

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.01 To outline the status of each of the strategic partnerships.
- 1.02 To present 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 four priorities 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

As previously reported all four priorities have detailed programme plans, governance and reporting arrangements, and integrate with the Council's Improvement Plan.

The Single Integrated Plan in effect brings together these commitments and activities into one plan.

The accompanying Appendix A provides an end of year assessment for these priorities.

- 3.02 A review of these priorities is currently being undertaken to ensure that they are still valid taking into account local, regional or national progress and change.

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.

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.







- 3.03 A summary of the progress in 2014/15 against milestones, activities and confidence in achieving outcomes is shown below against the four priorities.

'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

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		

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.

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.

3.04 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.

On 7th September 2015 draft guidance will be published by Welsh Government in relation to the Act. It will include guidance on establishing a Public Services Board and associated duties including the requirements for the Assessment of Local Well-being and the Well-being Plan.

Each public body specified in the Act, has a duty to meet the requirements of the Act in its own right and, if they are a member of the Public Services Board (PSB) they must also deliver the requirements of the Act in the context of a local Well-being plan.

The intention is that Public Services Boards will be established by 1st April 2016. Members will receive a future report on our preparedness for the transition to a Public Service Board and the development of our Well-being Plan.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That Members are assured of the level of progress made during 2014/15 in the achievement of the Single Integrated Plan priorities.
- 4.02 That Members support the future requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the preparation being undertaken.

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 No further consultation required.

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.

The end of year reports have also been reported to:

- Local Service Board on 21st May 2015.
- Cabinet on 6th June 2015.

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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