

## ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021
<b>Report Subject</b>	Council Plan 2021-22
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets;  Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Countryside;  Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection; and  Cabinet Member for Economic Development
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2017-23 was adopted by County Council to show the key priorities of the Council for the five year term of the new administration. The Plan is subject to annual review.

The content of the Council Plan for 2021/22 will continue to take into account continued recovery in addition to our longer-term strategic objectives.

The initial framework for Part One of the next version of the Council Plan is built around six themes:

- Economy
- Education and Skills
- Green Society and Environment
- Affordable and Accessible Housing
- Personal and Community Well-being
- Poverty

Each of these six themes is accompanied by a strategic statement. The statements lend themselves to being Well-being objectives.

The six themes will be mapped out against the respective lead portfolios for reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee have supported the timeline for the development of the plan.

Following Cabinet agreement the next stage of development for the Plan's outline content is for Scrutiny Committees to review and consider its contents. All comments and suggestions will then be collated and shared at Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To review and agree the further developed themes of the Council Plan 2021-22 prior to sharing with Cabinet in March 2021.
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## REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2021/22</b>
1.01	<p>The Council Plan for 2021-22 has a refreshed structure of six themes and supporting priorities which both set ambition with measured realism as follows:</p> <p><b>Theme: Poverty</b>            Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income Poverty</li> <li>- Child Poverty</li> <li>- Food Poverty</li> <li>- Fuel Poverty</li> <li>- Digital Poverty</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme: Affordable and Accessible housing</b>            Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing support and Homeless prevention</li> <li>- Housing Needs and Housing Options</li> <li>- Social Housing</li> <li>- Private Rented Sector</li> <li>- Empty Properties</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme: Green Society and Environment</b>            Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carbon Neutrality</li> <li>- Fleet Strategy</li> <li>- Green Environment</li> <li>- Renewable Energy</li> <li>- Active and Sustainable Travel Options</li> <li>- Circular Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme: Economy</b>            Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Town Centre Regeneration</li> <li>- Business</li> <li>- Transport and digital infrastructure</li> <li>- LDP Targets</li> <li>- Spending money for the benefit of Flintshire</li> <li>- Reducing Worklessness</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Theme: Personal and Community Well-being</b></p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Independent Living</li> <li>- Safeguarding</li> <li>- Direct Provision to support people closer to home</li> <li>- Local Dementia Strategy</li> <li>- A well-connected, safe and clean local environment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme: Education and Skills</b></p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational Engagement and Achievement</li> <li>- Digital Learning Opportunities</li> <li>- Learning Environments</li> <li>- Learning Community Networks</li> <li>- Specialist Educational Provision</li> <li>- Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP)</li> </ul>
1.02	The work on the detail behind the priorities has progressed well and is attached at Appendix 1. Cabinet have agreed to the content. The next step is for all Scrutiny Committees to be consulted with over the next cycle.
1.03	Following this cycle of consultation, the Plan will be presented to Cabinet in its second stage prior to adoption by the County Council in April/May.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	Council planning and service portfolio business planning is dove-tailed with the periodic review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	<p>Consultation has been carried out with Chief Officers, Cabinet members and the wider internal senior management network on the framework of the Plan.</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny committees will have the opportunity to be engaged in the development of the Plan.</p>

<b>4.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>						
4.01	<p><b>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Long-term</td> <td rowspan="5">Throughout the 2021/22 Council Plan development we will ensure the five ways of working are embedded within our ambitions and easily reported on.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> </tr> </table>	Long-term	Throughout the 2021/22 Council Plan development we will ensure the five ways of working are embedded within our ambitions and easily reported on.	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement
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<b>Council's Well-being Objectives</b>								
These are under review as part of this work.								
<b>Risk Management</b>								
The risks to the statutory requirements of the Plan include not publishing the Plan within statutory timescales and not adhering to the prerequisite content.								
Both these risks are managed through adherence to well established procedures for publishing the Plan.								

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1: Draft Council Plan (Part 1) 2021-22

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None.

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Jay Davies, Strategic Performance Advisor <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702744 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jay.davies@flintshire.gov.uk">jay.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</a>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	<b>Council Plan:</b> 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.  <b>Medium Term Financial Strategy:</b> 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.