

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 24 th April 2018
Report Subject	Council Plan 2018/19
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2018/19 is being reviewed and refreshed to reflect the key priorities of the Council.

The Plan is published in 2 parts: Part 1 of the Plan is the public version of the plan; Part 2 is the detail of the plan with the targets and milestones to be achieved.

The themed structure of the plan remains the same as previous plans comprising of six themes and relevant priorities. The six themes continue to take a long term view of policy and ambitions over the next four years.

Development of the in-year priorities takes into account those policy areas and service priorities which need to be sustained, those which can be removed due to completion or establishment as 'business as usual', with the addition of new, emerging objectives.

The integration of the Well-being Plan priorities which the Council is responsible for leading on have been aligned within the Council Plan.

An all-Member workshop has been arranged for 29 May when the draft Plan content will be shared along with key target areas for national measures. Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the formal role of reviewing the Plan, which will be undertaken with the benefit of the Member workshop.

The Council Plan will then be presented to Cabinet and County Council in June which meets the statutory deadline of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To approve the continuation of the outline structure of the Council Plan 2018/19.
2	To approve the process for engaging members in the development of the plan.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Setting the Council Plan 2018/19
1.01	It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure) to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan. The Council refers to this plan as the Council Plan. It is a statutory requirement for the County Council to adopt the Plan by the end of June.
1.02	The 2017-18 Council Plan has been reviewed to reflect current priorities and objectives for 2018/19.
1.03	<p>They have been reviewed to take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy and service priorities which need to be sustained; • those which can be removed due to completion or establishment as 'business as usual'; plus • the addition of new, emerging policy or service priorities. <p>This has resulted in retaining the set of six themes supported by a structure of priorities as follows:</p> <p>Theme: Supportive Council Priorities: Appropriate and Affordable Homes Modern, Efficient and Adapted Homes Protecting people from poverty Independent Living Integrated Community Social & Health Services Safeguarding</p> <p>Theme: Ambitious Council Priority: Business Sector Growth and Regeneration</p> <p>Theme: Learning Council Priority: High Performing Education</p> <p>Theme: Green Council Priorities: Sustainable Development & Environmental Management Safe and sustainable travel services</p> <p>Theme: Connected Council Priority:</p>

	<p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>Theme: Serving Council</p> <p>Priority: Effective Resource Management</p>
1.04	The priorities that the Council lead on within the Well-being plan have been incorporated within the Council Plan. There is a strong alignment between the two documents.
1.05	<p>The Council Plan is published as 2 documents that are inter-related; firstly the 'public' version of our statements of intent around the 6 priorities and secondly the document that describes the targets and milestones on which achievement will be measured.</p> <p>These targets and milestones in the "How we Measure" (Part 2) document is used by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committees to monitor progress during the year.</p>
1.06	<p>To ensure that all Members have the opportunity to be involved in the consideration of the Council Plan an all-Member workshop has been arranged for 29 May. The purpose will be to share the content, key target setting and ambitions of the plan and to receive feedback.</p> <p>This feedback will be reviewed by Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in their formal overview performance role prior to Cabinet and County Council consideration in June.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial planning arrangements.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	All Members will have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise key targets set for 2018/19. A summary of the considerations will be appended in the June Cabinet and County Council reports.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	<p>Delivery of the Plan objectives is risk managed within each of the sub priorities of the Council Plan and monitored and reported against quarterly by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>The risks to the statutory requirements of the Plan include: not publishing the plan within statutory timescales and, not adhering to the prerequisite</p>

	<p>content.</p> <p>Both these risks are managed through adherence to well established procedures for i) publishing the Plan and ii) ensuring that the content of the plan reflects the requirements of the Measure.</p> <p>An additional risk is that the Plan is not endorsed by Members; consultation with Members both individually and as part of the workshop process allows for full engagement.</p>
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5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Contact Officer: Karen Armstrong, Corporate Business and Communications Executive Officer</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702740</p> <p>E-mail: Karen.armstrong@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Council Plan: 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.</p> <p>Medium Term Financial Strategy: 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.</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Legally binding common purpose for national government, local government, local health boards and other specified public bodies. The Act details the ways in which the specified public bodies must work, and work together to improve the well-being of Wales.</p>