

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 11 July 2019
Report Subject	Council Plan 2019/20 – Part 2
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council
Report Author	Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan is published as two documents. Part 1 sets out our intent. Part 2 sets out the performance measures, targets and milestones against which achievement will be measured and evaluated.

Part 1 of the Plan was adopted by the County Council in June 2019 and this report provides the mechanism (as Part 2) which we will be using to measure progress and achievement of our priorities. Part 2 will be the document used by Overview and Scrutiny Committees to review progress in-year on a quarterly basis.

The published Plan (of both parts) will be available on the Council's website by the end of July as a more digitally accessible and graphical document.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To present Part 2 of the Council Plan – on performance milestones and measures for the year – and invite feedback for Cabinet which will be recommended for approval later in the month.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Council Plan 2019/20 – Part 2
1.01	<p>The achievements to be attained during 2019/20 are clearly described in Part 1 of the Council Plan.</p> <p>Part 2 ensures that these achievements can be monitored for progress and tracking.</p>

	<p>There are two types of measures used: firstly, qualitative milestones when plans or strategies are projected to be attained and; secondly more quantitative, numerical measures which have targets to be met.</p> <p>These numerical measures are classified under three headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement • Maintenance • Managed Reduction <p>Some examples of Improvement measures include performance which is below nationally recognised standards; has shown a decline in trend; is national policy or regulatory; or demonstrates improved achievement of value for money.</p> <p>Maintenance measures may include performance that has reached or exceeded national or local standards, where budget pressures indicate that further improvement cannot be achieved or has reached the capacity of the service, or where the benchmarking position is acceptable.</p> <p>Managed reduction measures include performance affected by political choice and determination, budget pressures, freedom from regulatory restrictions, or service restructures.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Council Plan identifies the classification of all numerical measures.</p>
1.02	<p>Risks to be managed and mitigated throughout the year are being worked through and will be covered in the first monitoring report.</p> <p>Many will continue from last year, but may have reached a new stage of risk as projects and strategies transfer into new stages.</p> <p>Risks are monitored through the regular reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committee. In addition they will be individually prioritised for inclusion into Overview and Scrutiny forward work programmes to ensure that due consideration is undertaken.</p>
1.03	<p>The final published Plan will also include the national policy issues will enable or limit our ability to achieve.</p>
1.04	<p>Part 2 of the Plan is the document by which Overview and Scrutiny Committees will review in-year progress on a quarterly basis.</p>
1.05	<p>The published Council Plan of both Parts 1 and 2 will be more digitally accessible and graphical and be available on the Council's website by the end of July.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>The Council Plan ambitions are reflected in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the annual budget setting process.</p>

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	All Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan themes and priorities through the two workshops and a survey.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	<p>Progression of the Plan objectives is risk managed with reports made quarterly to Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>The risks to the statutory requirements of the Plan include not publishing the plan within statutory timescales and, not adhering to the prerequisite content. These risks are managed through adherence to well established procedures for publishing the Plan and ensuring that the content of the Plan reflects the requirements of the law.</p>

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Plan (Part 2) 2019-20.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Contact Officer: Karen Armstrong, Corporate Business and Communications Executive Officer</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702740</p> <p>E-mail: Karen.armstrong@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Council Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Objectives and publish a Plan.
7.02	Medium Term Financial Strategy: a written strategy which gives a forecast of the financial resources which will be available to a Council for a given period, and sets out plans for how best to deploy those resources to meet its priorities, duties and obligations.