

**Priority:** Environment  
**Sub-Priority:** Transport Infrastructure and Services  
**Impact:** People being able to access employment, local services and facilities

What we said we would do in 2013/14: -

**1. Use available funding to support Council priorities for accessing employment, health, leisure and education**

Progress Status	Progress RAG	G	Outcome RAG	G
<p>We continue to seek other areas of funding in order to develop and deliver improvements to the highways and transport infrastructure both in inter urban and rural areas to assist in meeting national, regional and local priorities in this respect there will be schemes flowing from the Deeside Enterprise Zone and Vibrant and Viable Places submissions.</p> <p>Regional Transport Plan: Development and delivery of highways and transport schemes to promote sustainable development and accessibility to jobs and services funded through Welsh Government. There are currently four schemes which are developed or delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeside corridor – Traffic signal upgrade and synchronisation – work in progress</li> <li>• Signalisation of the off slip A494, Queensferry Roundabout – work in progress</li> <li>• Saltney to Broughton Cycle route Phase 1 – scheme substantially complete in terms of design</li> <li>• Queensferry to Sandycroft cycleway – scheme nearing completion</li> </ul> <p>Rural Development Plan – Linking Flintshire Communities (Coastal Community Links and Inter Town/Village Connections) : 2 schemes being progressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talacre to Ffynnongroyw cycleway – Detailed design and land issues being finalised with work being undertaken in financial year 2014/15</li> <li>• Gronant installation of Pegasus crossing and linked footway – completed</li> </ul> <p>In terms of planning gain the provision of the new entrance at Airbus has now been completed.</p>				

**Achievement will be measured through:**

- Completing funded projects within the Regional Transport Plan

Achievement Measures	Lead Officer	2012/13 Baseline Data	2013/14 Target	2016/17 Aspirational Target	Current Outturn	Performance RAG	Outcome Performance Predictive RAG
Taith Programme (externally funded) – Regional Transport Plan	Head of Assets and Transportation	4	3	3	2 (with 2 in progress)	G	G
Rural Development Plan (externally funded)	Head of Assets and Transportation	2	2	2	1	G	G

**2. Prioritise the Council's road infrastructure for repairs and maintenance and implement network improvement programmes**

<b>Progress Status</b>		<b>Progress RAG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Outcome RAG</b>	<b>G</b>		
<p>Resurfacing programmes within the Highways Asset Management Plan have all been completed.</p> <p>All surface dressing works have been completed. The survey to ascertain the condition of the roads will be conducted in March. However because of the works that have been completed so far for A and B roads a Green outcome is expected.</p> <p><b>Achievement will be measured through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Condition of the highways infrastructure</li> </ul>							
<b>Achievement Measures</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>2012/13 Baseline Data</b>	<b>2013/14 Target</b>	<b>2016/17 Aspirational Target</b>	<b>Current Outturn</b>	<b>Performance RAG</b>	<b>Outcome Performance Predictive RAG</b>
Percentage of principal (A) roads that are in overall poor condition (THS/011a)	Head of Assets and Transportation	2.20%	6%	6%	Annual Indicator	N/A	N/A
Percentage of non-principal (B) roads that are in overall poor condition (THS/011b)	Head of Assets and Transportation	2.81%	6%	6%	Annual Indicator	N/A	N/A
Percentage of non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition (THS/011c)	Head of Assets and Transportation	8.02%	9%	6%	Annual Indicator	N/A	N/A
Percentage of principal (A) roads, non-principal (B) roads and non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition (THS/012)	Head of Assets and Transportation	5.41%	6%	6%	Annual Indicator	N/A	N/A

*Aspirational targets have been set in line with the Welsh Government guidelines for the condition of principal roads and allows resources to be prioritised on non-classified roads.*

### 3. Improve facilities and routes for pedestrians and cyclists

Progress Status	Progress RAG	G	Outcome RAG	G
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A total of 6 automatic cycle/pedestrian traffic counters have been installed at strategic locations on the cycle/footway network across the county this financial year to monitor usage of the strategic cycle route network. The new footway/cycle route from Neston to Deeside across Burton Marsh has resulted in 62000 cyclists and 8000 pedestrians using this route since April, 2013.

A new cycle route/footway is currently being constructed between Queensferry and Sandycroft to improve facilities for people accessing employment sites adjacent to the route and to and from Deeside.

Feasibility work is currently being undertaken on the development of a new cycle route/footway between Saltney and Broughton linking residential areas to employment sites such as Airbus and Broughton Retail Park.

Works to improve Public Footpath 64, Mostyn were completed in November. This scheme provides a safe pedestrian access from the Maes Pennant Estate down to the All Wales Coastal Path on the Dee Coast

A new signal-controlled cycleway/bridleway over the A548 Gronant from Public Right of Way No.48 (Sea Horse Ride) has been completed to link with permissive bridleways along the beach at Talacre and also the National Cycle Network. Footways were also widened to provide a multi use bridleway/cycleway/footway.

Leaflets will be produced to promote the above routes and encourage the public to use them as a sustainable transport corridor to the coast and to access facilities and employment in other Towns and Villages.

Flintshire County Council ran its 8th Cycle to Work scheme between October – November, 2013. The scheme is extremely popular amongst employees at various schools across Flintshire and amongst Street Scene employees since their relocation to Alltami Depot. There has also been a high level of interest from employees at County Hall and other offices.

The Council aims to show the benefits of a Cycle to Work scheme and encourage other employers to offer their employees alternative transport choices and promote cycling as a part of a daily active and healthy lifestyle.

Achievement will be measured through:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage of the County's cycleways</li> </ul>							
Achievement Measures	Lead Officer	2012/13 Baseline Data	2013/14 Target	2016/17 Aspirational Target	Current Outturn	Performance RAG	Outcome Performance Predictive RAG
Number of users on the network evidenced through counter data	Head of Assets and Transportation	N/A	50,000	70,000	115,369 (23,842 pedestrians / 91,527 cyclists)	G	G

4. Seek approval from Welsh Government for the Deeside Infrastructure Business Plan and implement its proposals			
Progress Status	Progress RAG	A	Outcome RAG
<p>Planning permission will be via the masterplan process. Northern Gateway land is in private ownership therefore investment options will be decided by the private land owners, progress will also depend in part on the wider state of the economy, as well as the release of finance from Welsh Government. Welsh Government has secured planning permission to undertake works to strengthen the River Dee flood embankment along the southern boundary to the site. Permission was granted in July 2013 for these works and contractors are being sought to commence work early 2014. Management of expectation is out of FCC control.</p>			
<p><b>Achievement will be measured through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welsh Government agreeing to the Deeside Infrastructure Business Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Achievement Milestones for strategy and action plans:</b> (Lead Officer – Head of Regeneration) Welsh Government approval of the DEZ Infrastructure Business Plan – March 2014</p>			

Risk to be managed –

- Ensuring that the County’s infrastructure is adequate to support economic growth
- Securing funding to ensure our highways infrastructure remains safe and capable of supporting economic growth

Gross Score (as if there are no measures in place to control the risk)			Current Actions / Arrangements in place to control the risk	Net Score (as it is now)			Future Actions and / or Arrangement to control the risk	Manager Responsible	Risk Trend	Target Score (when all actions are completed / satisfactory arrangements in place)		
Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score		Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score				Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score
(L)	(I)	(LxI)		(L)	(I)	(LxI)				(L)	(I)	(LxI)
H	H	R	Resurfacing programmes within the Highways Asset Management Plan. All resurfacing works completed	M	M	A		Head of Assets & Transportation	↓	L	L	G
			All Surface dressing works completed									
			Improvements funded from various sources including prudential borrowing, RDP				Robust management and targeting of funding					

5. Support TAIH to produce a regional bus strategy: Improving cross County travel and access				
Progress Status	Progress RAG	G	Outcome RAG	G
<p>In the backdrop to the review, several changes have taken place on a regional and national level with the Minister announcing the end of administration funding for the regional transport consortia and a new approach to the way bus funding is allocated to Local Authorities, although the final details have yet to be fully clarified.</p> <p>The Minister has placed priorities on maximising the number of fare paying passengers, coverage of the commercial network, community transport and rail electrification, and several task and finish groups have been set up to explore the options and determine the way forward. Further announcements are expected regarding concessionary fare reimbursement for 2014/15, where reductions are anticipated, and new young persons' concessionary fares initiatives are likely to be announced.</p>				
<p><b>Achievement will be measured through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing and agreeing the regional bus strategy</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Achievement Milestones for strategy and action plans:</b> (Lead Officer –Head of Assets and Transportation) Development of draft regional bus network strategy – July 2013 (Completed)</p>				
<p><b>Next Steps:</b> New contracts or changes to contracts to commence April 2014</p>				

6. Review the Council's subsidised bus services to improve access to employment, health, leisure and education							
Progress Status		Progress RAG	G	Outcome RAG	G		
<p>Final report for the subsidised bus service review went to Scrutiny on 13<sup>th</sup> November and Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> December, where approval was given to implement the proposed changes and report back to Scrutiny on an annual basis subsequently. Contracts went out to tender in January 2014 with new contracts commencing in April 2014.</p> <p>Any journeys or services that were given approval to cease, will do so on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and notices are currently being served to bus operators on affected routes. The Authority continues to promote the concessionary travel scheme. It is intended to report bus passenger numbers for subsidised services, but at the present time the monitoring system is not in operation and a new process for capturing this information is being developed to coincide with the commencement of new contracts from April 2014.</p>							
<p><b>Achievement will be measured through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scale and take up of bus passenger numbers</li> </ul> <p><b>Achievement Milestones for strategy and action plans:</b> (Lead Officer – Head of Assets and Transportation) Development of a new mechanism for capturing and reporting total bus passengers numbers – April 2014)</p>							
Achievement Measures	Lead Officer	2012/13 Baseline Data	2013/14 Target	2016/17 Aspirational Target	Current Outturn	Performance RAG	Outcome Performance Predictive RAG
Number of passengers for Deeside Shuttle	Head of Assets and Transportation	63,500 per annum (average)	64,000+ (extra 42 pax. per month)	64,000+ (extra 42 pax. per month)	63,979	A	G
Number of concessionary passes in circulation	Head of Assets and Transportation	81.1% (30,907)	78%	80%	76.82%* (29,085)	A	G



**Risk to be managed: Ensuring sustainable transport options remain attractive to users**

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Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score		Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score				Likelihood	Impact	Gross Score
(L)	(I)	(LxI)		(L)	(I)	(LxI)			(L)	(I)	(LxI)	
H	H	R	Review of FCCs subsidised bus services has been completed and outcomes are being implemented.	M	M	A	To regularly review service level provision and network to encourage increased patronage of public transport.	Head of Assets & Transportation	↔	L	L	G
			Review and consultation in relation to rural provision is currently in progress.				Consider the consultation outcome and suggest sustainable solutions where cost effective and deliverable.					