

Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Call-in of decision record number 3928.

'A Plan for Shotton'

Response to Call-In

Reasons provided for call-in:

1. Investment of Local Authority resources of personnel, time and finances is not sustainable, fair or equitable treatment of other towns and communities across Flintshire
2. No evidence of criteria used to assess towns and communities in order to establish a hierarchy of need.
3. The basis of the plan appears to be based upon complaints relating to ASB (anti social behaviour) and environmental issues within the Shotton area, whilst other towns have the same issues.

Background and Basis for a Plan for Shotton

- Increasing complaints about antisocial behaviour and environmental issues, especially in the alleyways
- Commenced as a Streetscene project for environmental improvement – side waste, fly tipping, ASB, crime, disorder
- Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation demonstrates the need
- Independent projects underway (e.g. transport, NRW, covid recovery work, Care & Repair)
- Needed a more coordinated and collaborative approach
- Multi-agency approach – Steering Group set up
- Cabinet approval in February 2021 to develop the plan
- Hasn't attracted additional funding and does not release resources for other work

Average Income Levels by Town (North Wales):



Source: Office for National Statistics 2020

Aims of the Plan for Shotton:

- Improve community resilience
- Pooling and sharing resources and collaboration
- Opportunity to enhance and integrate with other projects and add value to ongoing work
- Improve the coordination of projects
- Address the local issues presented and ensure that Shotton is an attractive, safe, clean and vibrant town

Impact of Suspending / Ceasing Work on the Plan

- Detrimental effect: -
 - Risk to Council's reputation
 - Risk of failure of work being undertaken
 - Projects would continue independently
 - Lack of coordination
 - Loss of momentum
 - Loss of community buy-in
 - Impact on partners who have sought our support
 - No engagement or communication

Future & Next Steps:

- Recognition that other areas of Flintshire do have similar issues
- Work that is underway in Shotton could form the template / blueprint model for other areas
- Additional resources required, as current approach is not sustainable in the longer term
- Cabinet approval Sept. 2021 to enhance organisational capacity and increase resources e.g. environmental enforcement (2 posts), environmental improvement coordinator (1 post) and regeneration (2 posts)
- Community engagement and communication