

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 10 th January, 2023
Report Subject	Mid-Year Performance Monitoring Report
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy; Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy; and Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health 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 2022/23 was adopted by the Council in July 2022. This report presents the mid-year out-turn of progress against the Council Plan priorities identified for 2022/23 relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

This out-turn report for the 2022/23 Council Plan shows 59% of activities are making good progress. 70% of the performance indicators have met or exceeded their targets, 9% are being closely monitored and 21% are currently not meeting target.

This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on those areas of performance which are not currently achieving their target.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	To support levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as at mid-year within the 2022/23 Council Plan.
2.	To endorse and support overall performance against 2022/23 Council Plan performance indicators as at mid-year.

3.	To be assured by explanations given for those areas of underperformance.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE PERFORMANCE AT MID-YEAR 2022/2023
1.01	The Council Plan performance report provides an explanation of the progress made towards the delivery of the priorities set out in the 2021/22 Council Plan. The narrative is supported by information on performance indicators and/or milestones.
1.02	This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on those areas of performance which are not currently achieving their target.
1.03	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the 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.
1.04	<p>In summary our overall progress against activities is:</p> <p>Progress RAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are making good (green) progress in 91 (59%) activities • We are making satisfactory (amber) progress in 53 (35%) activities • We are making limited (red) progress in 9 (6%) activities
1.05	<p>The activities which show a red RAG status relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee are:-</p> <p>ECONOMY Supporting small and/or local businesses to engage with public sector procurement opportunities The Council is developing a Dynamic Purchasing Solution to enable smaller businesses to engage with our domestic energy programmes. In addition, the Council supports businesses in taking part in wider public sector procurement opportunities. There have not been any relevant processes in this period.</p> <p>Ensuring Flintshire strategic transport priorities are well-represented in the Regional Transport Plan from the forthcoming Corporate Joint Committee development Following the publication of Welsh Government's New Wales Transport Plan, we are in the process of reviewing our own Integrated Transport Strategy. Once complete, this will form the basis of Flintshire's forthcoming Regional</p>

	<p>Transport Plan submission, however, Welsh authorities are currently awaiting confirmation of how the Regional Transport Plan will be coordinated.</p> <p>Connecting further rural communities to improved digital infrastructure Recruitment into the vacant broadband officer role was unsuccessful. Furthermore, the support schemes that were a large element of the role have been placed on hold by UK and Welsh Government pending the outcome of a review of broadband infrastructure.</p> <p>From a more positive perspective, commercial roll out of both Superfast and Ultrafast speed broadband has accelerated dramatically in Flintshire so that the vast majority of households now have access to good connectivity.</p> <p>Once the governmental review process above concludes the Council and partners will be able to identify which geographical areas will still require support to improve connectivity.</p> <p>Reviewing the Social Value Strategy to identify further opportunities to maximise social value across the Council, its services and expenditure Generating social value from the Council's commissioning and procurement activity is the largest contributor of increased social value and remains a key area of focus. Furthermore, and due to the recent and on-going shortfall in resource capacity, we have been unable to progress work on other areas of the strategy. However, we have begun to progress the Council's planning policies, with the view of exploring ways to maximise the generation of social value from planning applications. We have also supported a number of voluntary sector funding applications this quarter, which progresses the area outlined within the current Social Value Strategy.</p>
1.06	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the 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.
1.07	<p>The performance indicator (PIs) which showed a red RAG status for current performance against target, relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee is:-</p> <p>ECONOMY Number of individuals receiving support 123 individuals received support from the Communities for Work (CFW) programme and were assigned to an employment mentor. Engagement within local schools both, primary and high school has resumed targeting parents and young people leaving school as well as referrals from youth justice (including the parenting branch of Youth Justice), Social services/Children's services and housing solutions.</p>

	<p>Everyone engaged with the programme has access to a plethora of information regarding pathways and training opportunities, employability events and job vacancies that are available to them. The CFW Facebook and Twitter pages continue to be updated with any events/activities we have coming up along with sharing information regarding job vacancies and other provider information to draw interest from a wider audience.</p> <p>CFW mentors attend a weekly drop-in at Mold Jobcentre which has proved successful in obtaining referrals to the programme.</p>
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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	<p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Long-term</td> <td rowspan="5">Throughout all the Mid Year Monitoring Report there are demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all the Sustainable Development Principles. Specific case studies will be included in the Annual Performance Report for 2022/23.</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" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Prosperous Wales</td> <td rowspan="7">Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is evidence of alignment with the Well-being Goals. Specific strategic and policy reports include impact and risk assessments.</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</p> <p>The Council undertook a review of its Well-being Objectives during the development of the 2021/22 Council Plan and are currently being reviewed for the 2023-28 Council Plan. The updated set of Well-being Objectives are a more focused set of six. The Well-being Objectives identified have associated themes for which they resonate. See the full list below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Theme</th> <th>Well-being Objective</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Poverty</td> <td>Protecting people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Affordable and Accessible Housing</td> <td>Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Long-term	Throughout all the Mid Year Monitoring Report there are demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all the Sustainable Development Principles. Specific case studies will be included in the Annual Performance Report for 2022/23.	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement	Prosperous Wales	Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is evidence of alignment with the Well-being Goals. Specific strategic and policy reports include impact and risk assessments.	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More equal Wales	Cohesive Wales	Vibrant Wales	Globally responsible Wales	Theme	Well-being Objective	Poverty	Protecting people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs	Affordable and Accessible Housing	Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities
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	Green Society and Environment	Limiting the impact of the Council's services on the natural environment and supporting the wider communities of Flintshire to reduce their own carbon footprint
	Economy	Enabling a sustainable economic recovery
	Personal and Community Well-being	Supporting people in need to live as well as they can
	Education and Skills	Enabling and Supporting Learning Communities

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Reporting Measures 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 - Council Plan 2022-23 Mid-Year Performance Monitoring Report.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Council Plan 2022/23.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Margaret Parry-Jones, Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator Telephone: 01352 702427 E-mail: Margaret.parry-jones@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	Council Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for organisations to 'set out any actions to increase the extent to which the council is meeting the performance requirements.' Plans for organisations should be robust; be clear on where it wants to go; and how it will get there.

An explanation of the report headings

Measures (Key Performance Indicators - KPIs)

Actual (YTD) – the year-to-date performance identified i.e. by numbers, percentages, etc

Target (YTD) – The target for the year to date which is set at the beginning of the year.

Current RAG Rating – This measures performance for the year against the target. It is automatically generated according to the data.

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