

APPENDIX 6

Priority:	Modern and Efficient Council
Sub-Priority:	Asset Strategy
Impact:	Having the right buildings in the right places for the right uses

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

1. Renew the Asset Strategy alongside capital planning				
Progress Status:	Progress RAG	A	Outcome RAG	G
The asset strategy is currently being reviewed to reflect the wider requirements to review whole council property assets on the basis of future rationalisation strategies. This will ensure linkage to the Councils capital planning framework and medium term financial plan.				
2. Reduce the number of office buildings				
Progress Status:	Progress RAG	A	Outcome RAG	G
The overall intention is to reduce from three to two. This will be achieved through the closure of Connah's Quay Offices upon the opening of the Flintshire Connects facility which is currently being remodelled and is an integrated Connects facility within the existing Library.				
Planning of the decant is underway with the general intention that the services currently within the Connah's Quay offices would become highly agile and co locate into County Offices Flint, in doing so further positive progress would be made in relation to office utilisation				

3. Extend the use of Agile Working				
Progress Status	Progress RAG	R	Outcome RAG	R
<p>Whilst there has been an increased uptake in agile working progress is still too slow. We set ourselves a target of 30% by the end of the year and in reality is likely to be nearer 5-10%. This will of course improve on the mobilisation of Connah's Quay services into Flint and other consolidations but the overall position is challenging albeit there is greater acceptance and understanding around agile working within the Council as a whole.</p> <p>Clearly closure and a move to agile have positive impacts upon our overall cost base in that we would require less accommodation.</p>				
<p>Achievement will be measured through :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing maintenance and asset costs • Joint use of assets with partners • Carbon reduction • Increased agile working 				

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Achievement Milestones for strategy and action plans: (Lead Officer –Head of Assets and Transportation)							
Determine strategic approach to measuring and capturing scale of workforce engaged in agile working – March 2014							
Achievement Measures	Lead Officer	2012/13 Baseline Data	2013/14 Target	2016/17 Aspirational Target	Current Outturn	Performance RAG	Outcome Performance Predictive RAG
Reduction in the cost per person in our offices	Head of Assets and Transportation	£1,233.00	£1,172.18	£794	£1,233.00	R	A
Increase the use of our property assets by increasing partnership through the public and third sector via our Flintshire Connects and other property rationalisation approaches.	Head of Assets and Transportation / Head of Housing	1 Connects Office	3 Connects Offices	5 Connects Offices by 2016	1	A	G
Reduction in our office storage space requirements (incremental)	Head of Assets and Transportation	12%	10%	2% by 2016	10%	G	G
Reduction in our core office buildings from three to two (core buildings to be smaller and more energy efficient)	Head of Assets and Transportation	3	2	2 by 2017/18	3	A	G
Reduce our carbon footprint through delivery of our Carbon Reduction Strategy (non-domestic property portfolio)	Head of Assets and Transportation	Current tonnes of carbon 14,112.5 (weather corrected)	Target 5% reduction	60% by 2021	0.85%	A	A

Risk to be managed – Gaining public acceptance to the rationalisation of assets

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(L)	(I)	(LxI)		(L)	(I)	(LxI)				(L)	(I)	(LxI)
H	H	R	The development and rollout of a programme of Flintshire Connects provides services in the heart of our communities. Holywell is currently open and Connah's Quay, Flint and Buckley are to follow.	M	M	A	Continue the work in relation to developing our Flintshire Connects offer and roll out facilities, funds permitting.	Head of Housing	↔	L	L	G
			We are moving more services to web based transactions and other modes of channel shift. This will reduce the reliance on face to face and telephone services for some of our services				Continue to move services to remote access, to reduce transaction costs. Ensure Connects have capability for remote transaction and bill payment.	Head of Transportation and Assets				

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			Options to determine future potential uses of the Mold Campus site are being considered and will be shared with Members, Staff and the wider public in due course.				Continue to progress the study into future site viability and campus rationalisation.	Head of Transportation and Assets				

Risk to be managed – How we can invest and ensure we have the capacity to implement the strategy

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H	H	R	<p>We have sought capacity bids from the Flintshire Futures Board which have been supported and additional resources are to be recruited to support activity.</p> <p>Rationalisation delivery team already in place.</p> <p>Engagement with partner organisations to support Flintshire Connects</p>	M	M	A	<p>Ensure change manager is appointed to support the rationalisation process.</p> <p>Continue to explore opportunities to house partnership organisations within Flintshire Connects and share with them future plans for our wider office accommodation and approach to rationalisation as and when developed.</p>	<p>Head of Transportation and Assets</p> <p>Head of Housing / Head of Transportation and Assets</p>	↔	L	L	G

Risk to be managed – Gaining workforce agreement and acceptance of agile working practices

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H	H	R	<p>We are currently engaging with all managers to ensure they understand the need to change the way we work to create efficiencies, change the culture and protect front line services. Meetings been undertaken with individual teams to ensure they fully understand and engage with the change programme.</p> <p>Public Protection teams are relocating and consolidating their accommodation and are moving to agile working which will see a 35% reduction in their current floorspace.</p>	M	M	A	Continue to sell the change messages so all understand their roles and contribution.	Head of Assets and Transportation	↔	L	M	G

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			Development work is currently being progressed relating to the rationalisation of space within County Hall				Work with service managers to ensure that they are in a state of preparedness for rationalisation. Increase agile working activity, paperless office and office consolidation.	Head of Assets and Transportation				
			Decant plans for Connah's Quay are progressing with a decant planned for 2014/15 on completion of the Flintshire Connects facility				Ensure decant options and timescales are communicated out to building occupants and decant strategy is fully known.	Head of Assets and Transportation				

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			Teams are being supported through IT and document scanning initiatives which will see phases three and four prioritised in terms of change enabled.				EDM scanning capability to continue together with software migration to Citrix and mobile applications to be progressed.	Head of Assets and Transportation / Head of ICT & Customer Services					
			We are setting up areas within County Hall where we will demonstrate NWOW so that staff can see what the NWOW will look like and provide feedback to shape the future office environment.				Solicit feedback to inform future plans.	Head of Assets and Transportation					