4.13% and the 50-year yield from 1.56% to 3.25%. The Sterling Overnight Rate (SONIA) averaged 1.22% over the period.

Credit review: In July Fitch revised the outlook on Standard Chartered from negative to stable as it expected profitability to improve thanks to the higher interest rate environment. Fitch also revised the outlook for Bank of Nova Scotia from negative to stable due to its robust business profile.

Also in July, Moody's revised the outlook on Bayerische Landesbank to positive and then in September S&P revised the GLA outlook to stable from negative as it expects the authority to remain resilient despite pressures from a weaker macroeconomic outlook coupled with higher inflation and interest rates.

Having completed its full review of its credit advice on unsecured deposits at UK and non-UK banks, in May Arlingclose extended the maximum duration limit for five UK banks, four Canadian banks and four German banks to six months. The maximum duration for unsecured deposits with other UK and non-UK banks on Arlingclose's recommended list is 100 days. These recommendations were unchanged at the end of the period.

Arlingclose continued to monitor and assess credit default swap levels for signs of credit stress but made no changes to the counterparty list or recommended durations. Nevertheless, increased market volatility is expected to remain a feature, at least in the near term and, as ever, the institutions and durations on the Authority's counterparty list recommended by Arlingclose remains under constant review.

Outlook for the remainder of 2022/23

Arlingclose expects Bank Rate to rise further during 2022/23 to reach 5% by the end of the year.

The MPC is particularly concerned about the demand implications of fiscal loosening, the tight labour market, sterling weakness and the willingness of firms to raise prices and wages.

The MPC may therefore raise Bank Rate more quickly and to a higher level to dampen aggregate demand and reduce the risk of sustained higher inflation. Arlingclose now expects Bank Rate to peak at 5.0%, with 200bps of increases this calendar year.

This action by the MPC will slow the economy, necessitating cuts in Bank Rate later in 2024.

Gilt yields will face further upward pressure in the short term due to lower confidence in UK fiscal policy, higher inflation expectations and asset sales by the BoE. Given the recent sharp rises in gilt yields, the risks are now broadly balanced to either side. Over the longer term, gilt yields are forecast to fall slightly over the forecast period.

	Current	Dec 22	Mar 23	Jun 23	Sept 23	Dec 23	Mar 24	Jun 24	Sept 24	Dec 24	Mar 25	Jun 25	Sept 25
Upside Risk (%)	0.00	0.50	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Interest Rate (%)	2.25	4.25	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25
Downside Risk (%)	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	-0.75	-0.50	-0.50	-0.50	-0.75	-1.25	-1.50	-1.75	-1.75	-1.75

4.00 BORROWING REQUIREMENTS AND DEBT MANAGEMENT

4.01 PWLB (Public Works Loans Board) Certainty Rate Update.

The Authority submitted its application to WG along with the 2022-23 Capital Estimates Return to access this reduced rate for a further 12 months from 1st April 2022.

4.02 The long term borrowing outstanding at 30th September 2022 totals £292.5 million.

4.03 Loans with the Public Works Loans Board are in the form of fixed rate (£268.9m). £18.95m is variable in the form of LOBOs (Lender's Option, Borrower's Option) and £4.64m are interest free loans from government. The Council's average long term borrowing rate is currently 4.53%.

	Balance 01/04/2022 £m	Debt Maturing £m	New Debt £m	Balance 30/09/2022 £m
Long Term Borrowing	289.6	(1.98)	0.00	287.88
Government Loans	4.81	(0.25)	0.07	4.63
TOTAL BORROWING	294.67	(2.23)	0.07	292.51
Other Long Term Liabilities *	3.43	0.00	0.00	3.43
TOTAL EXTERNAL DEBT	298.10	(2.23)	0.07	295.94
Increase/ (Decrease) in Borrowing £m				(2.16)

* relates to finance leases in respect of Deeside Leisure Centre and Jade Jones Pavilion

4.04 No new long or short term borrowing was undertaken during the period.

4.05 The Authority holds £18.95m of LOBO loans where the lender has the option to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, following which the Authority has the option to either accept the new rate or to repay the loan at no additional cost. The option to change the terms on £18.95m of the Council's LOBOs was not exercised by the lender during the period, however, as rates increase so does the likelihood of the loans having to be repaid.

4.06 Borrowing Strategy

As outlined in the treasury strategy, the Authority's chief objective when borrowing has been to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing low interest costs and achieving cost certainty over the period for which funds are required, with flexibility to renegotiate loans should the Authority's long-term plans change being a secondary objective. The Authority's borrowing strategy continues to address the key issue of affordability without compromising the longer-term stability of the debt portfolio.

Over the April-September period short term PWLB rates rose dramatically, particular in late September after the Chancellor's 'mini-budget' prompted a fall in

sterling and rise in market interest rate expectations. Interest rates rose by over 2% during the period in both the long and short term. As an indication the 5-year maturity certainty rate rose from 2.30% on 1st April to 5.09% on 30th September; over the same period the 30-year maturity certainty rate rose from 2.63% to 4.68%. Although interest rates across the board have risen, short-term borrowing from other local authorities remains at lower interest rates than long term borrowing.

In keeping with the Authority's objectives, no new borrowing was undertaken, while £1m of existing loans were allowed to mature without replacement. This strategy enabled the Authority to reduce net borrowing costs (despite foregone investment income) and reduce overall treasury risk.

4.07 Debt Rescheduling

The premium charge for early repayment of PWLB debt remained relatively expensive for the loans in the Authority's portfolio and therefore unattractive for debt rescheduling activity. No rescheduling activity was undertaken as a consequence.

The Corporate Finance Manager, in conjunction with the Council's treasury advisors, will continue to review any potential opportunities for restructuring the Council's debt in order to take advantage of potential savings as interest rates change and to enhance the balance of the long term portfolio (amend the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility).

4.08 Borrowing Update

CIPFA's 2021 Prudential Code is clear that local authorities must not borrow to invest primarily for financial return and that it is not prudent for local authorities to make any investment or spending decision that will increase the capital financing requirement, and so may lead to new borrowing, unless directly and primarily related to the functions of the Authority.

PWLB loans are no longer available to local authorities planning to buy investment assets primarily for yield; the Authority intends to avoid this activity in order to retain its access to PWLB loans.

5.0 INTERIM INVESTMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

5.01 The maximum investments the Authority had on deposit at any one time totalled £74.2m. The average investment balance for the period was £57.5m and the average rate of return was 1.05%, generating investment income of £304k.

5.02 Up to 30th September, investments were made in the Debt Management Office Deposit Account, banks, other local authorities and money market funds

5.03 The average of long term borrowing was £293.9m generating interest payable of £6.655m, in line with budget forecasts to date.

	Investments		Long Term Borrowing		Short Term Borrowing	
	Interest received £k	Interest rate %	Interest paid £k	Interest rate %	Interest paid £k	Interest rate %
2022/23 Apr - Sept	304	1.05	6,655	4.53	0	n/a
2021/22 Apr - Sept	2.8	0.01	6,664	4.61	16	0.09
Difference	301.2		(9.0)		(16)	

Year-end projections are as follows:

	Investments		Long Term Borrowing		Short Term Borrowing	
	Interest received £k	Interest rate %	Interest paid £k	Interest rate %	Interest paid £k	Interest rate %
2022/23 est	925	2.61	13,258	4.53	471	2.71
2021/22 act	29.1	0.07	13,312	4.52	19	0.07
Difference	895.9		(54)		452	

5.04 Credit Risk (security)

Counterparty credit quality was assessed and monitored with reference to credit ratings (the Authority's minimum long-term counterparty rating for institutions defined as having "high credit quality" is A- across rating agencies Fitch, S&P and Moody's); credit default swap prices, financial statements, information on potential government support and reports in the quality financial press.

5.05 Liquidity

In keeping with the WG's Guidance on Investments, the Council maintained a sufficient level of liquidity through the use of money market funds.

5.06 Yield

The Council sought to optimise returns commensurate with its objectives of security and liquidity. The Council's investment yield is outlined in 5.01.

6.00 COMPLIANCE

6.01 The Council can confirm that it has complied with its Prudential Indicators for the period April to September 2022. These were approved on 15th February 2022 as part of the Council's 2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy.

6.02 In compliance with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice this report provides Members with a summary report of the treasury management activity during the period April – September 2022. None of the Prudential Indicators have been breached and a prudent approach has been taken in relation to investment activity with priority being given to security and liquidity over yield.

7.00 OTHER ITEMS

7.01 Other treasury management related activity that took place during April – September 2022 includes:

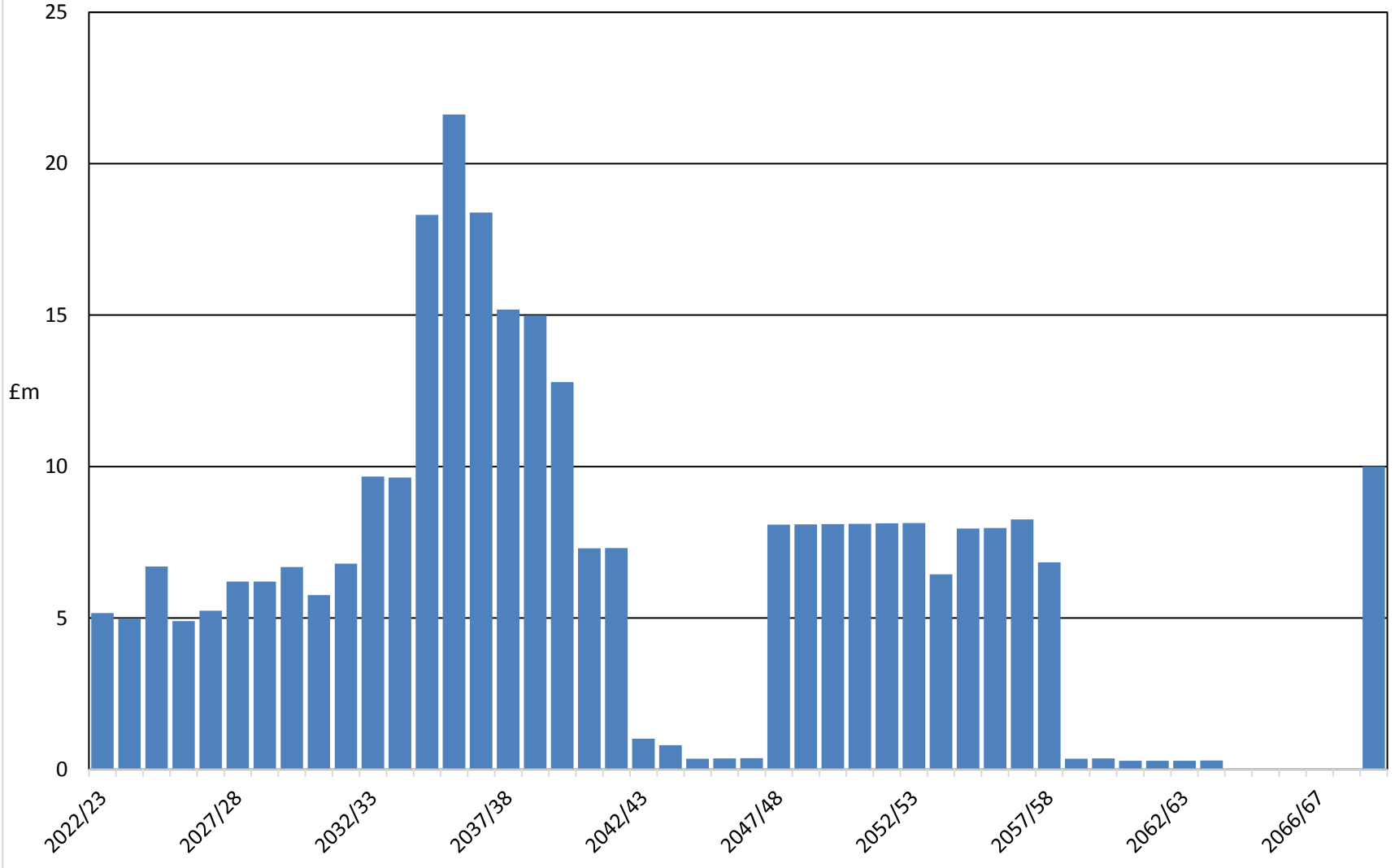
- The Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22 was reported to Governance and Audit Committee on 27th July 2022, Cabinet on 20th September 2022 and Council on 18th October 2022.
- The Quarter 1 Treasury Management update was reported to the Governance and Audit Committee.

8.00 CONCLUSION

8.01 In compliance with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice this report provides Members with a summary report of the treasury management activity during the first half of 2022/23.

8.02 As indicated in this report none of the prudential indicators have been breached and a prudent approach has been taken in relation to investment activity with priority being given to security and liquidity over yield.

Debt Maturity Profile - Sept 2022



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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Council Tax Base 2023/24
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Report Author	Chief Officer (Governance)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Setting of the Council Tax Base is integral to the revenue budget and Council Tax setting process for 2023/24 and allows the Council, Police & Crime Commissioners Office for North Wales and Town/Community Councils to calculate their own precept for next year.

The Base for has been calculated at 65,815 Band 'D' equivalent properties, after considering the total number of properties that will be subject to Council Tax, less those which are exempt from Council Tax or where statutory household discounts apply.

Setting the Tax Base at 65,815 Band 'D' equivalents includes an up-lift in the Council Tax Premium rates to 75% for Long Term Empty properties and 100% for Second Homes from April 2023. Overall, this represents growth in the Tax Base of 0.95% compared to the previous year, representing to an extra 621 Band D equivalent properties after considering the natural movement in new builds, discounts, exemptions, and premium rates.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Approve the Tax Base of 65,815 band D equivalent properties for tax setting purposes (as shown in Appendix 1) for the financial year 2023/24.
2	Continue to set a 'nil' discount for properties falling within any of the Prescribed Classes (A, B or C) and for this to apply to the whole of the County area.
3	For the purposes of setting the Tax Base, the Base incorporates planned changes to the Council Tax Premium Rates from April 2023 and reflects an up-lift from 50% to 75% for Long Term Empty properties and 100% for Second Homes.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2023/24
1.01	The Council fulfils the role of 'billing authority' for the collection of Council Tax and each year is required to set the Council Tax Base for the following tax year.
1.02	The calculation of the Base, expressed as an equivalent number of Band 'D' properties, is always set as at the end of the calendar year which then allows the Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales and Town/Community Council's to calculate the next financial year's Council Tax precepts.
1.03	The Council has previously decided to use discretionary powers to charge a 50% Council Tax Premium on long term empty homes and second homes. The Tax Base for 2023/24 incorporates planned changes to the Council Tax Premium Rates from April 2023 and reflects an up-lift from 50% to 75% for Long Term Empty properties and 100% for Second Homes.
1.04	Once approved, the Tax Base calculations (before adjusting for the assumed losses in collection) are also supplied to Welsh Government and are then used for the calculation of entitlements to Revenue Support Grant and this figure will appear in The Local Government Finance Report (No 1) (Wales) 2023/24. This information will also be published in a national statistical release in January 2023.
1.05	The calculation of the Tax Base is the measure of the annual taxable capacity for all areas in the County, including the additional taxable capacity for the Council Tax Premium, and is calculated in accordance with prescribed rules. The starting point for determining the Base is the Valuation List supplied by the Valuation Office Agency. The total number of properties in each band is then reduced by exemptions, disregards, and discounts. Discounts include, for example, reductions for single-persons or students.
1.06	Due to housebuilding and good tax base management by reviewing discounts and exemptions the number of Band D equivalent properties has increased by 0.61% or 398 properties. The change in council tax premium rates has also resulted in an increase in the council tax base of 0.34% or 223 properties.
1.07	The latest Tax Base has been calculated using a projected collection level of 98.8% - 0.3% higher than the previous years' Tax Base. In other words, setting an assumed collection level of 98.8% is the level at which the Council may eventually collect from what is due to be paid - allowing for an overall provision of 1.2% for potential bad debts.
1.08	To determine the final level of the Base, the Council is also required to determine what discount, if any, is awarded to owners of second or holiday homes (otherwise known as Prescribed Discount Class A and B

	properties) or long-term empty properties (Prescribed Discount Class C).
1.09	The Council Tax Base for 2023/24 has also been calculated in line with current policies of not awarding discounts to any Prescribed Class coupled with the fact that some properties are liable to pay the Premium at the revised rates.
1.10	The continuation of the Council Tax Discount scheme for Local Authority Foster Carers from April 2023 is not incorporated into the Tax Base since locally funded discretionary discounts or exemptions made by billing authorities under section 13a of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 are specifically excluded from the Tax Base calculations. This is because any decrease in the Tax Base made because of such discounts or exemptions would lead to an increase in entitlement to Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and hence to the discounts being funded by central rather than local government.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Setting the Tax Base is part of an annual process of determining Council Tax charges for the next financial year as part of the Councils budget preparations.
2.02	The Tax Base is also used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their new Council Tax precepts, and which will be included in the 2023/24 bills sent to every Council Taxpayer.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	The Council has a statutory duty to set a Council Tax Base by no later than 31 st December and the proposed Tax Base is a complex calculation across 34 Town and Community areas requiring an accurate forecast for the next financial year of the number of chargeable properties after considering new builds, property exemptions and discount schemes, including those properties that are subject to the Council Tax Premium scheme and revised rates.
3.02	The Tax Base is based on current property data and discount but includes a bad debt provision of 1.2% for non-collection, giving a forecasted eventual collection rate of 98.8%.
3.03	The Council Tax Base at 65,815 sets a Base at an accurate level to ensure, as far as possible, that a deficit does not occur in the Collection Fund.
3.04	Officers carefully track and monitor the Tax Base and Collection Fund performance and the results feed into corporate monthly budget monitoring and reporting processes.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	None.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 to this report shows the breakdown of the Tax Base for 2023/24 by Town and Community area.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Finance Act 1992 – sections 22b(7) and 68 • Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regs 1995 • The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regs 2016 • Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) Regs 2004 • Housing (Wales) Act 2014 – section 139

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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Revenue Support Grant: the annual amount of money the Council receives from Welsh Government to partly fund services, alongside revenue from Council Tax and other income the Council raises locally. Councils can decide how to use this grant across services although the freedom to allocate according to local choice can be limited by guidelines set by Government.</p> <p>Tax Base: is a measure of the Councils ‘taxable capacity’ taking into account the number of chargeable properties after exemptions and discounts.</p> <p>Chargeable Dwellings: are properties deemed to fall liable to Council Tax which are listed in the Valuation List.</p> <p>Prescribed Discount Classes: Special rules apply to certain dwellings where no-one is resident. In these cases, a Welsh billing authority may decide to apply a lower rate of discount or, to apply no discount at all. These classes are:</p>

- Class A – property which is unoccupied and furnished but where occupation is prohibited by law for over 28 days each year
- Class B – property which is unoccupied and furnished and where occupation is not prohibited by law
- Class C – property which is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished beyond the normal exemption period.

Council Tax Premium: an additional amount of Council Tax of up to 300% (a premium) can be charged by local authorities in Wales for property defined as either being second homes or long-term empty property. For the purposes of charging a premium a long-term empty home is defined as a property which is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of at least 1 year. A second home is defined as a dwelling which is not a person's sole or main residence and is substantially furnished. There are some exceptions from the Council Tax premium, some of which are time limited.

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APPENDIX 1 - COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2023-24

Community	2023-24 Properties at Band 'D' Equivalent	2022-23 Properties at Band 'D' Equivalent
Argoed	2,547.81	2,519.39
Bagillt	1,470.89	1,466.97
Broughton & Bretton	2,760.78	2,749.90
Brynford	482.42	469.24
Buckley	6,744.92	6,692.00
Caerwys	650.69	670.27
Cilcain	751.83	740.69
Connahs Quay	6,218.73	6,193.33
Flint	5,041.16	5,020.23
Gwernaffield & Pantymwyn	1,032.13	1,016.37
Gwernymynydd	590.74	574.85
Halkyn	1,363.63	1,344.58
Hawarden	6,390.19	6,338.45
Higher Kinnerton	893.72	887.06
Holywell	3,403.23	3,379.85
Hope	1,853.48	1,850.10
Leeswood	857.00	850.96
Llanasa	2,023.97	1,978.65
Llanfynydd	892.45	889.43
Mold	4,508.13	4,475.77
Mostyn	716.22	701.48
Nannerch	286.96	277.84
Nercwys	304.71	300.75
Northop	1,584.76	1,580.15
Northop Hall	842.98	835.10
Penyffordd	2,220.75	2,171.00
Queensferry	712.04	702.91
Saltney	1,953.65	1,944.34
Sealand	1,458.01	1,367.40
Shotton	2,202.35	2,195.43
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	425.04	415.16
Treuddyn	763.80	756.70
Whitford	1,178.07	1,149.39
Ysceifiog	687.76	688.26
Total Band 'D' Equivalent Properties	65,815.00	65,194.00

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Council Tax Consultation on Draft Regulations to Extend Exceptions to Second Home Premiums
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Report Author	Chief Officer (Governance)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Cabinet Members with information and a recommended response to a Welsh Government consultation seeking views on draft regulations which are designed to ensure that second home properties are subject to Council Tax at the standard rate (and not charged at a premium rate) where properties are subject to a planning condition that specifies a dwelling may only be used for short-term holiday lets or that restricts occupancy of the property from use as a person's sole or main residence.

The proposed application date for introducing the changes will be from 1 April 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet is asked to consider and endorse the proposals of Welsh Government as set out in the consultation and authorise senior officers to respond positively to the consultation.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE DRAFT REGULATIONS TO EXTEND EXCEPTIONS TO SECOND HOME PREMIUMS
1.01	Since 2017, local authorities in Wales have been able to charge a premium of up to 100% of the standard rate of Council Tax on long-term empty dwellings and dwellings occupied periodically (more commonly referred to as second homes) in their areas. From 1 April 2023, the maximum level at which local authorities can set Council Tax premiums will increase to 300%.
1.02	The Council has previously decided to use discretionary powers to charge a 50% premium on long term empty properties and second homes and this scheme is set to continue in 2023/24 and at the same rate of 50%.
1.03	<p>Not all long-term empty properties and second homes are subject to the premium and there are circumstances where a premium does not apply, or only applies after a specified time period, and this is designated by 'exception classes' as detailed below.</p> <p>Class 1-4 applies to both long term empty homes and second homes, but Class 5-7 applies only to second homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 1 – Properties being marketed for sale (time limited exception for a period of up to 12 months) • Class 2 – Properties being marketed for let (time limited exception for a period of up to 12 months) • Class 3 – Annexes forming part of, or being treated as part of the main property • Class 4 – Properties which would be someone's sole and main residence if they were not residing in Armed Forces accommodation • Class 5 – Occupied caravan pitches and boat moorings where the caravan or boat currently has no resident but when next in use will be a person's main residence • Class 6 – Seasonal properties where all year-round occupation is prohibited by planning conditions • Class 7 – Job related properties where a property is left empty because the person in relation to the dwelling is now resident in another dwelling which is 'job-related' (as defined by Regulations)
1.04	There is currently no exception from the Council Tax premium for properties with a planning condition specifying its use as holiday accommodation or restricting the occupancy of that property as a person's sole or main residence. In other words, these properties cannot be sold or let long-term as a home for a member of the local community, without a change of planning conditions, and are arguably not limiting the supply of local housing stock.
1.05	The purpose of the legislative change as set out in the consultation and the Council Tax (Exceptions to Higher Amounts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (the draft regulations) is to amend Class 6 of the

	<p>exceptions. The proposed change will affect Council Tax premiums for dwellings occupied periodically by including properties subject to a planning condition which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specifies a dwelling may only be used for short-term holiday lets; or restricts occupancy of the property to prohibit use as a person's sole or main residence. • Such properties would be liable for Council Tax at the standard rate but could not be charged a premium.
1.06	The proposed application date for introducing the exception will be from 1 April 2023, in conjunction with the increased thresholds for properties providing self-catering accommodation to be classified as non-domestic.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The proposals as set out in the consultation paper, where planning restrictions are in place, may result in a small number of second home properties being entitled to an exception from the 50% Council Tax Premium. In other words, such properties would only be liable for Council Tax at the standard rate.
2.02	The loss of revenue resulting in applying the extended Class 6 exception is expected to be negligible, especially when considering the Council has, on average, 183 second homes currently subject to the Council Tax Premium – the majority of which will not have planning restrictions in place.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	The introduction, and continuation, of the Council Tax Premium scheme for long term empty properties and second homes is intended to bring properties back in full use, to improve the supply of affordable housing and to support the sustainability of local services and communities.
3.02	The overarching policy aims will continue to positively improve the supply of local housing and since properties that may fall within the scope of these of these changes cannot be sold or let long-term as a home for a member of the local community, without a change of planning conditions, the proposed changes as set out in the consultation are not considered to be limiting the supply of local housing stock.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Welsh Government consultation is open until 22 nd December 2022 and the purpose of this report is to provide cabinet with the opportunity to comment on the consultation proposals before the changes are implemented in April 2023.

4.02	<p>For the purposes of providing a response to the Welsh Government consultation there are two main questions where cabinet is asked to endorse the brief response:</p> <p>Question 1: Do the draft Regulations provide clarity on the circumstances in which a property with a planning condition can be excepted from the Council Tax premium? If not, how can it be improved?</p> <p>The draft Regulations clearly set out the circumstances where an exception from the premium may apply in the case of properties with planning conditions and restrictions. The Council therefore supports the introduction of the regulations.</p> <p>Question 2: Are there any unintended consequences for the proposal to extend Class 6 of the Council Tax premium exception? Can you provide any examples?</p> <p>None that can be identified.</p>
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5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>The Welsh Government consultation documents are accessible at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://gov.wales/draft-council-tax-exceptions-higher-amounts-wales-amendment-regulations-2023

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7.01	<p>Contact Officer: David Barnes, Revenues & Procurement Manager Telephone: 01352 703652 E-mail: david.barnes@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Council Tax Premium: an additional amount of Council Tax of up to 300% (a premium) can be charged from April 2023 by local authorities in Wales for property defined as either being second homes or long-term empty property. There are seven prescribed exceptions from the Council Tax Premium.</p> <p>Long Term Empty Property: is defined as a property which is both unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of six months or</p>

more, but to be liable for a premium, it would be unoccupied and unfurnished for a continuous period of one year or longer.

A Second Home: is defined as a property which is not a person's sole or main residence and is substantially furnished.

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Report Author	Corporate Manager – Capital Programme and Assets
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welsh Government (WG) is committed to tackling hate crime, as set out in their Anti-racist Wales Action Plan. As part of their commitment WG has funded Victim Support to deliver the Wales Hate Support Centre, which provides support and reporting services across Wales for victims and witnesses of hate crime.

Victim Support has introduced a Hate Crime Charter for Wales and is asking all organisations, public and private, to sign up to this Charter. The Charter sets out the rights of victims and the commitments of organisations in playing a part in tackling hate crime.

Organisations adopting the Charter make a commitment to ensuring that employees and volunteers abide by the Charter's promises whenever they come into contact with those affected by hate crime and work to build strong and inclusive communities. The Hate Crime Charter is attached at Appendix 1.

The Council has already taken steps to tackle hate crime in Flintshire, including the Be Kind on-line initiative. Adopting this Charter will build on this work and will contribute to the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and Welsh Government's Well-being goal "A Wales of More Cohesive Communities".

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	Cabinet endorse the Council adopting Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING VICTIM SUPPORT'S HATE CRIME CHARTER
1.01	<p>Tackling Hate Crime is a priority for Welsh Government (WG) as set out in their Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.</p> <p>WG report that there was a 35% increase in recorded hate crimes across Wales during 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021. Within Flintshire there were 265 reports of hate crime during 2021/22 compared to 183 incidents during 2020/21.</p>
1.02	<p>As part of their commitment to address hate crime, WG fund Victim Support to deliver the Wales Hate Support Centre, which provides support and reporting services across Wales for victims and witnesses of hate crime.</p>
1.03	<p>Victim Support has introduced a Hate Crime Charter, attached at Appendix 1, which they are asking organisations in Wales to adopt.</p> <p>The Charter was created to support individuals report hate crime and to encourage organisations to support the victims of hate crime. All police forces in Wales have signed up to the Charter and the Council has also now been approached by Victim Support to sign up to this Charter.</p>
1.04	<p>Hate Crime is defined as any criminal behaviour which appears to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice, or includes words or behaviour that show hostility, based on a person's perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability. Hate crime impacts individuals, their families and communities. It can destroy victims' lives through emotional damage and long term trauma.</p>
1.05	<p>The Hate Crime Charter sets out in detail the rights of victims and the commitments of organisations in playing a part in tackling hate crime. This includes providing support and information for victims. Organisations that adopt the Charter are committing to ensuring that employees and volunteers are all expected to abide by the Charter's promises whenever they come into contact with those affected by hate crime and work to build strong and inclusive communities.</p>
1.06	<p>The seven commitments in the Charter are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Right to be Heard • The Right to Report Hate Crime • The Right to Free and Confidential Support • The Right to be Treated with Respect • The Right to Privacy • The Right to Information • The Right to Make a Complaint
1.07	<p>To be awarded the Charter the Council would need to demonstrate actions that have been taken against these commitments. Maintaining the Charter status would mean providing regular evidence of actions that the Council is</p>

	taking. Victim Support has acknowledged the initiatives that have already been undertaken in the Council to address hate crime. They suggest these will make a significant contribution to achieving the Charter and as such it should not require any substantial additional work for the Council to be eligible for award of the Charter.
1.08	Examples of the work to address hate crime in Flintshire include the Be Kind on-line pledge introduced by Education and Youth; participating in Hate Crime Awareness Week; and having a dedicated page on the Council website to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage reporting.
1.09	Adopting the Hate Crime Charter will support the Council's work on equality, meeting our equality objectives and contributing to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Well-being Goal "A Wales of More Cohesive Communities".
1.10	A communications plan will be developed to ensure the workforce is aware of this Charter and understand their role in supporting this.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT																						
3.01	<p>An Impact assessment is not required as the Hate Crime Charter has been produced by Victim Support.</p> <p>Under the five ways of working principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, adopting the Charter will have the following impact:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ways of Working</th> <th>Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Long-term</td> <td>Positive - creating long term change to improve the lives of people who are/have been victims of hate crime.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> <td>Positive - through raising awareness of hate crime.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> <td>Positive - the Plan has links to the Council's Strategic Equality Plan.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> <td>No change.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> <td>No change.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Well-being Goal</th> <th>Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td>No change.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> <td>No change.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> <td>No change.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More equal Wales</td> <td>Positive – through tackling hate crime.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ways of Working	Impact	Long-term	Positive - creating long term change to improve the lives of people who are/have been victims of hate crime.	Prevention	Positive - through raising awareness of hate crime.	Integration	Positive - the Plan has links to the Council's Strategic Equality Plan.	Collaboration	No change.	Involvement	No change.	Well-being Goal	Impact	Prosperous Wales	No change.	Resilient Wales	No change.	Healthier Wales	No change.	More equal Wales	Positive – through tackling hate crime.
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	Vibrant Wales	No change.
	Globally responsible Wales	No change.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Corporate Safeguarding Panel and Corporate Equalities Board are supportive of the Council adopting the Hate Crime Charter.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Victim Support’s Hate Crime Charter.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Fiona Mocko - Strategic Policy Advisor Telephone: 01352 702122 E-mail: fiona.mocko@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Hate Crime: Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a person's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disability or perceived disability; • race or perceived race; • religion or perceived religion; • sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; or • transgender identity or perceived transgender identity. <p>Victim Support: Victim Support is a charity dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales.</p>

Victim Support Hate Crime Charter

The charter sets out in detail the rights of victims, and the commitments of organisations in playing a part in tackling hate crime, providing support and information for victims, and to raise awareness of hate crime.

The Right to be Treated with Respect

We will treat you with respect and as an individual in your own right. We will celebrate diversity and inclusion in our organisation and communities that we work with.



The Right to Privacy

We will ensure your data is kept securely and not shared with anyone without your consent. You always have the right to request any data we hold about you, or request its deletion from our records complying with General Data Protection Regulations.



The Right to Make a Complaint

We will provide guidance on how to make a complaint if you are not happy that your rights have been adhered to.



The Right to Information

We will make sure information about hate crime and accessing support is available to you in a way that you can understand. We will work with communities and organisations to raise awareness of hate crime.



The Right to be Heard

We will listen to you and acknowledge the impact the Hate Crime has had on you. We will do this whether you wish to report the incident to the Police or not.



The Right to Free and Confidential Support

We will provide guidance on accessing free and confidential support from Victim Support that is tailored to you and your needs. We will signpost you to other specialised services if required ensuring you get the support to help you cope and recover from the impact of Hate Crime.



The Right to Report Hate Crime

We will help you report the Hate Crime to the police, either directly or through Victim Support's National Hate Crime Report and Support Centre, where you can remain anonymous. We will record the hate element as the motivating factor to the Police or Victim Support.



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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2022
Report Subject	The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code for an Enlargement of the Premises of a School for Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Officer (Education and Youth)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform Cabinet of the responses from the Statutory Objection period (“the Objection Report”), under section 49 of ‘The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code’ for an enlargement of the premises at two schools - Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School.

Cabinet is requested to determine on the Statutory Proposals put forward for the enlargement of these two schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet is requested to consider the responses from the Statutory Objection period for Ysgol Penyffordd and Drury CP and make a final determination.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND
1.01	<u>Drury CP - Timeline</u> Drury C.P. School forms part of the 21st Century Schools, Band “B” investment programme which is jointly funded through Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council. On the 16 th March 2021, Cabinet agreed to move forward with the investment project at Drury C.P.
1.02	The original feasibility study was completed in 2017. At the time, Drury C.P. School capacity was 124 Full Time (FT) pupils with an Admission Number of 17 and this included one mobile classroom. The feasibility study assumed a new capacity of 150 FT.
1.03	Since, September 2021, based on Welsh Government guidance, the capacity has increased to 160 FT with an Admission Number of 22 as the second mobile classroom has been on site for four years, which triggers its inclusion within the school’s capacity assessment.
1.04	Having reviewed the pupil numbers and projections, it is proposed to increase the scope of the project further. The proposal would be to extend and refurbish the school to cater for an increased capacity of 180 FT.
1.05	This means that the capacity will increase over the 25% within a five year period and this triggered the requirement to consult through ‘The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code’ for an enlargement of school premises. On 16 th November 2021, Cabinet agreed to commence statutory consultation.
1.06	Statutory consultation commenced on 1 st March 2022 and ended on 11 th April 2022. 42 responses were received including a formal response from Estyn and the school’s Pupil Council. 90% of responders supported the proposal.
	<u>Penyffordd CP - Timeline</u>
1.07	A new primary school was constructed to replace the former infant and junior school with the school taking occupation of the new facility in September 2019.
1.08	The original planning approval for the new school at Ysgol Penyffordd included a planned two classroom extension which would increase the capacity of the school to 375 FT pupils.
1.09	This project is now being brought forward due to local demand and is funded from a combination of Section 106 developer contributions to Education and the Council’s own capital programme. The Council’s own funding was agreed at Capital Asset Programme Board on 29 th September 2022.

1.10	The current proposals to increase the capacity at the school require consultation to be issued through 'The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 School Organisation Code' for an enlargement of the premises of a school (excluding nursery and special schools), as there would be 25% increase in capacity within a five year period.
1.11	Statutory consultation commenced on 1 st March 2022 and ended on 11 th April 2022. 84 responses were received including a formal response from Estyn and school pupils. In the online standard response form 73% of responders supported the proposal.
1.12	The Committee Report and consultation responses for both schools were considered by Cabinet on 12 th July, 2022. The consultation report was published on 9 th September 2022 following the school summer break.
1.13	Cabinet determined that Statutory Notices be issued for the proposals for both schools. These were published on 29 th September and ran until 27 th October 2022.
1.14	<p>Under the School Organisational Code the Statutory Proposals for Ysgol Penyffordd and Drury CP are to be determined by the Council's Cabinet, rather than Welsh Ministers.</p> <p>Objections must be conscientiously considered alongside the arguments, provided by other stakeholders in respect of the proposals and in light of the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality and Standards in Education - Need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools - Resourcing of education and other financial implications - Other general factors
1.15	<p>Objection Period</p> <p>During the objection period the Council received 1 objection for Ysgol Penyffordd and 0 objections for Drury CP.</p> <p>The following concerns were raised in the objection for Ysgol Penyffordd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of foresight on the original build • The increase in capacity leading the way to further housing development in Penyffordd • Lack of investment in other vital local services and amenities <p>The Authorities response to this are contained in the Objection report attached as Appendix B.</p>
1.16	For both schools, delivery of these schemes cannot proceed until such time that statutory proposals to increase the capacity of the schools have been determined and published.
1.17	Subject to Cabinet approval on determination for the proposal to enlarge both of these two schools, a decision letter will be issued in January 2023.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The financial resources required to undertake the expansion at both schools are already identified and will come from within the Council's Band B 21 st Century Schools programme, from Section 106 contributions from the property developer and from the Council's own Capital Programme. There is no additional funding required.
2.02	The School Modernisation Team manage the Councils schools investment strategy & programme/s and is appropriately resourced for these proposals.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	All projects are managed using a risk register. Risks are managed accordingly, and financial risks are managed through a project contingency. Any high level risk which cannot be managed with the projects/programme will be incorporated into the risk register for the Education and Youth Portfolio.
3.02	Integrated Impact Assessments were produced in March 2022 for both proposals, there are policies, procedures and systems in place to reduce the negative impacts anticipated by this assessment.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
	Subject to Cabinet determination, no further consultations are required through the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code by the School Modernisation Team. The Council must publish the Objection Report at the same time that the decision is issued.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A - Copy of Objection report for Drury CP Appendix B - Copy of Objection report for Penyffordd CP

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	School Organisation Code – The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2018 https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/school-organisation-code-second-edition.pdf

6.02	<p>All documents related to the Statutory proposals including the Consultation Document, the Consultation report and the published Statutory Notices for both schools are available at:</p> <p>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Home.aspx</p> <p>If you require hard copies please contact the officer named below.</p>
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7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Jennie Williams Telephone: 01352 704015 E-mail: jennie.william@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>School Organisation Code – The new School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2018 makes Local Authorities responsible (rather than the Welsh Ministers prior to October 2018) for the determination of most statutory school organisation proposals that receive objections.</p> <p>21st Century Schools - Is a collaboration between the Welsh Government (WG), the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and local authorities. It is a major, long-term and strategic capital investment programme with the aim of creating a generation of 21st century schools in Wales.</p> <p>S106 – Is an agreement between a developer and the local Planning Authority, which assists in reducing impact of a development on a community.</p>

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OBJECTION REPORT

**Proposal to Enlarge the Premises at Drury CP
Increasing the Capacity at Drury CP from 124 to 180 Full Time
Pupils from 1 September 2024**

November 2022

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Flintshire County Council - Education & Youth

Objection Report

Proposal to Enlarge the Premises at Drury CP Increasing the Capacity at Drury CP from 124 to 180 Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2024

1. Purpose

The report is published in line with the requirements under section 49 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. This is a summary of the statutory objections – otherwise known as “the Objection Report”.

2. Publication of the Statutory Notice

Following the formal consultation period, having been provided with the information gathered through the Consultation, the decision taken by Cabinet on 12 July 2022 to proceed to publish the proposal by way of a statutory notice for 28 days from Thursday 29 September 2022 to Thursday 27 October 2022.

The Statutory Notice was published in accordance with Section 41 & 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. The Statutory Notice was published on the Flintshire County Council website and posted at the main entrance of Drury CP. Each school affected by the proposal received electronic copies of the notice and provided with details of how to obtain hard copies of the notice. The table below sets out the list of recipients who received a copy of the Consultation Document and Statutory Notices, in accordance with the School Organisation Code.

Requirement under the Organisational Code 011/2018	It will be distributed to
School community	The Headteacher, teachers, staff and the governing body of Drury Primary School Pupils at Drury Primary School Parents, carers and guardians (and where possible prospective parents, carers and guardians) of pupils attending Drury Primary School Governing Body of Drury Primary School
the maintaining or proposed maintaining authority for any school likely to be affected by the proposals;	Flintshire County Council is submitting the proposal
any other local authority likely to be affected - including in the case of dedicated Special Education Need (SEN)/Additional Learning Need (ALN) provision any authority placing or likely to place statemented pupils in it;	
the Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan	Church in Wales Diocese

Authority for the area in which any school likely to be affected is located;	Roman Catholic Diocese
any other appropriate religious body for any school likely to be affected by the proposals;	
The governing body any school which is the subject of the proposals and of other schools likely to be affected by the proposals, including those that might receive any displaced pupils.	Governing Body of Mountain Lane CP School Governing Body of Westwood CP School Governing Body of Southdown CP School Governing Body of Ewloe Green CP School
The governing body of other schools which the proposer considers are likely to be affected by the proposals;	Governing Body of Elfed High School Governing Body of Hawarden High School Governing Body of Argoed High School
The Welsh Ministers.	
Assembly Members (AMs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) representing the area served by/intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals.	MS AM
Estyn.	Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales
Teaching and staff trade unions representing teachers and other staff at any school which is the subject of the proposals.	Representatives of NASUWT; NEU; UCAC; ASCL; UNISON
The relevant Regional Education Consortium.	GWE Advisor for Drury Primary School
The relevant Regional Transport Consortium.	
The Police and Crime Commissioner for the area served by/intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals.	Police Commissioner for North Wales
Any community or town council for the area served by/ intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals	Buckley Town Council
The local Communities First Partnership (in relevant areas).	
In the case of proposals affecting nursery provision, any independent providers who may be affected;	
In the case of proposals affecting nursery provision, the Children and Young People's Partnership and/or the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships where present.	Mudiad Meithrin Early Years Wales National Day Nursery Associate PACEY
In the case of proposals affecting Special Education Need/Additional Learning Need provision, any relevant health or third sector bodies with an interest.	
In the case of proposals affecting secondary provision, any further education institutions serving the area of the school.	
In the case of proposals affecting secondary provision, parents of pupils attending primary schools from which pupils normally transfer to that secondary school.	

In the case of proposals affecting Welsh language provision, the Welsh Language Commissioner.	
Other	All Flintshire Council Councillors The wider community of Drury who had consented to receive information Flintshire County Council relevant Officers

3. Objections

During the objection period, **0 objections were received** by Flintshire County Council in relation to enlarging the premises at Drury CP increasing the capacity at Drury CP from 124 to 180 full time pupils from 1 September 2024.

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4. Decision Notification

As outlined during the consultation process, the proposal to enlarge the premises at Drury CP increasing the capacity at Drury CP from 124 to 180 Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2024 requires the approval of the Local Authority Cabinet Members.

This Objection Report alongside a copy of the consultation document; a copy of the consultation report, and a copy of the published notice will be forwarded to Cabinet Members for determination.



OBJECTION REPORT

**For the proposal to Enlarge the Premises at Ysgol Penyffordd
Increasing the Capacity at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375
Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2023**

November 2022

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Objection Report

Proposal to Enlarge the Premises at Ysgol Penyffordd Increasing the Capacity at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375 Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2023

1. Purpose

The report is published in line with the requirements under section 49 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. This is a summary of the statutory objections – otherwise known as “the Objection Report”.

2. Publication of the Statutory Notice

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School community	The Headteacher, teachers, staff and the governing body of Ysgol Penyffordd Pupils at Ysgol Penyffordd Parents, carers and guardians (and where possible prospective parents, carers and guardians) of pupils attending Ysgol Penyffordd Governing Body of Ysgol Penyffordd
the maintaining or proposed maintaining authority for any school likely to be affected by the proposals;	Flintshire County Council is submitting the proposal
any other local authority likely to be affected - including in the case of dedicated Special Education Need (SEN)/Additional Learning Need (ALN) provision any authority placing or likely to place statemented pupils in it;	
the Church in Wales and Roman Catholic	Church in Wales Diocese

Diocesan Authority for the area in which any school likely to be affected is located;	Roman Catholic Diocese
any other appropriate religious body for any school likely to be affected by the proposals;	
The governing body any school which is the subject of the proposals and of other schools likely to be affected by the proposals, including those that might receive any displaced pupils.	Governing Body of St John the Baptist Governing Body of Ysgol Derwen Foundation School, Higher Kinnerton
The governing body of other schools which the proposer considers are likely to be affected by the proposals;	Governing Body of Castell Alun High School Governing Body of Elfed High School
The Welsh Ministers.	
Assembly Members (AMs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) representing the area served by/intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals.	MPs AMs
Estyn.	Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales
Teaching and staff trade unions representing teachers and other staff at any school which is the subject of the proposals.	Representatives of NASUWT; NEU; UCAC; ASCL; UNISON
The relevant Regional Education Consortium.	GwE Advisor for Ysgol Penyffordd
The relevant Regional Transport Consortium.	
The Police and Crime Commissioner for the area served by/intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals.	Police Commissioner for North Wales
Any community or town council for the area served by/ intended to be served by any school which is the subject of the proposals	Penyffordd Community Council
The local Communities First Partnership (in relevant areas).	
In the case of proposals affecting nursery provision, any independent providers who may be affected;	
In the case of proposals affecting nursery provision, the Children and Young People's Partnership and/or the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships where present.	Mudiad Meithrin Early Years Wales National Day Nursery Associate PACEY
In the case of proposals affecting Special Education Need/Additional Learning Need provision, any relevant health or third sector bodies with an interest.	
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In the case of proposals affecting Welsh language provision, the Welsh Language Commissioner.	
Other	All Flintshire Council Councillors The wider community of Penyffordd who had consented to receive information Flintshire County Council relevant Officers

3. Objections

During the objection period, **1 objection was received** by Flintshire County Council in relation to enlarging the premises at Ysgol Penyffordd increasing the capacity at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375 full time pupils from 1 September 2023.

The correspondence was received by email from a member of the local community of Penyffordd and can be found in full at Appendix 1.

The objection has been categorised by what *should* be taken into account by relevant bodies when exercising their functions of preparing and publishing school organisation proposals, or approving/determining them.

1. Resourcing of Education and other Financial Implications	FCC Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of foresight on the original build 	The new school building was designed to take into consideration future expansion to increase its capacity further to accommodate 375 full time pupils. Planning permission is already in place for this. Since 2019 increased pupil demand and availability of capital investment under Section 106 planning contributions has created opportunity to further invest and expand Ysgol Penyffordd. At the time of the new build, budget was not available for the additional classrooms and numbers weren't sufficient to justify the additional capacity.
2. Community Impact	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in capacity leading the way to further housing development in Penyffordd 	<p>The pace of housing developments will be controlled by the plans of local site owners/developers, the housing market, current economic climate and other factors which are unpredictable.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of investment in other vital local services and amenities 	<p>The section 106 money from planning contributions can only be used for Education purposes within a school that has had an increase in numbers from a development in the area.</p>

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4. Decision Notification

As outlined during the consultation process, the proposal to enlarge the premises at Ysgol Penyffordd increasing the capacity at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375 Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2023, requires the approval of the Local Authority Cabinet Members.

This Objection Report alongside a copy of all the Objections, a copy of the consultation document; a copy of the consultation report, and a copy of the published notice will be forwarded to Cabinet Members for determination.

APPENDIX 1

Objection to the proposal to enlarge the premises at Ysgol Penyffordd increasing the capacity at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375 Full Time Pupils from 1 September 2023

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 October 2022 19:52
To: 21stCenturySchools
Subject: Statutory Notice Ysgol Penyffordd

Dear Sirs,

Further to the Statutory Notice Ysgol Penyffordd, I wish to register my objection to the expansion of the school.

I object to the increase on the following basis:

- Lack of foresight on the original build
- The increase in capacity leading the way to further housing development in Penyffordd
- Lack of investment in other vital local services and amenities

[REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

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EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS - DECISIONS TAKEN REPORTED TO CABINET – 20.12.22

Governance

- **Temporary Change to Opening Hours**

Flintshire Connects continues to face severe staffing challenges. A combination of sickness and vacancies means that the service is missing 33% of its employees. Due to this the service cannot currently operate 3 full-time Centres and 2 part-time Centres until staff return to work, which is anticipated will be in January. During December the Connects Centres in Connah's Quay and Flint will open part time. If employees return to work sooner than expected, then the service will revert to full time opening as soon as it is able to do so. The part time opening hours previously agreed for Mold and Buckley Connects Centres will continue until the end of March pending a decision on whether to permanently reduce opening hours at those centres as part of the budget process.

Copies of the Delegated Powers reports are retained by the Team Leader – Committee Services and available to view on request by Members.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS
COUNCIL, CABINET, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE & SCRUTINY
1 December 2022 TO 31 May 2023**

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE	CHIEF OFFICER PORTFOLIO	AGENDA ITEM & PURPOSE OF REPORT	REPORT TYPE (Strategic or Operational) (Cabinet only)	PORTFOLIO (Cabinet only)
December					
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 263	1/12/22	Governance	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1/12/22	Finance	<p>MTFS & Budget Setting 2023-24 (Stage 2) (EY&C OSC)</p> <p>That the Committee reviews and comments on the cost pressures and overall budget strategy, and advises on any areas of cost efficiency it would like to see explored further.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1/12/22	Education and Youth	<p>Elective Home Education</p> <p>To provide the Committee with an update on the levels of pupils being Electively Home Educated and the Council's oversight of this group of learners.</p>	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1/12/22	Education and Youth	<p>Integrated Youth Provision – Delivery Plan Update</p> <p>To provide an update to the Committee on the Integrated Youth Provision Delivery Plan</p>	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE	CHIEF OFFICER PORTFOLIO	AGENDA ITEM & PURPOSE OF REPORT	REPORT TYPE (Strategic or Operational) (Cabinet only)	PORTFOLIO (Cabinet only)
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/12/22	Governance	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 265	8/12/22	Finance	<p>MTFS & Budget Setting 2023-24 (Stage 2) (S&HC OSC) That the Committee reviews and comments on the cost pressures and overall budget strategy, and advises on any areas of cost efficiency it would like to see explored further.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

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Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/12/22	Social Services	Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 2021/2022 To provide information with regards to the North Wales Regional Partnership Board and its activities during 2021/22.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 266	8/12/22	Social Services	Double Click To receive an update on services provided by Double Click social enterprise.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/12/22	Social Services	Growing Places and HFT To receive a progress update on Growing Places and HFT	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	13/12/22	Governance	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 268	13/12/22	Finance	MTFS & Budget Setting 2023-24 (Stage 2) (E&E OSC) That the Committee reviews and comments on the cost pressures and overall budget strategy, and advises on any areas of cost efficiency it would like to see explored further.	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement, Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE	CHIEF OFFICER PORTFOLIO	AGENDA ITEM & PURPOSE OF REPORT	REPORT TYPE (Strategic or Operational) (Cabinet only)	PORTFOLIO (Cabinet only)
Flintshire County Council	13/12/22	Governance	<p>Council Tax Premium Scheme for Second Homes and Long-term Empty Properties</p> <p>For Council to set the Council Tax Premium scheme for 2023-24 following a public consultation</p>		
Flintshire County Council CP Page 269	13/12/22	Governance	<p>Council Tax Premium Scheme for Second Homes and Long-term Empty Properties</p> <p>For County Council to set the Council Tax Premium scheme for 2023-24 following a recent public consultation.</p>		
Flintshire County Council	13/12/22	Chief Executive's	<p>Electoral Reform in Wales</p> <p>To provide an update to Members on Electoral Reform taking place in Wales.</p>		

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	14/12/22	Governance	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 270	14/12/22	Housing and Communities	Flintshire Housing Need Prospectus To provide an update on the Housing Need Prospectus which informs the Social Housing Grant Programme.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	14/12/22	Housing and Communities	Housing Strategy To provide an update on the Housing Strategy.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	14/12/22	Finance	<p>MTFS & Budget Setting 2023-24 (Stage 2) (C&H OSC)</p> <p>That the Committee reviews and comments on the cost pressures and overall budget strategy, and advises on any areas of cost efficiency it would like to see explored further.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement, Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Page 271 Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	14/12/22	Housing and Communities	<p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Financial Business Plan</p> <p>To consider the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2023/24 and the HRA Business Plan.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Action Tracking</p> <p>To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Governance	Work of the Coroner's Office To receive a presentation from John Gittins on the work of the Coroner's Office.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Social Services	Consultation on the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 To share with Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee the draft Well-being Plan, which contains new five year well-being objectives and the actions that the Council commits to taking to meet them in collaboration with its PSB partner organisations.	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Social Services	Joint Funded Care Packages - Update Report To share a verbal update on the current situation on the long term debt with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board since the last report was received.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Finance	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 7) To provide Members with the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 7) Report and Significant Variances.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Finance	Budget 2023/24 - Stage 2 That the Committee reviews and comments on the cost pressures and overall budget strategy, and advises on any areas of cost efficiency it would like to see explored further.	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement, Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	15/12/22	Governance	<p>Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22 and Complaints made against Flintshire County Council during the first half of 2022-23</p> <p>To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22. The report also provides an overview of complaints received by each portfolio of the Council between the period 1 April - 30 September 2022.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Cabinet	20/12/22	Planning, Environment and Economy	<p>Membership of the River Dee Nutrient Management Board</p> <p>To agree to participate in the River Dee Nutrient Management Board (NMB) to deal with the issue of mitigating the impact of phosphates, and to identify the Council's representation at senior officer and Member level.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection

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Cabinet	20/12/22	Chief Executive's	Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter To seek support to adopt Victim Support's Hate Crime Charter.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Cabinet	20/12/22	Governance	Council Tax Base 2023/24 To approve the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2023/24 as part of the process of the revenue budget setting and Council Tax setting process for the new year.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
Cabinet	20/12/22	Governance	Council Tax Consultation on Draft Regulations to Extend Exceptions to Second Home Premiums To provide information on a Welsh Government consultation seeking views on an exception from a Council Tax premium for properties restricted by a planning condition preventing occupation.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

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Cabinet	20/12/22	Education and Youth	<p>The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, School Organisation Code for an enlargement of the premises of a school for Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School</p> <p>To provide details of the responses from the Statutory Objection period for an enlargement of the premises at two schools - Drury C.P. School and Penyffordd C.P. School and to invite Cabinet to determine on the Statutory Proposals.</p>	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Cabinet	20/12/22	Chief Executive's	<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 7)</p> <p>This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 7, and projects forward to year-end.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

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Cabinet	20/12/22	Chief Executive's	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2022/23 To present the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2022/23 for recommendation to Council.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Cabinet	20/12/22	Streetscene and Transportation	Review of Vehicle Permit Criteria for Household Recycling Centres To review the current household recycling centre (HRC) operations and vehicle permit criteria.	Strategic	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy
Cabinet	20/12/22	Social Services	Consultation on the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 To share the draft Well-being Plan, which contains new five year well-being objectives and the actions that the Council commits to taking to meet them in collaboration with its PSB partner organisations.	Strategic	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

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Cabinet	20/12/22	Chief Executive's	Council Plan 2022/23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting To review the Council Plan 2022/23 mid-year outturn performance monitoring report.	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
January					
Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10/01/23	Governance	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10/01/23	Streetscene and Transportation	Waste Strategy To review the Councils current Waste Strategy with the objective of achieving Welsh Government statutory recycling targets.	Strategic	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10/01/23	Streetscene and Transportation	Grass Cutting Policy To advise Scrutiny of the revised Grass Cutting Policy.	Strategic	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy
Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10/01/23	Streetscene and Transportation	Streetscene Standards The Streetscene Standards have not been reviewed since 2019. This reports reviews the existing standards and recommend amendments to ensure that the service continues to delivers to the needs and expectations of the public.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10/01/23	Chief Executive's	<p>Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting (EE OSC)</p> <p>To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	11/01/23	Governance	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	11/01/23	Chief Executive's	<p>Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting (CHA OSC)</p> <p>To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 282	11/01/23	Housing and Communities	<p>Tenant Engagement Strategy</p> <p>To present to committee the draft tenant engagement strategy and provide information on the tenants federation and other forms of consultation.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	11/01/23	Housing and Communities	<p>Welfare Reform Update /Housing Rent Income</p> <p>To provide an update on the impacts of welfare reforms and the work that is ongoing to mitigate them. To include information on the Tenancy Hardship Grant Scheme (THG).</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12/01/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme (CROSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12/01/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Action Tracking (CROSC) To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12/01/23	Social Services	Joint Funded Care Packages To share a verbal update on the current situation on the long term debt with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board since the last report was received.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12/01/23	Chief Executive's	Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting (CROSC) To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12/01/23	Social Services	<p>Social Value Performance and Progress Update To provide Members with performance data on the social value generated in Flintshire for the reporting periods and a progress update on work undertaken and planned in relation to the broader social value work programme.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Cabinet	17/01/23	Social Services	<p>Social Value Performance and Progress Update To provide performance data on the social value generated in Flintshire for the reporting periods and a progress update on work undertaken and planned in relation to the broader social value work programme.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

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Cabinet	17/01/23	Chief Executive's	<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 8) This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 8, and projects forward to year-end.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Cabinet	17/01/23	Social Services	<p>Maes Gwern To provide Cabinet with an update on progress at the new Maes Gwern development in Mold</p>	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

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Cabinet	17/01/23	Housing and Communities	<p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 year Financial Business Plan</p> <p>To present, for recommendation to Council, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2023/24, the HRA Business Plan and the summary 30 year Financial Business Plan.</p>	Strategic	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19/01/23	Governance	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19/01/23	Social Services	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>To update members on Adults and Children's Safeguarding.</p>	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

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Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19/01/23	Social Services	Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting (S&HC OSC) To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.	Operational	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
Flintshire County Council	24/01/23	Chief Executive's	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2022/23 To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2022/23		
Flintshire County Council	24/01/23	Housing and Communities	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 year Financial Business Plan To present the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2023/24, the HRA Business Plan and the summary 30 year Financial Business Plan.		
Flintshire County Council	24/01/23	Finance	Financial Procedure Rules To approve the Financial Procedure Rules.		

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Flintshire County Council	24/01/23	Chief Executive's	Capital Strategy including Prudential Indicators 2023/24 – 2025/26 To present the Capital Strategy 2023/24 – 2025/26 for approval		
Flintshire County Council	24/01/23	Chief Executive's	Capital Programme 2023/24 – 2025/26 To present the Capital Programme 2023/24 – 2025/26 for approval		
Governance and Audit Committee	25/01/23	Governance	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22 and Complaints made against Flintshire County Council during the first half of 2022-23 To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22. The report also provides an overview of complaints received by each portfolio of the Council between the period 1 April - 30 September 2022.	All Report Types	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

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Governance and Audit Committee	25/01/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Climate Change Strategy To report on progress with the Climate Change Strategy for 2022-2030.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Governance and Audit Committee	25/01/23	Chief Executive's	Treasury Management 2023/24 Strategy and Q3 Update 2022/23 (1) To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 for comments and recommendations for approval to Cabinet (2) To provide an update on matters relating to the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Strategy and Practices to the end December 2022.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

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Governance and Audit Committee	25/01/23	Governance	<p>Governance & Audit Committee Self-Assessment To present the results of the Committee's self-assessment which will feed into the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement. It will also form the basis for the provision of any further training required by the Committee.</p>	All Report Types	
February					
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2/02/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (EY&C OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	

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Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2/02/23	Education and Youth	Music Service Theatr Clwyd To provide the Committee with information on the Music Service, including numbers of learners.	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2/02/23	Chief Executive's	Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Reporting (EYC OSC) To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7/02/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (E&E OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7/02/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Wepre Park Management plan To present and agree the new Wepre Park management plan.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7/02/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Communities for Work To update the Scrutiny Committee on the work of the employability programmes and on the closure of the Communities 4 Work programme and any implications for the Council arising.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Housing and Communities	Sheltered Housing Review To provide an update to the Committee following the Sheltered Housing review.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Housing and Communities	Garage Sites To provide an update on work being carried out at Garage sites across the County.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Housing and Communities	Housing Support Grant Update To provide an update on the Housing Support Grant.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Housing and Communities	The Common Housing Register To provide an update on the Common Housing Register and outcome of the customer satisfaction survey.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/02/23	Housing and Communities	NEW Homes Business Plan To consider the NEW Homes Business Plan.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/02/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Action Tracking (CROSC) To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/02/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme (CROSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/02/23	Chief Executive's	Delivering public services through outsourcing or shared services To explore the benefits and limitations of outsourcing and/or creating shared services as a means to deliver Council services - as requested at the July meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Cabinet	14/02/23	Chief Executive's	Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9) To present the Month 9 Capital Programme information for 2022/23	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

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Cabinet	14/02/23	Chief Executive's	Delivering public services through outsourcing or shared services To explore the benefits and limitations of outsourcing and/or creating shared services as a means to deliver Council services	Operational	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Cabinet	14/02/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Communities for Work To provide an update on the work of the employability programmes and on the closure of the Communities 4 Work programme and any implications for the Council arising.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Cabinet	14/02/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Wepre Park Management plan To present and agree the new Wepre Park management plan.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy

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Cabinet	14/02/23	Governance	Joint Procurement Service Annual Report 2021/22 To receive a performance update report on the Joint Procurement Service with Denbighshire County Council.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources
March					
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (S&HC OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (E&E OSC)</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Page 297 Environment & Economy Overview Scrutiny Committee	7/03/23	Streetscene and Transportation	<p>Local Toilet Strategy</p> <p>The advise Scrutiny that the next statutory formal review point for our Local Toilet Strategy is required to follow the local government elections that were held in May 2022, and we now have one year from the date of the elections to review, revise, consult upon and publish updated strategies for our local area. This report sets out the approach being taken and the timescales of the review. This revised Local Toilet Strategy will be presented in March 2023.</p>	Strategic	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8/03/23	Housing and Communities	Dynamic Resource Scheduler (DRS) System Update To provide an update following implementation of the DRS System.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Action Tracking (CROSC) To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme (CROSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9/03/23	Governance	Joint Procurement Service Annual Report 2021/22 To receive a performance update report on the Joint Procurement Service with Denbighshire County Council.	Operational	
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	23/03/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (EY&C OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee	23/03/23	Education and Youth	Anti-racist Wales Action Plan To outline how the Council is meeting the requirements of the Welsh Government Anti-racist Wales Action Plan in line with the development of the new Curriculum for Wales.	Operational	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
April					

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	18/04/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (E&E OSC)</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Environment & Economy Overview Scrutiny Committee	18/04/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	<p>Housing regeneration grants and loans policy</p> <p>to ask the Scrutiny Committee to review the draft refreshed Housing Regeneration Grants and Loans Policy and to recommend approval to Cabinet.</p>	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19/04/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	

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Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19/04/23	Housing and Communities	Temporary Accommodation Audit Update To provide a progress report on the action plan for service improvement following the audit of the Temporary Accommodation.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	20/04/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme (CROSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	20/04/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Action Tracking (CROSC) To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	20/04/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (S&HC OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Cabinet	25/04/23	Planning, Environment and Economy	Housing Regeneration Grants and Loans Policy To ask Cabinet to review and approve the draft refreshed Housing Regeneration Grants and Loans Policy.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
May					
Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee Page 302	11/05/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (EY&C OSC) To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	

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Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	16/05/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (E&E OSC)</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	17/05/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking (C&H OSC)</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.</p>	Operational	
Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	18/05/23	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Forward Work Programme (CROSC)</p> <p>To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>	Operational	

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Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	18/05/23	Overview and Scrutiny	Action Tracking (CROSC) To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.	Operational	
Cabinet	23/05/23	Governance	Flintshire Connects Annual Report To provide an update on current service delivery and developments within Flintshire Connects Centres.	Operational	Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources