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# Quarter 3 Council Plan 2017/18 Progress Report



## Ambitious Council



Flintshire County Council





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## Actions

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.1 The Regional Economic Growth Deal will be submitted to UK and Welsh Governments this year and will set out the main priorities for economic development across North Wales	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	75.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p><b>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:</b> The Council is playing a major role in the development of the Growth Deal for North Wales. The Economic Ambition Board has established working groups to develop each element of the bid including; skills and employment, infrastructure and housing, business growth and transport improvements. Outline business cases for all projects are currently being prepared for submission to both Governments in April 2018.</p> <p>Last Updated: 12-Feb-2018</p>							



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.2 Guide the development of the Deeside Enterprise Zone (DEZ) and Northern Gateway mixed use development site, ensuring developments maximise economic and social value for the County and that they deliver the commitments made in the Regional Economic Growth Deal.	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	75.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN
<p><b>ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:</b> The Council is represented on the Deeside Enterprise Zone Board and provides a supporting function to the Board as required and to businesses in the Enterprise Zone. The Council provides a responsive support service to potential investors both in the Enterprise Zone and outside. The Council is actively working with the two landowners for the Northern Gateway site to encourage development to come forward and to steer development towards those investments which offer the greatest value to the economy of Flintshire. Welsh Government have recently announced investment of £20m in the development of the North Wales Advanced Manufacturing Institute which will be located on two campuses in Deeside.</p> <p>Last Updated: 11-Jan-2018</p>							

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.3 Develop a long term strategic approach to Council's economic estate/land	Neal Cockerton - Chief Officer - Organisational Change 2	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	59.00%	 AMBER	 AMBER

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Work stream relates to the need to undertake a strategic review of our industrial and commercial estate. We need to ensure it is fit for purpose, provides key economic drivers, supports the aspirations of the council, supports local business, and is something that the Council still wishes to become involved in i.e. is it core business? Work has been commissioned to undertake a review and the report is anticipated before the end of the financial year.



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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.4 Expand the scale and quality of apprenticeships both regionally and locally.	Denise Naylor - Housing Programmes Support Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	75.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

The Housing Programmes Team and Business Development Team have worked together to create a film which encourages people to consider an apprenticeship in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) field. This will be distributed widely within the county to reach as many people as possible. The Housing Programmes Team is exploring ways to reach local businesses and encourage the recruitment of apprentices across the region.



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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.5 Develop a new approach to supporting town centre vitality and regeneration that maximises their role as shop windows for the County.	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	40.00%	 AMBER	 AMBER

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

Initial scoping work is underway to look at options for the town centres in Flintshire including learning from other areas. Funding is currently being sought for development work and projects.

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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	COMPLETE %	PROGRESS RAG	OUTCOME RAG
2.1.1.6 Ensure that the development of regional and local transport strategy initiatives maximises the potential for economic benefits and improve access to employment and tourism destinations.	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	In Progress	01-Apr-2017	31-Mar-2018	75.00%	 GREEN	 GREEN

**ACTION PROGRESS COMMENTS:**

The Council developed the Deeside Plan early in 2017 which sets out ambitions for a transport infrastructure that will maximise the potential for economic growth. The Council, in partnership with Welsh Government, is assessing the viability of different options to improve the infrastructure for cars, rail passengers and cyclists. Welsh Government have recently announced investment in the transport infrastructure in Deeside to improve public transport infrastructure and to develop a new strategic route to link the A494 to the A55.




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## RISKS

### Strategic Risk

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Infrastructure investment does not keep pace with needs and business is lost to the economy	Clare Budden - Chief Officer - Community and Enterprise	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Infrastructure is essential to facilitating economic growth in Flintshire. If infrastructure is not improved then investment opportunities will be jeopardised and new jobs will not be created. Overloaded infrastructure will also increase the likelihood of business investment being lost to better serviced areas.</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> i) The Council will play a leading role in regional structures promoting economic growth. ii) The Council will set out a clear plan for local infrastructure to meet regional and local needs.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> As highlighted in the action and tasks section of the report, the North Wales Growth Deal will include a package of strategic infrastructure investment projects. At the local level the Deeside Plan sets out a strategy for transport investment to maximise the benefit of economic growth. Welsh Government has already announced major investment in strategic road infrastructure and in public transport to help deliver this strategy.</p> <p>Last Updated: 11-Jan-2018</p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
Support for businesses in Flintshire doesn't meet their needs and fails to encourage investment	Clare Budden - Chief Officer - Community and Enterprise	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager	Amber	Amber	↔	Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Businesses feed back that they highly value the service provided by the Council to help them to navigate wider support and overcome barriers to growth. Business networking activity delivered by the Council also assist businesses to work and trade together. Reduction of this support may make the County less successful as a location for business.</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> i) The Council will continue to engage businesses and help them to access support. ii) The Council will provide opportunities for businesses to network and support one another.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> The business development service in Flintshire remains responsive to business needs. The Council works closely alongside Welsh Government and other agencies to provide a co-ordinated service.</p> <p>Last Updated: 18-Jan-2018</p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
The stability of local and sub-regional economies	Clare Budden - Chief Officer - Community and Enterprise	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager				Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Instability in the local and regional economies would lead to reduced business investment and significant job losses.</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> Maintain an intelligence base on potential risks and mitigation measures.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> The Council continues to monitor changes and trends in the UK and regional economies that may have an impact on Flintshire's economy. The main area of uncertainty, Brexit, remains difficult to predict and quantify whilst the negotiated settlement with the European Union remains unknown.</p> <p>Last Updated: 15-Jan-2018</p>						

RISK TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	SUPPORTING OFFICERS	INITIAL RISK RATING	CURRENT RISK RATING	TREND ARROW	RISK STATUS
The region having a sufficient voice at Welsh Government and UK Government levels to protect its interests	Clare Budden - Chief Officer - Community and Enterprise	Niall Waller - Enterprise and Regeneration Manager				Open
<p><b>Potential Effect:</b> Decisions are taken on national and regional economic issues, infrastructure investment or other programmes which do not meet the needs of the Flintshire economy.</p> <p><b>Management Controls:</b> Play a major role in the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Mersey Dee Alliance and the Rail Task Force.</p> <p><b>Progress Comment:</b> The Council has a lead role in developing the role and functions of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and is closely involved in the work of the Mersey Dee Alliance. The Council also represents the region on the Rail Task Force and supports the All Party Parliamentary Group on transport. The Council is closely involved in the development of the outline projects for the regional Growth Deal and both the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive play a leading role in the development of the new Joint Committee for North Wales.</p> <p>Last Updated: 18-Jan-2018</p>						