Council Plan 2023-28 Development – Proposed Priorities

The following table provides an overview of proposed priorities for the Council Plan 2023-28

PRIORITY:	**Poverty**
Description/ Well-being Objective	**Protecting our communities and people from poverty by supporting them to meet their basic needs and to be resilient**
Income Poverty	**Definition:** People on low income who are unable to meet day to day living costs
Child Poverty	**Definition:** Children who do not have access to adequate food, clothing, shelter and education to lead a healthy and active life
Food Poverty	**Definition:** People who are not able to access food that meets their daily nutritional needs and requirements
Fuel Poverty	**Definition**: Households that spend more than 10% of their income (after housing costs) on energy
Digital Poverty	**Definition:** Inability to interact fully in a digital world when, where and how an individual needs to
PRIORITY:	**Affordable and Accessible Housing**
Description/ Well-being Objective	**Housing in Flintshire meeting the needs of our residents and supporting safer communities**
Housing support and homeless prevention	**Definition:** Offering support to people to retain their housing and live well and ensuring homelessness is rare, brief, and unrepeated
Housing Needs and Housing Options	**Definition:** Helping people to explore their housing options so they can access the right homes to meet their needs
Social Housing	**Definition:** Working with housing partners to develop and invest in affordable housing and social housing - with modern methods of construction, improving the quality of Council homes, and a commitment towards carbon neutral
Private Rented Sector	**Definition:** Supporting the private sector to raise standards in the management and condition of housing and promote tenancy sustainment in our communities
Empty Properties	**Definition:** Bringing empty homes back into use to enhance the local housing market and improve our local communities

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PRIORITY:	Green Society and Environment
Description/ Well-being Objective	**Limiting and enhancing the impact of the Council's services on the natural environment and supporting the wider communities of Flintshire to reduce their own carbon footprint**
Phosphates Mitigation	**Definition:** Provision of viable and deliverable options to mitigate the impact of phosphates from new development on Special Areas of Conservation protected rivers
Carbon Neutrality	**Definition:** A net carbon zero Council by 2030 and supporting wider decarbonisation actions across the County, making this central to Covid-19 recovery
Climate Change Adaptation	**Definition:** Be more resilient to the changes that have happened due to climate change and prepare for predicted future change
Flood Risk Management Strategy	**Definition:** Refresh the Council's flood risk management strategy to align with the national strategy and identify communities at most risk in Flintshire and the actions required to mitigate this risk
Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment	**Definition:** Review the Council's Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment in light of the Ministerial letter of November 2021, to prepare for the implementation of revised TAN15 Development and Flood Risk guidance which becomes operational in June 2023
Fleet Strategy	**Definition:** Reducing the environmental impact of our fleet
Green Environment	**Definition:** Enhance and increase biodiversity and trees to deliver multiple benefits for people, wildlife and the environment
Flintshire Forest	**Definition:** Development of a plan to establish a Flintshire Forest that will identify available land assets, budget requirements and a realistic delivery timescale
Green Access	**Definition:** The promotion, good management and protection of our green spaces to deliver multiple benefits to the environment and our residents and visitors
Renewable Energy	**Definition:** The promotion and support of renewable energy opportunities across the Council Estate and wider communities
Active and Sustainable Travel Options	**Definition:** Create opportunities to increase levels of walking and cycling (Active Travel) and the use of sustainable public transport options, enabling the undertaking of multi-modal transport journeys to access key destinations
Circular Economy	**Definition:** Support and promote the Welsh Government's strategy to create a sustainable, circular economy in Flintshire

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PRIORITY:	Economy
Description/ Well-being Objective	**Connecting communities and enabling sustainable economic recovery and growth**
Rural Regeneration	**Definition:** Ensure that Economy interventions consider and meet the needs of rural businesses and individuals
Levelling Up	**Definition:** Prepare and submit bids to the UK Government Levelling Up Fund programme to invest in projects in deprived coastal communities in Flintshire
Town Centre Regeneration	**Definition:** Regenerate and re-invent our town centres
Business	**Definition**: Enable business continuity and encourage appropriate investment
Transport Connectivity	**Definition**: Develop and promote effective transport connectivity while supporting recovery and economic growth
Digital Infrastructure	**Definition:** Ensure the digital networks facilitate and support recovery and growth
Local Development Plan (LDP) Targets	**Definition:** Achieve LDP policy objectives for growth, protection and enhancement
Spending money for the benefit of Flintshire	**Definition:** Grow our local economic vitality through social value commitments and procurement strategy
Reducing worklessness	**Definition:** Work with our partners to support individuals to gain employment
PRIORITY:	**Personal and Community Well-being**
Description/ Well-being Objective	**Supporting people in need to live as well as they can**
Independent Living	**Definition:** People will be supported to live as independently as possible through the right type of support, when they need it
Safeguarding	**Definition:** Continue to embed safeguarding procedures so our employees understand how they can help safeguard people in the community
Direct Provision to support people closer to home	**Definition:** The services we provide so people can access the support they need in their local community
Local Dementia Strategy	**Definition:** Continuing to improve the lives of people living with dementia in Flintshire
A well-connected, safe and clean local environment	**Definition:** Resilient communities where people feel connected and safe

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Priority Name	Education and Skills
Description/ Well-being Objective	Enabling and Supporting Learning Communities
Educational Engagement & Achievement	**Definition:** Providing diverse learning opportunities to support educational achievement in schools and communities
Digital Learning Opportunities	**Definition:** Supporting education engagement and achievement through proactive use of accessible digital media
Learning Environments	**Definition:** Creating aspirational and flexible learning environments
Learning Community Networks	**Definition:** Supporting our learning communities to engage and achieve through extensive partnership working unpinned by common safeguarding practices
Specialist Educational Provision	**Definition:** Extending local capacity to support learners with additional learning needs (ALN)
Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP)	**Definition:** Working with schools and partners to support the Welsh Government's strategy to enable one million Welsh speakers by 2050
Well-Being	**Definition:** Working with schools and partners to provide opportunities for children, young people and the education workforce to engage in activities which support their emotional health and well-being

Priority Name	A well-managed Council
Description/ Well-being Objective	A responsible, resourceful and trusted Council operating as efficiently as possible
People	**Definition:** Recruit, retain, develop and support the well-being of our employees to enable high quality service delivery
Anti-Racist and Anti-Discriminatory Council	**Definition:** Welsh Government Anti Racist Wales Action Plan and public sector equality duties
Financial Resilience	**Definition:** Ensuring that the Council is sustainable over the medium to longer term
Flintshire Assets	**Definition:** The provision of the right asset in the right place at the right time will ensure the effective and efficient delivery of a comprehensive range of high-quality public services
Digital	**Definition:** Modernising our services so that they are designed around user needs and are simple, secure and convenient
Partnerships	**Definition:** Working collaboratively with partners across the private, public, voluntary and community sectors to achieve shared goals and priorities