

EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 19 th March, 2020
Report Subject	Quarter 3 Council Plan 2019/20 Monitoring Report
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education
Report Author	Chief Officer (Education & Youth)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan 2019/20 was adopted by the Council in June 2019. This report presents a summary of the monitoring of progress for the quarter three (October – December 2019) position of 2019/20 for the Council Plan priorities ‘Learning Council’, ‘Caring Council’ and ‘Ambitious Council’ relevant to the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

This second monitoring report for the 2019/20 Council Plan is a positive report, with 89% of activities being assessed as making good progress, and 89% likely to achieve the desired outcome. In addition, 81% of the performance indicators met or exceeded target. Risks are also being successfully managed with the majority being assessed as moderate (71%) or minor/insignificant (18%).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	That the Committee consider the Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report 2019/20 to monitor under performance and request further information as appropriate.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20 QUARTER 3 MONITORING REPORT
1.01	The Council Plan monitoring reports give an explanation of the progress that has been made toward the delivery of the impacts set out in the 2019/20 Council Plan. The narrative is supported by performance indicators and / or milestones which evidence achievement. In addition, there is an assessment of the strategic risks and the level to which they are being controlled.
1.02	This report is an exception-based report and concentrates on under-performance.
1.03	<p>Monitoring Activities</p> <p>Each of the sub-priorities under each theme within the Plan have high level activities which are monitored over time. 'Progress' shows action against scheduled activity and is categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RED: Limited Progress – delay in scheduled activity and, not on track• AMBER: Satisfactory Progress – some delay in scheduled activity, but broadly on track• GREEN: Good Progress – activities completed on schedule and on track <p>A RAG status is also given for the assessment of our current level of confidence in achieving the 'outcome(s)' in-year for each sub-priority. Outcome is categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RED: Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year• AMBER: Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year• GREEN: High – full confidence in the achievement of the outcome(s) in-year
1.04	<p>In summary our overall progress against activities is:</p> <p>ACTIVITIES PROGRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are making good (green) progress in 140 (89%).• We are making satisfactory (amber) progress in 17 (11%). <p>ACTIVITIES OUTCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a high (green) level of confidence in the outcome achievement of 140 (89%).• We have a medium (amber) level of confidence in the outcome achievement of 17 (11%).• No activities have a low (red) level of confidence in their outcome achievement.

1.05	<p>Monitoring our Performance</p> <p>Analysis of performance against the Council Plan performance indicators is undertaken using the RAG status. This is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED - under-performance against target. • AMBER - where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target. • GREEN - positive performance against target.
1.06	<p>Analysis of current levels of performance against target shows the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 (81%) had achieved a green RAG status • 6 (11%) had achieved an amber RAG status • 4 (8%) had achieved a red RAG status
1.07	<p>There are no performance indicators showing a red RAG status for overall performance against target, relevant to the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>
1.08	<p>Monitoring our Risks</p> <p>Analysis of the current risk levels for the strategic risks identified in the Council Plan is as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 (5.8%) are insignificant (green) • 6 (11.5%) are minor (yellow) • 37 (71.2%) are moderate (amber) • 6 (11.5%) are major (red) • 0 (0%) are severe (black)
1.09	<p>There are no major (red) risks identified for the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications for this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	Progress against the risks identified in the Council Plan is monitored. Summary information for the risks assessed as major (red) is covered in paragraphs 1.07 and 1.09 above.

3.02	Overview & scrutiny committees are following through areas of risk concern within their forward work programmes.														
3.03	<p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Long-term</td> <td rowspan="5">Throughout all of the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all of the Sustainable Development Principles. There will be specific case studies of these working practises in the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> </tr> </table> <p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td rowspan="7">Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is an engrained culture of emerging our work actions and activities with the Well-being Goals. Specific actions and activities have impact assessments and risk assessment as part of strategic reports which demonstrates impact.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More equal Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cohesive Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vibrant Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Globally responsible Wales</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council's Well-being Objectives The Council's wellbeing objectives will be reported again as part of the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.</p>	Long-term	Throughout all of the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is demonstrable actions and activities which relate to all of the Sustainable Development Principles. There will be specific case studies of these working practises in the Annual Report for 2019/20 by October 2020.	Prevention	Integration	Collaboration	Involvement	Prosperous Wales	Throughout the Mid-Year Monitoring Report there is an engrained culture of emerging our work actions and activities with the Well-being Goals. Specific actions and activities have impact assessments and risk assessment as part of strategic reports which demonstrates impact.	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More equal Wales	Cohesive Wales	Vibrant Wales	Globally responsible Wales
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
4.01	The Council Plan Priorities are monitored by the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees according to the priority area of interest.
4.02	Chief Officers have contributed towards reporting of relevant information.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<p>Appendix 1 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Learning Council.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Caring Council.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Quarter 3 Council Plan Monitoring Report – Ambitious Council.</p>

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Council Plan 2019/20.</p> <p>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Council-Plan.aspx</p>

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Ceri Shotton, Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator Telephone: 01352 702305 E-mail: ceri.shotton@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
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8.01 **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 Improvement Objectives and publish a Council Plan.

Risks: These are assessed using a refreshed approach to risk management endorsed by Audit Committee in 2018. The new approach, includes the use of a more sophisticated risk assessment matrix which provides greater opportunities to show changes over time.

Risk Likelihood and Impact Matrix

Impact Severity	Catastrophic	Y	A	R	R	B	B
	Critical	Y	A	A	R	R	R
	Marginal	G	Y	A	A	A	R
	Negligible	G	G	Y	Y	A	A
		Unlikely (5%)	Very Low (15%)	Low (30%)	Significant (50%)	Very High (65%)	Extremely High (80%)
		Likelihood & Percentage of risk happening					

8.02	CAMMS – An explanation of the report headings
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Actions

Action – Each sub-priority have high level activities attached to them to help achieve the outcomes of the sub-priority.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for updating the data on the action.

Status – This will either be ‘In progress’ if the action has a start and finish date or ‘Ongoing’ if it is an action that is longer term than the reporting year.

Start date – When the action started (usually the start of the financial year).

End date – When the action is expected to be completed.

% complete - The % that the action is complete at the time of the report. This only applies to actions that are ‘in progress’. An action that is ‘ongoing’ will not produce a % complete due to the longer-term nature of the action.

Progress RAG – Shows if the action at this point in time is making limited progress (Red), satisfactory progress (Amber) or good progress (Green).

Outcome RAG – Shows the level of confidence in achieving the outcomes for each action.

Measures (Key Performance Indicators - KPIs)

Pre. Year Period Actual – The period actual at the same point in the previous year. If the KPI is a new KPI for the year then this will show as 'no data'.

Period Actual – The data for this quarter.

Period Target – The target for this quarter as set at the beginning of the year.

Perf. RAG – This measures performance for the period against the target. It is automatically generated according to the data. Red = a position of under performance against target, Amber = a mid-position where improvement may have been made but performance has missed the target and Green = a position of positive performance against the target.

Perf. Indicator Trend – Trend arrows give an impression of the direction the performance is heading compared to the period of the previous year:

- A 'downward arrow' always indicates poorer performance regardless of whether a KPI figure means that less is better (e.g. the amount of days to deliver a grant or undertake a review) or if a KPI figure means that more is better (e.g. number of new jobs in Flintshire).
- Similarly an 'upward arrow' always indicates improved performance.

YTD Actual – The data for the year so far including previous quarters.

YTD Target – The target for the year so far including the targets of previous quarters.

Outcome RAG – The level of confidence of meeting the target by the end of the year. Low – lower level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Red), Medium – uncertain level of confidence in the achievement of the target (Amber) and High - full confidence in the achievement of the target (Green).

Risks

Risk Title – Gives a description of the risk.

Lead Officer – The person responsible for managing the risk.

Supporting Officer – The person responsible for updating the risk.

Initial Risk Rating – The level of the risk at the start of the financial year (quarter 1). The risks are identified as follows; insignificant (green), minor (yellow), moderate (amber), major (red) and severe (black).

Current Risk Rating – The level of the risk at this quarter.

Trend Arrow – This shows if the risk has increased (red, upward arrow), decreased (green, downward arrow) or remained the same between the initial risk rating and the current risk rating (amber, stable arrow).

Risk Status – This will either show as 'open' or 'closed'. If a risk is open then it is still a relevant risk, if the risk is closed then it is no longer a relevant risk; a new risk may be generated where a plan or strategy moves into a new phase.