

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CABINET**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

SUBJECT: **LSB & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**
 PERFORMANCE - END OF YEAR REPORT 2014/15

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To note the status of each of the strategic partnerships.
- 1.02 To note and endorse the end of year assessments for the progress of the Local Service Board Priorities.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB) under its Terms of Reference has five principal roles:
 - 1. Effective and trusting partnership relationships as a set of local leaders.
 - 2. Discharging the responsibilities of an LSB - this includes producing a meaningful and fit for purpose Community Strategy.
 - 3. Consistent and effective governance and performance of strategic partnerships.
 - 4. Identifying common issues as public bodies/employers.
 - 5. Promoting collaboration in the design and provision of local public services and to make best economic use of local partner's resources, such as people, money, assets and technology.
- 2.02 The LSB has published its Single Integrated Plan, focussing on four priorities and supported by the work of LSB related strategic partnerships.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 Flintshire's Local Service Board adopted the four priorities of the Local Service Board in July 2012. These priorities are:

- Priority 1: Lead by example as employers and community leaders
 - Priority 2: People are safe
 - Priority 3: People enjoy good health, wellbeing and independence
 - Priority 4: Organisational environmental practices
- 3.02 As previously reported all four priorities have detailed programme plans, governance and reporting arrangements, and integrate with the Council's Improvement Plan.
- 3.03 The Single Integrated Plan, as endorsed by Cabinet in May 2014, in effect brings together these commitments and activities into one plan.
- 3.04 The accompanying Appendix A provides an end of year assessment for these priorities.
- 3.05 A review of these priorities is currently being undertaken to ensure that existing priorities are still valid taking into account local, regional or national progress and change.
- 3.06 Consideration is being given as to how the LSB ensure that existing plans and needs assessments link into local and regional priority setting going forward.
- 3.07 Priority Leads have also been asked to consider whether work being undertaken through existing priorities should continue as an LSB priority for 2015/16 or whether they could be mainstreamed. There may be other areas of work that need to be given LSB priority.
- 3.08 On 29th April 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 became law in Wales.

The Act:

- identifies goals to improve the well-being of Wales;
 - introduces national indicators, that will measure the difference being made to the well-being of Wales;
 - establishes a Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to act as an advocate for future generations;
 - puts local service boards and well-being plans on a statutory basis and simplifies requirements for integrated community planning.
- 3.09 Welsh Government will be consulting on guidance for the implementation of the Act over the summer.
- 3.10 The intention is that Public Service Boards will come into force from April 2016.

3.11 The work of the current Local Service Board is supported by key related strategic partnerships as follows:

- People are Safe Board
- Health, Well-being and Independence Board
- Youth Justice Executive Management (YJEM) Board
- Employment, Skills and Jobs Project Board
- Housing Partnership Board
- Regeneration Partnership Board.

3.12 A proposal to dissolve both the Housing and Regeneration Partnership Boards is moving through the Scrutiny process with a proposal to form a combined stakeholder group. The approach proposed includes use of an online communication channel/forum, with an annual or bi-annual meeting as required. Additional task and finish groups could then be established if required to progress particular pieces of work.







3.13 A summary of the progress against milestones, activities and confidence in outcomes is shown below against the four priorities of the LSB.

3.14 'Progress' shows achievement against scheduled activity and has been categorised as follows:

- RED: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity; not on track
- AMBER: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track
- GREEN: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule, on track

3.15 An assessment of our level of confidence in achieving the 'outcome(s)' has been categorised as: -

- RED: Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s)
- AMBER: Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s)
- GREEN: High – full confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s)

Single Integrated Plan Priorities	Progress	Outcome
1. Lead by example as employers and community leaders		
2. People are safe		
3. People enjoy good health, wellbeing and independence		

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- 3.16 For Priority 4: Organisational environmental practices, the LSB have agreed that an annual report on carbon reduction would be presented only. With much work focusing on reviewing assets and joint teams, it was agreed that physical asset sharing could be included in this priority. This would provide the focus required as previously climate change was too broad as a priority.
- 3.17 The reports have been formatted to reflect the good practice adopted by the production of the Council's Annual Performance Report 2013/14 and have taken into account potential improvements raised by the Wales Audit Office such as providing a balanced view of performance during the year.
- 3.18 These end of year reports will be reported in various ways:
- To the Organisational Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 23rd July 2015.
 - To the Local Service Board meeting on 21st May 2015.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That Members note the progress made in the end of year reports and endorse the commitments made.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan is aligned to resource the Council's contribution to these partnership priorities.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 Welfare Reform is a sub priority of Priority 3: "People enjoy good health, wellbeing and independence".

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 "Organisational environmental practices" is Priority 4 within the SIP.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 Equalities will be taken into consideration through any policy changes determined by the Plan and its implementation.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 Any personnel implications for the Council will be considered through any relevant changes determined by the Plan and its implementation.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Consultation with the Organisational Change Overview and Scrutiny

Committee is planned.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 All Local Service Board partners and respective delivery boards and partnerships have contributed to the development of the end of year reports.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix A: SIP Priority End of Year Performance Reports 2014/15.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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