

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 2**  
**CABINET**

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 15 January 2008 in Conference Room 1, County Hall, Ruthin.

**PRESENT**

Councillors P A Dobb, Lead Member for Social Services; E C Edwards, Lead Member for Customer Care and Community Safety; H H Evans, Leader and Lead Member for Education; M A German, Lead Member for Environment; G M Kensler; Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire; P J Marfleet, Lead Member for Modernisation and Improvement; G O Rowlands, Lead Member for Regeneration and Housing; J A Smith, Lead Member for Business Management, Communications & Personnel and J Thompson Hill, Lead Member for Finance.

Observers: Councillors R E Barton; G C Evans; N Hugh Jones and C H Williams.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor J A Smith.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive; Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director: Resources and the County Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Interim Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning and the Financial Controller.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Councillor J A Smith referred to the sad loss of Councillor T Hodgson, who had passed away. Councillor Hodgson was the Member for Rhyl South and Chair of Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Committee. He also referred to the sad loss of Mrs Margaret Wilde who worked in the Building Cleaning Section of Environmental Services and had worked for Denbighshire County Council and previously Rhuddlan Borough Council since 1994. Reference was also made to the passing of Councillor Emrys Williams, who had been a Councillor on Glyndwr District Council and Denbigh Town Council, and past Chair of both Councils. Members stood in silent tribute.

Councillor H H Evans, Leader thanked both Councillor J A Smith, the Cabinet Officer and officers for their work in ensuring the Cabinet papers were available for Members a day earlier than usual. The Authority was working towards ensuring the Welsh translations would also be available at the same time. Earlier despatch of papers contributed to making the Authority more efficient.

**1      URGENT MATTERS**

There were no Urgent Matters.

## **2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 December 2007 were submitted.

Item 3 Draft Action Plan in Response to Estyn: Councillor H H Evans, referring to the Post 16 Education Provision in Rhyl, said this was 'in the process' of being addressed.

Item 5 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site: Councillor G M Kensler congratulated Denbighshire and Wrexham officers on the project and said as a result of winning the first round, it would be considered by UNESCO.

Item 7 Revenue Budget and Summary Capital Plan 2007-2008: Councillor P A Dobb asked for an update on the latest position regarding Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn. Councillor H H Evans said a meeting had been held with the Welsh Assembly Government and the Head of Partnership and Inclusion was contacting all Local Authorities in Wales to see if there was a need for the facility. The outcome would be reported to the February Cabinet meeting, with options should the response be unfavourable.

Councillor G M Kensler, declaring an interest in the item, said regular meetings had been held between officers, the site manager and the Welsh Assembly Government. Alan Lansdowne, Welsh Assembly Government had emphasised the facility as a regional one and every Authority in North Wales should use the facility whenever possible.

Item 8 Budget Setting 2008-2009 Update: Councillor J Thompson Hill referred to the Councillors' Budget Seminar held on 04.01.08 and the consensus that further savings of approximately £1m were required should the Council Tax increase be set at 3% for example. The Welsh Assembly Government final settlement was due on 22.01.08. Councillor G M Kensler reminded colleagues of the importance when drawing comparisons with neighbouring Authorities of the fact that some had the majority of their population located in one large town.

Item 12 Clwyd Leisure Joint Study: Councillor J Thompson Hill informed colleagues that the Task and Finish Group had met and have asked for further work to be carried out by the consultants. A further report would be prepared for the Cabinet on 19.02.2008.

***RESOLVED*** that, subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Leader.

## **3 REGENERATION STRATEGIC GROUP ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor G O Rowlands presented the report for Members to approve the regeneration strategic group arrangements for the Council and its partnerships. The 3 main strands were regeneration, skills and environment and the tasks for the Group were to ensure progress in developing, actioning, expanding and monitoring the Economic Growth

Strategy approved by the County Council. The Lead Member for Finance would be included as part of the Group on a need basis.

Councillor G M Kensler suggested that Promoting Denbighshire was an essential strand and felt as the portfolio holder she should be a member of the Group and would promote co-operation between different parts of the County. Referring to paragraph 2.10 of the report, she declared an interest as a Board Member of Clwydfro and stressed the importance of the Denbighshire Enterprise Agency and Cyberskills as being essential to feed into the Strategy Group. She queried who would be monitoring the officer requests for international visits. Councillor Rowlands said the 3 Members on the Strategy Group would monitor such requests.

Referring the Council's Vision, Councillor P J Marfleet said it was important to know what was required for the area in 10 years' time, and the regeneration policy for the County would stem from this. The Head of Development Services reminded Members that certain strategies were already in place in the County, for example the Spatial Plan, and there were structures in place to ensure delivery. It was important to have governance arrangements in place where currently there were none and to link in to where governance was already in place. Partnerships were in place and both Clwydfro and Cyberskills would be included. The International Group would prioritise and recognise opportunities.

Councillor P A Dobb asked whether the new Group would replace the Working Group for Convergence and the International Development Forum, and stressed the need for Health to continue to be included. The Head of Development Services confirmed the Working Group for Convergence would be replaced by the Regeneration Strategy Group and that the Lead Member for Social Inclusion or Health would be included in relevant discussions. Officer groups would continue.

The County Clerk outlined the situation regarding Clwydfro as a Council-controlled body and said Members were there as 'directors' and were then subject to company law. Councillor E C Edwards supported Councillor Kensler's recommendation that she as Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire should become a member of the Regeneration Strategy Group. However, Councillor G O Rowlands said he could not support the amendment to the resolution. He also confirmed that all projects, however funded, would be considered by the Capital Task Group.

Councillor J Thompson Hill questioned whether attendance as appropriate by the Lead Member for Finance was determined by the 3 Members; whether the Group's agendas and papers would be circulated to all Members and reporting mechanism. Councillor H H Evans agreed the importance of keeping all Council Members informed of discussions and decisions. The Head of Development Services informed Members that the first meeting would discuss partnership arrangements outside the Council and links to the Local Service Board, a report on the strategic situation e.g. Spatial Planning, along with a matrix of projects for public funding which would lead to a priority set of projects. Decisions would then be made on which projects the Authority would wish to

submit for European funding. The Rural Partnership Forum would also be involved. One of the Group's first main tasks would be to review existing strategies. He confirmed that all Cabinet Members would receive agendas and reports for each meeting.

Referring to the chart attached to the report, Councillor H H Evans stressed the need for the Area Members Groups to drive regeneration forward and that the Groups should be included on the chart. People skills would become an essential component of regeneration. In regard to the tourism aspect, he felt tourism should be included as this had the potential to become a massive industry. The Head of Development Services agreed Councillor Kensler would wish to attend the first meeting.

Responding to a query from Councillor R E Barton, the Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing said the Social Inclusion and Voluntary Sector Manager had been involved in developing work opportunities and best use of convergence opportunities rather than dealing with adoption of the Social Inclusion Strategy.

Councillor E C Edwards stressed the importance of including the Enterprise Agency as part of the Regeneration Strategy Group.

Councillor G M Kensler withdrew her original proposal for membership of the Regeneration Strategy Group. She asked that the Resolution be amended to include (1) the Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire be invited to the first meeting of the Regeneration Strategy Group and (2) Regeneration Strategy Group arrangements be kept under review. Councillor M A German seconded the amendment.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

- [1] *support the revised governance arrangements set out in the report for the Council's Regeneration Strategy Group.*
- [2] *support further consultation with Denbighshire's Local Service Board in relation to the Regeneration Strategy Partnership*
- [3] *the Lead Member for Promoting Denbighshire be invited to the first meeting of the Regeneration Strategy Group*
- [4] *Regeneration Strategy Group arrangements be kept under review.*

#### **4 JOINT HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES IN DENBIGHSHIRE**

Councillor P A Dobb presented the report seeking Cabinet approval of the first joint Health & Social Care Commissioning Strategy for Older People's Services in Denbighshire. The demand for older people services was growing rapidly and there was a need to ensure provision of cost effective, streamlined, strengthened and appropriate services. It was essential to Lobby the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure funding 'follows the patient' and that telecare was properly funded. It was important that people had more choices as many services were becoming more

community, rather than hospital based. Any new services provided or the decommissioning of services was within the current budget constraints.

Councillor P J Marfleet said whilst the Authority was now having to provide services which originally were provided by the Health Service, it was important that the budget accompanied the service provision.

Members discussed people getting older and the resultant health problems and agreed the more the Authority and others could do in providing activities and independence for residents, it should lead in many instances to better health. Telecare was developing fast with an estimated 200 users. Another area of rapid increase was older people with dementia which meant more services would be required. The development of joint equipment stores was required but the Health Service did not want to fund this. It was noted that the community services framework has to be agreed by the end of March 2008.

***RESOLVED*** that Cabinet approves the proposed service developments that are considered to be the right approach to delivering a Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People living in Denbighshire.

## **5 SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2008 TO 2011 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2008-2009**

Councillor P A Dobb presented the report for Cabinet to consider and agree the Supporting People Strategy for 2008 to 2011 and the Supporting People Operational Plan (SPOP) for 2008-2009. The SPOP was required on an annual basis by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Strategy sets the vision, aims and objectives for the Supporting People Programme for 2008-2011 and is for the planning and funding of tenancy support services.

The Supporting People Services have been agreed as relevant and as funding was uncertain the Supporting People Planning Group would need to decide service priority. Supporting People should contribute towards homelessness and its prevention; community safety and social inclusion; and community care and older people. A remodelling of support to tenants of Clwyd Alyn would be required along with any help to stop people becoming homeless. Increasing funding to the Youth Offending Team in Rhyl for 16-17 year olds was a feature. Councillor Dobb thanked both staff and the agencies concerned for their work on providing up to date services for Denbighshire's residents.

The Supporting People Manager informed Members that the SPOP grant was uncertain and the Welsh Assembly were looking to finalising the grant and would be paying specific grants. Reductions could become likely from 2009-2010. The Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing said grant withdrawal could mean services not being provided. The Authority had achieved some success in lobbying Assembly

Members. The Supporting People Manager had been invited to joint a national group which could be of help to the Authority.

Members discussed various issues in detail, including the split in Womens' Aid funding, the tariff set by the Welsh Assembly Government, and the robust performance monitoring of projects.

***RESOLVED*** that Cabinet approves the Supporting People Strategy for 2008 to 2011 and the Supporting People Operational Plan (SPOP) for 2008-2009 and supports the projects identified to proceed to meet the needs of vulnerable people.

At this juncture (11.30 a.m.) the meeting adjourned for 30 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments.

## **6 CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY**

Councillor G O Rowlands presented the report for Members to consider and agree that Denbighshire County Council make a commitment, in a partnership arrangement with the Carbon Trust, to reduce its carbon footprint by 60% over the next 10 years.

The Corporate Director: Environment informed Members that the Carbon Trust had been set up by the Government as a non profit making organisation to reduce energy use. 2% savings in efficiencies had already been built in and this would add to the savings. It was likely that the Authority's commitment to the joint agreement with Flintshire County Council would pre-empt the legislation that would be brought in. The consultancy was free to help reduce the carbon footprint. He stressed the need to focus on core energy consumption rather than just waste recycling. A 10% reduction in consumption was required in all the Authority's buildings.

Councillor P J Marfleet supported the report and suggested that staff and schools should be encouraged not to waste energy.

Councillor J Thompson Hill asked for the provision of a baseline, showing the current position. He also supported the partnership arrangement with the Carbon Trust.

As travel and fuel costs were increasing, Councillor Kensler felt it was unlikely that savings could be made and this could have a negative impact on some services.

The Strategy was supported by Councillor M A German. He thought the Carbon Trust would spell out the obvious which the Authority should have been doing.

The report was also fully supported by Councillor H H Evans, who said this was part of the bigger picture in energy efficiencies. It was important to ensure the Authority had recycling facilities in its own buildings and that any new developments should be carbon friendly. The Corporate Director: Environment said any new buildings built with Welsh

Assembly Government funding or grant would have to be carbon neutral by 2010. He asked that Members give a clear message of support to the Strategy.

The Bright Ideas scheme was suggested by Councillor P A Dobb as a vehicle for staff suggestions on how the Authority could improve its carbon footprint.

***RESOLVED*** that Members approve Denbighshire County Council's commitment, in a partnership arrangement with the Carbon Trust, to reduce its carbon footprint by 60% over the next 10 years.

## **7 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor J A Smith presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

***RESOLVED*** that Cabinet note the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

## **8 URGENT ITEMS**

There were no Urgent Items.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

***RESOLVED*** under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **PART II**

### **9 AWARD OF A 3 YEAR FRAMEWORK HIRE AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS, SELF DRIVE VEHICLES AND PLANT & VEHICLES**

Councillor M A German presented the report seeking Members' agreement to award contracts in accordance with Clause 15.1 of the contract Procedure Rules for framework agreements for the hire of [1] traffic lights, [2] self drive vehicles and [3] plant and vehicles as corporate purchasing arrangements. He reminded Members of the agreement made some years earlier where the Authority's Fleet Management Service had introduced particulate collectors in its fleet which would mean non polluting vehicles wherever possible.

The hire costs had been aggregated over a period of time and this meant that in accordance with European rules, the Cabinet would have to approve the agreement. The Corporate Director: Environment informed Members that some vehicles were hired as required and that gritting vehicles, for example, were purchased as demountable vehicles which meant they could be used for other purposes at various times of the year. He confirmed there was a mutual support arrangement in place between neighbouring Authorities. Local companies were not disadvantaged by the agreement.

**RESOLVED** to award the Framework Agreement to the contractors listed in the appendix to the report, in line with Contract Procedure Rules and to endorse the Framework Agreements as Corporate Purchasing Arrangements in accordance with CPR 15.1.

**10 AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT, FENCING AND WETPOUR SAFER SURFACING**

Councillor G M Kensler presented the report for Members to agree to the Leisure Services and Strategic Procurement Framework Agreements to provide for the Supply and Installation of Play Equipment, Fencing & Safer Surfacing over the next 4 years (2 years plus a further 2 years subject to funding) as detailed in Appendix 1. Members were also asked to endorse the framework agreement in accordance with CPR 15.1 as a formal Corporate Purchasing Arrangement.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Sharper Focus Reorganisation 3 years earlier had moved Play to Leisure Services.

Members noted that the agreements would be open and of benefit to Town & Community Councils and community groups.

**RESOLVED** that Members agree the Head of Countryside and Leisure be given approval to award the Framework Agreements for the supply and installation of play equipment, fencing and wetpour safer surfacing to the suppliers identified in Appendix 1 to the report and to allow the use of the agreement by all Public Sector Authorities in North Wales.

The meeting concluded at 12.15 p.m.

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**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** **OUNCILLOR H H Evans**  
**Leader and Lead Member for Education**

**DATE:** **29 January 2008**

**SUBJECT:** **Monitoring of Action Plan in response to Estyn**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

- 1.1 Cabinet is requested to consider the initial work undertaken to monitor the action plan which has been developed in response to the recent Estyn Inspection of Education Services.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

- 2.1 The Council submitted the Action Plan and associated work plans to Estyn on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The Action Plan clearly demonstrated the commitment of the Authority to ensuring the plan will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed in due course.
- 2.2 The Modernising Education Board is responsible for overseeing the effective implementation of the Action Plan and accordingly has approved a robust performance management approach to ensure that the Board receives an overview of the progress against agreed actions and is able to review the level of risk associated with all recommendations within the report.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 to the report provides a summary of the 19 work plans developed to respond to the main recommendations within the Estyn Inspection report. Work Plans have been developed to respond to each of the 18 bullet points within Estyn's three overall recommendations plus two additional work plans have been developed to address key areas not formally considered within the recommendations but considered important to the overall successful implementation of the improvement agenda. The appendix via the colour coding allows a clear understanding from a single sheet of the status of progress.

	Progress	Risk Status
Red	Slippage against over 15% of the agreed dates within the work plan	Considered high risk in terms of impact of likely time delays, insufficient money to deliver the task or receiving negative media coverage
Amber	Slippage reported against less than 15% of the agreed dates within the work plan	Considered medium risk in terms of impact of likely time delays, insufficient money to deliver the task or receiving negative media coverage
Green	All tasks are either ongoing or have been completed against agreed dates	Considered low risk in terms of impact of likely time delays, insufficient money to deliver the task or receiving negative media coverage

- 2.4 In total there are 405 individual actions within the work plans as submitted to Estyn to be progressed by the Authority. Clearly there is a need to ensure that any reporting mechanism ensures that Members attention is drawn to areas causing or likely to lead to concerns to ensure that corrective action can be instigated.
- 2.5 To complement the performance management arrangements the Business Change Manager has commenced her role to support the embedding of new processes and practices into mainstream working.

### Current Progress

- 2.6 Appendix 1 to the report provides a summary of current overall progress including an assessment of tasks completed as of the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008. There were 56 actions scheduled to be completed and progress is summarised as follows:-

Actions completed	46
Actions not completed	10

- 2.7 The Modernising Education Board considered a progress report at its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. The Board agreed to amend a number of dates of actions in view of changing circumstances and to delete two actions from the plan which were no longer considered necessary.
- 2.8 Appendix 2 provides further information on an exception basis. The Modernising Education Board at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January will review progress against those activities for Recommendations 1.1 and 1.6 where revised completion dates are suggested as the information was not available for the 14<sup>th</sup> January meeting. As a consequence of this the overall progress against recommendation 1.1 is recorded as “Red” on the summary sheet although work is progressing on target against the remaining recommendations within that work plan.

### 2.9 Estyn Review of Youth Support Services / Modernising Education Report

- 2.10 There is a need to ensure that the monitoring requirements arising from the Estyn review of Youth Support Services from 2006 and the recommendations from the Cambridge report “Modernising Education” can be incorporated within the performance management system developed to address the main Estyn Action Plan. Discussions are ongoing to ensure that the progress from the thirteen recommendations from the Youth Support Services Inspection can be incorporated into future reports. Similarly there is a need to ensure that the recommendations from the Modernising Education report can be incorporated into any monitoring system to ensure that progress can be measured in due course.

## **3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

The Council was required under a duty to prepare an Action Plan under Section 39 of the Education Act 1997.

## **4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

Many of the actions can be delivered by redirecting existing resources to focus more clearly on the schools which need support most and by challenging all schools to use funding effectively to raise standards. Detailed costings were identified in the work plans and these considerations will be taken into account in the budget setting process for 2008/09.

## **5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The Council has agreed a package of additional resources of £700k as an initial response to the Estyn report. Further bids for additional funding are currently being considered as part of the budget setting exercise for 2008/2009.

## **6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 6.1 The Modernising Education Board at its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January considered the initial findings of progress to date. For those areas where insufficient progress has been made the Board has requested further information for its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and a verbal update of any significant issues will be reported.
- 6.2 The Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee are required to undertake the challenge role in assessing progress and they considered the current progress at their meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## **7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS:**

### **7.1 THE VISION**

The Council has already agreed to amend its priorities to focus on School and Educational Improvement as a priority.

## **8 ACTION PLAN**

Action	Responsibility	Deadline
To explore and address the reasons for any delays in implementing agreed actions	Modernising Education Board	Weekly meetings
To review and report to Cabinet upon the overall progress against the Action Plan as at the end of January 2008 to Cabinet	Modernising Education Board	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2008

## **9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members consider the progress to date against tasks and request that the Modernising Education Board reviews progress against those tasks identified as "Red" or "Amber" in Appendix 2 in advance of the next monthly monitoring report.



## Appendix 2 - Exception Reporting - As at 17th January 2008

### Issues to note

Suggested revised dates for Recommendations 1.1 & 1.6 to be considered by Modernising Education Board at the 23rd January meeting

Recc. Ref	Key Activity	Activity Leader	Workplan completion date	Revised completion date	Achieved completion date	Reason for delay	RAG Status
1.1	Revise Job Descriptions for School Improvement Officers.	Head of School Improvement	01/01/08	13/02/08		Governed by the outcomes of discussions of heads re: Partnership Agreements which occurred w/c 7/1/08	AMBER
1.1	Develop an on line School Visits system for all Officers in School Improvement and Partnerships and Inclusion	ICT Advisor	01/01/08	01/02/08		Implementation of paper version of visit notes until on line database is established. Need to coordinate with P&I team	AMBER
1.1	School plans identify why achievement is low and develop agreed actions to raise standards, in particular for the targeted identified primary and secondary schools (via School Improvement Action Plans)	Senior Primary and Secondary SIO's	31/01/08	01/02/08		need to establish achievement/attainment profile across the authority, identify reasons for underperformance and implement improvement processes. This is reliant on agreed system for data analysis and Partnership Agreement. The 15 identified schools have been visited by SIOs and 'targets' established	AMBER
1.1	As a result of Dec/Jan target setting visits, schools additional to those already identified are prioritised for high level support	Head of School Improvement	31/01/08	22/01/08		need for new Head of SI to work with SIOs to establish mechanisms for this activity	AMBER
1.1	Deploy school improvement officers, curriculum support advisers and external expertise to support improvement of teaching and learning in targeted schools	Head of School Improvement	31/01/08	26/02/08		this activity is linked to Partnership Agreement -2 half days established with heads to begin the process, which will lead to policy and procedure on 'Support, Challenge and Intervention' in inverse proportion to need	AMBER
1.1	Organise new area based School Improvement support system	Senior Primary SIO	31/01/08	end Feb 2008		Unreasonable timescale in view of need to work with P&I and Policy and Performance Teams and write Partnership Agreement which will underpin this new way of working	AMBER
1.1	Review working practices within the School Improvement Service Unit to effectively use the existing Administration staff to their full potential.	Senior Admin Officer	31/01/08	end Feb 2008		Time for new Head of SI to re-align service area and rationalise responsibilities of SI officers, appoint new staff	AMBER
1.6	Share data with all school improvement officers, officers from the Partnership and Inclusion Service, curriculum specialists and advisory teachers	Senior MIS Officer	31/12/2007	31/01/08		Undergoing review of how we use data	AMBER
2.1	Second officer and give them appropriate authority to lead on Performance Management	Corporate Director of Resources	26/10/2007			An Officer from the SPU has carried out some work but this has been limited due to the appointment of the Business Change Manager from the same unit. A Job Description has been written and will be submitted for approval to advertise.	RED

2.1	Second officer to assist with systems review	Head of Strategic Policy	01/12/2007		Same as first key activity	RED
2.1	Set challenging targets for core KPI's in consultation with schools ensuring the methodology used is robust. These will have to be reviewed as the relevant data is not available at present to set meaningful targets.	Policy and Performance Manager	Ongoing		Activity leader to be reviewed as targets are set by School Improvement Officers	AMBER
2.5	Agreement on how range of mapping processes are to be brought together and made available on-line (and linked with other information resources for children, young people, families and staff eg Youthden, CIS, prospectuses)	14-19 Coordinator	30/11/2007		Options put forward - details remains to be finalised.	RED
2.5	Play Strategy to CYPSP	Head of Culture & Leisure	09/01/2008	Achieved	Draft only Play Strategy presented.	AMBER

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** **COUNCILLOR P A DOBB LEAD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATE:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**SUBJECT:** **Joint Adult Mental Health and Social Care Commissioning Strategy, (Conwy and Denbighshire) 2007 – 2010.**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To adopt the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adult Mental Health and social Care for Conwy and Denbighshire, 2007 – 2010.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

The Strategy sets the direction for commissioning services for adults with mental health problems in Conwy and Denbighshire. The Strategy will guide Denbighshire County Council and its partners in their commissioning responsibilities for adults with mental health problems. Extensive consultation has been undertaken and comments have been incorporated into this final version.

**3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

Power to adopt the Strategy is contained within the Authority's constitution.

**4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

The Strategy sets the strategic direction and framework for commissioning and reconfiguring services. The Strategy aims to drive resource maximization across the partner agencies through joint commissioning arrangements, which reduce duplication, increase efficiency, and provide a seamless route through services for individuals.

**5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

By reducing duplication and improving efficiency the Joint Commissioning Strategy should deliver efficiency savings. The effectiveness of the Strategy should therefore be monitored to assess whether the efficiencies are being delivered.

**6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

Extensive consultation has been carried out with key stakeholders over a 4 month period. This has included the Local Planning Groups, Integrated Partnership Board for Adult Mental Health and Social Care, Conwy and Denbighshire, service users and carers, and both the Scrutiny Committees in Conwy and Denbighshire. All comments have been collated and incorporated into the final document.

## **7      IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS:**

The Strategy supports the delivery of the Draft Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy, (2008 – 2011).

### **7.1    THE VISION**

The Strategy supports the Vision for Denbighshire, in particular –

- Bringing services closer to communities
- Partners in public, private and voluntary sectors working together to eliminate deprivation and encouraging individuals to help themselves and their communities
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults, and promote their independence
- People taking more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

### **7.2    OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

The Strategy supports other policy areas, including the Anti-Poverty Strategy, Housing Strategy, Supporting People Operational Plan and Economic Development Strategies.

## **8      ACTION PLAN**

A Local Joint Action Plan has already been developed, which incorporates the National Service Framework (NSF) for Adults with mental health problems and the Baseline Reviews. This Action Plan details the actions required to deliver the Joint Commissioning Strategy.

The Joint Strategic Commissioning Partnership will have overall responsibility for monitoring the Joint Commissioning Strategy.

## **9      RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to adopt this Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adult Mental Health and Social Care.



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# **Joint Commissioning Strategy**

## **Adult Mental Health and Social Care**

**Conwy and Denbighshire**

**2007 – 2010**

**Summary Document**

***Mae'r ddogfen yma ar gael yn Gymraeg.***

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## **1      Setting the Scene**

This document is a summary of the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adult Mental Health and Social Care in Conwy and Denbighshire 2007 – 2010.

It outlines the long term plans for planning, purchasing and evaluating mental health services for adults in Conwy and Denbighshire.

Several reports have been produced in Conwy and Denbighshire recently which are relevant to this summary document -

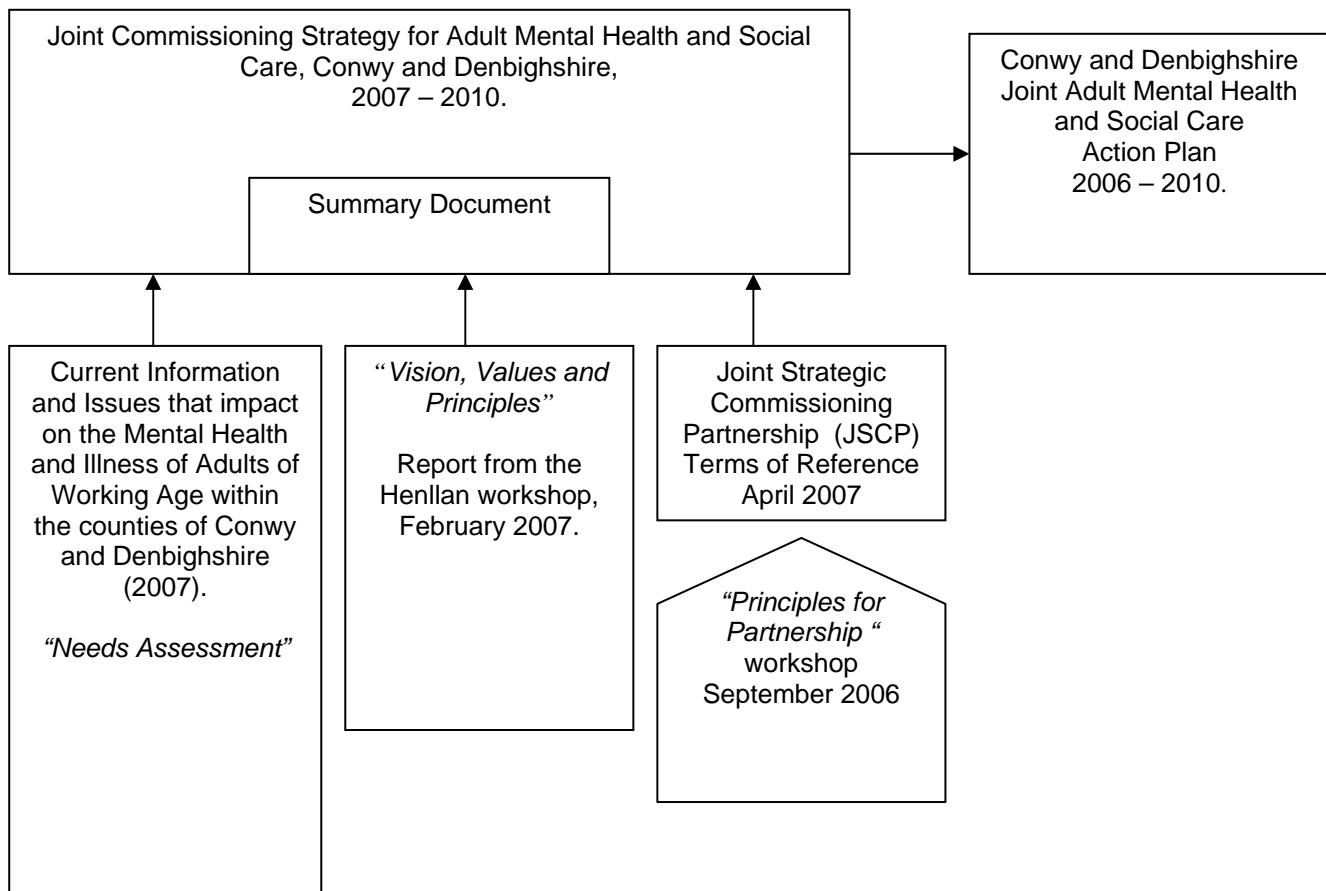
1. Cunnah F, (2007) Mental Health (Adults), Current Information and Issues that impact on the Mental Health and Illness of Adults of Working Age within the counties of Conwy and Denbighshire. (*This document is referred to as the “Needs Assessment”*).
2. Jones, J, (2007), Joint commissioning Strategy for Adult Mental Health and Social Care, Conwy and Denbighshire,2007 – 2010 (*This is the full strategy document*).
3. Jones, J, (2006), Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Adult Mental Health and Social Care Action Plan, 2006 – 2010. (*This action plan provides a local response to the National Service Framework and Baseline Reviews, and identifies how those actions will be achieved in Conwy and Denbighshire*).
4. Jones, J, (2007), Vision, Values and Principles, Report from the Henllan Workshop, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007. (*This report is from the stakeholder event which was held to inform the Joint Commissioning Strategy*).

Copies of these reports are available on the websites of Conwy and Denbighshire Local Health Board's (LHB's) and Local Authorities (LA's). Hard copies can also be provided.

This document incorporates comments from the extensive consultation undertaken on the draft strategy.

The diagram below outlines the process for developing the strategy, how the actions will be achieved, and the relationship between the other relevant documents.

## Other Relevant Documents and Reports



## 2 Introduction

This strategy covers Conwy and Denbighshire Local Health Board's and Local Authority's responsibility for commissioning. Commissioning is defined as “the process of specifying, securing and monitoring services to meet individuals' needs at a strategic level.” This strategy will help the partners to agree a direction for adult mental health services and set the priorities for development from 2007 – 2010.

## 3 Background

A partnership was established in 2005, to manage the provision of adult mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire. The partners are Conwy and Denbighshire NHS Trust and Conwy and Denbighshire Local Authorities. An Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) was set up under Section 31 of the 1999 Health Act, to oversee the joint provision of adult mental health services.

A Joint Strategic Commissioning Partnership (JSCP) was set up in 2006, to manage and co-ordinate commissioning. This partnership is outside the IPB. The members of the JSCP are Conwy and Denbighshire LHB's and LA's. A Joint Strategic Commissioning Manager has responsibility for commissioning on behalf of the 4 partners.

Members of the JSCP were asked to give their views on their organisation's attitude to commissioning in 2006. Partners agreed that some activities have been joined up, but there is still room to improve.

#### **4 Vision, Values and Principles**

The joint vision for commissioning is "*to improve the quality of life for adults with mental health problems, in Conwy and Denbighshire, through the commissioning of high quality services which promote social inclusion and choice.*"

The National Service Framework (NSF) for Adult Mental Health sets the standards for adult mental health services in Wales. It includes 4 principles: Equity, Empowerment, Effectiveness and Efficiency.

Clinical Governance is the method for ensuring that NHS organisations are accountable for improving the quality of services. The clinical governance framework has 5 themes: Patient experience, Process for quality improvement, Staff focus, Use of information, Leadership, strategy and planning.

People with an interest in improving mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire were invited to a workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> February to agree the principles that will support the Joint Commissioning Strategy.

The principles that were agreed at the workshop are:

- A holistic approach – "*individuals should be treated as a whole person, and not just as a user of mental health services.*"
- Community Based Services – "*individuals should be able to receive flexible services, as close to their home location as possible.*"
- Carers Issues – "*Carers should receive appropriate support to enable them to continue their caring role.*"
- Health Promotion and Education – "*mental health education should be available at all levels of service, and all sectors, at an appropriate level.*"
- Communication - "*communication should be timely and appropriate to the situation.*"
- Housing – "*good quality housing should be available to all mental health service users and their carers.*"

#### **5 Key Strategic Drivers**

There are some national and Wales plans that will affect the priorities for Conwy and Denbighshire.

These are –

- Mental Health Bill
- Mental Capacity Act (2005)
- "Raising the Standard;" The Revised National Service Framework and Action Plan for Wales (2005)
- Baseline Reviews of Conwy and Denbighshire
- Service and Financial Framework Targets (SaFF)

- The Review of Health and Social Care in Wales
- Designed for Life
- Designed for North Wales
- Making the Connections
- Beyond Boundaries, Citizen Centred Local Services for Wales (2006)
- Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities (2006)
- All-Wales Review of Adult Mental Health Services and Commissioning
- Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategies (2008 – 2011)

## **6 Relationships with Other Structures and Forums**

Local mental health groups have recently reviewed their roles and how they relate to each other.

Both Conwy and Denbighshire have local multi-agency planning groups, in Conwy this is called the Management and Policy Group (MAP), and in Denbighshire this is the Denbighshire Mental Health Planning Group.

Joint sub-groups, across Conwy and Denbighshire, have been established which have an interest in rural issues, employment and training and accommodation. These groups are called

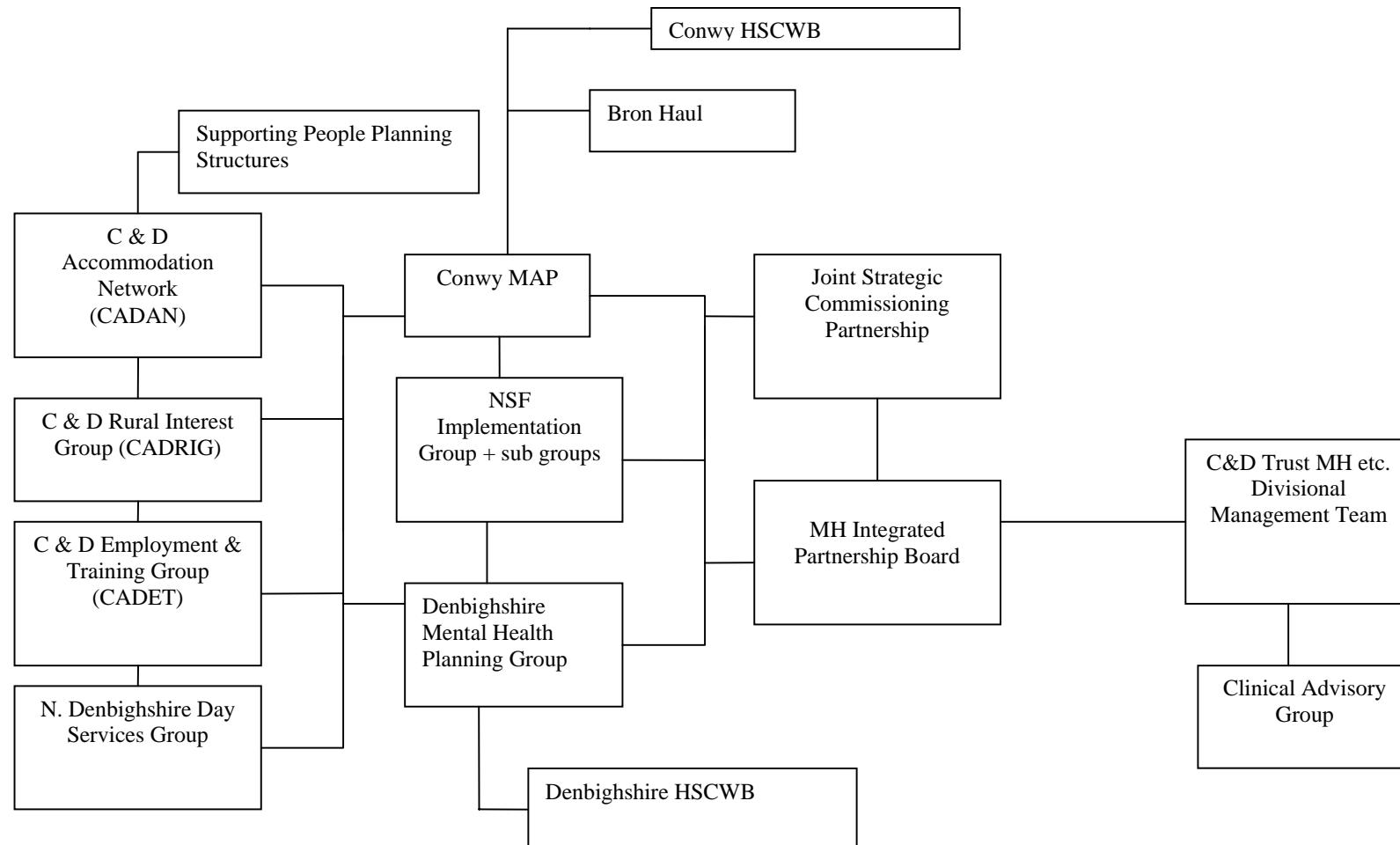
- CADRIG (Conwy and Denbighshire Rural Interest Group)
- CADET (Conwy and Denbighshire Employment and Training group)
- CADAN (Conwy and Denbighshire Accommodation Network)

A joint Conwy and Denbighshire group has responsibility for monitoring the NSF. This group has 6 sub-groups, which report progress against the Joint Local Action Plan to the NSF group. The NSF group reports to the Integrated Partnership Board, and the Joint Strategic Commissioning Partnership.

Service users and carers are involved in setting planning and commissioning priorities and making recommendations for the development of services.

The diagram on the next page shows how the groups link together.

## How the Conwy and Denbighshire Adult Mental Health and Social Care Groups relate to each other



## **7      Needs Assessment**

A needs assessment was produced to inform the priorities included in this joint commissioning strategy. The needs assessment identifies factors which may influence the commissioning of adult mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire now and in the future. The needs assessment compares Conwy and Denbighshire with other areas in Wales.

The significant factors in adult mental health in Conwy and Denbighshire are –

- Higher rates of mental illness than other areas in Wales
- Poverty will influence people's mental wellbeing
- People with mental health problems do not always have access to good quality housing
- People who have mental health problems find it difficult to get jobs
- Conwy and Denbighshire have higher rates of suicide than the Wales average
- Conwy and Denbighshire have very high rates of prescribing medicines for mental health problems

## **7      Market Assessment**

The market is defined as the services that are provided within an area, and the ability of those providers to respond to agreed priorities.

Five tiers were adopted, which were used to identify the services available in Conwy and Denbighshire.

Tier Zero relates to mental health education and promotion. This was identified as a priority in the needs assessment and the Vision, Values and Principles event.

Tier One relates to primary care services. Primary Care link workers are available throughout the whole of Conwy and Denbighshire, although counselling is not provided at every General Practice (GP).

GP's can chose to provide additional services for the care of people with mental health problems and all practices except one in Conwy and one in Denbighshire have chosen to provide this service.

The Supporting People programme provides a range of housing related support for people with mental health problems in Conwy and Denbighshire.

The voluntary sector provides a range of services throughout Conwy and Denbighshire.

The main provider of tier two services is the Integrated Partnership for Adult Mental Health and Social Care. Tier two services include – community support services, the Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT's), Home Treatment, Supportive Outreach, Psychiatric Liaison, Acute Inpatient Services, Tan y Castell and Bron Haul.

Tier three services include services which are provided on a regional basis, and includes the independent sector.

Tier four services include the medium secure unit at Ty Llewelyn.

## **8 Resource Mapping and Analysis**

This section identifies the resources that are available to the commissioners to develop services, and the current amount spent on adult mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire.

One way of managing budgets is to pool funds and manage the budget as one pot. This has not yet been adopted in Conwy and Denbighshire.

The LHB's and LA's mainly receive funding from WAG, in response to formulas which calculate the likely demand in each area.

During 2005 – 06, both Conwy and Denbighshire LHB's spent more on mental health, as a percentage of the population than the Wales average.

Social Services expenditure in Conwy and Denbighshire during 2005 – 06, was also higher than the Wales average.

Conwy and Denbighshire are moving towards long-term joint commissioning arrangements which will provide more stability for the voluntary sector organisations, and provide services which make a contribution to agreed priorities. The total value of services commissioned from the voluntary sector is in the region of £1.5 million per year.

Conwy and Denbighshire are committed to effective service user and carer participation, and the annual investment is in the region of £100,000.

All 4 partners have significant expenditure on placements for individuals with severe or enduring mental illness. Most of these placements are with the independent sector, and in many cases, the most appropriate services is outside Conwy and Denbighshire. The cost of providing this special care for individuals is also increasing.

All 4 partners are experiencing financial pressures, including the health related Service Change and Efficiency Plans (SCEP), and the social services annual efficiency savings.

In 2005 – 06, Supporting People services to adults with mental health problems in Conwy and Denbighshire totalled approximately £1.2million pounds, which is approximately 10% of the total allocation in each county. This funding is currently under threat, and the current proposals will have serious implications for mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire.

## **9        Gap Analysis**

The following gaps have been identified in mental health services in Conwy and Denbighshire –

- Mental health promotion and education
- Voluntary sector
- Primary care
- Community mental health services
- Home Treatment
- Housing
- Psychological therapies
- Psychiatric intensive care facilities
- Out of county placements
- Specialist services

We also need to review services regularly to ensure that they are fully utilised.

## **10      Future Commissioning Priorities**

The priorities which will influence commissioning include the Vision, Values and Principles and the significant findings from the needs assessment.

## **11      Contractual Arrangements**

Commissioning must be supported by written documents, which outline the legal arrangements, the service to be provided and how the performance will be measured. These documents are known as contracts or service level agreements.

A range of contractual arrangements are available to the partners to support commissioning, including

- Lead commissioner – where one organisation agrees to manage the contractual arrangements on behalf of another
- Joint commissioning – where two or more organisations pool their budgets

Each of the partner agencies must operate within their financial procedures and standing orders, which outline the legal and accounting procedures that have to be followed.

Tendering is a part of the commissioning process, and enables organisations to submit an application to provide a service that they are interested in.

## **12 Monitoring, Review and Evaluation**

Monitoring serves many purposes, including the assessment of the quality of a service, effectiveness, value for money, accountability and arrangements for managing the service, and areas for investment and disinvestment.

Where services are commissioned by the 4 partner organisations the monitoring requirements are set out in the contract.

Commissioners want to find out whether the service is doing what it set out to do, ie, whether it is achieving its outcomes, as well as the numbers of people using the service.

The care of individuals who receive services outside Conwy and Denbighshire is monitored on a regular basis.

A range of performance targets are set by the Welsh Assembly Government, and the commissioners have to comply with these targets.

An Integrated Business Unit has been established, which includes members of the Integrated Partnership. The role of this unit is to bring together all the systems for monitoring to ensure some consistency.

The Joint Local Adult Mental Health and Social Care Action Plan outlines the actions necessary to achieve this strategy and identifies the groups responsible for monitoring those actions.

Service users and carers take an active part in monitoring and reviewing all services.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the full strategy after consultation.



**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** **COUNCILLOR P.A. DOBB, LEAD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATE:** **29 JANUARY 2008**

**SUBJECT:** **DRAFT HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELL-BEING STRATEGY 2008-11**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

- 1.1 To seek endorsement from Cabinet in advance of presenting to Full Council in February 2008.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

- 2.1 Section 40 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (the 2006Act) provides for a duty to be placed on each Local Health Board (LHB) and Local Authority (LA) in Wales to jointly formulate and implement a strategy for the health and well-being of its local population, and to have regard to that strategy in exercising their functions.

**3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1 Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategies (Wales) Regulations 2003 ( SI 2003 No 154 (W.24))

- 3.2 Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategies (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

**4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Implementation of the strategy through existing and developing joint planning and commissioning should result in more cost effective service delivery and improved outcomes for service users. Longer term efficiencies are anticipated through effective collaboration.

The Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy is an overarching document designed to ensure that Partnership commissioning and planning activity is in alignment and neither duplicates services nor allows gaps to remain unidentified.

The production and maintenance of the strategy itself is grant funded. Further guidance is awaited from the Welsh Assembly Government in relation to developing a financial strategy.

**4.2 Cabinet should be mindful that:**

- The findings of the Needs Assessment process must be further developed to identify services no longer needed so that these can be reconfigured to allow gaps to be addressed.
- Working with partners in Health to review the way in which primary health and social care services are provided will need careful modeling and detailed planning to ensure that the strategic direction can be maintained within the confines of a budget planning process that will only allow cost neutrality at best.
- The Community Equipment Store Integration (CESI) project has been a complex process. There is currently no key partner in Conwy as Conwy County Council and Conwy LHB chose to pursue an alternative option. This has had an impact on economies of scale and although the project is still viable the financial implications have a greater impact on the remaining partners (Denbighshire Social Services, Local Health Board and the Conwy and Denbighshire Trust). Alternative partners are still being sought.
- Telecare has been well received and some clear savings have been identified particularly in Community Living settings where reductions in staffing costs have been released to reinvest in the purchase of further costly equipment. The link between the financial benefits of Telecare in relation to the preventative agenda are harder to quantify. A Charging Policy is currently being developed but again is hard to quantity at present what financial benefit this will accrue nor about its impact on the future take-up of Telecare facilities.
- Intermediate Care is entering Phase 2 and there is now an imperative for partners to negotiate their financial contribution. Intermediate Care is still in its infancy in terms of delivering robust evidence of its ability to maintain independence at home and reduce admittances to hospital / residential care. The limited evidence already to hand needs to be enhanced as a matter of urgency to assist these negotiations.

**5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

**5.1** The guidance pending from WAG around the production of a financial strategy to support the HSCWB Strategy is likely to appear after the HSCWB has been drafted. Therefore careful monitoring of costs and commitments is required to ensure that the Strategy can be implemented within existing resources and potentially make efficiency savings in future. Cabinet should be updated when a financial strategy is completed.

## **6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 6.1 The formal public consultation phase of Denbighshire's Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy took place between October – December 2007. Responses are currently being collated and analysed.
- 6.2 The Draft Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy was presented to a Special Joint Scrutiny with representatives from each Scrutiny on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and received endorsement.
- 6.3 A number of successful joint events took place including with Conwy Health, Social Care & Well-Being Partnership and Community Safety Partnership; Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership; Supporting People and Want 2 Work. (Further information on the full range of consultation activities can be made available).

## **7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS:**

- 7.1 The Health Social Care & Well-Being Strategy supports Denbighshire's vision – being 'innovative in meeting the health and social care needs of Denbighshire's diverse communities'.
- 7.2 As the Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy is broad ranging it will impact in varying degrees upon other policy areas including the Children and Young People's Single Plan and the Community Safety Plan.

## **8 ACTION PLAN**

- 8.1 The revised HSCWB Strategy will go through further endorsement processes within the Local Authority and the Local Health Board. It is a statutory requirement that the final Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy will be published on the internet by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to be implemented and performance managed as of April 2008.

## **9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 That Cabinet considers the draft Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy with a view to recommending endorsement by Full Council in February 2008.



# Denbighshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy 2008-2011

## ‘Healthy Denbighshire’

## Executive Summary

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **What Matters in Denbighshire?**

### **Where are we now?**

It is a statutory duty that each Local Health Board (LHB) and Local Authority (LA) jointly formulate and implement a strategy for the health and well-being of its local population. 'Healthy Denbighshire' is the second Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy for Denbighshire. It continues to build upon the many positive developments since the first Strategy which covered 2005-2008. It outlines the strategic objectives for 2008-2011.

'Healthy Denbighshire' complements the Community Services Framework which is about bringing services to people either in their own homes or close to their own homes in a range of community based settings.

### **How did we decide what matters in Denbighshire?**

### **Where do we want to get to?**

Through the development of a Needs Assessment (March 2007) and a number of stakeholder events 8 priority Themes have been identified that will help improve the health, social care and well-being of the population of Denbighshire and reduce inequalities in health.

### **8 Priority Themes**

- 1. Reducing Poverty/Improving Social Inclusion**
- 2. Our Environment**
- 3. Positive Lifestyles**
- 4. Early Intervention and Crisis Support**
- 5. Changing Needs/Responsive Services**
- 6. Longer Term Needs**
- 7. Protecting and Safeguarding**
- 8. Right Services in the Right Place**

These overlapping priority ‘Themes’ are wide ranging because our health, social care and well-being are affected by lots of influences such as where we live, work and learn; our incomes and lifestyle; our ethnic group and identity; our relationships with family and friends and our access to services and facilities.

**These ‘Themes’ affect all of us including children, young people and older people, those people with learning disabilities, mental health needs, physical and sensory impairments; those affected by poverty or social exclusion and carers.**

### **How do we get there?**

Through the Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy we will deliver on the 8 identified priority Themes. There are a number of existing joint commissioning and planning mechanisms in place and/or in development that will provide the opportunity for this delivery.

Some examples of planned actions include:

- The further development of health & social care support workers will ensure lower level health and social care needs will be met by a single specifically trained worker.
- Working in partnership will bring GP’s, community health & social services together on single sites across Denbighshire.
- A continuation of covert test purchases to detect underage sales of alcohol and tobacco will result in prosecution and reduce incidents of alcohol related crime on streets and in licensed premises.
- Continued development of joint working will provide care closer to the homes of patients with chronic conditions.
- The reduction of door to door bogus callers will impact positively on mental health of vulnerable people.
- Improving access to the countryside particularly for disabled people or for those with mobility difficulties will provide enhanced opportunities for physical activities.

- Development of a specialised housing scheme for learning disabled people with complex needs will contribute to social inclusion and independence.
- Improved support for Carers in relation to early intervention and in times of crisis may avoid unnecessary hospital/care home admissions.
- The joint approach to issues of obesity across age ranges will contribute to improved health and well-being of Denbighshire residents.

### **How will we know if we have got there?**

The implementation of the Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy will be monitored and evaluated on a regular basis and performance management processes are currently being further developed.

The full Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategy (2008-2011) is available on  
**[healthy.denbighshire.co.uk](http://healthy.denbighshire.co.uk)**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** **COUNCILLOR E C EDWARDS, LEAD MEMBER FOR CUSTOMER CARE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**DATE:** **29 JANUARY 2008**

**SUBJECT:** **GATING ORDERS**

**1. Decision Sought**

- 1.1 To consider and agree the proposed Gating orders to be made under The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007 in Rhyl, Denbigh and Prestatyn at various locations. The specific areas are detailed in the consultation papers in Appendix 1 (The Gating Order Schedule).

**2. Reason for Seeking Decision**

- 2.1 Neither the Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007 nor the enabling power of Highways Act Section 129A appear as matters reserved to Council by the new functions regulations made by the Assembly. Accordingly the decision rests with Cabinet rather than Full Council. (Advice from County Clerk)
- 2.2 Community Beat managers, and local members (County, Town & Community councilors) have identified specific paths, entries, and alleyways that are subject to anti social behaviour, crime and disorder, and by their very nature provide the opportunity for or facilitate crime or anti social behaviour.
- 2.3 The areas being considered fall into two types of category. Public footpaths which the community at large use and alley ways that are generally only of use or used by householders affected. The consultation has identified that there is support for and against the making of the orders.
- 2.4 Alley gates are already established within Denbighshire as an effective remedy to crime, disorder and anti social behaviour, and are a significant contributory factor to Denbighshire achieving the biggest crime reductions in Wales.
- 2.5 A schedule listing all the proposals, the persons or organization requesting, and reasons why the proposals are being sought is at Appendix 1. Recommendations based on enquires and site visits are included.
- 2.6 Before making a gating order the council must cause to be published on its website a notice identifying the affected highway by, name or description; and a six-figure Ordnance Survey grid reference in respect of each end of the affected highway; set out the general effect of the gating order being made; identifying

alternative routes (if any) which would be available to pedestrians and vehicular traffic if the proposed order were to be made, setting out a draft of the proposed order. The notice should invite written representations as to whether or not a gating order should be made, within such period as is specified in the notice (being a period of not less than 28 days from the date on which the notice is first published in accordance with this paragraph); The notice should also to be posted at all public access points to the affected highway in such a way as is sufficient to draw the attention of members of the public using that highway the effect of the proposed order being made. This consultation process was carried out in October, November and December 2007. The draft Orders and map locations are at **Appendix 2**.

- 2.7 There is no requirement to publish in the local press; however the intention to extend the existing alley gates at these locations has been widely reported in local and regional newspapers. In addition meetings have also taken place with the Local Access Forum and the Street Works Coordination meeting.

### **3. Power to make decision**

- 3.1 The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007 set out the procedures to be followed by councils in Wales when making, varying or revoking gating orders under sections 129A to 129G of the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66) ("the 1980 Act").
- 3.2 Section 2 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act [2005 \(c. 16\)](#) inserts sections 129A to 129G into the 1980 Act. These new sections empower councils to make, vary or revoke orders restricting the public right of way over the highways to which they relate (gating orders). Gating orders may not be made in respect of special roads, trunk roads, classified or principal roads, or other highways of a description (if any) prescribed by regulations made by the National Assembly for Wales (the National Assembly).
- 3.3 Gating orders may be made by councils where they are satisfied that premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway are affected by crime or anti-social behaviour; that the existence of the highway is facilitating the commission of criminal offences or anti-social behaviour; and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make the order for the purposes of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.
- 3.4 Gating orders may be varied by councils where they are satisfied that in all the circumstances it is expedient to do so for the purpose of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.
- 3.5 Gating orders may be revoked by councils where they are satisfied that the restriction imposed by the order is no longer expedient in all the circumstances for the purpose of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.

- 3.6 Content of gating orders. The proposed orders are shown at **Appendix 3**
- 3.7 Registers of gating orders. This is a new requirement and if these proposals are accepted then a register will be established and maintained. It is intended that all previously installed alley gates will be included on the register.
- 3.8 The extent of Consultation is prescribed within the legislation and includes all the occupiers of premises adjacent to or adjoining the affected highway; the community council; the chief officer of a police force, the fire and rescue authority, any local access forum, statutory undertakers who maintains services, any communications provider, any provider of gas, electricity or water services, in the locality in which the affected highway is situated and any person who the council reasonably considers might be affected by the proposed order.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Funding is available from the Crime and Disorder Partnership under the Crime Reduction and anti social behaviour national grant. Some provision has been made from the 2007 /2008 National Crime Reduction and Anti Social Behaviour Grant. These applications will come from funding over a two year period, as some will be unlikely to progress before the fiscal year 2008 / 2009, and accordingly there is provision in next year's budget as well. The partnership has also secured a £50,000 Local Environment Quality Improvement grant, and part of that bid was for the provision of gating schemes.
- 4.2 In Ernest Street and Gamlin Street it is proposed that that the funding for those schemes would receive support from the Urban Renewal Grant.

#### **5. Financial Controller Statement**

- 5.1 Costs in connection with this matter will need to be contained within the special funding available

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 Certain of the procedures to be complied with by councils in relation to gating orders are set out in the new provisions of the 1980 Act. The National Assembly is required by sections 129C and 129F of the 1980 Act to make provision by regulations as to the further procedure to be complied with by councils in relation to gating orders, and is empowered by sections 129A, 129C, 129E and 129F of the 1980 Act to make further related provision by regulations.
- 6.2 Publicity relating to a proposal to make, vary or revoke a gating order - the extent of Consultation is prescribed within the legislation and includes all the occupiers of premises adjacent to or adjoining the affected highway; the community council; the chief officer of a police force, the fire and rescue authority; any local access

forum, statutory undertakers who maintain services, any communications provider, any provider of gas, electricity or water services, in the locality in which the affected highway is situated and any person who the council reasonably considers might be affected by the proposed order. This was carried out in October, November and December 2007. The full list of consultees is shown at **Appendix 3**

- 6.3 Representations received as to the making, varying or revocation of these gating orders are summarised in **Appendix 1**. However in relation to statutory undertakers, the proposals were dealt with at the Street Works Co-ordination meeting on 5 December 2007, all the concerns of those in attendance were dealt with. The only undertaker to object to all was Dwr Cymru. Operational Staff at Dwr Cymru were present at the meeting. They were not in a position to remove the objection, but were satisfied that they would have adequate access if required.
- 6.4 Public inquiries: The council may cause a public inquiry to be held in relation to a proposed gating order, in order to consider any objections. The council must cause a public inquiry to be held if the chief officer of a police force, a fire and rescue authority, the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS trust, through whose police area the affected highway passes objects to the proposed gating order. No representations that would oblige a public enquiry (from Police, Fire and Ambulance) have been received.
- 6.5 There is no requirement to publish in the press; however the intention to extend the existing alley gates at these locations has been widely reported in local and regional newspapers
- 6.5 A report was presented to Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28 June 2007 as part of the consultation. Members asked for the scheme to be extended to other areas in south west Rhyl, and these additional areas are now included in this report

## **7. Implications on Other Policy Areas and Denbighshire's Vision.**

- 7.1 The proposed Orders support the Council's Policies and Vision, in particular
  - Crime and Disorder Strategy 2005 – 2008
  - Health and Well Being

## **8. Action Plan**

- 8.1 If agreed, the project will commence immediately and will be completed before 31 March 2009
- 8.2 The project manager will be Roly Schwarz, Community Safety, Planning and Public Protection - 01824 708036.

## **9. Recommendation**

- 9.1 Members are asked to consider and agree the proposed gating orders. The recommendation of the Officers in respect of each proposal is shown at **Appendix 1** to the report.

Location	Reasons for consideration	Summary of Consultations	Recommendations
1	Alleyway off Warren Road Rhyl, leading to rear of premises , Wellington Road, Warren Road and Bridge Street, Rhyl O.S. Grid Ref 300285 380864:300318 380856	<p>Proposed by local residents and championed by Ann Jones AM. Complaints of Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including, fly-tipping, graffiti, under age drinking, and criminal damage. Site visit and research has confirmed evidence of all these activities, and no doubt that it is having a detrimental impact on the quality of life of some residents</p>	<p>Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.</p> <p>Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected. Two business premises have access to the rear of premises and gates would create an inconvenience for deliveries and request that the gate be placed further along the alley, beyond their premises.</p> <p>E mails from local resident - has canvassed all residents, and no objectors. Emails also evidence continuing problem.</p> <p>From DCC Cycleways &amp; Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment</p>
2	Footpath Between Ffordd Talargoch and Ffordd Pennant Meliden Prestatyn N O.S. Grid Ref 306020 380910:306078 380837	<p>Proposed by Cllr Rhiannon Hughes who called site meeting between DCC, Police and Local residents in June 2007 (only those in support attended. Evidence given and seen of anti social behaviour and crime, including, littering, under age drinking, dog fouling, criminal damage, drug taking and discarding of needles. Site visit with local access Forum in Nov 2007 saw no further damage, small amount of littering (even of alcohol containers) or dog fouling. Problems seemed less.</p>	<p>Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.</p> <p>2 letters from residents of the Grove Meliden objecting - not necessary and say no anti social behaviour. Suggesting that landowner wants to close path for his own purpose / benefit.</p> <p>Objection from Local Access Forum. Footpath well used public amenity</p> <p>Objection from DCC Rights of way officer, well used public footpath, alternative routes not suitable, but if progressed asks that closure restricted to daylight hours</p> <p>Objection from Cycleways and Pedestrian Accesses Officer This path can be used for access to the shops etc, and provides a traffic free route. It should at least be kept open during the hours of daylight.</p> <p>Anonymous resident objects well used path, alternative path through park is not suitable, because youths congregate in the park.</p>

3	Alleyway off South Kinmel Street (West) with access to properties in Kinmel Street and south Kinmel Street O.S. Grid Ref 300781 381164:300798 381177	Proposed by residents in Kinmel Street who are adversely affected by the behaviour. Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including, littering, fly-tipping, street drinking, under age drinking, criminal damage, drug dealing and taking and discarding of needles. All problems evident by visit and enquiries.	Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off. Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected.  From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment.	No objections, problems very evident and continuing. Recommended
4	Alleyway at Rear of Marine Drive leading to Caradoc Rd, Hafod Rd and Warren Rd, Prestatyn. Central Point O.S.Grid 3-06787383363	Proposed by Cllr James Davies Prestatyn. Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including, littering, fly-tipping and graffiti. Strong evidence of all these activities including at time of visit trespass to gardens by youths. Also strong evidence of underage drinking and recent graffiti	Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.  E mail objecting. Not necessary did not think anti social behaviour or crime was problem, concerned about refuse collection being disrupted. Lived there for 5 years felt gates would cause more problems than solve.  From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment	The initial proposal came from Cllr Davies after he and residents did a clear up in the area. One letter of objection but probably outweighed by the public spirited actions taken by Cllr and residents. Recommended
5	Foot path between Clifton Park Road and Grange Road adjacent to Railway line known as 'Cinder path' O.S.Grid Ref 301329 381458:301771 38165	Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, and burglary. All evidence present from site visit and local research. Footpath is overgrown and muddy underfoot. While access is possible it could hardly be described as a public amenity.	Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) by on basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off. Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected. Letter supporting closure from resident Clifton Park Road. E mail from Rhyl resident supporting proposal. Letter from Local Access Forum supporting short term closure (2 years) take view that footpath could be restored to a safe amenity. No objection from DCC Rights of Way officer. From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- no comment. Fire Service wish that some access by way of gate be retained to give access to fires at side of railway line. That the footpath be closed to the public completely	No one spoken to or consulted has asked to keep it open. Recommended.

			but some access to Fire and police to deal with potential incidents at the side of the railway line	
6	Bryn Ffynnon Terrace Lenton Pool, Denbigh O.S. Grid Ref 305030 366056	Anti social behaviour and crime, including drinking and urinating in the street, littering and fly tipping, abusive and insulting behaviour. All evident through site visits and enquires, but not all residents are supportive.	The source of the problems are local licensed premises, and negotiations with the operators have removed all the issues giving residents cause for concern	Not necessary and the proposals can be disregarded. Not recommended
7	Rhyl Railway Station Car Park and South Kinmel Street	Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, and street drinking. This particular site was a favourite street drinking location in the alcohol controlled area as the gap enabled miscreants to have an escape route and thereby a means to avoid detection.  All evidenced from site visits.	Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.  Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected. From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No objection provided route between car park and railway station is maintained.  This is a gap in the wall that provides access to the railway station car park. The latest maps do not show the gap, and it would seemingly have appeared when the refurbishment to the station car park was made. The gap should be closed. No requirement for gate fence or wall would suffice.	No objections. Recommended
8	Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street O.S Grid Refs: 301047 301079: 301082 381108: 301140 380999	Proposal put forward by DCC Environment Scrutiny Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, and burglary. The area is not part of the urban renewal grant area and significantly different in appearance.	Dwr Cymru objects to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.  Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected. Letter from resident wanting reassurance that the gates will not affect his ability to use his rear access for parking.(other than having to open and close gates it will not)  Letters X 3 from residents supporting proposal From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer - A 'Safer Routes for Community' bid has been made to the Assembly for this area ( result awaited)	Some residents have expressed concern that they keep their vehicles in garages that will be behind the gates. They are aware keys will be provided. They are concerned that vehicles will park on the roads in front of the gates and their ability to access and egress their garages and use of their vehicles will be impaired. Some inconvenience in opening and closing the gates is also expressed. Road markings and signage will control parking. Parking in these circumstances is enforceable by police. All alleys will have at least two gated exits / entrances. Vehicle use should not be seen as a barrier. Safer routes scheme is for a 20mph speed limit for streets in the area

				- this alley not affected. It is unlikely that people would be encouraged to walk this route as a safe route to school. Recommended.
9	Ernest Street, Victoria Road and Sisson Street Gating  O.S Grid Refs: 301142 380955: 301195 380999:301224 380883	Proposal put forward by DCC Environment Scrutiny Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, and burglary. Evidence of street drinking, dog fouling littering & fly tipping at time of visit. There are businesses within this area that receive deliveries from large vehicles and access is needed to a Karate Club that is open late into the evening. There are three entrances to this area. One vehicular from Ernest Street, and 2 foot from Victoria Road and Sisson Street. Most of the nuisance is by foot passengers walking from Sisson to Victoria Rd, or Sisson or Victoria Road to Ernest Street, and the behaviour complained of would significantly reduce	Dwr Cymru object to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.  Rhyl Town Council, no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected  From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment  From site visits Residents and businesses are supportive of the gates at the two foot entrances and ask that the vehicular access be left open and unrestricted.	It is recommended that only the Sisson Street and Victoria Road alleys are gated.
10	Gamlin Street (West side)  O.S. Grid Ref 300967 381023: 301017 380974	DCC Officer working in Urban Renewal Grants  Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, and burglary. The area is part of the urban renewal grant area and considerable investment made in restoring walls / road surfaces, and the gating off of these alleys will prevent the type of behaviour that led to the decline of the area previously .Requested by Officers of DCC managing Urban renewal, and have indicated financial support. The renewal of the area does not reflect how it was	Dwr Cymru object to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off.  Rhyl Town Council - no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected  Supportive letter from residents of Gamlin Street  Letter of objection from resident expressed concern that they keep their vehicles in garages that will be behind the gates. They are concerned that vehicles will park on the roads in front of the gates and their ability to access and egress their garages and use of their vehicles will be impaired. Some inconvenience in opening and closing the gates is	Road markings and signage will control parking. Parking in these circumstances is enforceable by police. All alleys will have at least tow gated exits / entrances. Vehicle use should not be seen as a barrier. Recommended

		previously and without knowing the history of the site and how it was previously then it may seem that gating is not required.	also expressed From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment	
11	Ernest Street and Gamlin Street O.S. Grid Ref 300984 381028:301041 381075/301022 380978:301079 381023t;	Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, and burglary. The area is part of the urban renewal grant area and considerable investment made in restoring walls / road surfaces, and the gating off of these alleys will prevent the type of behaviour that led to the decline of the area previously .Requested by Officers of DCC managing Urban renewal, and have indicated financial support. The renewal of the area does not reflect how it was previously and without knowing the history of the site and how it was previously then it may seem that gating is not required.	Dwr Cymru object to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off. Rhyl Town Council, no objection subject to full consultation with businesses and residents affected Letter from Resident in Marsh Road, saying no problems, concerned that access to their vehicular garage would be restricted. Concern that locks would get jammed and they would be unable to get car out. Similar concerns over parking across alleygates entrances. Lived there for 25 years in their view gates not necessary From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment.	Road markings and signage will control parking. Parking in these circumstances is enforceable by police. All alleys will have at least two gated exits / entrances. Vehicle use should not be seen as a barrier. Recommended
12	Alleyway at Rear of Marine Drive Prestatyn. Leading from Hafod Road to Warren Road).O.S.Grid Ref 306852 383389:306989 383459	Anti Social Behaviour and crime, including, littering, fly-tipping	Dwr Cymru object to this (and all the proposals) on the basis that they have apparatus within the areas to be gated off. From DCC Cycleways & Pedestrian Access Officer- No comment One response via telephone Concerned that gates were being installed yet the road (unadopted) is not tarmac surfaced, and that it will be very inconvenient for those that keep their cars in the alley having to open and close the gates. One response by letter on state of road (unadopted) but generally support of gates	Comprise necessary in opening and closing gates.. Is justified given the added security and reduction in crime and anti social behaviour that is likely. Recommended.

# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

## Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.  
Alley at Off Warren Road (Rear of Bridge Street) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Dated this 19 October 2007

Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

**Draft Gating Order**  
Denbighshire County Council

**The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**  
Alley at Off Warren Road (Rear of Bridge Street) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

Denbighshire County Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 129A(3) of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order :

1. The public right of way over the alleyway leading from Warren Road to the rear of properties on Wellington Road, Bridge Street and Warren Road, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 300285 380864:300318 380856
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Warren Road, Bridge Street, and Wellington Road, that have access to the alleyway concerned.
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
4. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
5. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA

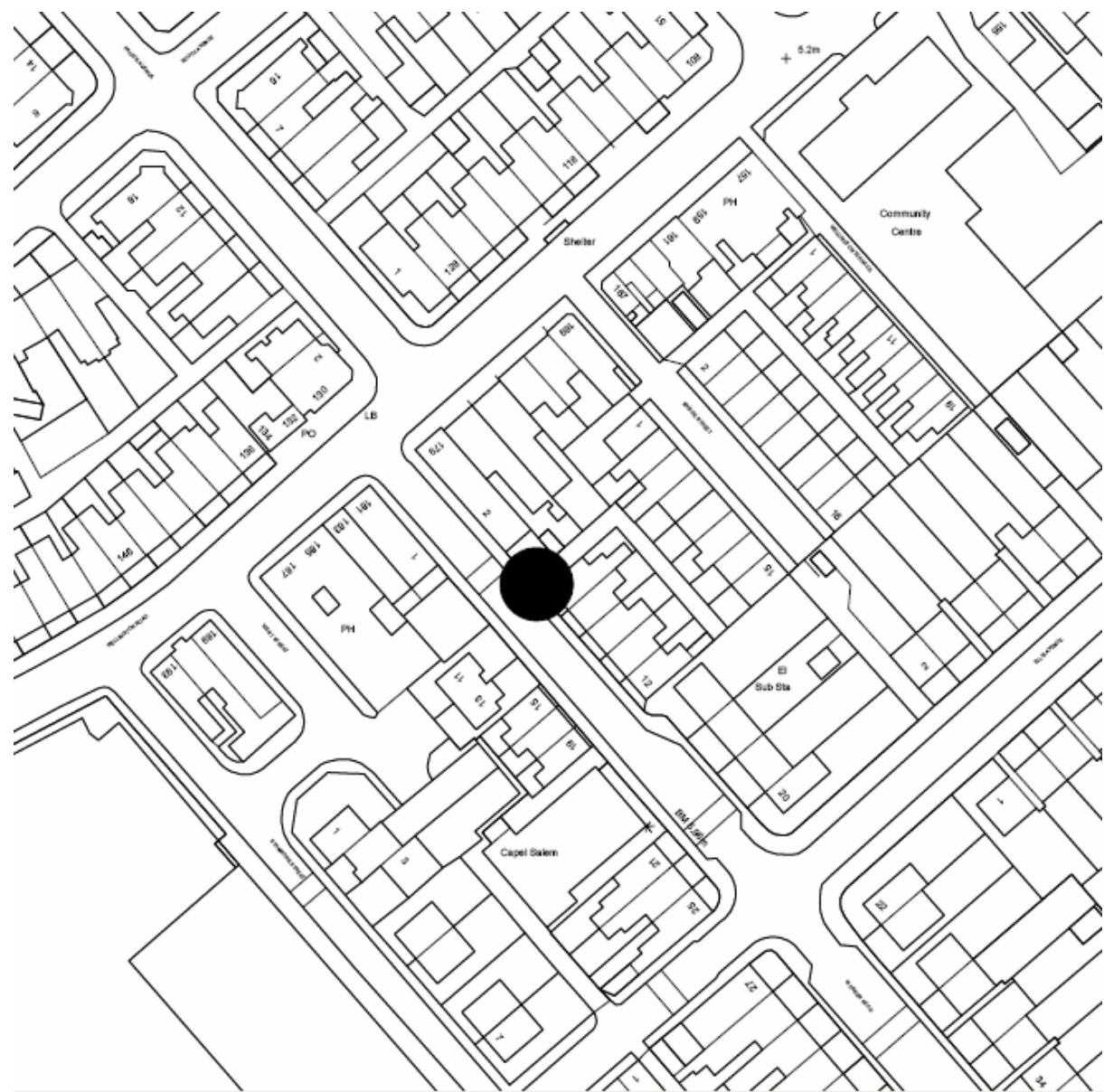


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**The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007  
Warren Road Gating Order 2007  
O.S. Grid Ref 300285 380865**



## Notice of Proposed Gating Order

Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.  
Meliden, Prestatyn (A547 Ffordd Pennant /Ffordd Talargoch ) Gating Order 2007

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Dated this                    19 October 2007

Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

### Draft Gating Order

Denbighshire County Council

### The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007

Meliden, Prestatyn (A547 Ffordd Pennant /Ffordd Talargoch ) Gating Order 2007

Denbighshire County Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 129A(3) of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order :

1. The public right of way over the public footpath leading from Ffordd Pennant to Ffordd Talargoch, Meliden will be restricted at all times by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 306020 380910:306078 380837
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties 52 & 54 Ffordd Talargoch, Meliden Denbighshire
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
4. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
5. The alternative route for pedestrians is via Memorial Gardens, Meliden Prestatyn, or via Ffordd Ty Newydd, Meliden, Prestatyn.
6. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA



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**The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007  
Ffordd Pennant & Ffordd Talargoch, Meliden Gating Order 2007  
O.S. Grid Refs 306019 380911 : 306079 380837**



# **Notice of Proposed Gating Order**

**Denbighshire County Council**

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.

## **South Kinmel Street ( Rear of Kinmel Street) Rhyl Gating Order 2007**

Notice is hereby given that Denbighshire Council intends to make an Order under Section 129A of the Highways Act for the purpose of reducing crime and anti social behaviour. The effect of the Order when made will be to restrict the public right of way over the alleyway referred to in the Draft Order to this Notice. The right of way will not be restricted for use by the occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the relevant highways. Occupiers will retain their right of way by access to keys to the lockable gates. The council are satisfied that it is expedient to make an order for the purposes of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour on the highway. A copy of the draft Order together with a plan showing the alleyway affected can be viewed on the Denbighshire County Council website. ([www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk)) If you wish to make representations as to whether or not a Gating Order should be made, you may do so, by email on the web site, or in writing. to the County Clerk, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 1YN. Please state the grounds upon which they are made within 28 days of the date of this notice.

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### **Draft Gating Order**

Denbighshire County Council

### **The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

South Kinmel Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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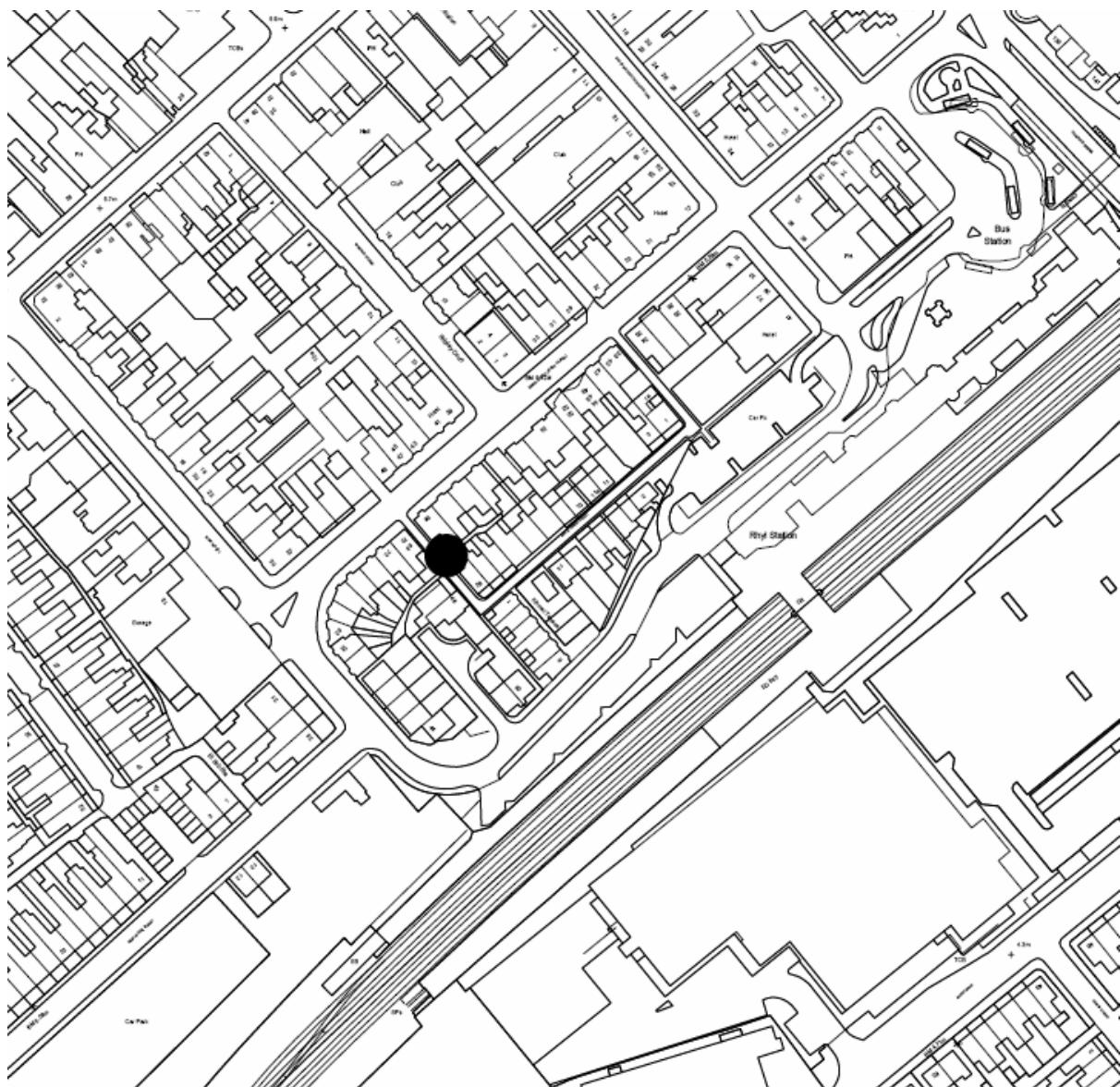
1. The public right of way over the alleyway leading from South Kinmel Street (Westerley Part) to properties at the rear of South Kinmel Street, and Kinmel Street, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 300781 381164:300798 381177
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in South Kinmel Street, and Kinmel Street, who have access to the alleyway concerned from their properties.
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
4. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
5. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA

## APPENDIX 2



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**The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007  
South Kinmel Street Gating Order 2007  
O.S. Grid Ref 300782 381164**



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.

Rear of Marine Road (Marine Road to Hafod Road, Warren Road, and Caradoc Road)  
Prestatyn Gating Order 2007

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Dated this 19 October 2007

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County Clerk

## Draft Gating Order

Denbighshire County Council

## The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007

Alley at Rear of Marine Road (Marine Road to Hafod Road, Warren Road, and Caradoc Road)  
Prestatyn Gating Order 2007

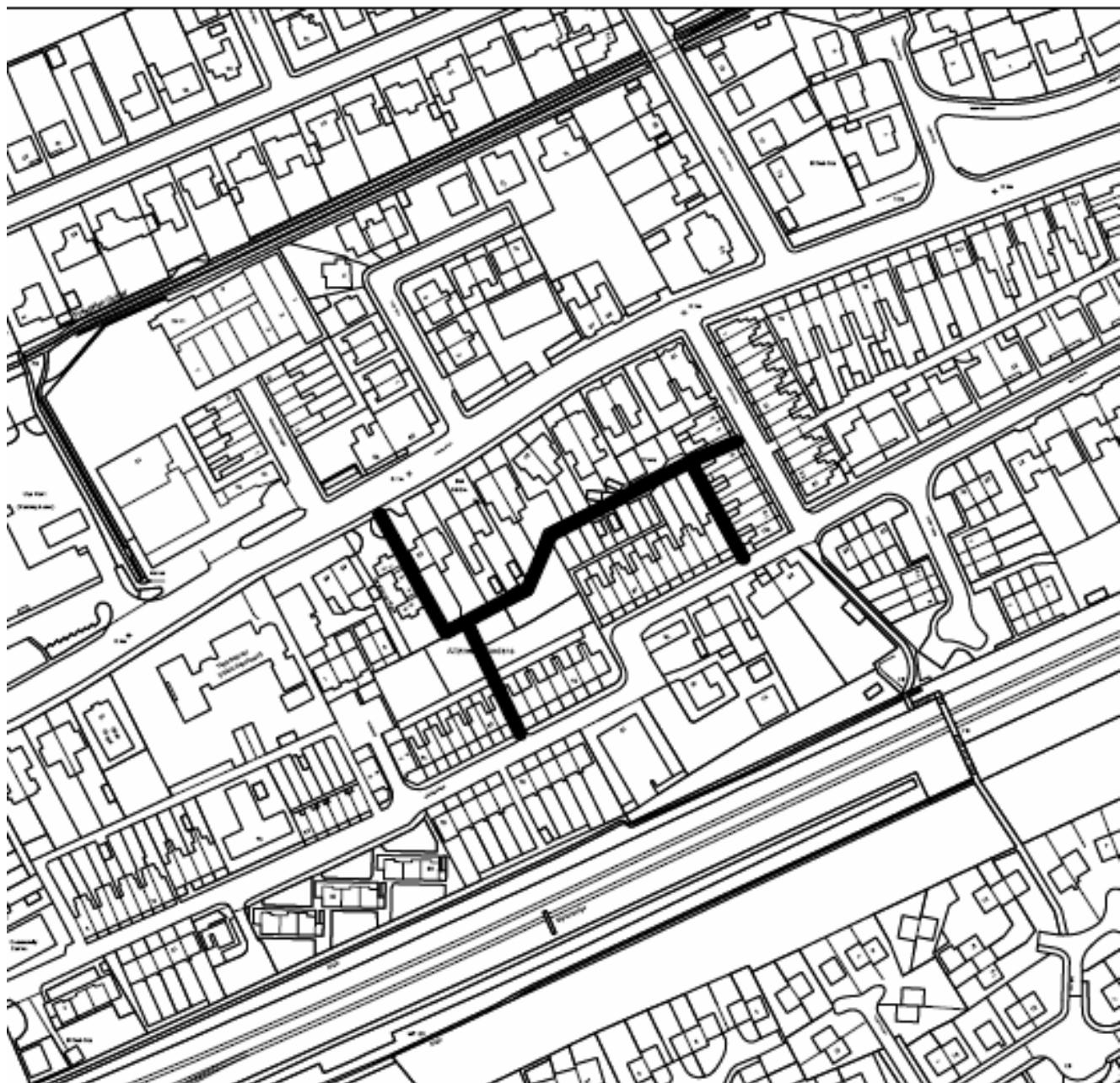
Denbighshire County Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 129A(3) of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order :

1. The public right of way over the alleyway leading from Hafod road to rear Marine Drive, Warren road, and Caradoc Road, Prestatyn will be restricted between 1800hrs and 0700hrs by the erection of gate in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. Central Point O.S Grid **306787 383363**
2. The public right of way over the alleyways at the rear of Marine Road, Prestatyn , from access points from marine Warren Raod and Caradoc road will be restricted at all times by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order.
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties who have access to the alleyway from their adjacent properties, in Marine Road, Prestatyn, Denbighshire
4. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
5. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
6. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA

The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007

Hafod Road, Marine Road & Caradoc Road Gating Order 2007

O.S. Grid Ref [central point] 306778 383357



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Footpath between Clifton Park Road and Grange Road (Cinder path) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

### **Draft Gating Order**

Denbighshire County Council

### **The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.

Footpath between Clifton Park Road and Grange Road (Cinder path) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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1. The public right of way over the footpath leading from the foot of the pedestrian Railway crossing in Clifton Park Road to Grange Road, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S.Grid Ref 301329 381458:301771 381655
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
4. The alternative route for pedestrians is in westerly direction along Clifton Park Road to its junction with Grange Road, and then onto Grange Road.
5. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA.

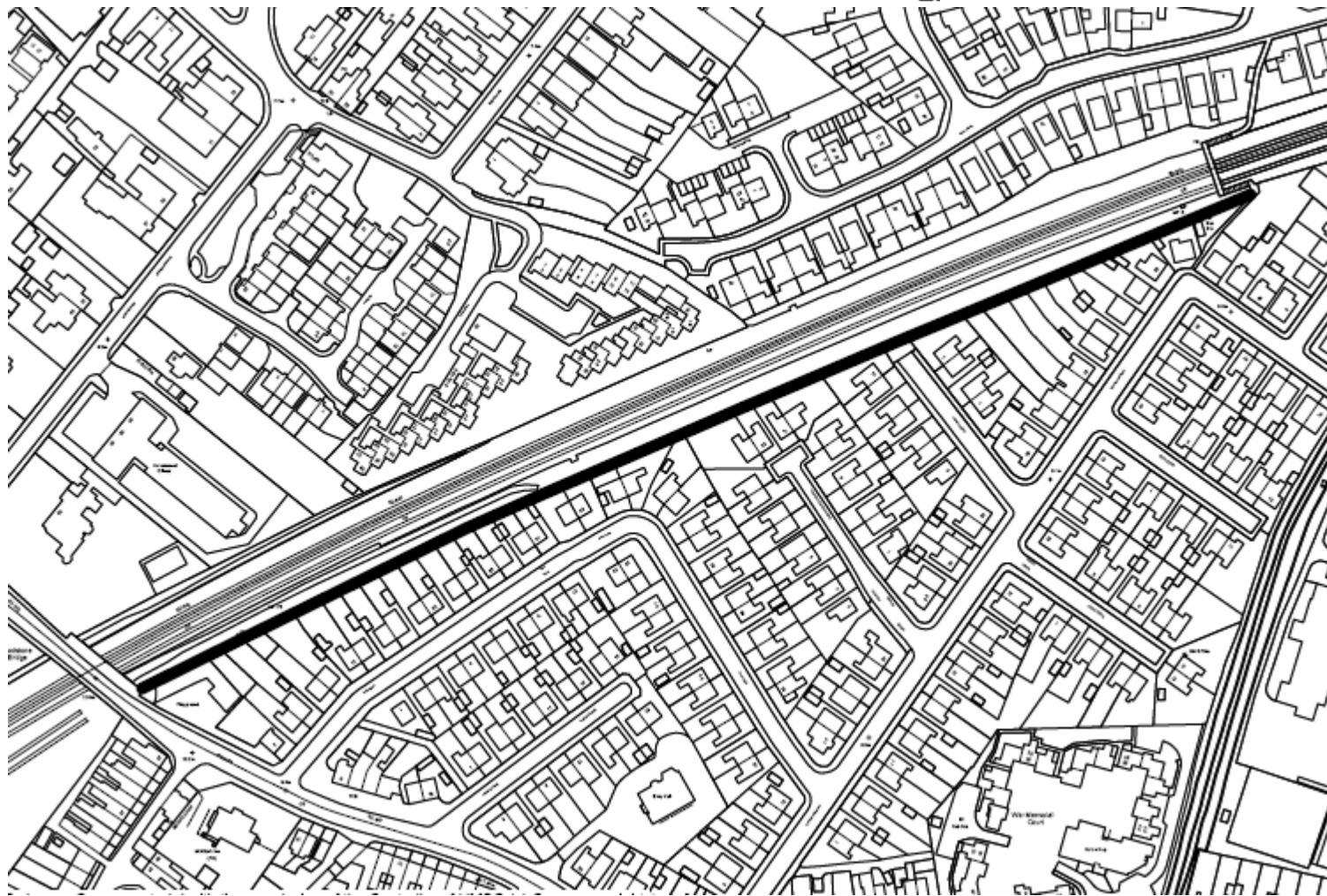
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Footpath between Clifton Park Road & Grange Road Gating Order 2007

O.S. Grid Refs 301329 381458 : 301771 381655



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# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

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Bryn Ffynnon Terrace Denbigh Gating Order 2007

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**The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

Bryn Ffynnon Terrace Denbigh Gating Order 2007

Denbighshire County Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 129A(3) of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order :

1. The public right of way over the alleyway leading from Lenten Pool, Denbigh to Bryn Ffynnon Terrace will be restricted between 200hrs and 0700hrs by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 305030 366056
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Bryn Ffynnon Terrace, Denbigh, Denbighshire
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
4. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications service provider if any of their apparatus is situated in the passageway and they require access to it.
5. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the gates are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA

The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007

Bryn Ffynnon Terrace Gating Order 2007

O.S. Grid Ref 305031 366057



## Notice of Proposed Gating Order

# Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.  
South Kinmel Street ( Access to Railway Station) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Dated this 2007

Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

## Draft Gating Order

Denbighshire County Council

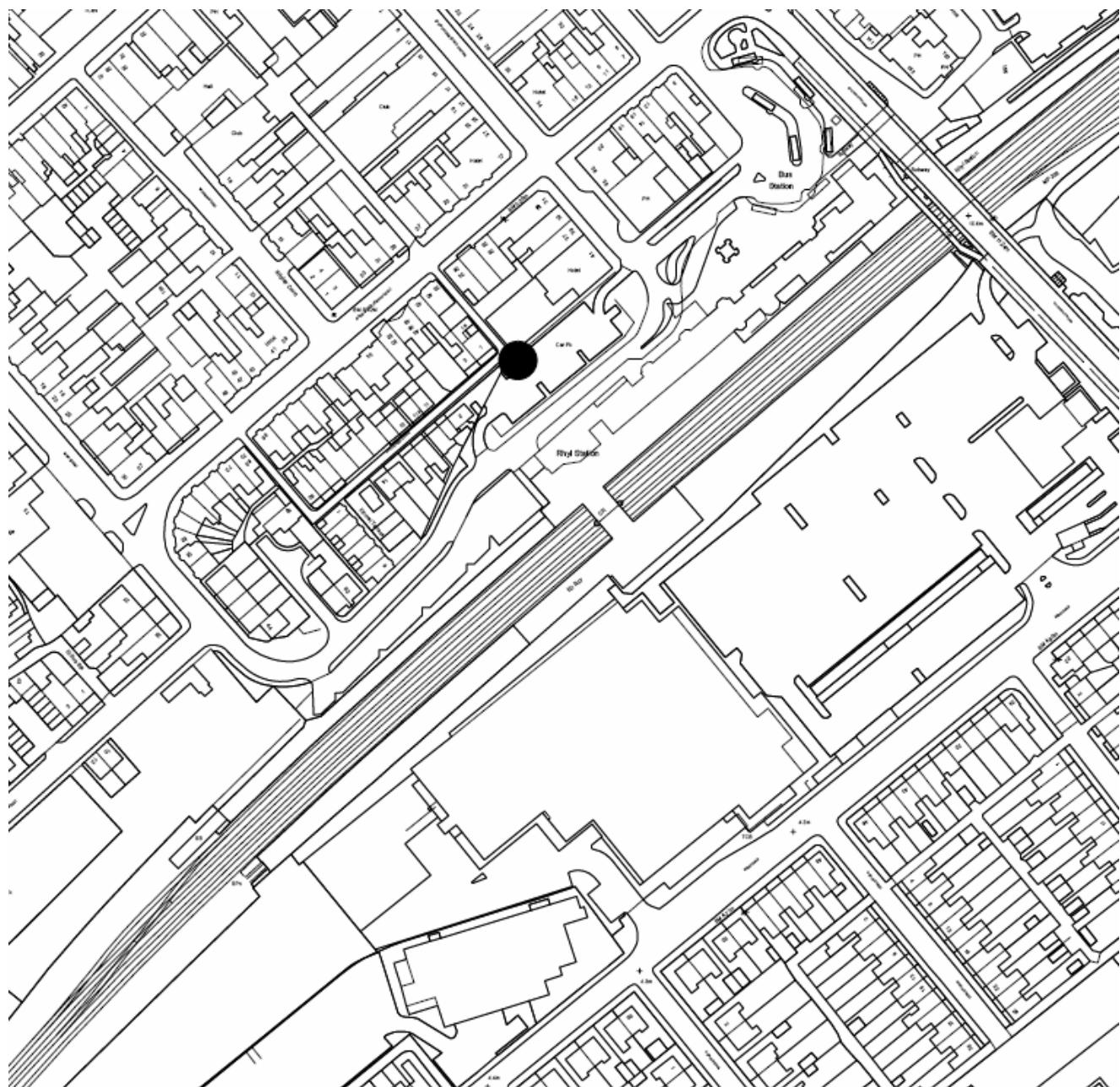
The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007

South Kinmel Street ( Access to Railway Station) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

Denbighshire County Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 129A (3) of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order:

1. The public right of way over the access leading from South Kinmel Street to Rhyl Railway Station Car Park will be restricted by the erection of fencing in the position shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order.
  2. An alternative route will be from south Kinmel Street to Kinmel Street. In an easterly direction along Kinmel Street to Bodfor Street. In a southerly direction along Bodfor Street. The railway station is directly ahead and the car park on the right.
  3. The persons responsible for erecting and maintaining the fencing are Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership, Denbighshire County Council, Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA

**The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007  
South Kinmel Street Gating Order 2007  
O.S. Grid Ref 300860 381201**



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order Denbighshire County Council

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Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Dated this            19 October            2007  
Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

**Draft Gating Order**  
Denbighshire County Council

## **The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

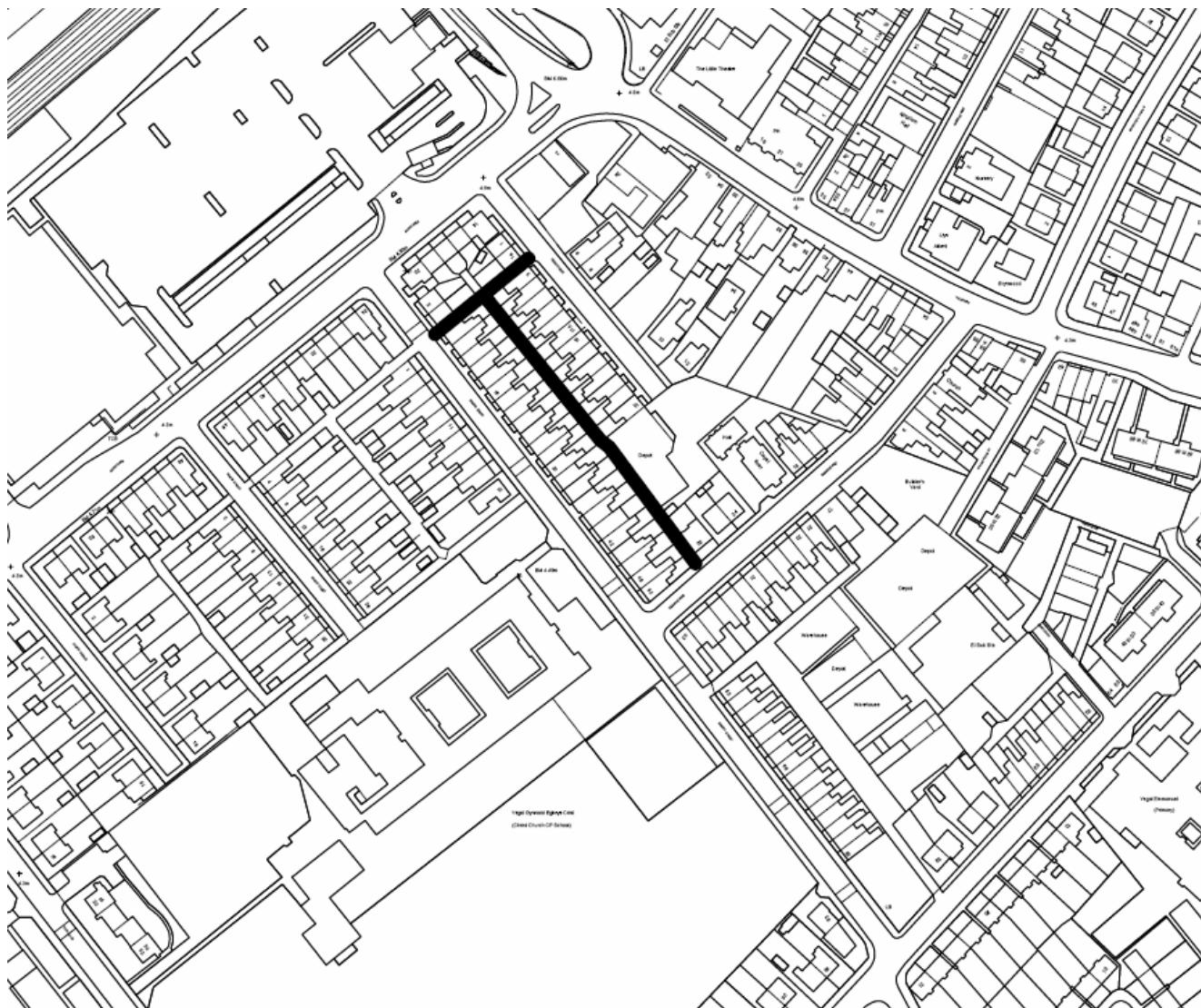
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1. The public right of way over the alleyways leading from Ernest Street, Vezey Street, and Sisson Street, situated between 4 and 6 Ernest Street, and 1a and 3 Vezey Street, and the rear of 50 Ernest Street and 28 Sisson Street, leading to the rear of properties on Marsh Road, Ernest Street, Vezey Street, and Sisson Street, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. **O.S Grid Refs: 301047 301079: 301082 381108:301140 380999**
2. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Marsh Road, Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street, that have access to the alleyway concerned.
3. The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
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Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street

O.S. Grid Refs 301047 301079 : 301082 381108 : 301140 380999



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

## Denbighshire County Council

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 Ernest Street Victoria Road and Sisson Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Dated this 19 October 2007

Ian Hearle  
 County Clerk

**Draft Gating Order**  
 Denbighshire County Council

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 Ernest Street Victoria Road and Sisson Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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- 1 The public right of way over the alleyways leading from Ernest Street, Victoria Road, and Sisson Street, situated between 52 Ernest Street, and 43 Sisson Street, and alongside 82 Victoria Road, leading to the rear of properties on Ernest Street, Sisson Street, and Victoria Road will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. (O.S. Grid Ref 300984 381028:301041 - 381075 - 301022 380978:301079 - 381023)
- 2 The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Victoria Road, Ernest Street, and Sisson Street, that have access to the alleyway concerned.
- 3 The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to any officer of the Council, the police, fire or ambulance services who have cause to use the passageway in the performance of their statutory powers and duties.
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The Highways Act 1980 [Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007  
Ernest Street, Sisson Street & Victoria Road Gating Order 2007  
O.S. Grid Refs 301142 380955 : 301195 380999 : 301224 380883



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

## Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.  
Gamlin Street (West side) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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Denbighshire County Council

**The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**  
Gamlin Street (West side) Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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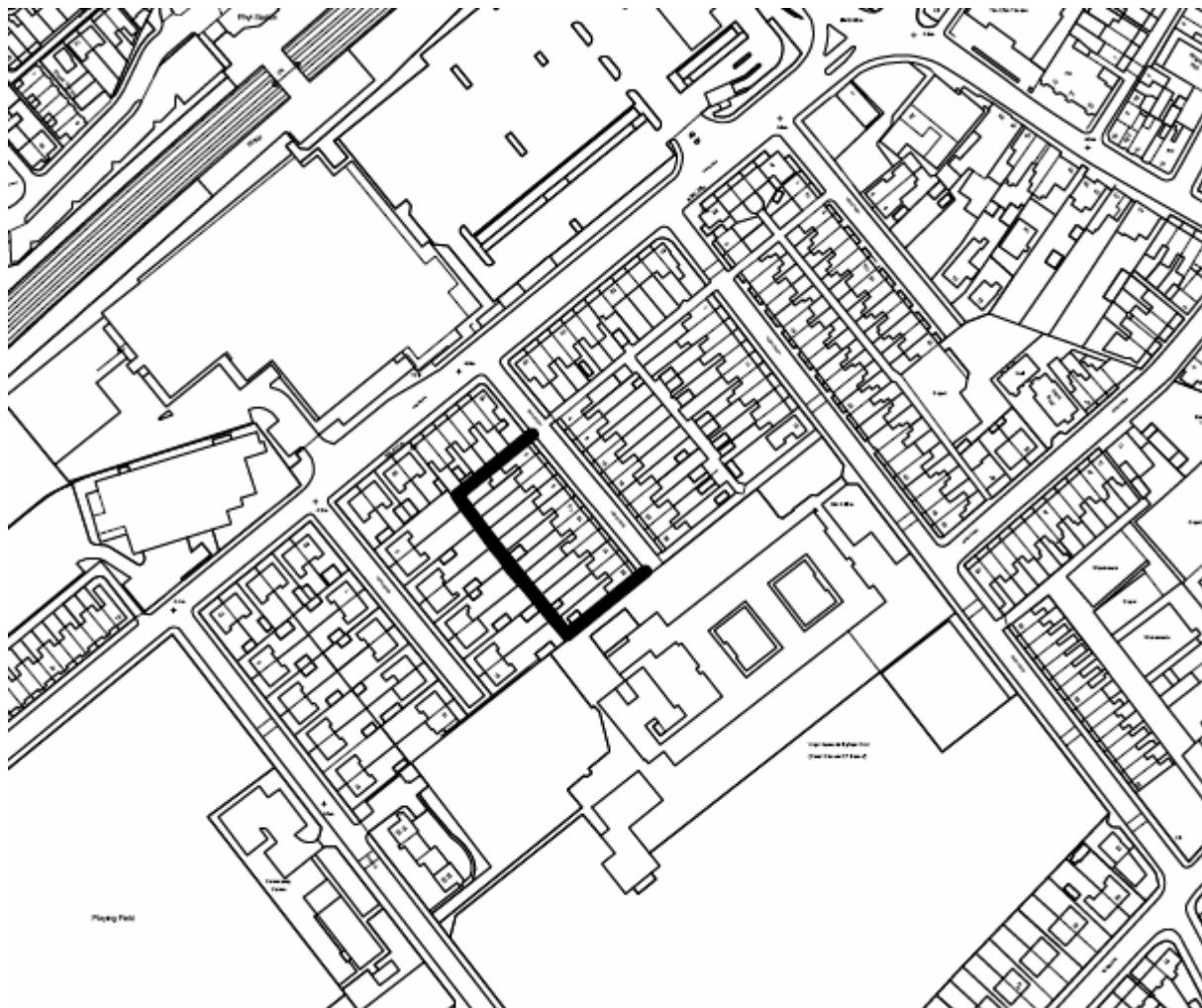
- 1 The public right of way over the alleyway leading from Gamlin Street, situated between 3 Gamlin Street, and rear 48 Marsh Road, and adjacent to 25 Gamlin Street (south side) to the rear of properties on Marsh Road and Gamlin Street, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 300967 381023: 301017 380974
- 2 The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Marsh Road, and Gamlin Street, that have access to the alleyway concerned.
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**Gamlin Street [West side] Gating Order 2007**

**O.S. Grid Refs 300977 381023 : 301017 380974**



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

Denbighshire County Council

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Ernest Street and Gamlin Street Rhyl Gating Order 2007

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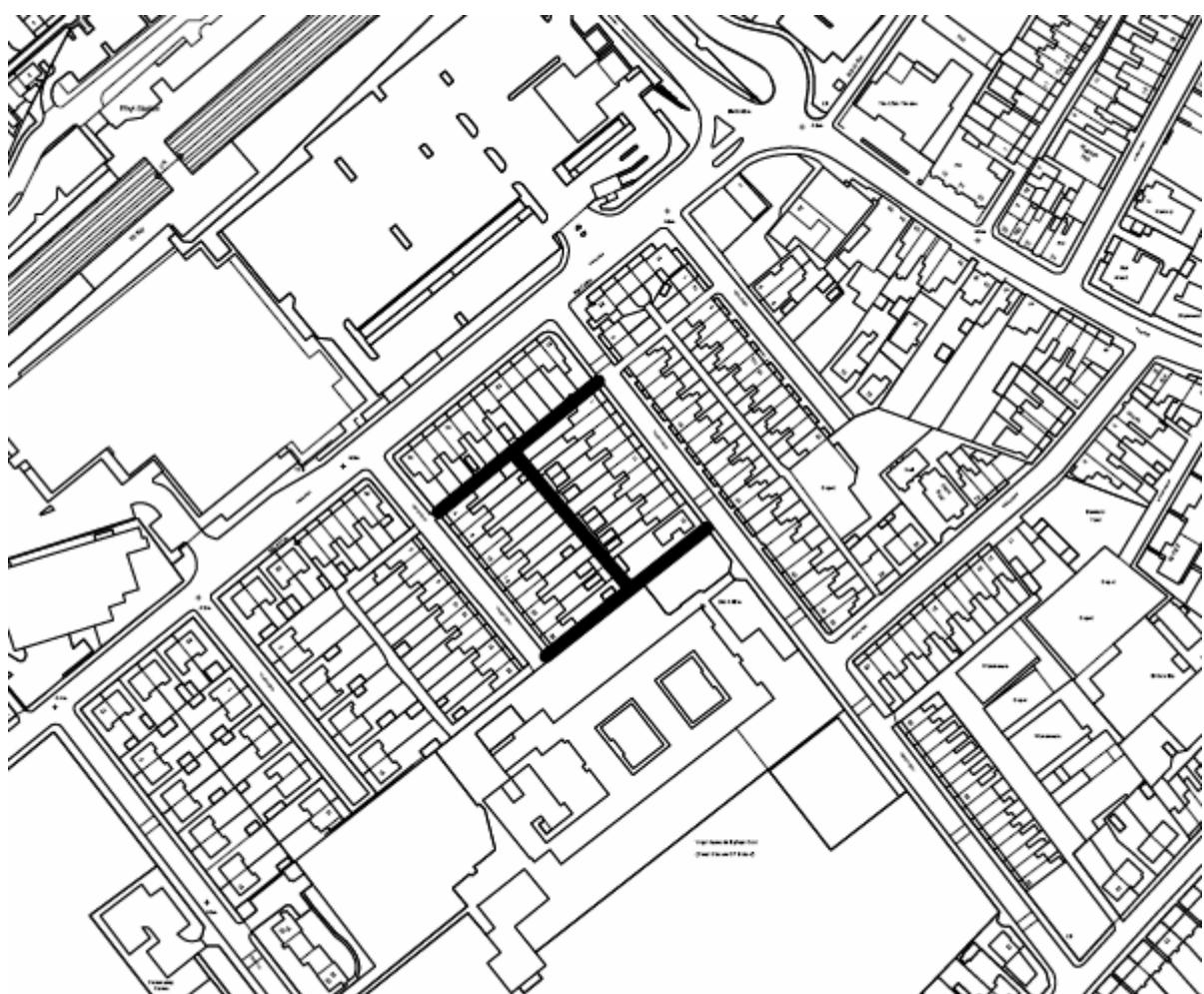
- 1 The public right of way over the alleyways leading from Ernest Street, situated between 1 Ernest Street, and rear 26 Marsh Road, and adjacent to 21 Ernest Street (south side), and leading from Gamlin Street, situated between 4 Gamlin Street, and rear 46 Marsh Road, and adjacent to 26 Gamlin Street (south side), to the rear of properties on Marsh Road, Ernest and Gamlin Street, will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S. Grid Ref 300984 381028:301041 381075/301022 380978:301079 381023
- 2 The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not apply to the occupiers of the properties in Marsh Road, Ernest Street, and Gamlin Street that have access to the alleyway concerned.
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Ernest Street & Gamlin Street Gating Order 2007

O.S. Grid Ref [central point] 301030 381027



# Notice of Proposed Gating Order

## Denbighshire County Council

The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007.  
Alleyway at rear of Marine Road (Hafod Road to Warren Road) Prestatyn Gating Order 2007

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Dated this 19 October 2007

Ian Hearle  
County Clerk

**Draft Gating Order**  
Denbighshire County Council

## **The Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

Alleyway at Rear Marine Road (Hafod Road to Warren Road) Prestatyn Gating Order 2007

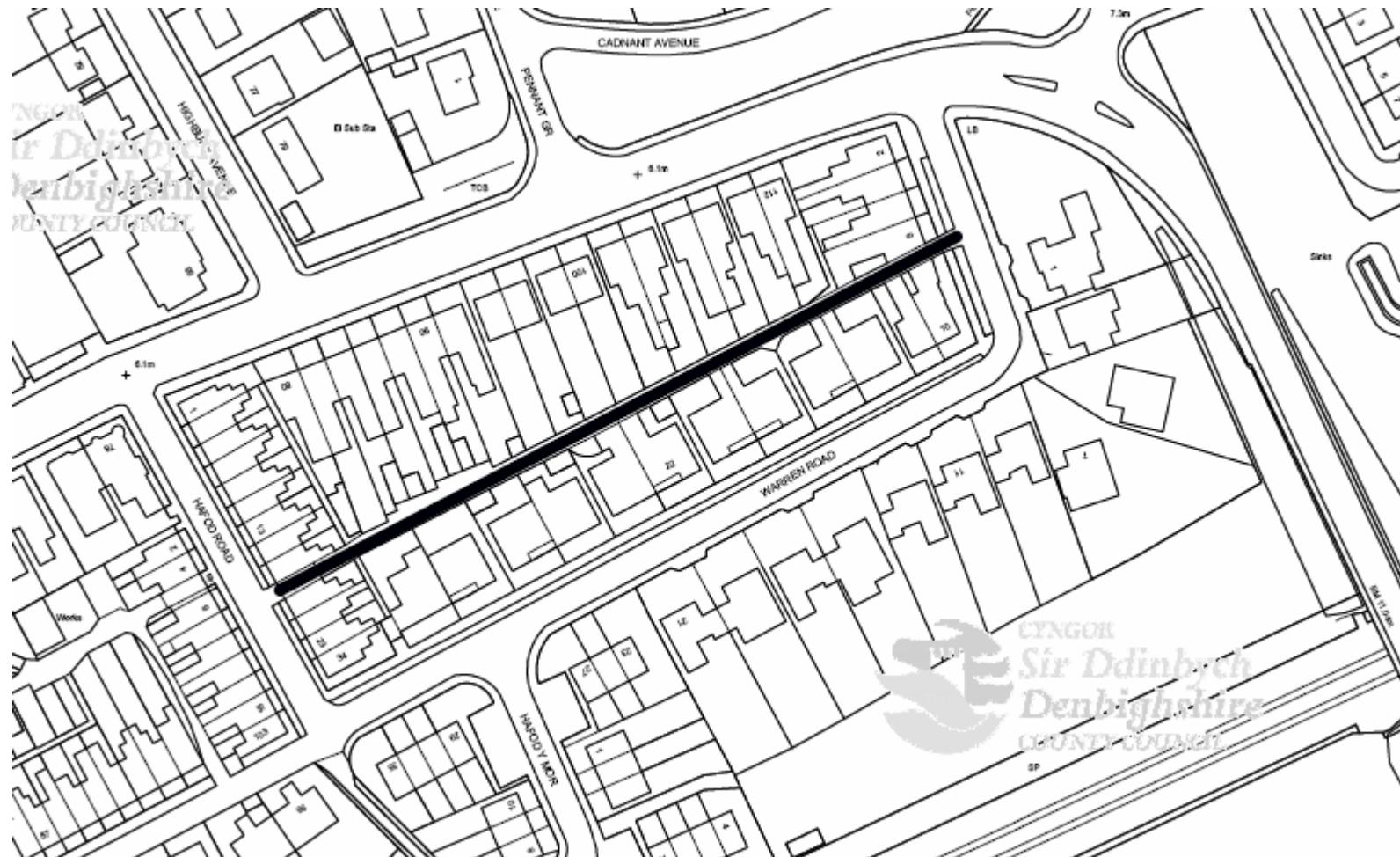
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- 1 The public right of way over the alleyway leading from Hafod Road to Warren Road, Prestatyn will be restricted by the erection of gates and fencing in the positions shown by a thick black line on the plan attached to this Order. O.S.Grid Ref 306852 383389:306989 383459
- 2 The restriction referred to in Article 1 above shall not be restricted for use by the occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the relevant highways .
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The Highways Act 1980[Gating Orders][Wales] Regs 2007

Hafod Road & Warren Road Gating Order 2007

O.S.Grid Refs 306852 383388 : 306988 383459



APPENDIX 3

	Location	Consultation
<b>1</b>	Alleyway off Warren Road Rhyl, leading to rear of premises , Wellington Road, Warren Road and Bridge Street, Rhyl O.S. Grid Ref 300285 380864:300318 380856	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Rhyl Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page <b>3-15 (odd) Bridge St;</b> <b>173-179 (odd) Wellington St;</b> <b>2-12 (even) Warren Rd.</b>
<b>2</b>	Footpath Between Ffordd Talargoch and Ffordd Pennant Meliden Prestatyn N O.S. Grid Ref 306020 380910:306078 380837	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Prestatyn Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>52 and 54 Ffordd Talargoch;</b> <b>2-18 (even) The Grove;</b> <b>Newlands, Ffordd Pennant.</b>
<b>3</b>	Alleyway off South Kinmel Street (West) with access to properties in Kinmel Street and south Kinmel Street O.S. Grid Ref 300781 381164:300798 381177	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Rhyl Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>60-66 (even) Kinmel Street;</b> <b>21-29 (odd) South Kinmel Street.</b>
<b>4</b>	Alleyway at Rear of Marine Drive leading to Caradoc Rd, Hafod Rd and Warren Rd, Prestatyn. Central Point O.S.Grid 3-06787383363	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Prestatyn Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>52-78 (even) Marine Road, Prestatyn ;</b> <b>2-16 (even) Hafod Road;</b> <b>61-101 (odd) Caradoc Road.</b>
<b>5</b>	Foot path between Clifton Park Road and Grange Road adjacent to Railway line known as 'Cinder path' O.S.Grid Ref 301329 381458:301771 38165	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Rhyl Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>2-44 (even) Elwy Drive;</b> <b>17 and 22 Princess Elizabeth Drive;</b> <b>7 and 14 Lynwood Drive;</b> <b>44-60 (even) Clifton Park Road.</b>
<b>6</b>	Bryn Ffynnon Terrace Lenton Pool, Denbigh O.S. Grid Ref 305030 366056	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>1-10 Bryn Ffynnon Terrace</b>
<b>7</b>	Rhyl Railway Station Car Park and South Kinmel Street	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>1 and 3 Kinmel Street</b>

	Location	Consultation
<b>8</b>	Ernest Street, Vezey Street and Sisson Street O.S Grid Refs: 301047 301079: 301082 381108: 301140 380999	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>14-22 (even) Marsh Road; 2-50 (even) Ernest Street; 1-27 (odd) Vezzy Street; 24,26,28 Sisson St and Capel Soar.</b>
<b>9</b>	Ernest Street, Victoria Road and Sisson Street Gating  O.S Grid Refs: 301142 380955: 301195 380999:301224 380883	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>17-43 (odd) Sisson Street; 52-82 (even) Ernest Street; 82 Victoria Road.</b>
<b>10</b>	Gamlin Street (West side) O.S. Grid Ref 300967 381023: 301017 380974	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>48-58 (even) Marsh Rd; 3-25 (odd) Gamlin St; 2-16 (even) Clwyd Avenue.</b>
	Location	Consultation
<b>11</b>	Ernest Street and Gamlin Street O.S. Grid Ref 300984 381028:301041 381075/301022 380978:301079 381023t;	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Denbigh Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. <b>24-46 (even) Marsh Road; 1-21 (odd) Ernest Street; 4-26 (even) Gamlin Street.</b>
<b>12</b>	Alleyway at Rear of Marine Drive Prestatyn. Leading from Hafod Road to Warren Road).O.S.Grid Ref 306852 383389:306989 383459	Statutory Authorities and service providers, Residents in vicinity, Prestatyn Town Council Local County Council Members, Local Access Forum, notice at site, Denbighshire web page. 1-6 Newthorne Place, Marine Road;  <b>80-112 Marine Road; 2-34 Warren Road; 1-23 Hafod Road.</b>

Transco	Rhyl Town Council
Royal Mail	Denbigh Town Council
Scottish Power	Prestatyn Town Council
Dwr Cymru	Denbighshire Local Access Forum
British Telecom	Corporate Director Environment
North Wales Police	Ramblers Cymru
North Wales Fire & Rescue Service	Denbighshire One Stop Shops
Welsh Ambulance Service	Sustrans Cymru

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor G O Rowlands, Lead Member for Housing & Regeneration

**DATE:** 29th January 2008

**SUBJECT:** Housing Revenue Account Budget & Capital Plan Report 2007 / 2008

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

Members note the latest financial forecast position of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) for the current financial year.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

The need to deliver the Council's agreed budget strategies for the current financial year.

**3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

Housing Act 1985 Part II.

**4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

Housing Revenue Budget 2007/08

- The latest figures show that the HRA will generate a surplus of £818k by the end of the financial year, which is £41k higher than the planned surplus.
- The Housing Management element of the budget is forecast to under spend by £18k (£119k last month). The major changes from last month include an increase in leased property costs (due to voids) and the costs of garage renovation work (£47k) in the Repairs & Maintenance budget.
- The voids on leased properties have a knock-on effect on the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation and this has been revised downwards to compensate.
- In addition to the garages, there is a forecast over spend on repairs and maintenance of £100k (£120k last month) that has been transferred to capital as part of the wider housing improvement programme. This has a revenue impact on the capital financing charge of approximately £5k. In addition, the capital charge has been increased by a further £21k from last month to account for progress on

the capital plan and increased expenditure of disabled facility grant works (see Capital Plan section).

- The capitalised repair works are those that would eventually have been completed as part of the improvement programme.
- Rental income remains broadly on target and the forecast has improved by £17k from last month. Income from garage rents currently forecast to be better than planned, reflecting the increased charges applied this year. This surplus will be used to offset the cost of the repairs mentioned above.
- Income projections on leased properties are down on the original budget because there are fewer properties than planned in the scheme but the gap has reduced by £13k in the last month

#### Housing Stock Business Plan

- The HSBP is being updated for the draft Subsidy Determinations for 2008/09. A full report will go to Cabinet in February however the settlement looks to be favourable and therefore should not adversely affect the Plan.
- There have been 12 sales under the 'Right to Buy' scheme so far this year. The forecast in the HSBP is 25 but if the pattern remains constant then 16 sales would be achieved. The average sale values are higher than estimated and so there is no adverse impact on the Plan at this stage. As part of the review for 2008/09, lower RTB sales will be built-in.
- The current council housing stock stands at 3,473.

#### Housing Capital Plan

- Achievements to the end of December on the major contracts are as follows (the figures quoted in brackets are those that were reported to the end of November 2007):

Major Refurbishments	270 completions (253)
Window s contract	2,625 properties completed (2,584)
Heating contract	966 properties completed (949)

- The current major refurbishment contract continues to progress well with 270 properties now having been completed. The HSBP had allowed for £2m slippage from previous years to be recovered over the current and next financial year but it was uncertain as to whether such a large amount of work could be achieved. However, completions have risen considerably in recent months and the slippage should be recovered.

- To quantify this, the number of completions so far this year already exceeds the target in the HSBP (which is 248) and is likely to be over 400 by the end of the year.
- The table below shows an extract from the original HSPB and the level of planned works in each year. There was £2.430m slippage in the first two years but it is estimated that the planned expenditure will be exceeded in the current and next year by £2.468m. The excess is as a result of additional DFG works (see below).

	<b>2005.06</b>	<b>2006.07</b>	<b>2007.08</b>	<b>2008.09</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
HSBP Plan Costs*	7,299	7,412	7,528	7,646	29,885
Actual Costs	6,071	6,210	9,727	7,915	29,923
<b>Slippage/(Catch-up)</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>(2,199)</b>	<b>(269)</b>	<b>(38)</b>

\*Extract from original HSPB

- Housing Services now manage the Disabled Facility Grant (DFG) works for council dwellings and inherited a considerable backlog. This has been factored into the capital plan this year. Some of the work would have been completed eventually as part of the major improvement programme and is effectively being brought forward but some is an additional cost to the HRA. The costs can be contained within the HSBP.
- A total of £100k repairs and maintenance works have been capitalised but, as above, these are costs that would have been incurred legitimately later on in the improvement programme.

### Summary

- The revenue and capital budgets as reported at the end of December 2007 do not adversely affect the Council's Housing Stock Business Plan.
- The HRA Capital Plan progressing well and previous slippage is being caught up. The windows contract has been successfully completed with only additional requested works to finish. The considerable backlog of disabled facility grant works is now being cleared.
- The Business Plan is still on target to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by 2012.
- The HRA and capital plan position as reported does not have any additional staffing implications.

## **5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The latest HRA position is welcomed and will contribute positively to the Housing Stock Business Plan. The Capital Plan should continue to be kept under review and factored into the revised Plan, along with the latest Subsidy Determinations.

## **6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

Cabinet agreed the HRA capital and revenue budget in January 2007.

## **7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE & THE COUNCIL'S VISION**

The level of funding available to services together with budgetary performance impacts upon all services of the Council. The HSBP will help achieve the ideal living vision, through access to good quality, affordable housing, which is more energy efficient and designed to meet their needs.

## **8 ACTION PLAN**

Action	Responsibility	Date
Ongoing monitoring of the HSBP.	Head of Housing Services & Senior Management Accountant.	Monthly updates to Cabinet.

## **9 RECOMMENDATION**

Members note the latest financial forecast position of the Housing Revenue Account (H.R.A.) for the current financial year.

**Appendix 1**

**Housing Revenue Account ~ 2007/08 Budget**

<b><u>2006/07</u></b> <b>Actual Outturn</b> <b>£</b>	<b><u>Period 9 December 2007</u></b>	<b>Original Budget</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2007/08 Forecast Out-turn</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Variance to Budget</b> <b>£</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
1,098,305	Supervision & Management - General	1,517,750	1,524,411	-6,661
251,946	Supervision & Management - Special	260,750	258,650	2,100
134,887	Welfare Services	138,400	137,135	1,266
229,387	Homelessness - Leased Properties	405,000	336,477	68,523
367,845	Rents	0	0	0
2,500,157	Repairs and Maintenance	2,563,300	2,610,195	-46,895
<b>4,582,526</b>	<b>Total Housing Management</b>	<b>4,885,200</b>	<b>4,866,868</b>	<b>18,332</b>
1,048,660	Item 8 Capital Charges	1,321,524	1,426,743	-105,219
0	Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation	212,000	125,000	87,000
2,761,385	Subsidy	2,854,279	2,842,402	11,877
6,690	Provision for Bad Debts	50,000	35,000	15,000
<b>8,399,261</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9,323,003</b>	<b>9,296,013</b>	<b>26,990</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
8,938,397	Rents (net of voids)	9,564,200	9,584,006	19,806
145,583	Leased Rents	255,000	204,275	-50,725
103,685	Garages	140,450	150,524	10,074
152,503	Interest on Balances & RTB Mortgages	140,000	175,000	35,000
<b>9,340,168</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,099,650</b>	<b>10,113,806</b>	<b>14,156</b>
<b><u>Surplus / Deficit (-) for the Year</u></b>				
<b>940,907</b>	<b>General Balances</b>	<b>776,647</b>	<b>817,793</b>	<b>41,146</b>
1,838,624	Balance as at start of year ~ General	2,779,531	2,779,531	0
2,779,531	Balance as at end of year ~ General	3,556,178	3,597,324	41,146

**Appendix 2**

<b>Actual 2006/07</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Approved Schemes</b>	<b>Actual at End Dec</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn</b>
£	£	£	£	£
35,482	Housing Repair Work Pre 2007/08	0	24,877	30,000
16,911	Environmental Improvement Works	257,500	42,662	282,500
1,001,418	2005/06 Major Improvements – All Groups	0	143,413	137,558
1,444,675	2006/07 Major Improvements – All Groups	3,995,370	4,206,170	5,420,383
2,572,010	Windows Replacement	618,000	2,205,876	2,375,876
1,139,880	Central Heating Contract	1,802,500	527,603	780,771
0	DFG - Council Properties *	103,000	251,031	600,000
0	HRA Capital Contingency	961,630	0	0
0	Capitalised HRA Repairs & Maintenance	0	80,000	100,000
<b>6,210,376</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,738,000</b>	<b>7,481,633</b>	<b>9,727,088</b>

<b>2006/07</b>	<b>HRA Capital Plan Financed By:</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
£	£	£	£
2,400,000	Major Repairs Allowance Grant	2,400,000	2,400,000
431,406	Useable Capital Receipts	370,000	325,000
3,378,970	Prudential Borrowing	4,968,000	7,002,088
<b>6,210,376</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,738,000</b>	<b>9,727,088</b>

Note \* - DFGs were funded by a contribution from HRA capital receipts in 2006/07.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**REPORT BY:** Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill  
Lead Member for Finance

**DATE:** 29 January 2008

**SUBJECT:** Revenue Budget and Summary Capital Plan  
2007/2008

**1. DECISION SOUGHT**

- 1.1 To note the budget performance figures for the 2007/08 financial year as detailed in the attached Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To also note the summary capital plan performance for 2007/08 financial year as detailed in the attached Appendices 2 and 3.

**2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

- 2.1 The need to deliver the Council's agreed budget strategy for the 2007/08 financial year and avoid reducing already inadequate reserves.

**3. POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1 Local Authorities are required under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

**4. COST IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This report details the latest service budget year-end projections as reported by Directorates, together with information on pressures and savings within the corporate budgets. The service projections are as at the end of December 2007.

Appendix 1 details a forecast overall overspend of £116k. This excludes the schools' delegated budgets. The position has changed from the last report as follows;

- i) *Lifelong Learning is forecasting an over spend of £662k mainly due to;*
  - a) *the delay in commencing home working projects, £93k. Compensating savings are being sought.*
  - b) *The position on the 52 week residential unit at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn remains at £277k projected overspend ( see paragraph 4.2.i).*

c) savings resulting from the Tourism strategy tendering process has reduced the projected overspend by £30k.

d) initial phase of Estyn response, interim Director & Head of Service together with impact of restructure of Strategy & Resources service, projected a £235k overspend which is a reduction of £92k from last months report due to savings as a result in delayed appointments until 2008 / 09.

e) however, there has been an increase of £46k as a result of additional out of county placements.

ii) **Social Services & Housing**

a) there has been an improvement in the position of £306k net from last month.

b) the major improvements have been as a result of the Directorate securing a grant (£145k) and securing external contributions for expensive care packages (£100k approx affecting packages in Children's and Learning Disability services).

c) Non HRA Housing projected overspend has increased by £126k. This is mainly as a result of a combination of additional pressures in the volatile homelessness budget and a review of the service in the light of continued legislative requirements that have resulted in accommodation costs increasing.

d) as part of the ongoing budget setting process it has been proposed that balances accrued in the current financial year are carried forward to 2008/09 to meet specific budget pressures and to dampen the overall impact of demographic growth within the year.

iii) **Environment** is projecting a net surplus of £90k a net increase of £10k. This is mainly as a result of savings in Environmental Services of over £50k which has been offset by a reduction in planning fee income of £40k.

iv) **The County Clerk** The Translation services, is projected to overspend by £50k. County Clerk is projected to overspend an additional £30k, which is as a result of reduced recharges. This work is now being outsourced due to increasing workloads within Legal Services

4.2 Current major pressures within the Education Service;

i) There is no change in the anticipated overspend at the new 52 week residential facility at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn that was reported in the last month's meeting. However, there may be a possibility of a contribution by other North Wales Authorities and Welsh Assembly Government, but as yet this has not been confirmed. Members will be kept informed of progress on this matter.

ii) The costs of the temporary cover for the Director and head of service post together with the anticipated initial costs of the response to the Estyn report and the restructure of the Strategy and Resources service

will exceed the budget by an estimated amount of £235k; a reduction of £92k from last month. This reduction in overspend is due to delayed appointments until 2008/09.

- iii) The position regarding Blessed Edward Jones High School, which is in special measures, is that the delegated budget is likely to be overspent again this year with the school having a deficit balance at year end. Further costs may also be necessary to assist the school in addressing the issues identified.

- 4.3 The **Pay and grading review** is ongoing. It is likely to be completed shortly and a separate updating paper will be presented to full Council as a Part 2 item shortly. No assumptions have been made in Directorate budgets or forecasts at this stage. Figures will be built into the 5 Year Budget model for consideration at a later Cabinet meeting.
- 4.4 **The schools' delegated budget** – Forecasts are that the schools balances will decrease by a further small sum. The projected outturn includes planned use of balances brought forward.
- 4.5 Details are also included in Appendix 1 showing Directorates' progress in achieving the required efficiency savings.
- 4.6 Appendix 2 shows a **capital plan summary** and Appendix 3 shows expenditure split by Directorate priority.
- 4.7 Capital expenditure at the end of December is £24.3m. Full details of the Capital Plan are contained in a separate report in part two of the agenda.

## 5. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT

- 5.1 Directorates need to exercise continued tight control over their revenue expenditure to ensure they are able to remain within their budgets.
- 5.2 The situation regarding the financial impact from the opening of the residential unit at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn has been reviewed and the position is not sufficiently firm to avoid the need to fund the current year loss in year. Urgent action is currently being considered to ensure the places available are taken up as quickly as is reasonably possible.
- 5.3 Members will be aware of the continuing pressure resulting from the school in special measures. It is likely that further sums will need to be spent in the current year to assist with improvement.
- 5.4 The winter period can bring additional spending pressures for several services including Highways and Social Services.
- 5.5 It will be necessary to consider whether the current areas of overspend are likely to

recur in 2008/9 and to what extent. There is no provision at present for additional resources for such an event so any resulting impact would have an effect upon the level of Council Tax in 2008/9.

## **6. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 6.1 Lead Cabinet members will need to consult with Heads of Service to agree necessary remedial action to accommodate pressures in 2007/08.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS**

### **The Vision**

- 7.1 Proper management of the Council's revenue budget enables services to work towards delivering the Council's Vision.

### **Other Policy Areas Including Corporate**

- 7.2 Proper management of the Council's revenue budget underpins activity in all of the Council's policy areas.

## **8. ACTION PLAN**

- 8.1 All departments undertake regular budget monitoring to identify savings and efficiencies.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 To note the budget performance figures for 2007/08 as detailed in the attached Appendix 1 and note the feedback on urgent action to be taken to fill vacant places at the 52 week residential unit at Ysgol Plas Bronyffryn.
- 9.2 To also note the summary capital plan performance figures for 2007/08 financial year as detailed in the attached Appendices 2 and 3.

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

Directorate	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance Previous report
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	
Lifelong Learning (excluding schools delegated)	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Environment	31,016	-11,088	19,928	31,682	-11,092	20,590	666	-4	662	737
Social Services & Housing	38,258	-16,836	21,422	38,278	-16,946	21,332	20	-110	-90	-80
County Clerk	55,435	-17,612	37,823	56,827	-19,505	37,322	1,392	-1,893	-501	-195
Resources	1,890	-393	1,497	1,940	-363	1,577	50	30	80	80
Corporate, Miscellaneous & Benefits	10,093	-2,938	7,155	10,093	-2,938	7,155	0	0	0	0
Total All Services	29,202	-23,023	6,179	29,202	-23,023	6,179	0	0	0	0
	<b>165,894</b>	<b>-71,890</b>	<b>94,004</b>	<b>168,022</b>	<b>-73,867</b>	<b>94,155</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>-1,977</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>542</b>
Capital Financing Charges/Investment Income Precepts & Levies			10,882 4,212			10,847 4,212				-35 0
			<b>109,098</b>			<b>109,214</b>				<b>116</b>
										<b>507</b>

**Note:**

The Management Accounting rules of the Council require debtor account entries to be reversed in respect of amounts outstanding for more 30 days after the due date.  
In the event that debts cannot be collected, services will be required to meet the cost of the debt write-off. This may impact on the actual outturn achieved by services at the year end.

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**LIFELONG LEARNING**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance Previous report
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Individual School Budgets	55,098	-4,575	50,523	57,276	-6,503	50,773	2,178	-1,928	250	261
School Funds Held Centrally	16,182	-4,915	11,267	16,241	-4,915	11,326	59	0	59	17
Non school Funding	2,102	-905	1,197	2,614	-905	1,709	512	0	512	604
Corporate Services	311	-47	264	311	-47	264	0	0	0	0
Countryside & Leisure	6,073	-3,155	2,918	6,115	-3,168	2,947	42	-13	29	24
Tourism, Culture & Heritage	6,348	-2,066	4,282	6,401	-2,057	4,344	53	9	62	92
	31,016	-11,088	19,928	31,682	-11,092	20,590	666	-4	662	737
Total Lifelong Learning	86,114	-15,663	70,451	88,958	-17,595	71,363	2,844	-1,932	912	998

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**LIFELONG LEARNING**

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET**

Following updates during December, projections would indicate that the school balances of £1,807k as at 31/03/2007 will reduce to £1,557k during This is a reduction in expenditure of £11k from the last report in November. Fewer school visits have been made this month as it is close to the end of term. so changes are minimal from November

**SCHOOL FUNDS HELD CENTRALLY**

**School Transport**

Detailed projections for the 2007/2008 Financial Year have been completed following receipt of updated contract daily rate prices from Transport and Infrastructure.

Current projections indicate a predicted saving of £18k. This is an increase on last month's report due to contract variations

**Other**

Various savings from vacancy control, delays in appointment of staff, variations in income and other management initiated cost savings.

The ongoing budget monitoring process has identified increased expenditure of £46k due to out of county placements

**Education Services**

Savings identified in respect of home working are not likely to be achieved in 2007/2008 due to the delay in commencing pilot home working projects across the Authority.

**NON SCHOOL FUNDING**

The new residential school at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn is due to open in November 2007. In the first year of opening the school is forecasting a loss of around £277k which will be carried forward to be offset by surpluses forecast in future years. The school is a regional specialise facility for autism and will generate income from out of county placements from other local authorities. In 2007-08 two placements are anticipated resulting in a surplus of expenditure over income however the school is anticipating that it will be fully occupied in the following years. There may be a possibility of a contribution to this overspend by other North Wales Authorities or WAG but as yet this is unconfirmed

As a result of the Estyn Inspection, expenditure has been identified in 2007-08 to deliver the first phase of the action plan.

Bids will be submitted for permanent funding for these initiatives in the 2008-09 budget round. Savings have been made from last month due to delayed appointments until 2008-09

Following the Education Service and the Strategy and Resources restructure and the retirement of key personnel, and a consultant has been employed to assist with the preparation of Estyn Action plan and to support a vacancy of Head of Service. This has resulted in a pressure within the service that will be part funded corporately at the year end

**COUNTRYSIDE & LEISURE**

Additional costs associated with Drift Park Paddling Pool, Amphitheatre & Play Area

Unplanned closure of Corwen Pool

Increased devolved repair & maintenance costs at Corwen Pavilion

Legal costs associated with the Ffrith & Marine Lake

Increased Utility Costs

Offset by:

Increased income at Leisure Centres

Delayed Appointments

**TOURISM, HERITAGE & CULTURE**

Increased operational & maintenance costs and lower than projected income levels at Royal International Pavilion

Provision of ill health cover at Pavilion Theatre

Cleaning of archive material infected by mould following tender process

Offset by:

Savings resulting from Tourism Strategy tendering process

**TOTAL**

<u>PROPOSED EFFICIENCY SAVING</u>	<u>EFFICIENCY</u>		<u>PROGRESS</u>
	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>SAVINGS 2007/08</u>	
Schools' Delegated Budgets - 0.3% Efficiency Target. County Voice - Develop income from advertising. Project Management Fees Recharge. Review of S.E.N. Transport Contracts. Assorted Efficiencies across the Service e.g. Vacancies. Reduce funding to grant aided bodies New income Alternative service delivery	£	100 1 27 10 70 6 30 36	To be achieved by School Governing Bodies. On target. On target. May need to be achieved by alternative means. On target. On target. Achievable Part achievable. Alternative savings being sought Part achievable. Alternative savings being sought
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>280</b>	

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance
	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Previous report £000s
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Note 3 &5)	8,849	-5,095	3,754	8,869	-5,120	3,749	20	-25	-5	-10
TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE (Notes 1,3 & 5)	9,357	-4,233	5,124	9,402	-4,238	5,164	45	-5	40	40
PLANNING & PUBLIC PROTECTION (Notes 2, 3, 4 &5)	4,346	-1,940	2,406	4,346	-2,020	2,326	0	-80	-80	-120
DIRECTOR & SUPPORT	1,393	-331	1,062	1,393	-331	1,062	0	0	0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	14,313	-5,237	9,076	14,268	-5,237	9,031	-45	0	-45	10
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>38,258</b>	<b>-16,836</b>	<b>21,422</b>	<b>38,278</b>	<b>-16,946</b>	<b>21,332</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>-90</b>	<b>-80</b>

**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**  
**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

**Potential areas of budget pressure**

**1 Potential areas of budget pressure**

Flooding problems during the year to date have placed a strain on the Highways maintenance budget. In the event of severe weather during the remaining months it is possible that the winter maintenance budget, together with the winter maintenance reserve, will be insufficient to cover the costs.

**2 Development Control income received to date is significantly higher than the profiled budget mainly due to 3 large windfarm applications. This income is likely to be offset by additional costs which may continue beyond the end of the financial year. If this is the case it might be prudent to set this income aside to meet any future obligations the Council may incur.**

**3 Savings from delays in recruiting staff to fill vacant posts.**

**4 The recent Animal Welfare case in Llandegla has placed a strain on this budget.**

**5 As part of the Council's aim to reduce the head count the Directorate has made 5 redundancies in the current financial year and costs are absorbed in the above figures.**

**6 The Directorate put forward a number of efficiency savings as part of the Budget setting process. These totalled £250K and will be monitored on an on-going basis throughout the financial year. These are summarised between the service departments below**

	Details	£'000s
<b>Development Services</b>		
Rationalisation of office accommodation following acquisition	50	On-going
Station caretaker to also take responsibility for Children's Vi	7	To be Achieved
Business grant assessment to be carried out in-house	8	On target
Restructuring - Valuation & Estates	8	Achieved
<b>Transport &amp; Infrastructure</b>		
Remove Coastal Protection Agency post	6	To be replaced by substitute saving
Savings in salt procurement	20	To be Achieved
Review of streetworks recharges	5	Achieved
Review of School Crossing Patrols	5	Achieved
Increased income from increased workload in MPG	30	On target
Parking processing of PCN's jointly - savings year on year	10	Achieved
<b>Planning &amp; Public Protection</b>		
Restructuring - not replacing vacant Section Manager post	12	Achieved
Restructuring of Building Control Section following staff vaca	10	Achieved
New income streams from new Statutory legislation	10	Achieved
Absorb new legislation/powers within existing workforce	12	Achieved
Reduction in Contaminated Land consultants budget	4	Achieved
Formal SLA with Flintshire CC to assist with Mineral Plannin	5	Achieved
<b>Director &amp; Support</b>		
Reduction in working hours of officer in Performance Manag	12	Achieved
<b>Environmental Services</b>		
Public Conveniences - reductions in overtime payments	5	On target
Rationalisation of sweeper hire costs	5	Achieved
Transfer of officer to Leisure and not replacing	13	Achieved
Replacing Team Leader with lower graded employee	10	Achieved
Savings following refurbishment of Corwen PC	3	Achieved

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance Previous report
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Children Services	9,162	-585	8,577	9,841	-1,457	8,384	679	-872	-193	-111
Adult Services	35,943	-9,234	26,709	36,438	-9,767	26,671	495	-533	-38	193
Business Support & Development	2,732	-468	2,264	2,897	-669	2,228	165	-201	-36	83
Cymorth Grant	1,711	-1,711	0	1,711	-1,711	0	0	0	0	0
Supporting People Grant	4,336	-4,301	35	4,336	-4,301	35	0	0	0	0
Underspend Brought Forward	0	0	0	0	-341	-341	0	-341	-341	-341
Sub Total Social Services	53,884	-16,299	37,585	55,223	-18,246	36,977	1,339	-1,947	-608	-176
Non HRA Housing	1,551	-1,313	238	1,604	-1,215	389	53	98	151	25
Underspend Brought Forward	0	0	0	0	-44	-44	0	-44	-44	-44
<b>Directorate Total</b>	<b>55,435</b>	<b>-17,612</b>	<b>37,823</b>	<b>56,827</b>	<b>-19,505</b>	<b>37,322</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>-1,893</b>	<b>-501</b>	<b>-195</b>

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

<u>Comments</u>	Current Month £000s	Previous Month £000
<b>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b> <u>Learning Disabilities</u> The predicted under spend within Children's Services has increased due to the Council securing contributions for a residential placement at Bryn y Wal children's home. In addition a reduction in the predicted costs of residential placements has contribut		
	-193	-111
<b>ADULT SERVICES</b> <u>Mental Illness</u> The main pressure here is still Residential and Nursing Placements / Day care showing an overspend of £167k. There is a forecast underspend of £70k on MI Preserved Rights clients. This budget and spend was previously shown under Older People in 2006/07.	96	195
	104	104
<u>Older People</u> Residential Homes - Despite new monies of £69k net, the main pressure is still forecast to be Residential Homes, showing an overspend of £149k (including Extra Care Housing spend of £91k). This has been shown against Revenue to maintain the availability	-317	-198
<u>Provider Day Centres</u> This budget is predicted to be overspent by £28k (this was £24k overspent in 2006/07). Transport spend is the main budget pressure.		
<u>Homecare Provider</u> This budget was under spent in 2006/07 by £43k. It was previously thought that a pilot scheme in respect of Six Weeks Free Homecare and reduced staff slippage on posts would mean spend would be on budget in 07/08. However, the current position is that emp		
<u>PDSI</u> Based on 2006/07 experience there is still likely to be overspend on PDSI. The main pressure areas are forecast to be the Community Care budget and the Occupational Therapy budget, (where the £60k pressure is due to the ever increasing demand for equipmen	150	152
<u>Performance Management &amp; Commissioning</u> The majority of these budgets relate to staffing and are predicted to be under spent due to slippage on vacant posts and staff not currently being at the top of their grade.	-142	-136
<u>Other Adult Services</u> There is a projected overspend of £11k on Community development which is offset by an underspend on the out of hours service	-7	-5
<u>Joint Working &amp; Older People Strategy</u> These are Grants supplemented by a small base budget. There are plans in place to spend in full.	0	0
<u>Cefndy Enterprises</u> The main reason for the predicted overspend is due to 07/08 sales being less than expected and an increase in the cost of materials. Sales in 06/07 reached just under £2.9m whereas current indications are that the 07/08 figure is likely to be between £2.6	78	81
<b>TOTAL ADULT SERVICES</b> <u>Business Support &amp; Development</u> The bid for the additional component grant has been approved (£145k) and it is expected that some of the grant will be transferred into the services although this is to be confirmed. In addition the spend within directorate costs has increased following t	-38	193
	-36	83
<u>Cymorth Grant</u> All expenditure relating to the Cymorth grant has to be spent in year.	0	0
<u>Supporting People Grant</u> The expected under spend for SP is £889k, £448k relates to projects that are being commissioned part way through the year and the remainder relates to money set aside, by the planning group, to fund short term projects and future cuts. As reported to cabi	0	0
<b>2006/07 Underspend Brought Forward</b>	-341	-341
<b>HOUSING</b> A review of expenditure has shown there has been an increase in the cost of homelessness accommodation. This in part reflects the higher standard of accommodation that is statutory requirement.	151	25
<b>2006/07 Underspend Brought Forward</b>	-44	-44
<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	107	-19
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; HOUSING</b>	-501	-195

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

**Efficiency Savings**

Service	Efficiency Saving	Further Saving	Details	Status
<b>Children's Services</b>				
Reduction in placement costs for looked after children (Children's Services)	121		Renegotiation of contracts with independent sector providers will result in cohort of 15 children remaining in the independent sector until the majority. These savings are detailed as a result of admitting fewer Children into care during 2007/08 - in line with the current performance.	Achievable
<b>Adult Services</b>				
Hospital discharge service	40		A review of the service is in progress with plans for more cost effective service delivery to generate this saving.	Achievable
Reconfigure posts / skills mix	20		Within Adult Services active consideration of existing posts has meant that in many cases more economical staffing costing arrangements have put in place of previous posts which have a greater cost. Examples are replacement of a Social Worker in Older People Services with a Reviewing Officer / Community Care Officer and recruiting Disability Assistants rather than Occupational therapists in Disability Resource Team.	Achievable
Joint Commissioning - Adults	26		Continued drive to share costs with partner agencies through joint commissioning and review of nursing care invoices	Achievable
Increased preventative work	20	20	The cost per week for residential care is £288 and for Very Dependent Elderly £360.50 so the target would be to reduce the admissions by at least 3 people despite the increase in numbers of older people, by following through on rehabilitation and health promotion strategies.	Achievable
Homecare reductions due to telecare	30		There is evidence from case studies in other areas that telecare can reduce the need for homecare per day by ½ hour. However there will be costs in setting up a telecare response team so initial savings will be modest with more certain savings generated in future years (see below).	Achievable
Re configure ABER project eligible for Supporting People funding	60		This project meets the criteria for Supporting People funding and would allow us to re configure an existing service more in keeping with the enablement agenda.	Achievable
Llys Marchan Draft mgt agreement and savings by negotiation with Clwyd	4		The negotiations on this matter need to be concluded which would save yearly legal costs.	Achievable
	2		negotiation with Clwyd Alyn has resulted in a saving on the contract.	Achievable
Review of use of external work opportunities services which are higher cost than in house	8		There is evidence that external work opportunities are higher in costs than internal due partly to the income generation so a review of contracts and a drive to place more people in internal work opportunities would reduce costs	Achievable
Increase income	30		The review of charges in 2006/07 will generate additional income in 2007/08	Achievable
<b>Business Support &amp; Development</b>				
Implementation of the PARIS system - improved processing	5		We have included only a small saving in 07/08 as there will be a lot of additional time and effort required on implementation. However by the last quarter of the year there should be a saving in time of MIS officers in verifying and checking data which should translate into actual cash savings	Not thought to be achievable-will source other savings
Improved staff retention -	22		Savings on agency costs, recruitment costs and managers time	Achievable
Complaints Investigation collaboration and focus on resolution at stage 1	3		Additional time has been committed to meeting complainants at the first stage and working to an earlier resolution to avoid the need for formal investigation at stage 2. There is also joint work across north Wales being led by Denbighshire on the recruitment of Independent Investigators which should reduce costs.	Achievable
Deletion of ½ post in Senior management admin	10		Re design of some other admin posts will assist with this together with increasingly efficient working of the Directorate administration office.	Achievable
Receivership reconfigure post/generate additional income	10		Invest to save re design of a post which should mean a greater recovery of costs for the authority	Achievable
Efficiencies in office accommodation - Brighton Road	18		Savings from cleaning, caretaking shared facilities and repair costs are not likely to be realised until the last quarter of the year and so would be more suitable for 08/09 savings targets.	Achievable
<b>General</b>				
Sickness Absence management	26		This figure is based on the saving to the authority of cover for sickness absence in direct care posts.	Achievable
Transport savings across Directorate	50		The target is to reduce the high cost of transport through the transport review, this is a specific project for the Senior Administrative Officer.	Achievable
<b>Housing</b>				
Housing Savings - Efficiency savings to be achieved by reduction in Bed & Breakfast Accommodation	2		The Council is using leased properties as a more cost effective replacement	Achievable
<b>Total</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>232</b>		

**MONTHLY REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08**  
**RESOURCES, COUNTY CLERK, CORPORATE & MISCELLANEOUS**  
**SUMMARY POSITION AS AT END DECEMBER 2007**

	Budget			Projected Outturn			Variance			Variance £000s
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
<b>County Clerks</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>-393</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>-363</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Resources Directorate</b>										
Finance	4,857	-2,012	2,845	4,857	-2,012	2,845	0	0	0	0
Policy Unit	416	0	416	416	0	416	0	0	0	0
Audit	438	-85	353	438	-85	353	0	0	0	0
I.T.	2,331	-429	1,902	2,331	-429	1,902	0	0	0	0
Personnel	1,357	-258	1,099	1,357	-258	1,099	0	0	0	0
Project Management	26	0	26	26	0	26	0	0	0	0
	668	-154	514	668	-154	514	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,093</b>	<b>-2,938</b>	<b>7,155</b>	<b>10,093</b>	<b>-2,938</b>	<b>7,155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Corporate and Miscellaneous</b>										
	<b>7,051</b>	<b>-835</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>7,051</b>	<b>-835</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Benefits</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>-22,188</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>-22,188</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,185</b>	<b>-26,354</b>	<b>14,831</b>	<b>41,235</b>	<b>-26,324</b>	<b>14,911</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Capital Fin Charges/Investment Income</b>	<b>10,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,882</b>	<b>10,847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,847</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-35</b>

**Comments**

**County Clerks**

1. £30k projected overspend due to reduced recharge to capital receipts, as work now being outsourced due to increasing workloads within Legal Services

**Note**

All efficiency savings proposals on target to be delivered

**Denbighshire County Council - Capital Plan 2007/08 - 20010/11**  
**Position as at December 2007**

**APPENDIX 2**

		2007/8 £000s	2008/9 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
<b>Capital Funding:</b>					
<b>1 General Funding:</b>	<b>Unhypothcated Supporting Borrowing</b>	4,200	5,905	5,905	5,905
	<b>General Capital Grant</b>	2,234	3,184	1,953	2,009
	<b>General Capital Receipts</b>	3,856	0	0	0
	<b>Earmarked Capital Receipts</b>	2,677	239	0	0
		12,967	9,328	7,858	7,914
<b>2 Prudential Borrowing</b>		8,124	2,466	0	0
<b>3 Reserves and Contributions</b>		1,271	616	110	91
<b>4 Specific Grants</b>		21,071	8,632	836	397
	<b>Total Finance</b>	43,433	21,042	8,804	8,402
	<b>Total Estimated Payments</b>	-43,175	-18,860	-1,841	-974
	<b>Contingency</b>	-258	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
	<b>Unallocated Reserve</b>	0	-1,182	-110	0
	<b>Surplus/ -Insufficient Resources</b>	0	0	5,853	6,428

**Capital Expenditure By Directorate**

	2007/08	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11
	Spend to end December	Estimated programme	Estimated programme	Estimated programme	Estimated programme
		£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Environment</b>	12,382	21,643	8,596	60	0
<b>Lifelong Learning</b>	11,340	19,988	9,272	1,545	724
<b>Resources</b>	289	1,022	437	0	0
<b>Social Services and Housing</b>	324	522	555	236	250
<b>Total</b>	24,335	43,175	18,860	1,841	974

**Capital Expenditure by Council Priority**

	2007/08	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11
	Spend to end December	Estimated programme	Estimated programme	Estimated programme	Estimated programme
		£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>School Buildings</b>	8,211	12,941	6,398	672	0
<b>Highways</b>	2,764	4,989	800	0	0
<b>Public Realm</b>	2,202	3,526	999	60	0
<b>Total</b>	13,177	21,456	8,197	732	0

As part of the 07/08 revenue budget, the Council agreed to fund the borrowing costs of additional Prudential Borrowing. The table below shows how the funds were allocated and forecast expenditure

**Additional Prudential Borrowing**

	2007/08	2007/8
	Spend to end December	Estimated programme
	£000	£000
<b>School Buildings</b>	780	1,322
<b>Highways</b>	1,500	2,000
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	55	500
<b>Total</b>	2,335	3,822

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR J THOMPSON-HILL,  
LEAD MEMBER FOR FINANCE**

**DATE: 29 JANUARY 2008**

**SUBJECT: BUDGET PROPOSALS 2008/2009**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

- 1.1 That Members review the budget proposals for 2008/09 in the light of the final WAG settlement.
- 1.2 That Members indicate whether they support the updated savings proposals made by services in Appendix 3, the latest proposals in Appendix 1 for additional resources in response to anticipated service pressures and the further potential cuts that have been identified.
- 1.3 That Members indicate whether they still wish to propose a council tax increase of 3% for 2008-09.
- 1.4 That Members note the need for significant further efficiency savings and cost reductions/cuts in future financial years, in light of the poor settlement from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

**2.1 Background**

- 2.1.1 The Council has received the final WAG settlement details for next financial year. The position is slightly worse than anticipated with a loss of £61k above the assumed level. This is as a result of the higher than average increase in the authority's Council Tax base.
- 2.1.2 The grant increases for the next three financial years compared to the Welsh average are:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Denbighshire	2.2%	2.0%	2.3%
Wales	2.4%	2.5%	3.2%

- 2.1.3 Denbighshire receives a below average increase in every year as a result of adverse RSG formula changes and the introduction of the "floor" to protect Conwy, Ynys Môn etc. We will receive the lowest percentage grant increase in Wales in 2010-11: although the Welsh average for that year has shifted upwards since the provisional settlement, Denbighshire's percentage increase has stayed the same. It is noted that the introduction of a grant "floor" for 2008-09 has brought four councils to within 0.4% of the Welsh average. However in the two following

years, Denbighshire will receive increases that are 0.5% and 0.9% below the average.

- 2.1.4 This level of funding does not even match inflation. The retail prices index for December 2007 was 4.0% (3.1% excluding mortgage payments). The increase in the settlement takes no account of other significant pressures such as the increasing number of older people and the increase in Landfill Tax and even fails to match the teachers' pay increase of 2.45%/2.3%/2.3%.
- 2.1.5 While a significant amount of efficiency savings have been identified, the desire on the part of members and the public to see a low council tax increase means that, in order to achieve a low tax increase, the Assembly Government's settlement automatically leads to the need to cut expenditure in some areas of the council's activity in a way that will involve difficult and unpopular decisions. The impact of the settlement is explored in more detail below.

## **2.2 Proposals for allocations of increased funding**

- 2.2.1 The proposals reflect the Council's decision to make school and educational improvement its top priority. There is a substantial proposed increased its funding for education so that it is above the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) for 2008/09.
- 2.2.2 For 2008/09 there would be additional funding from the Council of £1.75m. (This is in addition to approximately £1.9m for inflation and increased pension costs). Around £860k of the new money will be delegated to schools. The remaining growth will fund the Action Plan in response to the Estyn report, the Young People's Partnership action plan and other Lifelong Learning priorities, including £300k for increased costs of school transport.
- 2.2.3 The proposed additional funding for Lifelong Learning represents 58% of the total growth.
- 2.2.4 There will be a significant increase in the funding for the Education service, both delegated schools budgets and non delegated budgets. Although not a valid exercise, the Assembly often seek to compare the level of funding made available to the service, including all overheads, with the element of SSA that relates to Education. The individual elements of SSA tend to be quite volatile making meaningful comparison difficult. The position for 2006/7 was planned spending just above SSA while for the current year the position is planned spending £900k below. The main reason for the current year position is the unusually low number of school days for school transport purposes.
- 2.2.5 While it is too early to provide a definitive position the situation detailed in Appendix 2 for the Education service suggests a spend at just above SSA for 2008/09. When the additional resources shown in Appendix 1 are included the planned spend next year will exceed SSA significantly.

- 2.2.6 Both Estyn and the WLGA advisers have stressed the need to ensure any additional resources for Education are targeted at the delivery of improvements needed to be made and not just applied as a blanket approach giving resources without a strong case linked to the Action Plan outcomes. This issue is the subject of current debate including with the school representatives.
- 2.2.7 There are additional allocations for Social Services (£500k) and environment (£555k, which relates almost entirely to the increased cost of landfill tax – not funded by WAG – and the procurement costs of a regional waste treatment facility).

### **2.3 Efficiency savings from schools**

- 2.3.1 In line with the Estyn Action Plan, further dialogue has taken place with school representatives regarding the potential for identifying efficiency savings. This issue along with the whole budget/WAG funding scenario for future years will be raised with the Schools Budget Forum to ensure transparency and agreement on a medium term financial plan.
- 2.3.2 For 2008/09 schools will not be set a specific efficiency target. However, the Council will expect schools to work with officers to explore areas of efficiency. These will include looking at procurement and energy costs. It will also include the possibility of some small schools sharing headteachers, as opportunities, consistent with the recommendations of the Cambridge report, present themselves through retirements or other staff moves. For 2008/09 only, any efficiency savings will be reinvested in schools.
- 2.3.3 For 2009/10 onwards the Council will expect to formalise efficiency savings in schools which will require them to be surrendered for reallocation to priorities, in line with arrangements for all other services. This may involve the resources being reallocated for education e.g. to fund prudential borrowing associated with restructuring schools. We will also consider other ways of addressing the Cambridge recommendations for ensuring fairer funding for schools. Any significant changes to the funding formula will be subject to detailed consultation with schools.

### **2.4 Impact of the settlement on services**

- 2.4.1 Because of the poor settlement from the Welsh Assembly Government, the only way to deliver a low council tax increase is to reducing spending on services. A wide range of efficiency savings have been included in the proposals but the reality is that it is also necessary to include significant cuts, which will impact on the services received by residents and others.
- 2.4.2 The most significant of these relates to social services. Well-evidenced bids of £1.5m have been submitted, reflecting the growing number of elderly people and people with learning disabilities, as well as costs of external provision and support that grow much faster than inflation. It is proposed to allocate only £0.5m in respect of these pressures and therefore social services will, in effect, have to make cuts of £1m in addition to the efficiency savings already identified and the impact of vacancy control (see below).

- 2.4.3 Members have considered an analysis of expenditure on mandatory and discretionary services and concluded that levels of expenditure on some discretionary services, and mandatory services where there is discretion about the level of delivery, should be reduced. In the Lifelong Learning Directorate, this will require further savings and service reductions from Tourism, Heritage and Culture and Leisure and Countryside Services. The main proposals are:
- terminate mobile library service
  - reduce coverage of lifeguarding service
  - reduce opening hours at all libraries
  - reduce opening hours at Corwen Leisure Centre by 50%.
  - reduce opening hours at other Leisure Centres
- 2.4.4 Further work is being done on significant reductions in support for the Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl; Llangollen International Pavilion, ECTARC and Bodelwyddan Castle Trust. The outcome of this work may show that the decision in effect lies between carrying on with current expenditure and the closure of some of these facilities.
- 2.4.5 As part of the package of proposals, the vacancy control mechanism has been strengthened and is expected to yield additional savings worth £500k in 2008-09. This equates to approximately 20 posts over and above those being removed as part of the efficiency savings. Cabinet will receive a monthly report on which jobs have been frozen or deleted as a result of this mechanism, together with the estimated impact on services. Freezing this number of jobs, in addition to the measures already taken, is bound to have some impact on service delivery.

## **2.5 Future years**

- 2.5.1 The position for future years will be extremely tight with WAG settlements expected to remain poor for some time. Appendix 2 demonstrates this but includes only the most obvious service pressures and excludes demographic pressures within Social Services and the need for further prudential borrowing, for example. Because of negligible or zero increases in WAG funding for capital spend on the council's key priorities, significant further funding for prudential borrowing will be necessary if the council is to modernise its stock of schools and continue with its programme of improvement in roads.
- 2.5.2 An early start will need to be made on identifying more cost effective methods of service delivery, together with a review of service levels generally, to ensure the Council is in a position to meet its statutory obligations at a time of WAG financial support that is reducing in real terms.

## **2.6 Detailed construction of the budget for 2008-09**

- 2.6.1 The position as summarised in Appendix 1, page 1, demonstrates the impact on Council Tax of the budget proposals supported to date. This scenario takes account of £2,084k of savings and £3,125k of bids for additional resources.

- 2.6.2 Appendix 1, page 2, lists potential further savings to deliver a Council Tax increase of 4.2 %. The savings proposed to deliver this level of increase are regarded as robust enough to be included in the proposals.
- 2.6.3 Further target reductions to deliver 3.1% are identified. These involve reviewing cultural services and leisure facilities spend in addition to the savings already proposed in appendix 4 a). This together with the proposal to increase car parking charges and seek the higher level of staffing reductions represent unpopular decisions and **members are recommended to give a clear steer on the acceptability of these further proposals.**
- 2.6.4 For example, if members chose to delay the increase in parking charges to 2009, council tax would have to rise by a further 0.3%.
- 2.6.5 Provision has been made in the proposals for the costs of about £2m of further Prudential Borrowing. The Capital Strategy Group has made recommendations on the use of this sum in a separate report elsewhere on the agenda: the vast bulk would go to highways.

### **3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972  
Local Government Act 1992  
Part 1 of Local Government Act 2003

### **4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Appendix 2 shows the detailed movement in budget for 2008/09 and also incorporates information for later years. Members need to be fully aware of the extremely difficult financial position for this and later years. Robust implementation of the council's Efficiency Strategy is essential.
- 4.2 Appendix 3 details savings agreed to date and how these compare with the staffing and travel cost savings agreed within the Efficiency Strategy.
- 4.3 Appendices 4a) to d) summarise the bids for additional resources that have been received for 2008/09.
- 4.4 Appendix 5 outlines how the Performance Incentive Grant is currently distributed. The Appendix includes the proposed allocation of the available funding into priority areas. WAG have implied that the funding will continue to be unhypothesised but new targets for improvement are likely.
- 4.5 The final settlement includes indicative data on specific grants that suggest an increase in Waste grant of £500k and the anticipated level of funding for the Flying Start grant at £773k. It is not clear when the actual figures will be confirmed.

## **5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

- 5.1 During the review of savings proposals any savings/cuts that are deleted or reduced, and any additional allocation of resources, will result in an increase in Council Tax next year and/or an alternative saving needing to be identified.
- 5.2 It is important to stress that the assumptions built into the Budget for next year must be robust and deliverable. This is particularly so for savings proposals. The final level of Council Tax next year must be based on proposals that there can clearly be reasonable confidence over delivery.
- 5.3 The figures in Appendix 1 demonstrate that the proposals to deliver a Council Tax of 4.2% are potentially robust but further work needs to be undertaken before the further proposals to arrive at an increase of 3% can be considered as deliverable with any reasonable degree of confidence.

## **6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 6.1 2 rounds of Directorate meetings with Lead Members have been held to review savings proposals and bids for additional resources.
- 6.2 CET has considered the position on several occasions.
- 6.3 The budget proposals have been considered by all Scrutiny Committees and their comments were recorded as follows;

Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee – 24th January

Budget 2008 / 09

Resolved – that

(a) the following savings proposals are not supported by the Committee:-

- (i) Reduction of the Beach Lifeguard Service (£25K)
- (ii) Deletion of the post Active Lifestyles Officer post (£17K)
- (iii) Withdrawal of the Mobile Library Service (£18K)

(b) In light of the considerable pressure on education and culture and leisure service budgets, the Committee recommends that the Directorate's savings target be set at £200K.

(c) The Committee recommends that the Directorate's bid to replace Performance Incentive Grant funding (£71) be supported.

- 6.4 Comments made by Resources Scrutiny Committee on 17th January 2008 in respect of the budget 2008/09.

- 6.5 The Head of ICT reminded Members of the current drive for efficiency savings within the organisation together with the use of remote e-working – both of which provided additional work for his department. Those tasks had put additional pressure on members of his staff who already had a full workload. In acknowledging the Authority's present day reliance on ICT, the Chair asked whether additional funding could be found for the department.
- 6.6 During the ensuing discussion Members were in agreement that, as the services provided by the Legal Department had an impact on all other departments within the Authority, members recommended that the need for the additional posts requested by the County Clerk should be supported and that Cabinet should provide what support it could to the prioritised posts based on a risk assessment.
- 6.7 Members subsequently considered the pressures/growth in the Lifelong Learning Directorate for 2008/09 and made the following particular observations –
- 6.8 Bodelwyddan Castle, Llangollen and Rhyl Pavilions – concern at the impact a cut in subsidy would have on all three premises
- 6.9 In view of the considerable funding required to address the issues highlighted by the Estyn Inspection, Members were concerned at the impact such funding would have on non statutory services
- 6.10 Comments of the Environment Scrutiny Committee – 7th January
- 6.11 Serious concerns regarding the significant backlog of Health and Safety measures and repair and maintenance within the Council's portfolio of buildings. Serious concerns regarding the level of revenue budget for highways maintenance, as one of the Council's priorities. Support for continuing the provision of the service for Animal Licensing and Welfare. The Committee suggested that DEFRA be requested to confirm funding of the service for 2008 / 09 and subsequent years. Loss of LABGI funding –Members expressed concern regarding the loss of LABGI funding (£50K) and the possible impact on the convergence programme.

Social Service & Housing – 10th January

RESOLVED that the Committee

- (a) notes the high level of savings identified against targets achieved by the Social Services and Housing Directorate and supports the proposed allocation of revenue underspend from its 2007/2008 budget towards next year's service pressures,
- (b) recommends against making further savings from the Directorate's budget above those already identified owing to the impact additional savings would have on essential service delivery, and
- (c) strongly supports the Directorate's bid for funding for the prioritized demographic and statutory pressures, as contained in table 1 of appendix 2 to the report.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

- 7.1 The level of resources available and the cost effectiveness of service delivery, impacts upon all the services of the Council.

## **8 ACTION PLAN**

- 8.1 Final proposals, adjusted in the light of any changes agreed by Cabinet on 29 January, to Cabinet 5 February.

Cabinet recommendations to Full Council 12 February.

Council to set Council Tax resulting from above programme 26 February.

## **9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 That Members review the budget proposals for 2008/09 in the light of the final WAG settlement.
- 9.2 That Members indicate whether they support the updated savings proposals made by services in Appendix 3, the latest proposals in Appendix 1 for additional resources in response to anticipated service pressures and the further potential cuts that have been identified.
- 9.3 That Members indicate whether they still wish to propose a council tax increase of 3% for 2008-09.
- 9.4 That Members note the need for significant further efficiency savings and cost reductions/cuts in future financial years, in the light of the poor settlement from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****APPENDIX 1 Page 1****BUDGET SCENARIOS 2008/9**

	£000
<b>1. Base Budget 2007/8</b>	<b>159,579</b>
2. Adjustments to base	
- provisional estimate of inflation including pay awards 2.45%, generic goods 0%, energy 20%	4,139
Employer's pension contributions	415
3. Transfers from specific grants	1,035
3. Service pressures agreed       Estyn/PWC response	700
4. Committed changes inc no of school transport days	300
Landfill Tax inc	200
Equal Pay	-650
Scala/Health & Safety	97
LABGI	-150
5. Additional WAG funding       Increasing Court Costs	70 ( 35K C.Clerk35kSocServices)
6. Savings Lifelong Learning (target £776k)	-292
Environment       (target £531k)	-317
Social Services & Housing (target £775k)	-675
Resources       (target £148k)	-180
County Clerk       (target £34k)	-34
Corporate       (target £237k)	-242
Performance Incentive Grant	-295
Use of Firefighters Pension costs reserve	-50
7. Additional Resources - Lifelong Learning	750
Environment	355
Social Services & Housing	500
Resources	30
County Clerk	43
Prudential Borrowing	150
<b>Sub Total (see Appendix 2 for details)</b>	<b>165,478</b>
8. Funding WAG	129,294
<b>Balance funded through Council Tax</b>	<b>36,184      Increase of 5.5%</b>

**APPENDIX 1 Page 2**

<b>POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FURTHER SAVINGS TO REDUCE COUNCIL TAX</b>	<b>£000</b>	
<b>a) Deliverable options</b>		
1. Vacancy control procedure	350	
2. Bring travel saving up to 10% target	50	
3. Energy useage reductions	40	
<b>POTENTIAL COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>35,744</b>	<b>+4.2%</b>
<b>b) Less deliverable options and proposals awaiting clarification</b>		
4. Further Vacancy Control Savings	150	
5. Additional proposals from Lifelong Learning	110	
6. Increase Car Park charges in light of increases by other N Wales Councils.	110	
7. School Crossing Patrol conversions	10	
8. Increase of Fees & Charges - to be further reviewed	?	
9. Review Vehicle fleet costs - to be reviewed.	?	
<b>POTENTIAL COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>35,364</b>	<b>+3.1%</b>

**It is clear that to reduce Council Tax further would require radical actions that probably would not be capable of impacting until after 2008/9. These might include closure of facilities and reduction of Public Realm spend.**

## DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## 1. Draft Budget Requirement 2008/9 to 2012/13

## APPENDIX 2 Page 1

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	Budget 2007/8	Provisional Inflation 2008/9	Employer's increased pension costs	Transfers into RSG	Committed Changes 2008/9	New WAG funding	Service Pressure & Growth	Agreed Savings	Projected Budget 2008/9	Inflation 2.7%	Committed Changes 2009/10	Service Pressure 2009/10	Projected Budget 2009/10
Lifelong Learning - Schools budgets	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
- Other Education	50,344	1,369	63	780			290 (7)	0	52,846	1,427		290 (5)	54,563
- Culture & Leisure	12,602	394	18	4			1,460 (8/9)	-23 (4)	14,455	390			14,845
- Corporate services	7,072	195	38		40 (2)			-267 (4)	7,078	191			7,269
387	6	1						-2 (4)	392	11			403
Environment	21,755	593	103	104	-93 (2)		555 (10)	-317 (4)	22,700	613			23,313
Social Services & Housing Resources	38,067	974	131	147		35	500	-675 (4)	39,179	1,058	200 (1)		40,437
County Clerk	6,549	149	50				30	-180 (4)	6,598	178			6,776
	1,387	38	11			35	43	-34 (4)	1,480	40			1,520
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Corporate	138,163	3,718	415	1,035	-53	70	2,878	-1,498	144,728	3,908	0	490	149,126
Fire/Sea Fisheries levies	3,515	286					0 (5)	-774 (4)	3,027	82		0 (4)	3,109
Capital Finance/Interest received	4,212	135				0			4,347	130	0		4,478
Contingency for Single Status *	10,882	0					150 (5)	-203 (4)	10,829	0	150 (2)	0 (4)	10,979
Inflation	2,207	0					-650 (6)		1,557	0			1,557
Contribution to Reserves	0	0					0		0	0			0
Further Efficiency Savings *	600	0				0			600	0			600
	0	0							0		-1,450 (3)		-1,450
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<b>2. Level of Funding</b>													
W A G funding	125,355	2,665		1,035		70			129,125	2,583			131,708
Deprivation grant	169								169	5			174
Use of reserves	0								50	50			50
LABGI	300				-300 (2)				0				0
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Council Tax yield	125,824	2,665	0	1,035	-300	70	0	50	129,344	2,588	0	0	131,931
33,755	1,474	415			247		2,378	-2,525	35,744	1,532	-1,300	490	36,466
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\* Note : to be apportioned over service budgets

Increased Council Tax collection 5.9%

RSG  
NNDR

Bills increase

4.2%

%

£k

0

-53

0

150

150

290

410

300

Increase Council Tax collection

2%

RSG  
NNDR

2.0%

%

£k

200

150

0

0

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0

290

Notes :

- 1 Reduced Supporting People grant
- 2 Full year effect of Scala & Envir pressure less LABGI
- 3 Effect of Capital Plan
- 4 Further Efficiency Savings
- 5 Potential funds for pressures and Prudential Borrowing
- 6 Equal pay impact reduction
- 7 Phased increase for Secondary Schools
- 8 ESTYN initial response
- 9 Additional schools transport days

1. Reduced Supporting People grant
2. Effect of Capital Plan
3. Further Efficiency Savings
4. Potential funds for pressures/growth and further Prudential Borrowing
5. Phased increase for Secondary Schools resulting from PWC report

10 Landfill Tax

200

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	Budget 2009/10	Inflation 2.7%	Committed Changes 2010/11	Service Pressure & Growth	Projected Budget 2010/11		Inflation 2.7%	Committed Changes 2011/12	Service Pressure & Growth	Projected Budget 2011/12	Inflation 2.7%	Committed Changes 2012/13	Service Pressure & Growth	Projected Budget 2012/13		
Lifelong Learning - Schools budgets																
- Other Education	54,563	1,473			56,036	1,513				57,549	1,554				59,103	
- Culture & Leisure	14,845	401			15,246	412				15,658	423				16,081	
- Corporate services	7,269	196			7,465	202				7,667	207				7,874	
Environment	403	11			413	11				425	11				436	
Social Services & Housing	23,313	629		500 (2)	24,442	660		500 (2)	25,602	691		?			26,294	
Resources	40,437	1,092		350 (1)	41,879	1,131		480 (1)	43,489	1,174		?			44,664	
County Clerk	6,776	183			6,959	188			7,147	193					7,340	
	1,520	41			1,561	42			1,603	43					1,646	
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Corporate	149,126	4,026	0	850	154,002	4,158	0	980	159,140	4,297	0	0			163,437	
Fire/Sea Fisheries levies	3,109	84		200 (6)	3,393	92			3,484	94					3,578	
Capital Finance/Interest received	4,478	134			4,612	138			4,751	143					4,893	
Contingency for Single Status*	10,979	0		150 (3)	11,129	0		150 (3)	11,279	0		150 (3)			11,429	
Inflation	1,557	0	0		1,557	0	950 (5)		2,507	0	550 (5)				3,057	
Contribution to Reserves	0	0			0	0			0	0					0	
Further Efficiency Savings *	600	0	-600 (5)		0	0			0	0					0	
	-1,450	0	0	-1,200 (4)	-2,650	0	-950 (4)	-1,800 (4)	-5,400	0	-550 (4)	-870 (4)			-6,820	
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	168,398	4,244	-600	0	172,043	4,388	0	-670	175,761	4,533	0	-720			179,574	
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<b>2. Level of Funding</b>																
W A G funding	131,708	2,898			134,605	2,961				137,566	3,026				140,593	
Deprivation grant	174	5			179	5			185	6					190	
	50				50				50						50	
	0				0				0						0	
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Council Tax yield	131,931	2,903	0	0	134,834	2,967	0	0	137,801	3,032	0	0			140,833	
	36,466	1,341	-600	0	37,207	1,421		-670	37,956	1,501		-720			38,738	
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	168,398	4,244	-600	0	172,043	4,388	0	-670	175,761	4,533	0	-720			179,574	
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\* Note : to be apportioned over service budgets

	Increase Council Tax collector RSG	2%		Increase Council Tax collector RSG	2%		Increase Council Tax collector RSG	2%
	RSG	2.2%		NNDR	2.2%		NNDR	2.2%
1. Reduced Supporting People grant	350		1. Reduced Supporting People grant	480		1. Reduced Supporting People grant	0	
2. Waste management cost increases	500		2. Waste management cost increases	500		2. Waste management cost increases	0	
3. Effect of Capital Plan	150		3. Effect of Capital Plan	150		3. Effect of Capital Plan	150	
4. Further Efficiency Savings	-1200		4. Further Efficiency Savings	-2750		4. Further Efficiency Savings	-1420	
5. 3 yr contributions to balances completed	-600		5. Impact of Pay & Grading review	950		5. Impact of Pay & Grading review	550	
6. Potential funds for pressures/growth	200							

<u>DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u>					
<u>2008/9 BUDGET SETTING PROCESS</u>				<u>APPENDIX 3</u>	
Details of savings proposals		Proposal		Staffing element inc	Travel cost reduction
		£000		£000	£000
<u>ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE</u> <u>(target £531k).</u>			:		
<u>A. Efficiency Saving proposals</u>			:		
<b>1. Service-All Departments</b>			:		
i) Reduce staffing levels in workforce reduction plan. Directorate restructure following departure of a number of senior officers		170	:	170	
ii) e-working and continued property rationalisation £50K target	)		:		
iii) reduction in staff travel – 10% £38K (target 07/08)	)		:		
iv) Improved sickness absence management in Environment	)	50	:	0	15
v) implementation of internal business process re-engineering net of costs £20K	)		:		
vi) Produce an Energy Efficiency Policy £10k directorate saving	)		:		
		<b>220</b>	:		
<b>2. Service-Transport &amp; Infrastructure</b>			:		
i) Passenger Transport – conversion of St Asaph bus service to taxi		<b>16</b>	:		
			:		
<b>3. Service-Environmental Services</b>			:		
i) Street Lighting - stop night-time inspections		7	:	7	
ii) Street Lighting - increased fees & charges		5	:		
iii) CCTV - reductions in overtime working		6	:	6	
iv) Cemeteries - increase charges by 15%		3	:		
v) Closure of Llangollen CA Site		15	:	0	
		<b>36</b>	:		
<b>4. Service-Finance &amp; Performance</b>			:		
i) Reduction in cost of external audit of Objective 1 projects		<b>5</b>	:		
			:		
<b>Environment Directorate Total</b>		<b>277</b>	:		
			:		
<u>B. Other Savings proposals</u>			:		
<b>1. Service-Planning &amp; PP</b>			:		
i) Increase Development Control income		15	:		
ii) Increase Licensing income		5	:		
iii) Reduce Contaminated Land budget		5	:		
		<b>25</b>	:		
<b>2. Service-Transport &amp; Infrastructure</b>			:		
iv) Deletion of school crossing patrol		<b>5</b>	:	5	
			:		
<b>3. Service-Environmental Services</b>			:		
i) Public Conveniences – closure of old Golf Road toilets		<b>5</b>	:		
			:		
<b>4. Service-Finance &amp; Performance</b>			:		
i) Reduce supplies budgets		2	:		
ii) Renegotiate SLA with Flintshire for Joint Emergency Planning Unit		3	:		
		<b>5</b>	:		
			:		
<b>Total Other Savings</b>		<b>40</b>	:		
			:		
<b>Total Environment Directorate Savings</b>		<b>317</b>	:	<b>188</b>	<b>15</b>
			:	<b>(Target 167k</b>	<b>38k)</b>
			:		
<u>SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; HOUSING DIRECTORATE</u>			:		
<u>A. Efficiency Savings proposals</u>			:		
			:		

<b>1. Adult Services</b>			:		
i) Restructure day care provision.		37	:	0	
ii) Reduction in staffing budgets.		55	:	55	
iii) Joint Commissioning		40	:		
iv) Hospital Discharges Service ( <b>Older People</b> )		40	:	0	
v) Telecare Service ( <b>Older People</b> ). Wider introduction of electronic detection and other equipment into people's homes to delay/prevent more substantial care needs.		70	:	0	
vi) <b>Mental Health.</b> Relocation to Westbourne Avenue Rhyd will result in accommodation efficiencies.		10	:		
		<b>252</b>	:		
<b>2. Business Support &amp; Development</b>			:		
i) Reductions in stationery and printing costs		17	:		
ii) Staff savings		16	:	16	
iii) Staff Travelling		34	:		34
		<b>67</b>	:		
<b>3. Children &amp; Family Services</b>			:		
i) Reduce costs of placements for children looked after (none disabled)		78	:	0	
ii) Re-commission family centre services		90	:	0	
Other		50	:	50	
iii) Children's voluntary organisations		30	:	0	
		<b>248</b>	:		
<b>Directorate Efficiency Savings</b>		<b>567</b>	:		
<b>B. Other Savings proposals</b>			:		
<b>1. Adult Services</b>			:		
i) Extension of charges for mental health services.		30	:		
ii) Additional scope to charge for learning disability services due to introduction of AVSC.		40	:		
iii) Older people – running down of Llys Nant as part of the Extra Care development in Prestatyn.		30	:	23	
iv) Enhanced Keyring Scheme		8	:	0	
		<b>108</b>	:		
<b>Directorate Total Savings</b>		<b>675</b>	:	<b>144</b>	<b>34</b>
			:	(Target 212k	59k)
<b>RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>			:		
<b>1. Service – FINANCE</b>			:		
i) Revenues –			:		
a) reduced staffing level for systems reconciliation team		20	:	20	
b) increased fees from Bailiff's service		30	:		
ii) Benefits –			:		
a) reduced hours for processors and reception staff		26	:	26	
iii) Exchequer & Financial Accounting –			:		
a) reduced hours for technician post		10	:	10	
		<b>86</b>	:		
<b>2. Service - Customer Contact Centre</b>			:		
i) Processing fee from extension of Parking Fines scheme		12	:		
ii) Cash office changes		<b>10</b>	:		
<b>3. Service – Policy Unit</b>		<b>22</b>	:		
i) Reduced grade for vacant post		<b>10</b>	:	10	

ii) Freeze vacant post		<b>40</b>			
		<b>50</b>			
<b>4. Service – Personnel</b>			:		
i) Various		<b>12</b>	:		
			:		
<b>5. Service – General</b>			:		
i) Reduced travel costs		<b>10</b>	:		10
			:		
<b>Directorate Efficiency Savings</b>		<b>180</b>	:	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>
			:	(Target 81k	9k)
			:		
<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>			:		
			:		
<b>1. Service - Administration</b>			:		
i) Deletion of post in Administrative Support		<b>14</b>	:	<b>14</b>	
ii) Cessation of relocation expense costs		<b>20</b>	:		<b>20</b>
<b>County Clerks savings</b>		<b>34</b>	:	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>
			:	(Target 16k	2k)
<b>CORPORATE</b>			:		
			:		
i) Reduced External Audit fees following continued improvement in preparation of final grant claims.		<b>25</b>	:		
iii) Reduced Bank Charges following continuing move to direct debit payments		<b>14</b>	:		
		<b>39</b>	:		
			:		
<b>CAPITAL FINANCE &amp; INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			:		
i) Continued improved cash flow, investment returns and debt rescheduling		<b>202</b>	:		
			:		
<b>USE OF RESERVE FOR FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COSTS</b>		<b>50</b>	:		
			:		
<b>LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE</b>			:		
<b>1. Partnerships Inclusion &amp; School Improvement</b>			:		
i) Joint working re Mobility Officer		<b>3</b>	:	<b>3</b>	
ii) Review of use of Temporary Admin staff & other office efficiencies		<b>10</b>	:		
iii) Freezing of Partnership Manager post		<b>10</b>	:		
		<b>23</b>	:		
<b>2. Countryside and Leisure</b>			:		
i) Leisure Centre Water Efficiency Measures		<b>5</b>	:		
ii) Reduced travel costs		<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
iii) Leisure Vehicles reduction		<b>6</b>			
iv) Alternative service delivery (Countryside)		<b>7</b>			
v) Alternative service delivery (Barkby Beach Pitch & Put)		<b>5</b>			
vi) Alternative service delivery (East Parade Bowls)		<b>5</b>			
vii) Reduce beach Lifeguards		<b>25</b>			
viii) Cut Active Lifestyles officer post		<b>17</b>			
ix) Close Events Arena water feature		<b>2</b>			
x) Close Llantysilio Green Public Toilets		<b>3</b>			
		<b>78</b>	:		
<b>3. Corporate Communications</b>			:		
i) Reduction of staff costs		<b>2</b>	:	<b>2</b>	
			:		
<b>5. Tourism Heritage &amp; Culture</b>			:		
i) Historic houses reduced costs		<b>0</b>	:		
iii) Reduced support to outside bodies		<b>2</b>	:		
iv) Staffing restructure		<b>14</b>	:	<b>14</b>	
v) Library debtors system		<b>0</b>	:		
vi) Denbigh Castle		<b>2</b>	:		
vii) Delete Library post		<b>30</b>	:	<b>30</b>	
viii) Alternate delivery of Mobile Library Service		<b>18</b>			
ix) Reduction in staff hours at Denbigh Library/SOS		<b>9</b>			
x) Passport 1.5% savings to grant aided bodies		<b>4</b>			
xi) Reduction in funding to RIP		<b>3</b>			
xii) Reduction in funding to Pavilion Theatre		<b>4</b>			

xiii) Restructure T,H & C		13			
xiv) Reduce grant subsidy to Bod Cas. Pav Theatre, ECTARC & RIP		90			
		<b>189</b>	:		
<b>6. Schools Delegated budgets</b>		<b>0</b>	:		
<b>LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE TOTAL</b>		<b>292</b>	:	<b>49</b>	<b>3</b>
			:	(Target 214k	28k)
<b>PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT - REVISED DISTRIBUTION</b>		<b>295</b>			
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>2084</b>	:	<b>441</b>	<b>82</b>
			:	(Target 692k	136k)

**DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET SETTING 2008/09**

## Proposals for Lifelong Learning Directorate

### 2. Committed cost increases, (unavoidable, contractual or agreed as part of 2007/08 budget process)

Details of proposals	£000 2008/09	£000 2009/10	Impact on service if not agreed
<b>A. Estyn Related</b>			
Additional SEN & Behaviour Support	70		Work plans will not be implemented
Increase School Improvement Team	120		Work plans will not be implemented
LSA's and Behaviour Support Teachers	100		Work plans will not be implemented
Schools PWC Funding	290		Work plans will not be implemented
Policy & Performance posts	120		Work plans will not be implemented
	<b>700</b>		
<b>B. Education Transport.</b>			
Increase of 12 Operating days	302		Statutory service. Cannot cease transport leading to budget overspend
	<b>302</b>		
<b>C. Scala revenue budget (as agreed during 07/08 budget round)</b>			No matched funding for arms length trust
	<b>40</b>		
	<b>40</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,042</b>		

### 3. All other bids

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
P1	<p><b>Schools</b></p> <p><b>i) Reducing cover by secondary teachers</b></p> <p>By September 2009 all schools must ensure that teaching staff are required to cover for absent colleagues only under exceptional circumstances. At present such cover is widespread in secondary schools. To comply with the law schools will need to employ additional supply staff.</p> <p>Some funding to support workforce remodelling has already been allocated to schools but this was not sufficient, particularly in the context of school funding in Denbighshire, to implement the statutory obligations outlined above.</p> <p>The 2008/09 bid is the first phase of the funding needed to ensure compliance with statute and more efficient use of staff time. It will improve the situation but the phasing of the bids means that all schools may not achieve full compliance by September 2009.</p>	261	261	261	<p>A majority of the authority's secondary schools continue to rely on teachers to provide cover. Teachers may (and in some schools at least are likely to) refuse to cover for absent colleagues, resulting in some classes being left without suitable cover. Quite apart from the further legislative breaches and parental reaction this will induce, it will compromise performance improvements required by Estyn.</p> <p>Attempts to comply with statutory targets without adequate funding will continue to oblige schools to skew resource use in ways which compromise leadership and management functions designed to maintain and improve attainment.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p><b>ii) Providing time for lesson planning, preparation and pupil assessment</b>  Schools are required to provide at least 10% non teaching (PPA) time for teaching staff (in addition to time required for any leadership and management duties). Many primary schools do not comply or do so only by re-deploying staff inappropriately and inefficiently.</p> <p>Again, some funding to support workforce remodelling has already been allocated to schools to establish PPA time. It has helped but was not nearly sufficient to implement the 10% requirement.</p> <p>This 2008/09 bid is also the first phase of the funding needed to ensure compliance with statute and more efficient use of staff time. It will not be sufficient to ensure full compliance and eliminate all cases of inappropriate use of staff time.</p> <p><b>iii) Changes to the primary curriculum</b>  The entire 3 to 19 curriculum is undergoing change. Training to support whole-school and cross curricula aspects of that change is being funded through targeted grants available from</p>	199	199	199	<p>A considerable number of primary schools will continue to fail to comply with the 10% PPA requirement or achieve it only at the expense of other key tasks. Headteachers, for example, perform inappropriate roles such as cover and lunch time supervision.</p> <p>Attempts to comply with statutory targets without adequate funding will again oblige schools to skew resource use in ways which compromise leadership and management functions at primary level to the detriment of school performance.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p>the Better Schools Fund. BSF managers within the authority have emphasised that those grants are not intended or sufficient to support the further comprehensive change at KS 2 in 2008/09.</p> <p>This bid is designed to ensure that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) all KS 2 staff are competent to teach the new curriculum; and</li> <li>b) schools are able to purchase the new course materials associated with that revised curriculum.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>This would be a one-off allocation.</i></b></p> <p><b>iv) Changes to the secondary curriculum</b></p> <p>The Key Stage 4 curriculum is also undergoing significant change, again requiring substantial retraining of staff and the provision of new materials. BSF grants will impinge on and contribute to changes in the general approach to teaching and learning at KS4 and all other key stages but will not support the substantive training needed to ensure the class teachers are familiar with the new content of KS4 or have access to the new course materials schools will be obliged to use.</p> <p><b><i>This would also be a one-off allocation.</i></b></p>	133			<p>in end of key stage attainment scores.</p> <p>As with the change at KS2, schools have no option but to introduce the required curriculum changes. If new funding is not forthcoming, secondary schools will also be forced to fund the changes from within existing resources. Since the scope to redeploy resources is similarly limited at secondary level, the most likely outcome again is that schools will fail to provide adequate training and/or sufficient new course materials, with the same risk to end of key stage attainment scores.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p><b>v) New assessment requirements</b></p> <p>End of Key Stage Assessments at KS2 and KS3 will take place using teacher assessment only (rather than a combination of testing and assessment). Greater reliance on assessment means that teachers will now have to devote more time to it (Previously, test results form an important element).</p> <p>The new assessment regime will also see a change in moderation arrangements. Previously, the assessment process was externally moderated, with moderation being funded by the government. Schools are now required to arrange and undertake moderation either individually or in clusters. BSF grants will be available to train staff to perform their new assessment responsibilities (although there are question-marks over the sufficiency of those grants), but schools must now fund supply cover to enable teachers to perform moderation duties. This bid is to enable schools to fund such cover.</p>	98			<p>Schools will be in breach of statutory obligations if they do not undertake the additional assessment and moderation duties required of them.</p> <p>Attempting to fund these new duties from within existing budgets will undermine current provision and may oblige at least some schools to 'cut corners', leading to inaccurate assessments and unsafe moderation.</p>
	<p><b>vi) Ysgol Clawdd Offa</b></p> <p>Demand for school places in the Prestatyn area has prompted the</p>	51			<p>The additional costs will be funded by top-slicing the budgets of other primary schools.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p>opening of this new school. This opening is cost neutral in some respects (e.g. transfer of pupil-related funding) but generates additional expense in others (e.g. creation of a new Senior Management Team). This bid covers those additional costs. The additional costs may be cancelled out if and when savings materialise from any re-organisation of existing schools as part of the modernising agenda. Any such savings would not be generated next year.</p> <p><b>vii) Improving performance: providing adequate time for leadership and management</b></p> <p>Increased leadership time for senior staff in both primary and secondary schools is necessary to complement Estyn-related changes at authority level. As a consequence of the general shortfall in schools funding, schools cannot currently afford to allocate to senior managers the amount of dedicated non-teaching time commonly regarded as necessary to discharge leadership and management responsibilities.</p> <p>In addition to its direct impact on performance, this bid is also expected to produce a number of indirect benefits: improving staff morale, producing more efficient use of senior</p>	280	280	280	<p>Achieving significant improvements to performance will require concerted challenge to and development of current practice in schools. While the authority has a part to play in exerting such challenge and supporting such development, much of it must emanate from and be sustained by senior managers in schools.</p> <p>Current levels of leadership and management time severely constrain the ability of senior staff to focus on proactive developmental work. The focus will remain on 'fire-fighting' and attempting to simply sustain performance rather than moving forward and improving it.</p> <p>Sickness absence – resulting in part from de-motivated and over-worked staff – will continue to drain LA resources and hamper performance.</p> <p>The number and quality of applicants for senior posts in schools will remain cause for serious concern.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p>staff time, encouraging career progression and promoting more and stronger candidates for senior management posts.</p> <p>An increasing amount of leadership time entails LEA-school liaison regarding strategic (County level) and other issues. At present, this is funded either rarely, on an ad hoc basis, or not at all. Development of the LEA-schools partnership will depend on school leaders devoting even more time to such LEA-school liaison. This bid is designed to ensure that such liaison occurs without prejudice to leadership and performance within schools.</p> <p>Enhanced funding for cover and PPA time (Bids Di and Dii) will release leadership time in some schools. In so far as that occurs, the 2009/10 and 2010/11 elements of Ei will be adjusted down.</p> <p><b>viii) Improving performance: ensuring competency in classroom teaching</b></p> <p>Providing adequate in-service training for classroom teachers is fundamental to sustaining and improving standards. Schools currently depend on external grants (chiefly, the Better Schools Fund) which are subject to change and tightly controlled with regard to the</p>	65	65	65	<p>Given the general level of funding available to schools in Denbighshire, schools tend to devote considerably less time and funding to staff training and development than is required to ensure that all staff remain familiar with developments in techniques, approaches and materials in their subject areas/phases.</p> <p>At present, schools rely on the goodwill of staff to ensure they sustain their competence or bend the rules governing training-related grants. This does not constitute a tenable, sustainable</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	<p>training they support. Those grants are orientated primarily towards supporting whole school training related to topics such as ICT and inclusion. They are not intended to ensure that classroom teachers receive essential subject-related training (in maths, science etc). This bid is intended to ensure that subject teachers remain up to speed with good practice in their subject areas. As such, it does not overlap with the 'School improvement fund and training' bid put forward elsewhere by the LL Directorate which is intended to support the development of middle and senior managers in schools.</p> <p>This bid would enable secondary schools to send 2 members of staff from each department on one day's subject-related training per year and primary schools to send an average of 5 teachers on one day subject-related courses each year.</p> <p><b>ix) Achieving equitable funding</b></p> <p>The review of the mainstream funding formula identified specific funding pressures associated with Social Deprivation, small secondary schools, Welsh medium education and transient pupils. The case for additional funds was set out in detail during the formula review.</p>	198	198	198	<p>long term strategy for maintaining adequate levels of Continuous Professional Development in Denbighshire schools. The consequences of relying thus far on such an approach are evident.</p> <p>(NB This bid does not include training required by class support or other support staff in schools. As higher level teaching assistants and other support staff come to play an increasing part in the delivery of the curriculum and management of schools, so it will become increasingly necessary to provide comparable training for them. This will be the subject of a bid in next year's budget round)</p> <p>The current inequitable distribution of funds will continue, adversely affecting the performance of many schools and the ability of some to set and sustain viable budgets.</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	The SEN delegation formula for mainstream schools is expected to change in 2009/10. Delegation and management of SEN funds at school level will result in a more efficient and effective use of funds, but will require additional funding if the new system is to work. Bids elsewhere from the LLL Directorate are intended to support this transition, although further funding may be necessary.				
	<b>Schools Total</b>	<b>1435</b>			
P2	<b>Estyn Related – additional bids to meet the action plan</b>				
1.1	Attainment of pupils	40			Appoint KS2 Numeracy Officer
1.2	School Improvement Strategy	25			Training programme for experienced heads
		18			Middle management training programme
		55			Support programme for schools
		20			SOS programme
1.3	Improve attendance	120			Increase capacity for School Improvement Team
1.4	Reduce exclusions	61			Core funding for 3 ESW posts
1.5	Support for pupils with SEBD	100			Recruitment of 16 LSA's managed moves
1.7	Determine school entitlement to support	80			Recruitment of 2 Behaviour Support Teachers
2.1	Performance Management	15			Consultants fees to review ALN formula (One off)
		120			Appoint Business Change Manager & Programme Manager
		124			Core Fund Tim Data
		30			Software costs
3.4	Funding formula	70			SEN funding to schools to offset SEN pressure
3.5	Understanding funding decisions	40			Recruitment of new member of staff to support schools (LMS)

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	PWC funding in schools Total Less already committed	20 290 1228 700			team) Training costs for teachers/bursars/govenors
	<b>Additional bids required to meet action plan</b>	<b>528</b>			
P3	<b>Youth Service – previous Estyn inspection</b> New contributions to voluntary sector  Annual Grant contributions  Personal Support Project – Team Leader  School Youth Work – Raising Standards  Youth Centre HUB Youth Council Support Workers  Rhuddlan Information Shop  Corwen Centre  Increase Capacity from core Budget	0  38  46  67  0  0  0  32			Identified within Estyn YPP.  PAGS funded  WAG funding of £220k through 14-19 Network, dependent on future LA funding being secured  WAG funding of £220k through 14-19 Network, dependent on future LA funding being secured  1 additional worker each year to build up capacity within the statutory Youth Service as identified within the Estyn YPP.  Shop at risk of closure if not funded. Information identified within Estyn YPP.  Match funding towards external funding for Healthy living centre.  To support School holiday programmes, Welsh culture youth work, Accreditation of achievements, Work with young people with disabilities, Use of Basic Skills and Welsh in social

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
					settings, International Forum/Global Citizenship, Youth For a, identified within Estyn YPP
	<b>Youth Service Total</b>	<b>183</b>			
P4	<b>Tourism, Heritage &amp; Culture</b> <b>i) Bodelwyddan Castle</b> Increase in grant aid to compensate for loss of rental revenue to BC due to possible purchase of freehold by Warner Hotels Group (£1m capital receipt to DCC)	60			Would threaten the viability of Bodelwyddan Castle Trust (additional 60k could come from interest accruing from capital receipt of £1m)
	<b>Tourism, Heritage &amp; Culture Total</b>	<b>60</b>			
P5	<b>Countryside &amp; Leisure</b> <b>i) Loss of PAG Funding:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP Exercise Referral Scheme (£31k)</li> <li>• Health Walking Schemes (£20k)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Officer/NERC Act Duties (£20k)</li> </ul> The loss of PAGS funding is the single biggest pressure facing Countryside and Leisure Services in 2008-09. Much has been achieved over the last 4 years which would be lost if funding did not continue	71			<p>The three areas currently receiving PAG's grant will either stop or be substantially reduced. Potential redundancies are involved.</p> <p>The Council has been awarded WAG funding (£62k 07/08, £107k 08/09) to participate in a 3 year all Wales trial to evaluate the clinical value of GP Exercise Referral Schemes. However, withdrawal of the PAG funding will result in stopping our well established existing self referral schemes at Rhyl, Prestatyn, Corwen and Llangollen leisure centres, and a reduction in the number of fitness suite based staff delivering our current exercise programmes.</p> <p>Failure to compensate for the loss of walking scheme funding will effectively stop a number of successful programmes (Let's Walk Denbighshire, 'Footloose', Walkfit and Workfit). These</p>

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
					<p>are also part funded by other external grant (SCW) which would be lost by failure to match fund.</p> <p>The GP exercise referral and walking schemes impact directly on the Council's Vision – "people will ... be fully aware of the benefits of taking regular exercise, and more adults and young people will participate in sport and physical activity". Withdrawal of funding will particularly impact on workplace health (the schemes helped Denbighshire attain Silver Corporate Health Standard) and the most deprived areas of the County where most of this work is focussed to help reduce health inequalities. The Council's commitment to tackling issues as obesity and other public health problems arising from low physical activity rates (see HSCWB Strategy, Climbing Higher, etc) will also be reduced</p> <p>The NERC Act 2006 places a new statutory duty on local authorities in respect of conserving biodiversity. The duty impacts on all areas of the Council, not just Countryside Services. The need to enhance capacity in this area was recognised 4 years ago with a PAG allocation to support our Biodiversity Officer, but this need has increased significantly since the NERC Act. Failure to implement new statutory duty could possibly result in legal challenge. Post also part funded by external grant which would be lost by failure to match fund. Detrimental impact on the Council's Vision – "we will celebrate and respect the diversity of our county, and...make sure that any actions we take protect the environment", and a failure to commit to the Council's Sustainable Development Strategy.</p>
	<b>ii) Drift Park Pool, Play Area and Amphitheatre</b> Operation of new facilities with no	37			To balance budgets it will be necessary to reduce the service provided at the Drift Park (pool opening hours, repairs and maintenance, events, etc) and/or reduce or cut other leisure

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	additional budget. The new Drift Park enjoyed a good first season, particularly the new pool, amphitheatre and play area, all of which are extensively used by both visitors and local people.				services to compensate. Detimental impact on the Council's Vision to "attract more visitors throughout the year"
	<b>iii) Park Attendants</b> Improving the cleanliness and appearance of our public places has been a council priority for some years. Some of the most popular and visible public spaces are our parks in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Denbigh, Ruthin and Llangollen. This proposal involves the appointment of seasonal park attendants to supplement the basic service provided by Environmental Services at peak times (April – Sept). The attendants would patrol the parks, interact with visitors and users, carry out some enforcement duties (eg litter and dog fouling), help to develop local volunteer groups, and deliver events and other small improvement schemes. A number of Town Councils have expressed a real interest in partnership funding to help us deliver this scheme.	20			Continued complaints about the cleanliness and appearance of parks and anti social behaviour and vandalism.  Failure to capitalise on funding which would be made available by Town Councils for this initiative.
	<b>iv) Leisure Centre Booking System</b> Introduction of an e-booking and management information system for all 7 leisure centres. A joint review is currently underway by ICT and Leisure	25			Failure to engage with the e-government agenda. Maintain inefficient management information systems.

Priority	Details of proposals	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Comments
	to identify the best option, which should be concluded early next year.				
	<b>Countryside &amp; Leisure Total</b>	<b>153</b>			

**APPENDIX 4 (b)**

**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

**PRESSURES/GROWTH 2008/9**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Details of proposals</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>Impact on service if not agreed</b>
<b>Committed from 2007/08 Budget Round</b>				
	Environment al Services	H & S bid from 07/08 budget round	12	
	Environment al Services	CCTV – shortfall from 07/08 budget	20	
	Development Services	H & S bid from 07/08 budget round	25	
<b>Inflationary Pressures</b>				
	Environment al Services	Street Lighting – energy costs	23	Energy increase forecast – latest prediction between 10.8% and 14% rise. Actual rise to be confirmed in December
	Transport & Infrastructure	Passenger Transport - impact of increased fuel and insurance costs plus external contractors costs likely to cause an above inflation rise	14	
	Transport & Infrastructure	Increased fuel costs affecting bitumen prices	10	
<b>Priorities</b>				
1	Environment al Services	Refuse Collection & Disposal – procurement costs – residual waste disposal	250 to 500	The wide range is due to a) uncertainty over number of L.A.'s participating in the process and b) uncertainties over the levels of extra WAG funding via grants
2	Planning & PP	HMO PIG funding lost	70	Team reduced to very lower numbers
3	Planning & PP	Need for Section 106 Obligations Officer to ensure development contributions are maximised	35	Spend to save bid if funding available

<b>4</b>	Development Services	Loss LABGI funding	50	Loss of staff, reduction in regeneration activity and the ability to draw down match funding
<b>5</b>	Environmental Services	To improve public realm service – new response team (North)	75	Likely that one of the Council's priority areas will be "downgraded"
<b>6</b>	Environmental Services	To improve public realm service – new response team (South)	75	Likely that one of the Council's priority areas will be "downgraded"
<b>7</b>	Environmental Services	Provision of rural bring sites	24	Running costs associated with the provision of a further 6 rural bring sites
<b>8</b>	Planning & PP	DEFRA funding for Animal Licensing & Welfare not confirmed for 08/09 and subsequent years	150	Service no longer possible
<b>9</b>	Transport & Infrastructure	Street works - costs relating to charity events which affect the highway	20	In the past these costs have been covered by the Council but decision needed from Members as to whether the organisers of events should be required to pay these costs.
<b>10</b>	Environmental Services	Dee Valley CA site (extra running costs)	15	Carrog CA site is under pressure from the E.A. (exemption given until 03/09. Llangollen CA site has already closed. New site needs to be double manned to improve recycling rates. Capital bid will also be required
<b>11</b>	Environmental Services	Waste disposal – extra 230 households approx	25	
<b>12</b>	Transport & Infrastructure	Structures Group – use of new Code of Practice	30	Code of Practice for Bridge Assessments came into force in 2005 and needs to be adhered to. This puts greater emphasis on inspections and any resultant remedial works.
<b>13</b>	Development Services	Nantclwyd House	25	Extending the opening for a longer period in 08/09 will result in a budget pressure

## APPENDIX 4 (c)

### SOCIAL SERVICES & HOUSING DIRECTORATE

#### Prioritised Pressures 2008/9

**Table 1 Prioritised Demographic & Statutory Pressures**

	<b>Area</b>	<b>Pressure</b>	<b>£'000</b>
1	Learning Disability	Demographic Growth	646
2	Housing - Homelessness	Removal of Grants	27
3	Older People (i)	Demographic Growth	363
4	Recruitment & Retention	Removal of Grant	47
5	Children's Services (ii)	Placements for Disabled Children	130
6	Mental Health	Demographic Growth	199
7	Physical Disability	Demographic Growth	242
8	Older People	Advocacy Services	25
9	Learning Disability	Implement New Strategy	100
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,779</b>

(i) Note implications of the Vale of Glamorgan ruling have become more immediate with indications other councils are allowing big increases in fees to mitigate the risk of challenge.

(ii) Bid has been reduced by £70k from original paper in October.

**Table 2 Prioritised Service Development & Growth Bids**

	<b>Area</b>	<b>Pressure</b>	<b>£'000</b>
1	Physical Disability	Work Connections Grant Funding Ends	60
2	Physical Disability Stores	Funding for Project Manager ends before project goes live	35
3	Business Support	Project Manager for PARIS	40
4	Cefndy Enterprises	Investment in R&D	75
5	Housing Strategy (iii)	Collaboration Projects	13
6	Business Support	Mobile Working Devices	15
		<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>

(iii) Housing bid has been reduced by £25k from the original as external funding for empty homes initiative secured

**Table 3 Prioritised Corporate Bids**

	<b>Area</b>	<b>Pressure</b>	<b>£'000</b>
1	Child Protection	Training programme to comply with Children Act 2004.	25
2	N Wales Race Equality Network (iv)	Development of a drop-in centre in Denbighshire	17
		<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

(iv) This is a new bid added since the last meeting

The total pressures bid are therefore £2.193m.

**APPENDIX 4 (d)**

**DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET SETTING 2008/09**

**Proposals for RESOURCES Directorate**

**D. Service development and growth**

<b>Details of proposals</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>Impact on service if not agreed</b>
<b>1. Service – FINANCE</b>		
i) Increased capacity within Education Finance Team in response to Estyn report. To be bid for as part of the overall response.	(40)	To be included in overall bid for response to ESTYN report as part of the Lifelong Learning bids.
ii) Increase capacity within Procurement and Project Management teams to deliver Efficiency Strategy targets. Graduate appointments proposed.	(25)	To be funded from savings delivered.
	25	
	25	
<b>2. Service - ICT</b>		
i) Increase Business Process Analysis staffing by 1 additional post and provide a Technical Analyst to deliver Homeworking, in response to Efficiency Strategy targets.	70	
	70	
<b>3. Service – Customer Care</b>		
i) Web site editor	30	
	30	
<b>4. Service – Personnel</b>		
i) Additional post & increase part time post to full time to support sickness management	52	
	52	
<b>Directorate Total</b>	<b>177</b>	

**DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET SETTING 2008/09**

**Proposals for COUNTY CLERK'S Directorate**

**E. Demographic & Statutory pressures, (may be allowed for within WAG settlement)**

<b>Details of proposals</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>Impact on service if not agreed</b>
<b>3. Service Legal – Planning and Highways</b>		
i) Legal Officer – Highways (S02)	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backlog of traffic orders           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• major road safety implications and loss of revenue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Backlog of Definitive Map and public rights of way           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• failure to comply with statutory duty and time limits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Backlog of S106 Agreements           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significant risk of unauthorised developments</li> <li>• significant risk of losing planning gain – roads, schools, regeneration monies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New legislation e.g. Commons Act 2006 with statutory requirement to produce a new Register           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inability to deal will result in breach of statutory duty.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Flood Alleviation Schemes           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• high risk of compensation claims and land related issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	36	
<b>2. Service Legal - Conveyancing</b>		
i) Legal Officer – Conveyancing (S01 – S02)	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of capacity to deal with the increasing number of land related transactions           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serious detrimental affect on ability to meet corporate objective to sell £3m of surplus land and buildings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ii) Trainee Legal Executive Conveyancing (Sc4 – S01)	32	

		<p>by 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>poor management of DCC's land and property holdings</li> <li>critical delays in completing leases leading to loss of income.</li> </ul>
	68	
<b>1. Service Legal – Litigation / Employment / Contracts</b>		
i) Solicitor – Contracts and Corporate Governance (P03)	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed in principle as part of 2007/08 budget process but only 50% of £150k bid received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>failure to update Contract Procedure Rules / Constitution - high risk of being open to challenge through the courts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ii) Solicitor – Contracts (2 year fixed term) P03	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freedom of Information/DPA requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>significant risk of challenge from Information Commissioner/Audit Commissioner, Judicial Reviews and maladministration claims.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Multi-million pound contracts not negotiated in best interests of DCC.</li> <li>Contractual flaws place DCC in high risk position if contractors default.</li> <li>Procurement unit operating without benefit of appropriate legal support.</li> <li>External fees incurred increasing cost to DCC.</li> <li>High value contracts require consideration of European legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>open to challenge through the courts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
iii) Solicitor – Litigation P03	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing volume of prosecutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>failure to achieve corporate objectives (public realm) includes dog fouling, littering, counterfeiting and environmental</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>failure to maintain tough stance on offences which materially affect DCC's image</li> <li>unable to support Community Safety Team (new).</li> <li>Increasing volume of employment work           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increased disciplinary / capability if lack of appropriate legal advice at early stage</li> <li>high risk of compensation payouts</li> <li>high risk areas – disability, sex and race discriminating increasing – leading to compromise agreements and large pay offs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Single Status Issues           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>high risk / high value area</li> <li>risk of claims, compensation packages.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4. Service.....	129
i)	
ii)	
iii)	
<b>Directorate Total</b>	<b>238</b>

**DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET SETTING 2008/09**

Proposals for **CORPORATE BUDGETS**

**F. Service development and growth**

<b>Details of proposals</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>Impact on service if not agreed</b>
<b>1. Service</b>		
i) Continue with and increase level of physiotherapy costs to enable swift return to work.	23	
	<b>23</b>	
<b>2. Service - Members</b>		
i) Provision of Broadband inc Citrix	10	
ii)		
iii)	10	
<b>3. Service Corporate Training</b>		
i) CRB training requirement	25	
ii)		
iii)	25	
<b>4. Service.....</b>		
i)		
ii)		
<b>Directorate Total</b>	<b>58</b>	

**PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT 2008/9****APPENDIX 5****Base Budget position 2007/8**

Service	Current level of grant £k	--Suggested treatment---	
		Element retained £k	Element reduced £k
Countryside	25		25
Sports Development	15		15
Corwen LS	9		9
Rhyl LS	9		9
Prestatyn LS	3		3
Denbigh LS			
Llangollen LS	9		9
Secondary schools delegated	262	262	0
Special Schools delegated	13	13	0
Adult Education	31		31
Youth service	40	<b>36</b>	4
ICT/Call centre	80	80	0
HR trainees	47		47
Food safety	48	<b>40</b>	8
Housing enforcement	86	86	0
Envir man & performance	16		16
Non Princ Rds maintenance	54		54
Soc Servcies admin	47		47
Children's social workers	98	<b>80</b>	18
Homelessness	134	134	0
Spare provision	18	<b>18</b>	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>295</b>

**NOTE**

Detail to be reviewed when final confirmation of WAG requirements is received.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** **COUNCILLOR J A SMITH  
LEAD MEMBER FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT,  
COMMUNICATIONS AND PERSONNEL**

**DATE:** **29<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**SUBJECT:** **ROUTINE REPORTING ON PERSONNEL**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

- 1.1 For Members to note the enclosed report on staff headcount.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

- 2.1. This is an updated monthly report on employee data (appendix A). The monthly gross pay statistics which is a summary of the payments made to employees of Denbighshire County Council each month, and the number of jobs which have contributed to that expenditure remains in the report. Excluded from those figures are payments relating to refund of expenses, such as traveling and subsistence. The figures demonstrate the expenditure on salaries and the number of paid posts within the Authority excluding members. A summary of leavers details is contained on the top of the third page of Appendix a.

- 2.2 A list showing the breakdown of starters is attached (appendix B).

Graphs showing the corporate sickness absence position since April 2006 are attached (appendix C). Last years data has been left on the graphs so a monthly comparison can be made with last year. There is a downward trend this month, which mirrors 06/07. However sickness levels overall remain consistently higher than last year. This month Resources and Lifelong learning have recorded lower sickness levels than the same period in 2006/07, with Environment and Social Services recording higher levels. In addition, two extra graphs have been added one showing the "actual" number of days lost and one showing "short term versus long term" sickness absence. Long term sickness equates for more absence than short term sickness.

- 2.3 The Full Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers and the payments made to employees as described in 2.1 with comparison from 2006/07 and 2007/08, are also attached. (Appendix D)

- 2.4 Appendix E shows the breakdown by department of Agency Staff.

**3 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1. Section III of the Local Government Act 1972

#### **4 COST IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. There are no significant cost implications associated with the preparation of this information.
- 4.2. Additional costs are involved in the implementation of the payroll system and also in developing the interface between the time recording system and the HR system.

#### **5 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

- 5.1 Payroll costs are one of the largest costs faced by the Council and therefore any further actions to monitor and control expenditure are beneficial.

#### **6 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 6.1. The headcount information has been prepared by the Central Personnel team directly from the HR system and discussed by the Corporate Directors.

#### **7 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

- 7.1. No direct implication on any corporate policy.
- 7.2. The Vision – being able to deliver the Vision depends on having the right number of staff in the right jobs.

#### **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1. Members note the information considered in this report.

**Overall Council Position**

Establish't	SS&H				LL				ENV						
	Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost		Overall Percentage Absence	Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost		Overall Percentage Absence	Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost		Overall Percentage Absence
			Per Employee	Absence				Per Employee	Absence				Per Employee	Absence	
Nov 2006	783	712	1.17	5.31	2332	1977	0.91	4.40	953	832	0.85	3.88			
Dec	794	717	0.64	3.35	2338	1930	0.69	3.94	960	823	0.85	4.47			
Jan 2007	797	717	1.31	5.98	2321	1888	1.04	5.19	958	744	1.27	5.77			
Feb	803	721	1.31	6.53	2316	1872	1.01	5.91	958	744	1.23	6.14			
Mar	809	729	1.13	5.14	2324	1897	1.04	4.73	959	752	1.19	5.41			
Apr	812	710	1.20	6.31	2326	1905	0.66	4.24	948	743	1.02	5.30			
May	814	712	1.25	5.96	2324	1902	1.00	5.10	946	738	1.05	5.53			
June	823	718	1.41	6.70	2336	1915	0.60	2.89	961	746	1.11	5.31			
July	826	720	1.32	6.01	2353	1935	0.78	4.17	967	752	1.22	5.53			
Aug	825	721	1.15	5.23	2352	1936	0.46	2.07	955	742	1.16	5.28			
Sept	822	716	1.00	4.98	2395	1951	0.66	3.40	953	740	1.02	5.11			
Oct	825	723	1.40	6.09	2412	1973	1.00	4.63	951	741	1.50	6.31			
Nov	815	712	1.81	8.24	2422	1982	0.82	3.90	950	738	1.40	6.44			
Dec	816	711	1.36	7.16	2448	2002	1.00	5.79	953	738	1.00	5.26			

**Rolling Average**

Nov 2006	783	712	1.17	5.31	2332	1977	0.91	4.40	953	832	0.85	3.88		
Dec	789	714	0.91	4.33	2335	1953	0.80	4.17	957	828	0.85	4.18		
Jan 2007	791	715	1.04	4.88	2330	1932	0.88	4.51	957	800	0.99	4.71		
Feb	794	717	1.11	5.29	2327	1917	0.91	4.86	957	786	1.05	5.07		
Mar	797	719	1.11	5.26	2326	1913	0.94	4.83	958	779	1.08	5.13		
Apr	800	718	1.13	5.44	2326	1912	0.89	4.74	956	773	1.07	5.16		
May	802	717	1.14	5.51	2326	1910	0.91	4.79	955	768	1.07	5.21		
June	804	717	1.18	5.66	2327	1911	0.87	4.55	955	765	1.07	5.23		
July	807	717	1.19	5.70	2330	1913	0.86	4.51	957	764	1.09	5.26		
Aug	809	718	1.19	5.65	2332	1916	0.82	4.26	957	762	1.10	5.26		
Sept	810	718	1.17	5.59	2338	1919	0.80	4.19	956	760	1.09	5.25		
Oct	811	718	1.19	5.63	2344	1923	0.82	4.22	956	758	1.12	5.34		
Nov	814	718	1.24	5.88	2352	1924	0.81	4.18	956	750	1.17	5.55		
Dec	816	718	1.30	6.19	2361	1930	0.84	4.34	955	743	1.18	5.62		

**Starters/Leavers - December 2007**

Please see attached breakdown on starters and leavers

Please note that the figures contained within this report may differ from previous reports as the data is changing on a daily basis as HR staff input working hours

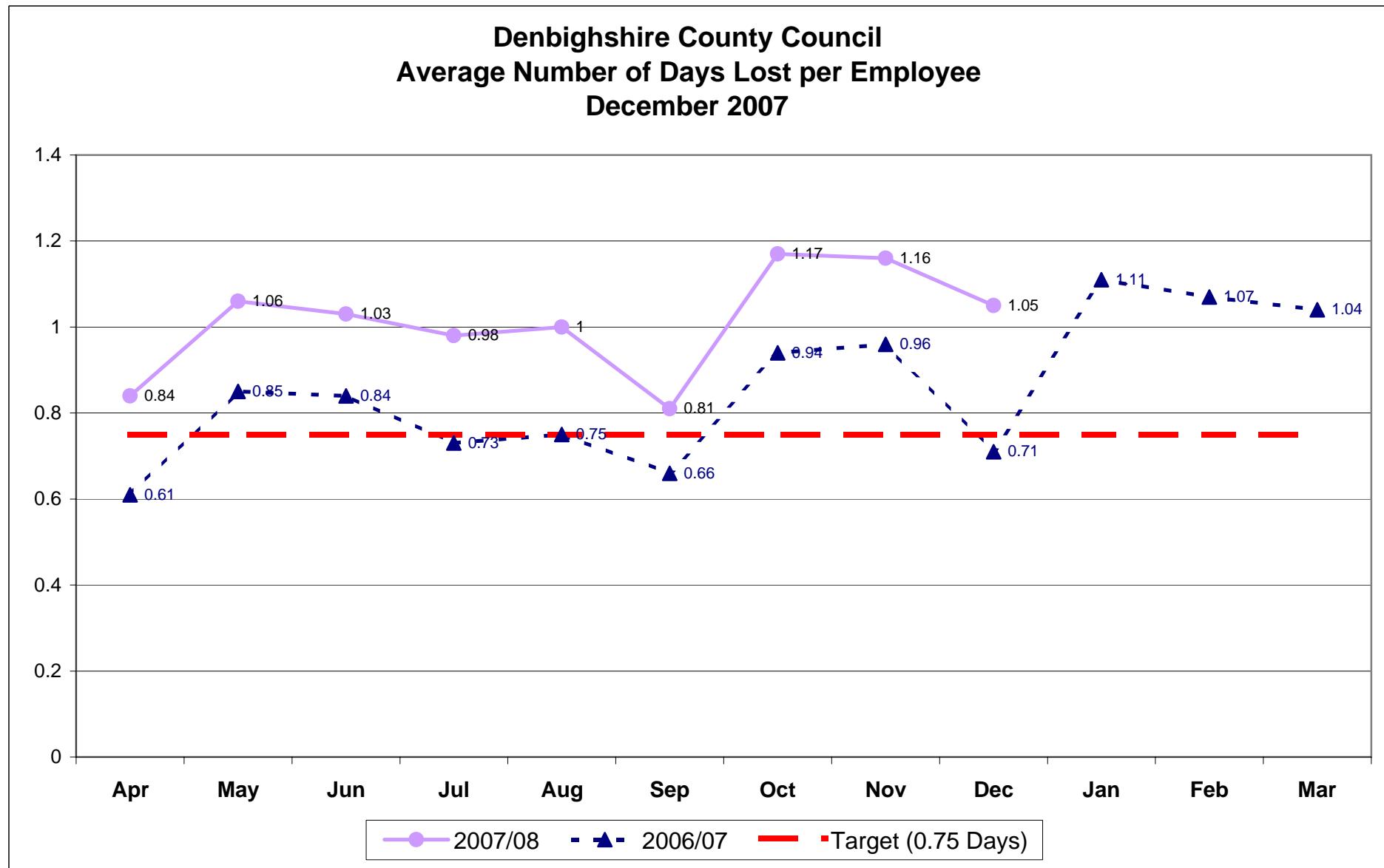
**Overall Council Position**

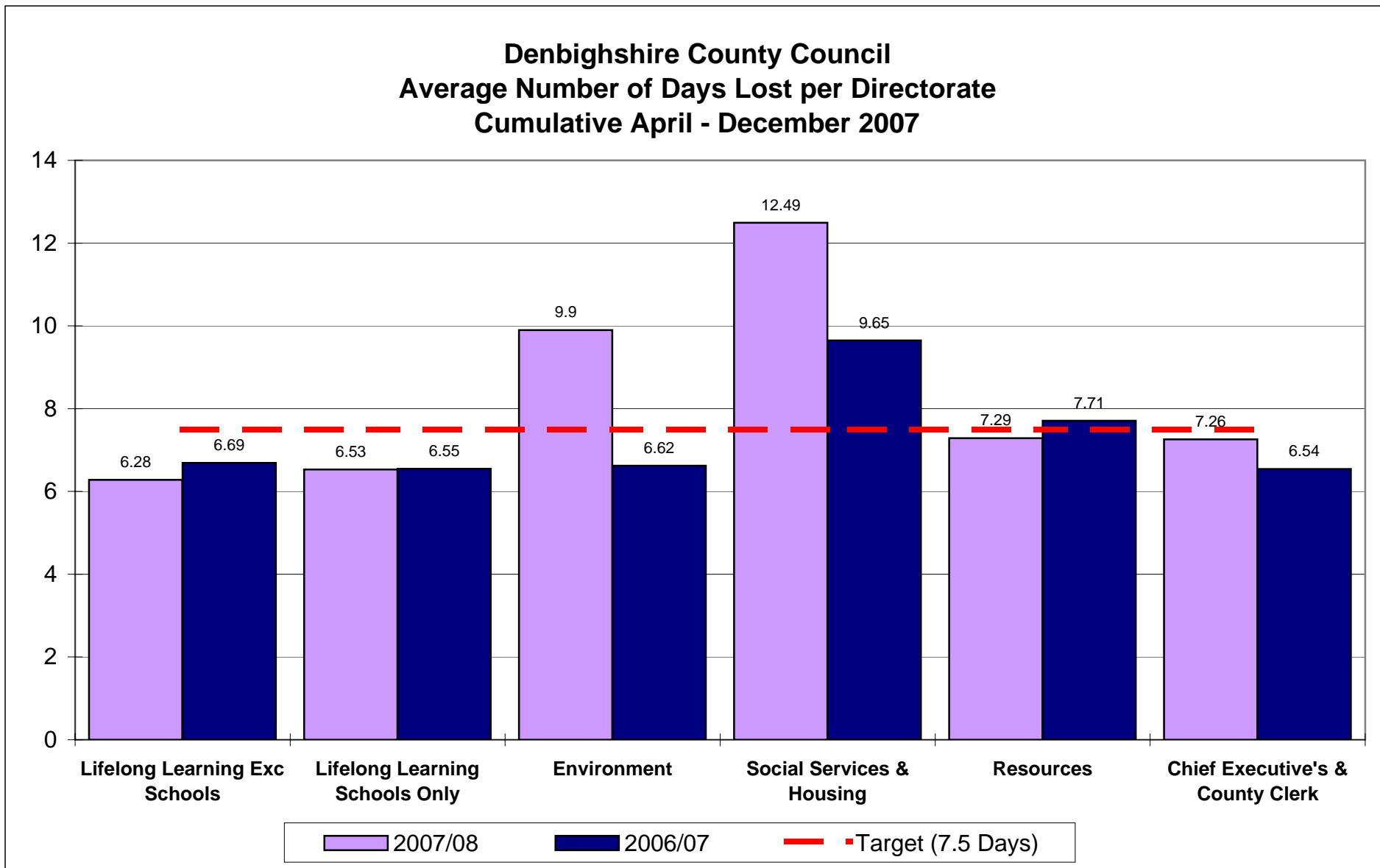
Establish't	CE + CC				RES				TOTAL							
	Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee		Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee		Number of staff	FTEs	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee		Leavers	Starters	Gross pay	No. of Employments
			Overall Percentage Absence	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee			Overall Percentage Absence	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee			Overall Percentage Absence	Average Number of Days Lost Per Employee				
Nov 2006	54	51	0.99	4.52	257	237	1.24	5.62	4379	3809	0.96	4.49	17	37	7387035	5377
Dec	52	48	0.69	3.64	259	239	0.68	3.60	4403	3756	0.71	3.87	47	31	7429681	5405
Jan 2007	53	48	0.95	4.33	262	241	0.86	3.90	4391	3638	1.11	5.30	30	33	7290326	5363
Feb	53	48	1.08	5.40	266	246	0.63	3.15	4396	3631	1.07	5.35	34	31	7367968	5384
Mar	52	47	0.87	3.96	266	246	0.81	3.67	4410	3672	1.04	4.74	33	29	7390026	5383
Apr	53	48	0.97	5.08	267	247	0.63	3.34	4406	3653	0.84	4.88	46	33	7507420	5406
May	54	49	1.10	5.25	265	245	1.01	4.83	4403	3646	1.06	5.23	25	23	7357926	5383
June	53	48	1.07	5.08	270	250	0.87	4.15	4443	3676	1.03	4.95	26	39	7424895	5465
July	53	48	0.82	3.72	272	252	0.84	3.82	4471	3707	0.98	4.81	26	36	7530295	5518
Aug	53	48	0.69	3.11	280	260	0.79	3.57	4465	3707	1.00	4.53	100	12	7525557	5473
Sept	53	48	0.34	1.69	290	270	0.92	4.60	4513	3725	0.81	4.08	47	121	7418071	5107
Oct	54	49	0.67	2.90	289	269	1.09	4.73	4531	3754	1.17	5.24	35	47	7559522	5496
Nov	54	49	1.37	6.25	295	274	1.18	5.35	4536	3754	1.16	5.39	16	32	7774554	5546
Dec	54	49	0.71	3.73	299	277	0.85	4.49	4570	3777	1.05	5.83	23	16	8552299	6063
<b>Rolling Average</b>																
Nov 2006	54	51	0.99	4.52	257	237	1.24	5.62	4379	3809	0.96	4.49	17	37	7387035	5377
Dec	53	50	0.84	4.08	258	238	0.96	4.61	4391	3782	0.84	4.18	32	34	7408358	5391
Jan 2007	53	49	0.88	4.16	259	239	0.93	4.37	4391	3734	0.93	4.55	31	34	7369014	5382
Feb	53	49	0.93	4.47	261	241	0.85	4.07	4392	3709	0.96	4.75	32	33	7368752	5382
Mar	53	49	0.92	4.37	262	242	0.84	3.99	4396	3701	0.98	4.75	32	32	7373007	5382
Apr	53	48	0.93	4.49	263	243	0.81	3.88	4398	3693	0.96	4.77	35	32	7395409	5386
May	53	48	0.95	4.60	263	243	0.84	4.02	4398	3686	0.97	4.84	33	31	7390054	5386
June	53	48	0.97	4.66	264	244	0.84	4.03	4404	3685	0.98	4.85	32	32	7394409	5396
July	53	48	0.95	4.55	265	245	0.84	4.01	4411	3687	0.98	4.85	32	32	7409508	5409
Aug	53	48	0.92	4.41	266	246	0.84	3.97	4417	3689	0.98	4.82	38	30	7421113	5416
Sept	53	48	0.87	4.16	269	248	0.84	4.02	4425	3693	0.96	4.75	39	39	7420836	5388
Oct	53	48	0.85	4.06	270	250	0.86	4.08	4434	3698	0.98	4.79	39	39	7432394	5397
Nov	53	48	0.89	4.20	273	253	0.86	4.06	4447	3693	1.00	4.86	39	39	7464687	5411
Dec	53	48	0.89	4.21	277	256	0.87	4.13	4461	3695	1.03	5.03	37	38	7558238	5466

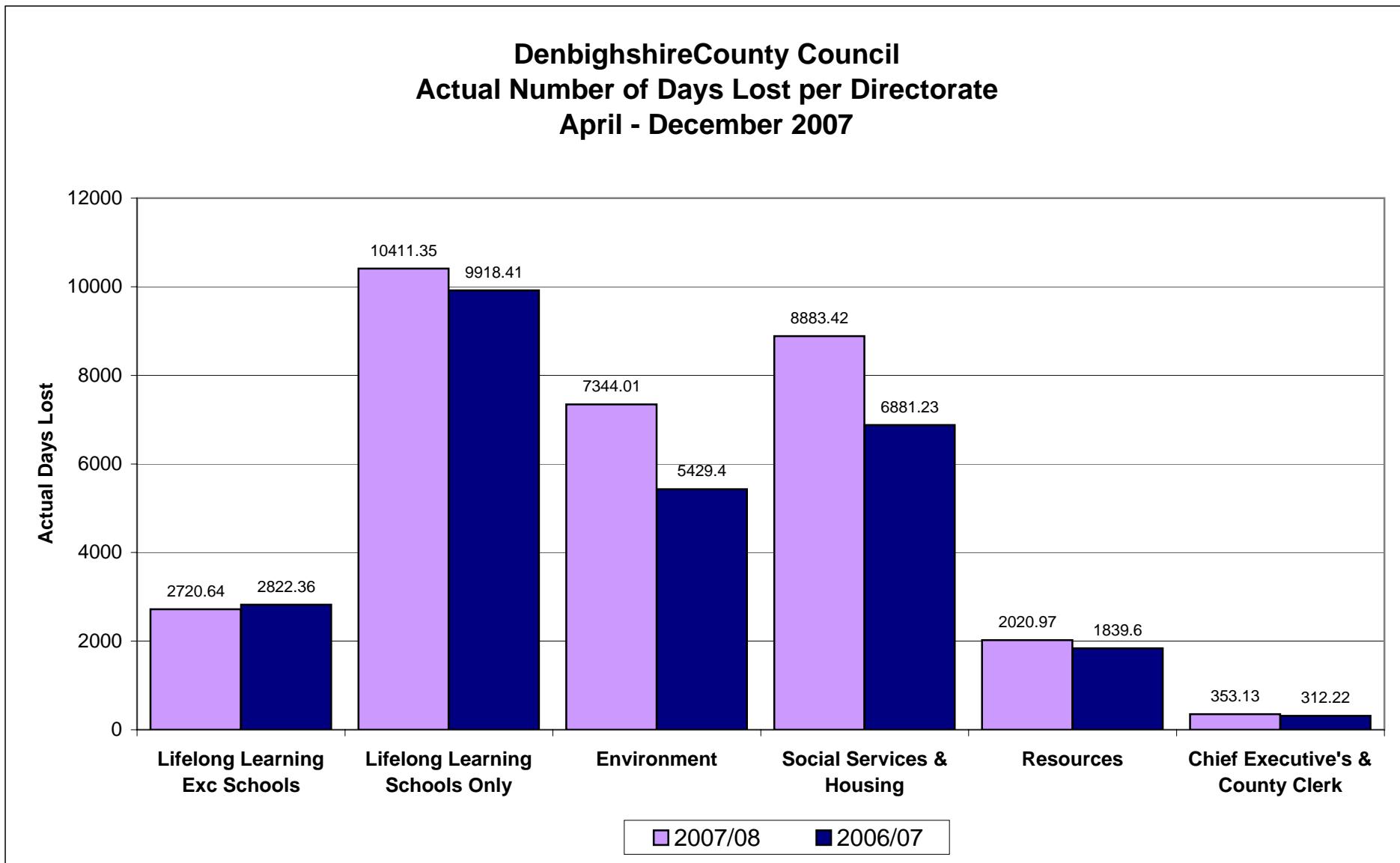
## Leavers for December 2007

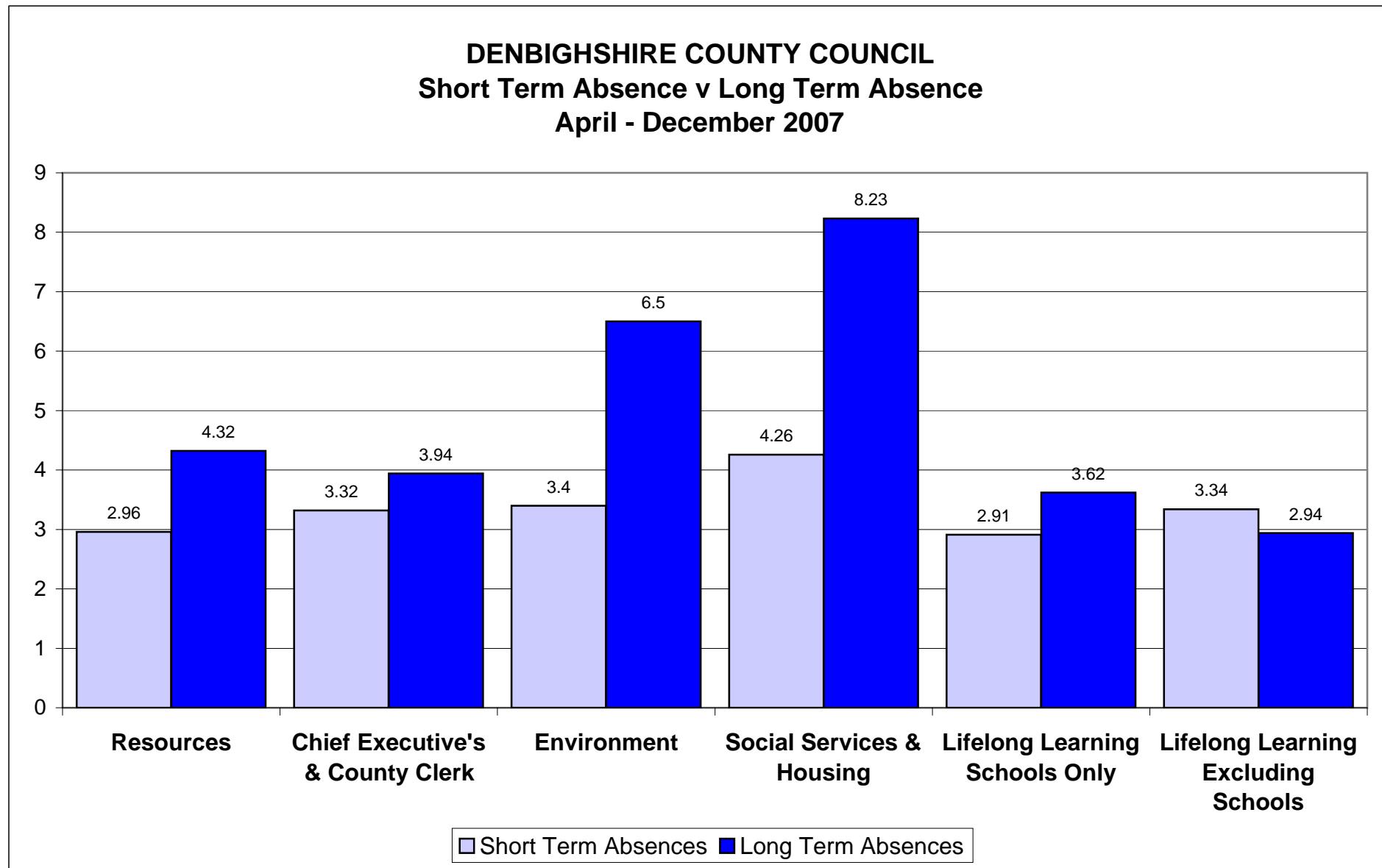
<b>Leavers</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.1 Age Retirement	3
1.2 Ill Health Retirement	1
1.7 End of Fixed Term Contract	2
2.2 Worklife Balance	2
2.5 Pay, Benefits & Conditions	1
2.6 Training & Career Development	3
2.8 Other - Please Specify	6
Moved Out of the Area	1
Resignation - Personal	4
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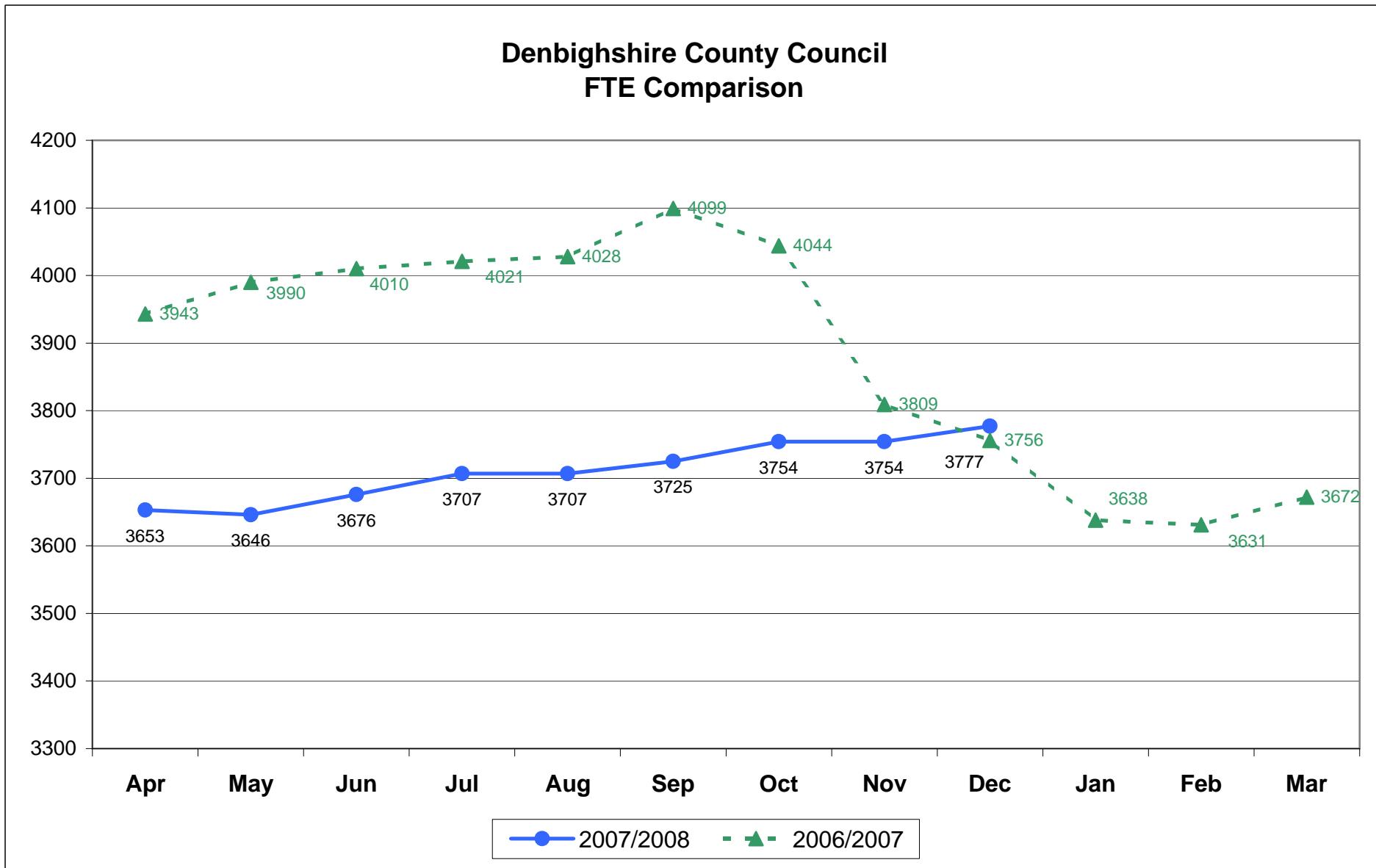
<b>Starters in December 2007</b>					
<b>Joining Date</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Location</b>
03/12/2007	Street Cleansing Operative - Mobile	Environment	Environmental Services	Enforcement & Waste	Bodelwyddan
03/12/2007	Refuse Operative- Collection Driver	Environment	Environmental Services	Enforcement & Waste	Bodelwyddan
03/12/2007	Leisure Attendant	Lifelong Learning	Countryside & Leisure Services	Community Leisure	Rhyl Leisure Centre
05/12/2007	Coastal Access Officer	Lifelong Learning	Countryside & Leisure Services	Countryside	Loggerheads Countryside Centre
03/12/2007	Schools Management Information Systems	Lifelong Learning	Education	Primary	Denbigh
03/12/2007	Learning Support Assistant	Lifelong Learning	Schools	Primary Schools	Pen Barras School
03/12/2007	Librarian - School	Lifelong Learning	Schools	Secondary Schools	Denbigh High School
10/12/2007	Learning Support Assistant	Lifelong Learning	Schools	Secondary Schools	Ysgol Brynhyfryd
10/12/2007	Cleaner	Lifelong Learning	Schools	Secondary Schools	Ysgol Brynhyfryd
17/12/2007	Corporate Customer Service Advisor	Resources	Customer Care	Corporate Customer C	County Hall
03/12/2007	Revenues Assistant	Resources	Finance	Revenues	Russell House
03/12/2007	Revenues Support Assistant	Resources	Finance	Revenues	Russell House
03/12/2007	Social Worker - Cancer Unit	Social Services & Housing	Adult Services	Assessment & Care M	Glan Clwyd
03/12/2007	Social Worker - AMU	Social Services & Housing	Adult Services	Assessment & Care M	Glan Clwyd
10/12/2007	Sales Data Processor	Social Services & Housing	Adult Services	Sheltered Workshop	Cefndy Healthcare
01/12/2007	Business Systems Officer	Social Services & Housing	Business Support & Development	Performance Manag	Ty Nant

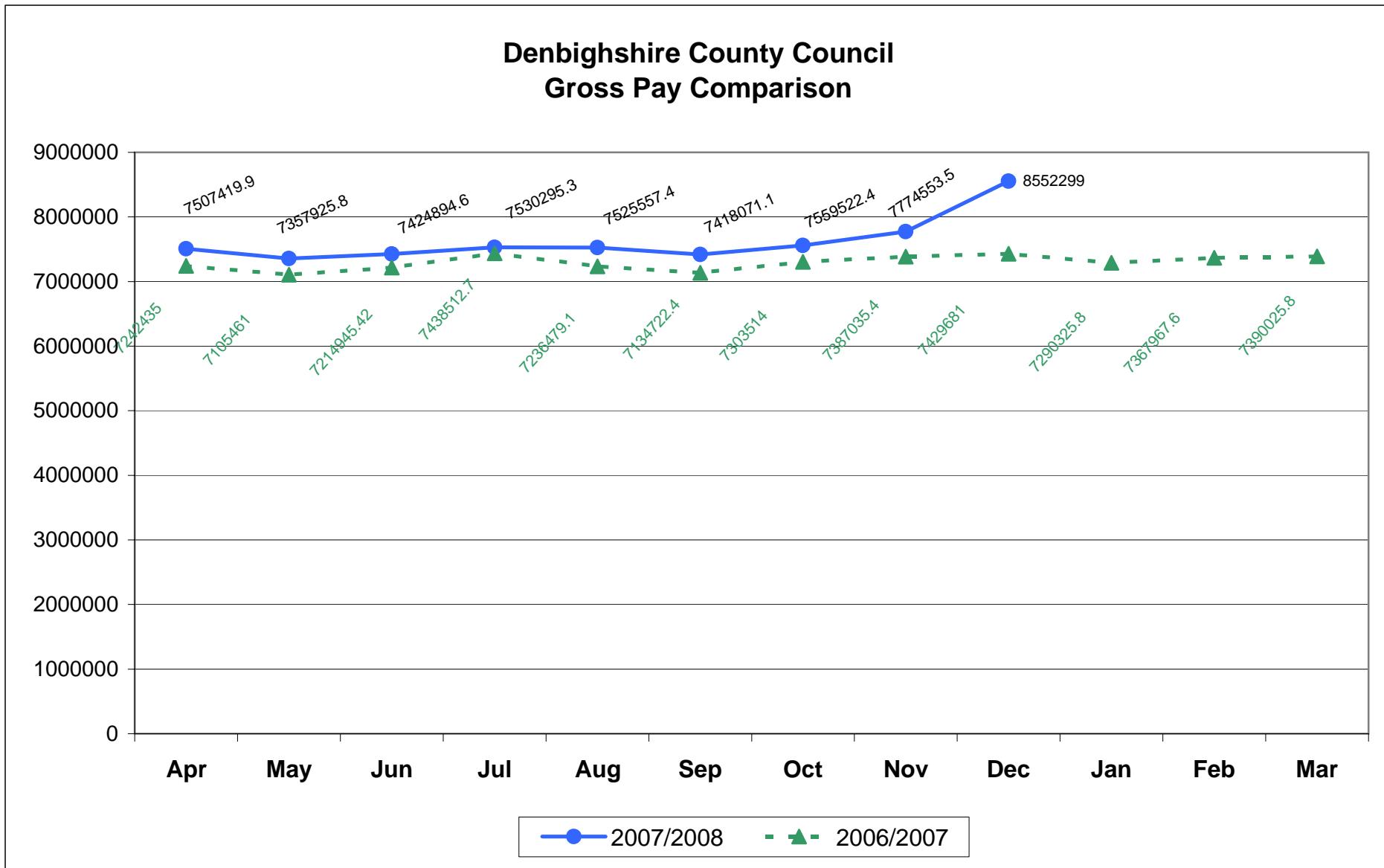












SERVICE	Jan 7th to 11th	Number of Agency Staff		Over 6 mths
		Full Time	Part Time	FT/PT
<b>LIFELONG LEARNING</b>				
COUNTRYSIDE & LEISURE		nil		
TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE		nil	1	0.4 to June 08 shared post with Environment Nant Clwyd Y Dre
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT		1		1
PARTNERSHIPS & INCLUSION		nil		
POLICY & PERFORMANCE		nil		
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS		nil		
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT</b>				
COUNTY CLERKS		nil	1	20hrs covering long-term sickness
<b>RESOURCES</b>	AUDIT	nil		
	PERSONNEL	nil	1	1 F/T Covering vacancy pending review of HR ( transfer in from LLL )
	ICT	nil		
	CUSTOMER CARE	nil		
	FINANCE	nil		
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>				
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES				
MANAGEMENT		nil	1	1 p/t Principal Property Manager
NANTCLWYD HOUSE		nil	2	2 p/t House Manager and Caretaker
CONSERVATION		nil	1	nil Senior Conservation Officer, part time temp for 10 weeks
BUILDING SERVICES		8	3	8f/t 3p/t Building Surveyors, M & E Engineering Surveyors, Architectural Technicians/Assistants, Clerk of Works and Admin
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT		11	1	9 f/t, 1p/t Surveyors - M&E, Building, QS
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		12	5	Mainly engaged on public realm, refuse and grounds maintenance. 2 admin staff covering short term needs that may change when single status comes in.
FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE		1		3 months only for specific task
PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION				
POLLUTION		1		Temp EHO for 4 months pending decision over vacancy
FOOD & H&S TEAM		1	1	Covering for a number of vacant posts. Likely to be retained for remainder of financial year
HOUSING ENFORCEMENT		3	2	Paid for from Performance Improvement Grant. To be retained for rest of year. Grant available to employ additional agency/consultant support
ADMIN		2		1 Ruthin pending decision on vacancy, 1 Rhyl covering vacancy and seconndment
BUILDING CONTROL		1		Temp cover for admin vacancy
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL		1		Covering 2 long term illnesses
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE		5	2	Technical engineers working on projects
PASSENGER TRANSPORT		1		FT but moving to 0.6
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; HOUSING</b>				
ADULT SERVICES		8	1	2 Mental Illness 1 (grant), Older People 1/2 time SW. Admin 3, OP 2SW, First Contact 2
BUSINESS SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT		2		2 covering posts in MIS part of the preparation for the introduction of the Paris system
CHILDRENS' SERVICES		16	2	2 (part time) 1 Team Managers, 1 Safeguarding and Reviewing officer (21 hours), 10 Social Workers, 2 Family Support Workers (covering long term sickness which is being managed), 2 Personal Advisors, 2 full time equivalent Administrators (1 full time post covering Brighton Road reception for the whole of Social Services)
		(11 full time)		This is part of a planned strategy. As the authority is well aware from previous reports to cabinet we have been unable to attract senior, experienced social work staff to social services and are therefore growing our own. The use of these experienced agency staff has enabled Children's Services to deliver fully on its improvement plan and transform KPI performance. Some agency staff are on temporary basis to deliver a targeted piece of work such as reducing the number of 'Children Looked After'. Some of the Family Support Workers are covering long term sickness, which is being managed, and the personal advisors to cover the findings of a recent judicial review against Caerphilly, pending the development of a service and permanent recruitment of such advisors.
HOUSING		3	0	One Relief Warden (over 6 months but on different posts) now covering vacancy now advertised, 1 Secretary covering Maternity Leave, 1 covering basic admin/reception.
		78	20	

**CABINET  
FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

REPORT TITLE	REPORT LEAD MEMBER / AUTHOR
<b>EXTRA MEETING - 5 FEBRUARY 2008</b>	
Budget Setting Update 2008-2009	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
<b>19 FEBRUARY 2008</b>	
Budget Setting Update 2008-2009 - IF REQUIRED	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2007-2008	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
Capital Plan	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
Routine Reporting on Personnel	Councillor J A Smith L Atkin / G Humphreys
Housing Revenue Account Budget 2007-2008	Councillor G O Rowlands P Quirk
Housing Revenue Account Budget 2008-2009	Councillor G O Rowlands P Quirk
Clwyd Leisure Update	Councillor J Thompson Hill A Evans
Modernising Education Board – Estyn Action Plan Monthly Report	Councillor H H Evans J Curran
Environmental Policy for DCC	Councillor M A German E McWilliams
Joint Procurement of Waste Disposal Services via North Wales Waste Partnership (explains the mechanism by which the Council expects to satisfy its Landfill Diversion Target, and will seek approval to commit the Council to a very significant procurement process) PART II	Councillor M A German S Parker
Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Councillor M A German A Walls
CESI Section 33	Councillor P A Dobb Marlon Roberts
Tender Award for Collaborative Temporary Agency Contract PART II	Councillor J Thompson Hill A Staples
Rhyl City Strategy	Councillor G O Rowlands G Evans
Contract Award for Street Lighting Equipment PART II	M A German B Evans
<b>18 MARCH 2008</b>	
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2007-2008	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
Capital Plan	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
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Corporate Consultation	Councillor E C Edwards J Williams
Modernising Education Board – Estyn Action Plan Monthly Report	Councillor H H Evans J Curran
Estyn / Modernising Education Update	Councillor H H Evans M Mehmet

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Denbighshire Rural Strategic Plan	Councillor G O Rowlands M Dixon
Acquisition of land at St Asaph    PART II	Councillor G O Rowlands S Parker
<b>22 APRIL 2008</b>	
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2007-2008	Councillor J Thompson Hill R Parry
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