

**ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**12 DECEMBER 2023**

Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.

**PRESENT: Councillor David Evans (Chair)**

Councillors: Mike Allport, Mel Buckley, Chris Dolphin, Ray Hughes, Richard Lloyd, Vicky Perfect, Dan Rose, and Roy Wakelam

**SUBSTITUTION:** Councillor David Richardson for Councillor Ian Hodge

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Bernie Attridge, Alasdair Ibbotson, and Sam Swash (as observers)

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Mike Peers

**CONTRIBUTORS:**

Councillor Dave Hughes (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Regional Transport Strategy), Councillor Dave Healey (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy), Councillor Chris Bithell (Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection), Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy), Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation), Community and Business Protection Manager, and Rhiannon Edwards, North Wales VAWDASV Advisor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator and Democratic Services Officers

**48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Chris Bithell declared a personal interest on agenda item 6 as a Member of the Police & Crime Commissioner Panel.

**49. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023, were submitted.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record as moved by Councillor Richard Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Mike Allport.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **50. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKING**

The Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator presented the Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking report. She gave an update on the items for the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 9 January 2024, and on the proposed items scheduled for future consideration.

The Facilitator referred to the Action Tracking report and gave an update on progress. She drew attention to the all-Member workshops to be held on 11 January to assist Members to consider the proposals for Waste and Recycling Collection on Unadopted Roads.

Members were invited to raise any further items they wished to include on the Forward Work Programme.

Councillor Richard Lloyd moved the recommendations in the report and this was seconded by Councillor Ray Hughes.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That subject to the above amendment the Forward Work Programme be approved;
- (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises; and
- (c) That the Committee notes the progress made in completing the outstanding actions

## **51. COUNCIL PLAN 2023-24 MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

The Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) introduced a report to review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan. She advised that the Council Plan 2023/28 was adopted by the Council in June 2023 and the report presented a summary of performance of progress against the Council Plan priorities identified for 2023/24 at the mid-year position, relevant to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The report was an exception-based report and concentrated on those areas of performance which were not currently achieving target.

The Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) and Chief Officer (Planning Environment and Economy) reported on the main considerations, as detailed in the report. They drew attention to progress against Council Plan activity (section 1.04), the activities which showed a Red (RAG) status relevant to their respective portfolios (section 1.05) and an update on progress against the sub-priorities listed in section 1.08 of the report.

The Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) acknowledged the point raised by Councillor David Richardson regarding collection of food waste and said the matter of food collection receptacles would be addressed in work going forward on the Waste Strategy

In response to the questions raised by Councillor Bernie Attridge the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) provided an update on developments around Corporate Joint Committees and the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) provided an update on progress to address the issue of hazardous routes.

Councillor Ray Hughes moved the recommendations in the report and this was seconded by Councillor Roy Wakelam

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as detailed within the Council Plan 2023/28 for delivery within 2023/24 be supported; and
- (b) That the overall performance against Council Plan 2023/24 performance indicators/measures be supported.

**52. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DOMESTIC ABUSE SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VAWDASV)**

The Community and Business Protection Manager presented a report to provide an overview of trends, services and support available with respect to Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV). She advised that the report provided an outline of the services available with respect to VAWDASV on a local and regional level, and also an insight into current demands across the region.

The Community and Business Protection Manager provided background information and introduced Rhiannon Edwards, North Wales VAWDASV Advisor to the meeting. The Advisor gave a presentation on tackling VAWDASV in Flintshire and North Wales which covered the following key points:

- background – why and how do we work as a region?
- what is happening post Covid?
- what have we done to tackle this locally
- what does the “offer” look like in North Wales
- partnership working in Flintshire County Council (FCC)
- all-Wales VAWDASV Blueprint approach

The Chair asked if any specific geographical, social, or economical factors had been linked to VAWDASV. The Advisor acknowledged the points raised and said that regionally “hot spots” which involved more contact with the Police and areas of deprivation had been identified.

The Advisor also responded to the further comments and questions raised by Members. Councillor Richard Lloyd proposed that the report be submitted to County Council to raise awareness of VAWDASV and the support work which was ongoing

Councillor Roy Wakelam moved the recommendations in the report and this was seconded by Councillor Mike Peers.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That the Committee recommends that a report on VAWDASV be submitted to a future meeting of the County Council to raise awareness of VAWDASV and the ongoing support work provided

**53. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN ATTENDANCE**

There were no members of the press or public in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 10.53 a.m.)

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**Chair**