

COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 18 th June 2019
Report Subject	Council Plan 2019/20
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2017-23 was adopted to set priorities of the Council for the current five-year term of the Council. The Plan is subject to annual review and is led by Cabinet.

The 2019/20 Plan has been reviewed and refreshed for structure and content. The super-structure of the Plan remains the same as previous years with the introduction of an additional seventh theme.

The final version of the Council Plan will be published in a similar format to previous years.

The Council Plan is published as two documents. Part 1 sets out our intent. Part 2 sets out the performance measures, targets and milestones against which achievement will be measured and evaluated.

Internal member workshops and the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee have provided feedback on the structure, format and content of the draft Plan.

Part 1 of the Plan is presented in final form for approval. Part 2 will be presented to Cabinet and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July.

The published Plan will be available on the Council's website by the end of July.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To approve Part 1 of the Council Plan 2019/20 as recommended by Cabinet.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20
1.01	It is a statutory requirement for the County Council to adopt an Improvement Plan which we call our Council Plan.
1.02	For 2019/20 a review of the current themes and priorities has been undertaken and the Plan from 2018/19 updated and amended. Priorities have also been set to take into account of both local and national expectations.
1.03	<p>The main changes from the review are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the introduction of a seventh theme around – <i>Safe and Clean Council</i>- a change of theme name from <i>Supportive Council</i> to <i>Caring Council</i>- the introduction of longer term goals for the sub-priorities; and the expansion of the <i>Ambitious Council</i> theme to include our major capital projects which make a positive impact on local communities and the local economy.
1.04	<p>The Council Plan for 2019/20 retains the super structure of six themes with the additional theme - <i>Safe and Clean Council</i> - and supporting priorities as follows:</p> <p>Theme: Caring Council (previously Supportive Council) Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adult Services- Children's Services- Adult and Children's Services- Housing- Protecting People from Poverty <p>Theme: Ambitious Council Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Business Sector Growth and Regeneration- Investing in our Communities <p>Theme: Learning Council Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education and Skills <p>Theme: Green Council Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sustainable Development & Environmental Management- Safe and sustainable Travel Services

	<p>Theme: Connected Council Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilient Communities - Customer Journey <p>Theme: Serving Council Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effective Resource Management – Workforce - Effective Resource Management – Finance / Assets - Effective Resource Management – Collaboration - Effective Resource Management – Digital <p>Theme: Safe and Clean Council (New) Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe and Clean Communities
1.05	The Plan presentation will remain largely unchanged. National policy issues will enable or limit our ability to achieve will be updated.
1.06	<p>The Council Plan is published as two documents. Part 1 sets out our intent. Part 2 sets out the performance measures, targets and milestones against which achievement will be measured and evaluated.</p> <p>Part 1 of the Plan is attached as Appendix 1.</p>
1.07	<p>The main outcomes from the recent member workshops were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The revised seven theme format was supported to be retained for the life of the Plan in this current Council term - A ‘tracker’ document noting the changes between the 2018/19 Plan and the draft 2019/20 Plan to be shared (attached as Appendix 2) - Amend Part 1 of the Plan with the following sub priority additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Re-instate ‘Independent Living’ under Caring Council o Broaden the carbon reduction/plastic-free sub priorities into a fuller Climate Change sub priority o Introduce Child Poverty under Caring Council <p>Other more specific suggestions were made to inform the content of the Plan. Where agreed at the workshops these have been incorporated in the redrafting.</p>
1.08	Part 1 of the Plan is presented in final form for approval. Part 2 will be presented to Cabinet and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July. The published Plan will be available on the Council’s website by the end of July.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The Council Plan ambitions are reflected in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the annual budget setting process.

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 through the two workshops and a survey.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	<p>Progression of the Plan objectives is risk managed with reports made quarterly to Cabinet and 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 content. These risks are managed through adherence to well established procedures for publishing the Plan and ensuring that the content of the Plan reflects the requirements of the law.</p>

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<p>Appendix 1: Council Plan (Part 1) 2019-20.</p> <p>Appendix 2: Copy of Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Report from 13th June 2019.</p>

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

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	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.
7.02	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.