

Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee
13 July 2017

Council Plan 2017-23 considerations

The Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 July considered the format, structure and content of the draft Council Plan 2017-23.

The committee approved both the structure and format of the draft Plan, but made a number of suggestions about the content of the Plan.

These are itemised below with a view as to how they can be addressed (with red text to indicate the additional wording). Explanations are made if the suggestion is not thought to be within the remit of the plan, but covered elsewhere.

'Gaps' Consideration	Proposed inclusion in Plan	Proposed Inclusion
No mention of tourism	Yes	<p>Priority: Ambitious Council Sub-Priority: Business Sector Growth and Regeneration</p> <p>Priority this year because we need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and grow our tourism sector as part of the North Wales tourism and cultural offer <p>Add to point 6: Ensure that the development of regional and local transport strategy and initiatives maximises their potential for economic benefits, especially access to employment and tourism.</p> <p>Achievement will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The performance of the local and sub-regional economy with public sector interventions in investment
Including mention of Brexit as a potential future threat to local economy.	Yes	<p>Priority: Ambitious Council Sub-Priority: Business Sector Growth and Regeneration</p> <p>National Policy Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the potential impacts on the local and sub-regional economy of global trading patterns and workforce migration of the Brexit negotiations <p>Risks to manage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stability of the local and sub-regional economies • The region having a sufficient voice at Welsh Government and UK Government levels to protect its interests <p>Achievement will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The performance of the local and sub-regional economy with public sector interventions in investment • The success of the region in achieving a Regional Growth Deal Bid for Government investment in the regional economy

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Matching education training to future skills	No	This is already covered in the Plan – in particular in relation to developing a regional skills strategy for Science, Technology, English and Maths (STEM).
Defining poverty levels to help measure costs	No	These are covered in the Measures and Milestones document by measures around: fuel poverty, food poverty, credit unions and managing the impact of Universal Credit.
Environment issues such as dog fouling	No	As explained at the meeting; this is a 'business as usual' operational function.
Safeguarding children from drug abuse	No	As explained at the meeting there are already Regional Strategies in place for both Safeguarding and Community Safety (drug abuse).

Other Issues	Reference in Plan	Other comments
Reference to supporting strategies and documents with hyperlinks		Continue current practice and clearly reference in each theme.
Include MRP and any other abbreviations in glossary.	No – the MRP is not referenced	The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) was referenced in a further agenda item for the Medium Term Financial Strategy (item number 7 p.125)
Too great a use of the word 'impact' rather than 'effect' or similar		The term 'impact' is widely used now across many strategy documents and has been an accepted term in the recent year's Improvement Plans. Retain wording and provide a definition.
Concern at the lack of mechanisms to get from plans to outcomes		The mechanisms are referenced in the Measures and Milestones document which provides the detail of what is proposed to achieve the outcomes.
How social housing fits in with SARTH		An explanation was provided at the meeting as to how both social and private sector housing are referenced in the Plan.
HMOs- concerns at consistency of policy with regard to attic /loft conversions		This is an issue that is more suited to the Community and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
To include on front of document 'in conjunction with statutory or essential partners'	Yes	This will be referenced in the final Council Plan by more prominence of the 'shaking hands' symbol against partnership priorities.