

Flintshire County Council CBC (name of responsible officer: Mike Welch)

The feedback on the Play Sufficiency Assessment is based on the evaluation of how the criteria listed below have been met. The Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan therefore must have provided:

A comprehensive account of the changes made by the Local Authority in its structure/culture to embed play values.

The Local Authority took some significant steps to introduce changes in its own structure/culture such as the appointment of two Play Champions at senior level with the County Council, the establishment of a Flintshire Strategic Play Forum and the Play Sufficiency Working Group. The Local Authority also built up good relationships with other departments and partners organisations. Publicity initiatives were innovative as the publication in other languages (for instance Polish) of the Play Sufficiency Assessment Stakeholders Event Report planned for the near future.

A comprehensive account of the methodological approach chosen by the Local Authority in the completion of the self-assessment report.

The Local Authority chose a good methodological approach which consisted of qualitative (discussion groups) and quantitative (online questionnaire/snap system) methods. Consultations have been also undertaken.

A comprehensive account of the current situation by matter.

The Local Authority provided a comprehensive account of the current situation by matter and genuinely recognised that improvements must be made. Where challenges have been faced (such as maintenance of gypsy traveller sites, signage, record of low cost premises, roads closure and workforce development) actions have been planned to solve issues. Engaging with the Community and linking play policy to other policy areas is a work in progress.

A comprehensive account of the changes needed to create a play friendly environment.

The Local Authority has included actions against each of the red areas identified; strengths and shortcomings were reported.

A comprehensive account of the Local Authority plan (operational and financial) outlining how such changes will be achieved and by when.

The Local Authority's Action Plan has identified targets and milestones, but financial planning needs to be more accurate (some figures are missing as needs have not been assessed). It would be helpful for the Welsh Government to quantify the financial needs of the Local Authority when exploring funding resources.