

COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 26 July 2022
Report Subject	Council Plan 2022-23
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2017-23 was adopted by County Council to show the key priorities of the Council for the five-year term of the new administration. The Plan is subject to annual review.

The 2022/23 Draft Plan has been reviewed and refreshed for content following on from our response to the pandemic and our Recovery Strategy. The themes and priorities remain the same to 2021/22 however there are some developments with sub-priorities.

The 'super-structure' of the Plan continues to be aligned to a set of six Well-being Objectives. The six themes continue to take a long-term view of recovery, ambition and work over the next year.

The outline of the Council Plan for 2022/23 including the six themes, their priorities and actions is appended (as Part 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To adopt Council Plan 2022-23 Part 1
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2022/23
1.01	<p>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.</p>
1.02	<p>Council Plan 2022/23 continues to move towards a more rounded corporate plan, whilst still meeting the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poverty<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Digital Poverty – definition expanded• Green Society and Environment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New sub-priority added - Climate Change Adaptation○ New sub-priority added – Green Access○ Green Environment – new definition• Economy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Digital and Transport Infrastructure divided into two separate sub-priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transport Connectivity▪ Digital Infrastructure• Education and Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New-sub-priority added – Well-being
1.03	<p>The Council Plan for 2022-23 has a super structure of six themes and supporting priorities as follows:</p> <p>Theme: Poverty Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Income Poverty- Child Poverty- Food Poverty- Fuel Poverty- Digital Poverty <p>Theme: Affordable and Accessible housing Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing support and homeless prevention- Housing Needs and Housing Options- Social Housing- Private Rented Sector- Empty Properties <p>Theme: Green Society and Environment Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carbon Neutrality- Climate Change Adaptation- Fleet Strategy- Green Environment- Green Access

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewable Energy - Active and Sustainable Travel Options - Circular Economy <p>Theme: Economy</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Centre Regeneration - Business - Transport Connectivity - Digital infrastructure - LDP Targets - Spending money for the benefit of Flintshire - Reducing Worklessness <p>Theme: Personal and Community Well-being</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independent Living - Safeguarding - Direct Provision to support people closer to home - Local Dementia Strategy - A well-connected, safe and clean local environment. <p>Theme: Education and Skills</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational Engagement and Achievement - Digital Learning Opportunities - Learning Environments - Learning Community Networks - Specialist Educational Provision - Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP) - Well-being
1.04	<p>For 2022/23 a review of the Council Plan 2021/22, themes and priorities has been undertaken to set: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority actions that continue into 2022/23 for sustained attention e.g. “preventing poverty” • priority actions which could be removed as they have been completed or become operational (business as usual); and • emerging priority actions for 2022/23 e.g. Climate Change Adaptation
1.05	<p>The work on the detail behind the priorities has progressed well. The Council Plan 2022/23 Part 1 is now presented following consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in January. An addition has been made following the request to incorporate Mental Health Services into the Plan.</p>
1.06	<p>The final Council Plan will be available as a web-based document published on the website following adoption by County Council in July.</p>

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

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	All Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan themes and priorities. Overview and Scrutiny Committees have reviewed and discussed the overall content of the Plan throughout January and February.

4.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT																				
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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
	<p><u>Risk Management</u> Risks have been captured and added for information within Part 2 Council Plan 2022/23.</p>	

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Plan (Part 1) 2022-23 Appendix 2: Council Plan (Part 2) 2022-23 Appendix 3: Theme alignment to Overview and Scrutiny Committees

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Jay Davies, Strategic Performance Advisor Telephone: 01352 702744 E-mail: jay.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	Council Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council.
8.02	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.