

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 10 th March 2020
Report Subject	Quarter 3 Council Plan 2019/20 Monitoring Report
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Countryside; and Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection
Report Author	Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy); and Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan 2019/20 was adopted by the Council in June 2019. This report presents a summary of the monitoring of progress for the quarter three (October – December 2019) position of 2019/20 for the Council Plan priorities ‘Green Council’, ‘Ambitious Council’ and ‘Safe and Clean Council’ relevant to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

This second monitoring report for the 2019/20 Council Plan is a positive report, with 89% of activities being assessed as making good progress, and 89% likely to achieve the desired outcome. In addition, 81% of the performance indicators met or exceeded target. Risks are also being successfully managed with the majority being assessed as moderate (71%) or minor/insignificant (18%).

RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1. | That the Committee consider the Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report 2019/20 to monitor under performance and request further information as appropriate. |
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20 QUARTER 3 MONITORING REPORT
1.01	The Council Plan monitoring reports give an explanation of the progress being made toward the delivery of the impacts set out in the 2019/20 Council Plan. The narrative is supported by performance indicators and / or milestones which evidence achievement. In addition, there is an assessment of the strategic risks and the level to which they are being controlled.
1.02	This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on the areas of under-performance.
1.03	<p>Monitoring Activities</p> <p>Each of the sub-priorities under each theme within the Plan have high level activities which are monitored over time. 'Progress' shows action against scheduled activity and is categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RED: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity and, not on track• AMBER: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track• GREEN: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule and on track <p>A RAG status is also given for the assessment of our current level of confidence in achieving the 'outcome(s)' in-year for each sub-priority. Outcome is categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RED: Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year• AMBER: Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year• GREEN: High – full confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year
1.04	<p>In summary our overall progress against activities is:</p> <p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are making good (green) progress in 140 (89%).• We are making satisfactory (amber) progress in 7 (11%). <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a high (green) level of confidence in the outcome achievement of 140 (89%).• We have a medium (amber) level of confidence in the outcome achievement of 17 (11%).• No activities have a low (red) level of confidence in their outcome achievement.

1.05	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the Council Plan performance indicators is undertaken using the RAG status. This is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED - under-performance against target. • AMBER - where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target. • GREEN - positive performance against target.
1.06	<p>Analysis of current levels of performance against target shows the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 (81%) have achieved a green RAG status • 6 (11%) have an amber RAG status • 4 (8%) have a red RAG status
1.07	<p>There are no performance indicators (PI) which show a red RAG status for current performance against target, relevant to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>
1.08	<p>Monitoring our Risks</p> <p>Analysis of the current risk levels for the strategic risks identified in the Council Plan is as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 (5.8%) are insignificant (green) • 6 (11.5%) are minor (yellow) • 37 (71.2%) are moderate (amber) • 6 (11.5%) are major (red) • 0 (0%) are severe (black)
1.09	<p>The major (red) risk identified for the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee is:</p> <p>Priority: Green Council Risk: Funding will not be secured for priority flood alleviation schemes. Under the Land Drainage Act 1991, the Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has powers available but is not compelled to undertake flood alleviation works. Flood alleviation schemes are considered in accordance with defined national protocols (based on the Five Case Business Model Approach) in order to be included in Welsh Government's 'Pipeline Programme' which can provide Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding at 85% match funding. At present Flintshire Council have no active schemes in the national programme. Several local sites have been identified with potential for viable flood alleviation schemes. Dedicated resource isolated from delivering statutory legislative Flood Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) duties is required within the Team to develop these local flood risk sites into schemes for</p>

	consideration for inclusion into Welsh Government's 'Pipeline Programme'. A Team structure review in quarter one of 2020/21 will seek opportunities to address this. Welsh Government have noted the decline in schemes and are considering implementing measures to support Local Authorities, including regional dedicated 'Project Managers' to facilitate scheme delivery on behalf of local FCERM clients.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications for this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT														
3.01	Progress against the risks identified in the Council Plan is monitored. Summary information for the risks assessed as major (red) is covered in paragraphs 1.07 and 1.09 above.														
3.02	Overview & scrutiny committees are following through areas of risk concern within their forward work programmes.														
3.04	<p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Long-term</td> <td rowspan="5">Throughout all of the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all of the Sustainable Development Principles. There will be specific case studies of these working practises in the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> </tr> </table> <p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td rowspan="7">Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is an engrained culture of emerging our work actions and activities with the Well-being Goals. Specific actions and activities have impact assessments and risk assessment as part of strategic reports which demonstrates impact.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More equal Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cohesive Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vibrant Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Globally responsible Wales</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council's Well-being Objectives The Council's wellbeing objectives will be reported again as part of the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.</p>	Long-term	Throughout all of the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all of the Sustainable Development Principles. There will be specific case studies of these working practises in the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement	Prosperous Wales	Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is an engrained culture of emerging our work actions and activities with the Well-being Goals. Specific actions and activities have impact assessments and risk assessment as part of strategic reports which demonstrates impact.	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More equal Wales	Cohesive Wales	Vibrant Wales	Globally responsible Wales
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Council Plan Priorities are monitored by the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.
4.02	Chief Officers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Green Council. Appendix 2 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Ambitious Council. Appendix 3 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Safe and Clean Council.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Council Plan 2019/20. https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Council-Plan.aspx

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	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 Improvement Objectives and publish a Council Plan. Risks: These are assessed using a refreshed approach to risk management endorsed by Audit Committee in 2018. The new approach, includes the use of a more sophisticated risk assessment matrix which provides greater opportunities to show changes over time.

Risk Likelihood and Impact Matrix							
Impact Severity	Catastrophic	Y	A	R	R	B	B
	Critical	Y	A	A	R	R	R
	Marginal	G	Y	A	A	A	R
	Negligible	G	G	Y	Y	A	A
		Unlikely (5%)	Very Low (15%)	Low (30%)	Significant (50%)	Very High (65%)	Extremely High (80%)
Likelihood & Percentage of risk happening							

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CAMMS – An explanation of the report headings

Actions

Action – Each sub-priority have high level activities attached to them to help achieve the outcomes of the sub-priority.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for updating the data on the action.

Status – This will either be ‘In progress’ if the action has a start and finish date or ‘Ongoing’ if it is an action that is longer term than the reporting year.

Start date – When the action started (usually the start of the financial year).

End date – When the action is expected to be completed.

% complete - The % that the action is complete at the time of the report. This only applies to actions that are ‘in progress’. An action that is ‘ongoing’ will not produce a % complete due to the longer-term nature of the action.

Progress RAG – Shows if the action at this point in time is making limited progress (Red), satisfactory progress (Amber) or good progress (Green).

Outcome RAG – Shows the level of confidence in achieving the outcomes for each action.

Measures (Key Performance Indicators - KPIs)

Pre. Year Period Actual – The period actual at the same point in the previous year. If the KPI is a new KPI for the year then this will show as ‘no data’.

Period Actual – The data for this quarter.

Period Target – The target for this quarter as set at the beginning of the year.

Perf. RAG – This measures performance for the period against the target. It is automatically generated according to the data. Red = a position of under performance against target, Amber = a mid-position where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target and Green = a position of positive performance against the target.

Perf. Indicator Trend – Trend arrows give an impression of the direction the performance is heading compared to the period of the previous year:

- A ‘downward arrow’ always indicates poorer performance regardless of whether a KPI figure means that less is better (e.g. the amount of days to deliver a grant or undertake a review) or if a KPI figure means that more is better (e.g. number of new jobs in Flintshire).
- Similarly an ‘upward arrow’ always indicates improved performance.

YTD Actual – The data for the year so far including previous quarters.

YTD Target – The target for the year so far including the targets of previous quarters.

Outcome RAG – The level of confidence of meeting the target by the end of the year. Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Red), Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Amber) and High - full confidence in the achievement of the target (Green).

Risks

Risk Title – Gives a description of the risk.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for managing the risk.

Supporting Officer – The person responsible for updating the risk.

Initial Risk Rating – The level of the risk at the start of the financial year (quarter 1). The risks are identified as follows; insignificant (green), minor (yellow), moderate (amber), major (red) and severe (black).

Current Risk Rating – The level of the risk at this quarter.

Trend Arrow – This shows if the risk has increased (red, upward arrow), decreased (green, downward arrow) or remained the same between the initial risk rating and the current risk rating (amber, stable arrow).

Risk Status – This will either show as 'open' or 'closed'. If a risk is open then it is still a relevant risk, if the risk is closed then it is no longer a relevant risk; a new risk may be generated where a plan or strategy moves into a new phase.