

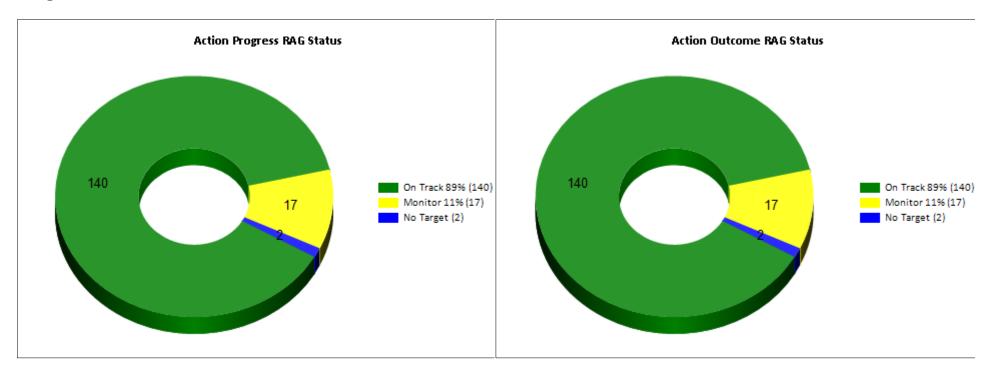
Appendix 3 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Ambitious Council

Flintshire County Council

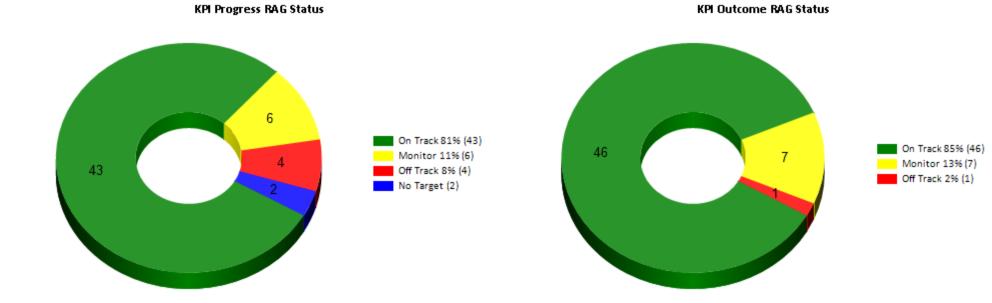


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Progress Charts

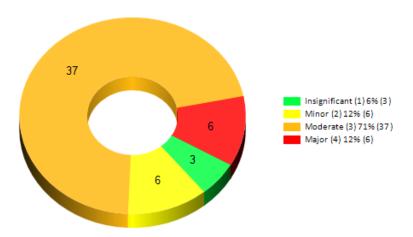


'No Target' for Action Progress and Action Outcome denotes Action has not started.



'No Target' for KPI denotes this is a new KPI and a baseline year is being established

Current Risk Status



Ambitious Council

Actions

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
, , , , , ,	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	Completed	01-Apr-2019	31-Dec-2019	100.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

The new school in Penyffordd opened to pupils and staff in September 2019 (phase one). The demolition of the former school, external works and car parking provision (phase two) were completed in November 2019. Connah's Quay High School (phase two) was completed in November 2019. Both projects were completed on time and within budget.

Last Updated: 24-Jan-2020

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
· ` `	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	In Progress	01-Apr-2019	31-Mar-2020	25.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Welsh Government have approved additional funding for the proposed project at Ysgol Glanrafon, Mold. Tenders have been submitted and a contractor will be formally commissioned in January 2020 to progress the project through detailed design development stage and to cost certainty. The Queensferry Campus project is more advanced a contractor has been commissioned and the project is currently in Design Development stage.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START	END DATE	COMPLETE	PROGRESS	OUTCOME
			DATE		%	RAG	RAG
remaining Band B through both Council democratic	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	In Progress		31-Mar-2020	20.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Cabinet have previously approved the Council's Strategic Outline Plan which was submitted (and approved in principle) by Welsh Government (WG) for the 21st Century schools investment programme (Band B 2019-2025). The Council's band B programme has already started with approved projects at Connah's Quay High School complete and the proposed Queensferry Campus project at design development stage. Cabinet have recently approved that Welsh Government are approached to increase the original funding envelope from £85m to £103m. Cabinet will require further papers to approve area reviews and or projects identified within this investment programme.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.2.4.1 (CP) Creation of a single joint Archives service between Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils	Claire Harrington - Principal Archivist	In Progress	01-Apr-2019	31-Mar-2020	80.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Memorandum of Understanding to create the joint service was formally signed by both Local Authorities. Successful appointment to the temporary joint service manager post was completed and the postholder commenced duties on 1 January 2020.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
1	Claire Harrington - Principal Archivist	In Progress	01-Apr-2019	31-Mar-2020	50.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

Expression of Interest to the National Heritage Lottery Fund was successfully submitted, with the next stage being a presentation to Panel on 7 February 2020.

Last Updated: 22-Jan-2020

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
9	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	Completed	01-Apr-2019	31-Mar-2020	100.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

The project will be commissioned via the school modernisation team at construction phase.

Last Updated: 23-Jan-2020

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
development of the Ysgol Croes Atti project and	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	In Progress	01-Apr-2019	31-Mar-2020	20.00%	GREEN	GREEN

ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:

The project is currently at detailed design stage. Once cost certainty is established a Full Business Case (FBC) will be submitted to Welsh Government (WG) to release capital funding for the construction phase.

Last Updated: 23-Jan-2020

Risks

RISK	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING	INITIAL RISK	CURRENT RISK	TREND	RISK
TITLE		OFFICERS	RATING	RATING	ARROW	STATUS
Number of school places not matching the changing demographics	Damian Hughes - Senior Manager, School Planning & Provision	Kim Brookes - Senior Manager - Business Change and Support	Red	Amber		Open

Potential Effect:

Higher teacher ratios, unfilled places, backlog maintenance pressures, inefficient estate

Management Controls:

Continuation of school modernisation and investment programme, will reduce unfilled places, reduce backlog maintenance, remove unwanted fixed costs and infrastructure

Progress Comment:

Reducing unfilled school places via school organisation change is an ongoing process. School change projects can take between three and five years from inception to delivery before reductions of unfilled places can be realised. This continues to be an ongoing process linked to the school modernisation programme. To supplement this the Council will continue to work closely with schools to consider innovative ways for reduction in capacity on a school by school basis (i.e. alternative use of school facilities by other groups) with the objective of meeting national targets of circa 10% unfilled places in all school sectors.

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RISK	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING	INITIAL RISK	CURRENT RISK	TREND	RISK
TITLE		OFFICERS	RATING	RATING	ARROW	STATUS
Failure to obtain grant funding to support educational delivery.	Kim Brookes - Senior Manager - Business Change and Support		Red	Amber		Open

Potential Effect:

Larger class sizes in all phases and potential breach of infant class size regulations

Challenge in meeting WG recommendations on staffing levels to deliver Foundation Phase curriculum

Reduction in standards achieved by pupils - risk to Council reputation and risk of Estyn follow up for Education Services

Reduction in quality of education delivered by schools resulting in more schools in Estyn categories

Reduction in support for vulnerable pupils e.g. FSM, LAC, ALN

Higher deficit budgets in schools – corporate finance risk

Unsustainable schools in some communities

Increasing redundancy costs for Council as schools cut staff

Increasing challenge in recruiting senior leaders in schools

Increasing sickness absence in the school workforce

Management Controls:

Regular finance monitoring through various channels e.g. Cabinet; Chief Officer Team;

Overview & Scrutiny; School Budget Forum; Portfolio Finance Team

Regular interface with Headteachers & Chairs of Governors to maintain open communication

to support strategic planning by school leaders

Regular interface with Welsh Government and Welsh Local Government Association to maintain

high profile on education spending

Management of school estate through School Organisational Change Strategy

Timely referrals to Occupational Health & Care First

Progress Comment:

The risk remains the same overall in that if we do not receive grant funding then core service delivery and impact on learners remains the same. However, at this time, there is no specific example of where we have not received a grant as expected and continuation of some areas of grant funding are expected to be confirmed by the end of March 2020.

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