

At: Aelodau'r Cyngor Sir

Dyddiad: Dydd Llun, 5 Mai 2014

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Annwyl Gynghorydd

Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y **CYNGOR SIR, DYDD MAWRTH, 13 MAI 2014** am **10.00 am** yn **SIAMBR Y CYNGOR, NEUADD Y SIR, RHUTHUN LL15 1YN**.

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams  
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democraidaidd

## AGENDA

### RHAN 1 - GWAHODDIR Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD I'R RHAN HON O'R CYFARFOD

#### 1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

#### 2 DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD

Aelodau i ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiad personol neu gysylltiad sy'n rhagfarnu mewn unrhyw fater a nodwyd i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod hwn

#### 3 CYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD: DATGANIAD DULYN (Tudalennau 5 - 6)

Llofnodi Datganiad Dulyn yn swyddogol.

#### 4 CADEIRYDD Y CYNGOR SIR

Penodi Cadeirydd y Cyngor ar gyfer blwyddyn 2014/15.

**5 IS-GADEIRYDD Y CYNGOR**

Penodi Is-Gadeirydd y Cyngor ar gyfer blwyddyn 2014/15.

**6 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD**

Hysbysiad o eitemau y dylid, ym marn y Cadeirydd, eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel materion brys dan Adran 100B(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

**7 COFNODION** (Tudalennau 7 - 18)

Derbyn cofnodion cyfarfod y Cyngor Sir a gynhaliwyd 8 Ebrill 2014 (copi ynghlwm).

**8 HEDDLU GOGLEDD CYMRU - CANOLFAN GYFATHREBU'R HEDDLU**

Bydd yr Uwcharolygydd Alex Goss o Heddlu Gogledd Cymru yn rhoi cyflwyniad ar lafar i gynyddu gwybodaeth yr Aelodau am swyddogaeth a hygyrchedd Canolfan Gyfathrebu'r Heddlu.

**9 DOGFEN GYFLENWI FLYNYDDOL AR GYFER Y CYNLLUN CORFFORAETHOL** (Tudalennau 19 - 42)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Swyddog Gwella Corfforaethol a'r Cydlynnydd busnes: Swyddfa'r Arweinydd (copi ynghlwm) i'r Aelodau gymeradwyo fersiwn derfynol y ddogfen gyflenwi.

**10 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL PWYLLGORAU ARCHWILIO'R CYNGOR** (Tudalennau 43 - 72)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cydlynnydd Archwilio (copi ynghlwm) i'r Cyngor ystyried Adroddiad Blynnyddol y Pwyllgorau Archwilio ar gyfer 2013/2014.

**11 RHAGLEN GWAITH I'R DYFODOL Y CYNGOR SIR** (Tudalennau 73 - 76)

Ystyried rhaglen gwaith i'r dyfodol y Cyngor (copi ynghlwm).

**AELODAETH**

**Y Cynghorwyr**

Y Cyngorydd Ray Bartley (Cadeirydd)

Y Cyngorydd Brian Blakeley (Is-Gadeirydd)

Ian Armstrong  
Joan Butterfield  
Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones  
William Cowie

Geraint Lloyd-Williams  
Margaret McCarroll  
Jason McLellan  
Barry Mellor

Ann Davies  
James Davies  
Meirick Davies  
Richard Davies  
Stuart Davies  
Peter Duffy  
Peter Arnold Evans  
Hugh Evans  
Bobby Feeley  
Carys Guy  
Huw Hilditch-Roberts  
Martyn Holland  
Colin Hughes  
Rhys Hughes  
Hugh Irving  
Alice Jones  
Huw Jones  
Pat Jones  
Gwyneth Kensler

Win Mullen-James  
Bob Murray  
Peter Owen  
Dewi Owens  
Merfyn Parry  
Paul Penlington  
Arwel Roberts  
Gareth Sandilands  
David Simmons  
Barbara Smith  
David Smith  
Bill Tasker  
Julian Thompson-Hill  
Joe Welch  
Cefyn Williams  
Cheryl Williams  
Eryl Williams  
Huw Williams

**COPIAU I'R:**

Y Wasg a'r Llyfrgelloedd  
Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

## THE DUBLIN DECLARATION ON AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE 2013

On the occasion of the 'EU Summit on Active and Healthy Ageing', held in Dublin, Ireland on the 13-14 June 2013, under the Irish Presidency of the European Union, we, the mayors and senior political representatives of European cities, municipalities, communities and regions unanimously declare the following:

We will:

**Promote** the 'Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013' (Dublin Declaration 2013) in appropriate national and international forums, fostering the maximum adherence possible to its values, principles and premises, in terms of plans, programmes and resources, in order to implement the commitments in this Declaration within a reasonable period of time.

**Collaborate** with all relevant regional and local stakeholders to support the full application of the pledges in the Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013, including cooperation with the WHO European Regional Office and its Network of Cities committed to developing age-friendly environments as part of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. This will involve commencing a multi-year cycle of continual assessment and improvement to make their environments more age-friendly.

**Communicate** through local and regional channels and networks between the various cities and communities to stimulate and support advances in the promotion of equal rights and opportunities for older citizens and to share learning about advances in policies and practices which improve their lives.

### Supporting Pledge

The undersigning cities and communities also pledge, where it is within their area of responsibility and economically feasible, to further the following specific actions, and to incorporate them into key planning instruments to strengthen long term sustainability: Promote among the general public **awareness of older people**, their rights, needs, and potentials, and highlight the positive social, economic and cultural contribution they make.

Ensure that the views and opinions of older people are valued and listened to and that structures and **processes of citizen-centred engagement** are developed to ensure that older people have an adequate involvement in decision making and are actively involved in the design and creation of innovation and change.

Adopt measures to develop **urban spaces and public places** that are inclusive, sharable and desirable to all, including older people, and ensure that publicly used buildings promote the dignity, health and well-being of users of all ages, and are fit for purpose to meet the changing needs of an ageing society.

Promote and support the development of neighbourhoods and communities for all ages that are diverse, safe, inclusive and sustainable, and that include **housing** for older people that is of the highest quality. Particular attention should be given to the needs of older people in assisted living, residential care and nursing homes where their dignity and autonomy is at greater risk.

Work to establish **public transport systems** that are available and affordable to all, including older people, and are 'seamless' within and across the various modes of transport that exist.

The transport systems should also promote and facilitate personal transport use, such as cycling and driving by older people.

As these become more difficult, personal alternatives such as affordable taxis and car-pooling, which interconnect with the public system, should be made available.

Promote the **participation of all, including older people, in the social and cultural life** of their community by making available a diverse range of events and activities that are accessible, affordable and tailored to be inclusive of them and promote their integration into the community. This should include the promotion of intergenerational activities.

Promote and support the development of **employment and volunteering opportunities** for all, including older people, and recognise their positive contribution, and include the provision of **lifelong learning** opportunities in order to empower older people and promote their autonomy.

Ensure that a comprehensive and integrated range of affordable, easily accessible, age- friendly and high quality **community support and health services** is available to all, including older people, to include health promotion and prevention programmes, community-based support services, primary care, secondary acute hospital, rehabilitation services, specialist tertiary, long-term residential and compassionate end of life care.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**The Leader of Denbighshire County Council – Councillor Hugh Evans**

**Sig:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Denbighshire County Council’s Older People Champion-Councillor Bobby Feeley**

**Sig:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsement by the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council – Councillor Raymond Bartley**

**Sig:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CYNGOR SIR

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Cyngor Sir a gynhaliwyd yn Siambr y Cyngor, Neuadd y Sir, Rhuthun LL15 1YN, Dydd Mawrth, 8 Ebrill 2014 am 10.00 am.

## YN BRESENNOL

Y Cynghorwyr Ian Armstrong, Raymond Bartley (Cadeirydd), Brian Blakeley (Is-Gadeirydd), Joan Butterfield, Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, William Cowie, Ann Davies, James Davies, Meirick Davies, Richard Davies, Stuart Davies, Peter Duffy, Peter Arnold Evans, Hugh Evans, Bobby Feeley, Carys Guy, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Martyn Holland, Colin Hughes, Rhys Hughes, Hugh Irving, Alice Jones, Huw Jones, Pat Jones, Gwyneth Kensler, Margaret McCarroll, Jason McLellan, Barry Mellor, Win Mullen-James, Bob Murray, Peter Owen, Dewi Owens, Merfyn Parry, Paul Penlington, Arwel Roberts, Gareth Sandilands, David Simmons, Barbara Smith, David Smith, Bill Tasker, Julian Thompson-Hill, Cefyn Williams, Cheryl Williams, Eryl Williams a/ac Huw Williams

## HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Prif Weithredwr (MM), Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd (GW), Pennaeth Cyllid ac Asedau (PMc), Pennaeth Adnoddau Dynol Strategol (LA), Partner Busnes AD (JW), Gwasanaethau Democratig (SP) a/ac Gweinyddwr Pwyllgor (SLW)

## 1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cynghorwr(wyr) Geraint Lloyd-Williams

## CROESO

Estynnodd y Cadeirydd groeso i gyfarfod Cyngor llawn Cyngor Sir Ddinbych.

Estynnwyd croeso hefyd i Nicola Stubbins, Cyfarwyddwr newydd y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol.

Ar y pwynt hwn, derbyniodd y Cadeirydd ddeiseb gan y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler, ar ran nifer fawr o drigolion o Ddinbych yn dilyn cwmpïadau ar rai o'r palmentydd a achosodd i un trigolyn dorri ei fraich.

## 2 DATGANIAD CYSYLLTIAD

Datganodd y Cynghorwyr canlynol gysylltiad personol yn Eitem 10 - Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydnabyddiaeth Ariannol:

Y Cynghorwyr, Raymond Bartley, Brian Blakeley, Colin Hughes, Martyn Holland, Hugh Carson Irving, Julian Thompson-Hill, Peter Owen, David Smith, Alice Jones, Jason McLellan, Paul Penlington, Barry Mellor, Carys Guy, Robert Murray, Gareth Sandilands, Cheryl Williams, Barbara Smith, Janet Ann Davies, Huw Williams, Dewi

Owens, Bill Tasker, Peter Duffy, Hugh Evans, Peter Evans, Jeanette Chamberlain Jones, Margaret McCarroll, Patricia Jones, Joan Butterfield, David Simmons, Ian Armstrong, Richard Davies, Bill Cowie, Stuart Davies, Bobby Feeley, Merfyn Parry, Joseph Welch, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Gwyneth Kensler, Meirick Lloyd Davies, Huw Jones, Cefyn Williams, Arwel Roberts ac Eryl Williams.

Datganodd y Cynghorwyr Stuart Davies a Huw Hilditch-Roberts gysylltiad personol yn yr eitemau canlynol hefyd:

- Eitem 6 – Diwygio'r Polisi Absenoldeb
- Eitem 7 – Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth
- Eitem 8 – Datganiad Polisi Cyflog

### **3 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD**

Dim materion bryd.

### **4 DYDDIADUR Y CADEIRYDD**

Roedd rhestr o alwadau dinesig a gyflawnwyd gan y Cadeirydd a'r Is-gadeirydd ar gyfer y cyfnod o 20 Chwefror 2014 – 18 Mawrth 2014 wedi cael ei chylchredeg cyn y cyfarfod.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r canlynol:

- yr Is-gadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Brian Blakeley am fynychu rhai achlysuron ar ei ran.
- Aelodau a oedd yn bresennol yng Nghinio'r Cadeirydd yn Nhŷ Oriel, Llanelwly ar 28 Mawrth 2014.
- Staff yn y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd am eu digwyddiadau codi arian llwyddiannus a oedd wedi codi dros £1650.00 i Hosbis Plant Tŷ Gobaith, Conwy.
- Gwraig y Cynghorydd Cefyn Williams am wneud a gwerthu cacenni cri ar Ddydd Gŵyl Dewi a oedd wedi codi dros £100.

Estynnodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler longyfarchiadau i'r Cadeirydd am lwyddiant y Cinio yn Nhŷ Oriel a hefyd i'r côr a berfformiodd.

***PENDERFYNWYD*** derbyn y rhestr o alwadau dinesig a gyflawnwyd ar ran y Cyngor gan y Cadeirydd a'r Is-gadeirydd a nodi sylwadau'r Cadeirydd.

### **5 COFNODION**

Cafodd Cofnodion cyfarfod y Cyngor a gynhaliwyd ar 25 Chwefror 2014 eu cyflwyno.

Datganodd y Cynghorydd Meirick Lloyd Davies, mewn perthynas ag Eitem 10 (tudalennau 12 ac 13) "Polisi Ymddeoliad Hyblyg", gan fod y cynnig gan y Cynghorydd Colin Hughes wedi methu, y dylid dangos y bleidlais o fewn y cofnodion.



Gan fod yr aelodau wedi gofyn am ddangos yr wybodaeth cytunwyd y byddai hon yn cael ei hychwanegu fel a ganlyn:

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**PENDERFYNWYD** yn amodol ar yr uchod, cadarnhau cofnodion cyfarfod y Cyngor ar 25 Chwefror 2014 fel cofnod cywir.

## 6 DIWYGIO'R POLISI ABSENOLDEB

Cyflwynodd yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Foderneiddio a Pherfformiad, Y Cyngorydd Barbara Smith, yr adroddiad ar y Weithdrefn Presenoldeb yn y Gwaith (a gafodd ei gylchredeg yn flaenorol) a oedd wedi'i nodi yn yr Agenda dan y teitl Diwygio'r Polisi Absenoldeb.

Byddai cyflwyno gweithdrefn Presenoldeb yn y Gwaith newydd yn galluogi'r Cyngor i reoli absenoldeb mewn ffordd fwy rhagweithiol. Y nod fyddai gostwng nifer cyfartalog y diwrnodau sy'n cael eu colli am bob cyflogai ar draws y sefydliad a hefyd, felly, cynyddu cynhyrchiant a'r gwasanaethau a gyflenwir ar gyfer cwsmeriaid.

Roedd adolygiad sylweddol o reoli absenoldeb wedi cael ei gwblhau dros y deuddeng mis diwethaf. Roedd y weithdrefn newydd wedi canolbwyntio ar ymdrin â phryderon rheolwyr ac roedd yn cyflwyno proses eglur a strwythuredig i reolwyr ei dilyn ac i gyflogaion ei deall.

Cyfeiriwyd at y prif newidiadau fel a ganlyn:

- cyflwyno trothwyon – pedwar prif drothwy sy'n achosi i gyflogai gael ei roi mewn proses gallu i weithio oherwydd absenoldeb
- mwy o annibyniaeth wrth wneud penderfyniadau i wasanaethau trwy ddileu'r Panel Rheoli Iechyd a chyflwyno proses archwilio fewnosodedig
- cyflwyno tri cham eglur ar gyfer gallu i weithio oherwydd absenoldeb gan ei gwneud yn bosib pennu targedau presenoldeb a'u monitro am gyfnod diffiniedig
- adolygiad o'r ddarpariaeth Iechyd Galwedigaethol gyda strwythur newydd a diffiniad o rolau i gefnogi presenoldeb yn y gwaith a rhoi cymorth i ddeall achosion absenoldeb, tueddiadau a sut i atal neu leihau absenoldeb.

Roedd y Polisi wedi cael ei gyflwyno yn y Cyd-bwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol ar 2 Ebrill 2014. Roedd y polisi wedi cael cefnogaeth ar y cyfan, ac eithrio materion sy'n ymwneud ag anabledd. Yn y Cyd-bwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol, roedd y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Uchelgais Economaidd a Chymunedol wedi cytuno i gynnwys y Polisi Anabledd fel rhan o'r adolygiad o Bolisiau Adnoddau Dynol allweddol ac adrodd yn ôl wrth y Cyd-bwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol ar hynny.

Argymhellodd yr Aelod Arweiniol fod y Cyngor yn mabwysiadu'r weithdrefn.

Cafwyd trafodaeth fanwl ac fe godwyd y pwyntiau canlynol:

- sut fyddai dioddefwyr cam-drin domestig yn cael ystyriaeth dan y Polisi? Eglurodd y Partner Busnes Adnoddau Dynol fod y Polisi Absenoldeb wedi'i fwriadu'n gyfan gwbl i ymdrin â salwch a bod Polisiâu eraill yn bodoli o fewn yr Awdurdod Lleol ar gyfer pobl ac arnynt angen amser o'r gwaith ar gyfer apwyntiadau eraill. Roedd y Polisi'n canolbwyntio ar bobl a oedd yn absennol o'r gwaith oherwydd salwch a rhoi cymorth i reolwyr ddeall y rheswm dros yr absenoldeb.
- Roedd wedi cael ei gadarnhau y byddai'r Awdurdod Lleol yn monitro absenoldeb yn fisol. Byddai data ar absenoldeb hefyd yn cael ei gyflwyno i Aelodau'n rheolaidd i roi gwybodaeth gyson iddynt am ystadegau.

**PENDERFYNWYD** y byddai'r Cyngor Llawn yn cytuno i fabwysiadu'r Weithdrefn Presenoldeb yn y Gwaith.

## 7 POLISI GWEITHIO YSTWYTH

Fe wnaeth yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Foderneiddio a Pherfformiad, Y Cyngorydd Barbara Smith, gyflwyno'r Datganiad Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth (a gafodd ei gylochredeg yn flaenorol).

Byddai penderfyniad yn cael ei geisio gan y Cyngor Llawn ar fabwysiadu'r Datganiad Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth.

Roedd y Datganiad Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth wedi'i fwriadu i fod y polisi trosfwaol ynghylch sut y byddai cyflogeion yn gweithio yn y Cyngor wrth edrych tua'r dyfodol. Roedd yn cynnwys gweithio hyblyg, cyfathrebu, swyddfeydd, cymarebau desgiau, diogelwch gwybodaeth a thechnoleg a fyddai'n helpu'r Cyngor i weithio mewn ffordd fwy ystwyth a hyblyg.

Yng ngoleuni pryderon a godwyd yng nghyfarfod y Cyd-bwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol ar 2 Ebrill ynghylch cadernid yr Aseidiadau o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb yn gyffredinol, cytunwyd y dylid trosglwyddo'r mater i'r Cyngorydd Hugh Evans fel yr Aelod Arweiniol sy'n gyfrifol am Gydraddoldebau.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ynghylch newid y teitl o "Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth" i "Polisi Gweithio Hyblyg".

**PENDERFYNWYD:**

- Y byddai'r Polisi Gweithio Ystwyth yn cael ei ailenwi, ac mai'r enw o hyn allan fyddai "Polisi Gweithio Hyblyg".
- Y byddai'r Datganiad Polisi Gweithio Hyblyg yn cael ei gytuno a'i fabwysiadu gan y Cyngor Llawn.

## 8 DATGANIAD POLISI CYFLOG

Fe wnaeth yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Foderneiddio a Pherfformiad, Y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith, gyflwyno'r Adroddiad ar y Datganiad Polisi Cyflog (a gafodd ei gylchredeg yn flaenorol).

Roedd yr adroddiad wedi cael ei baratoi i gwrdd â rhwymedigaethau cyfreithiol y Cyngor mewn perthynas â Deddf Lleoliaeth 2011.

Roedd cymeradwyaeth yn cael ei cheisio i'r Datganiad Polisi Cyflog a oedd wedi cael ei ddrafftio'n unol â gofynion 38(1) Deddf Lleoliaeth 2011 ac yn cynnwys yr holl drefniadau presennol o ran cyflog ar gyfer grwpiau'r gweithlu o fewn y Cyngor, gan gynnwys Prif Swyddogion a'r cyflogeion â'r cyflogau isaf.

Roedd y Polisi Cyflog yr un fath â'r flwyddyn flaenorol i raddau helaeth ond roedd yn adlewyrchu'r codiad cyflog o 1% ar gyfer Staff y Cydgyngor Cenedlaethol, Soulbury ac Ieuenctid a'r codiad o 0% ar gyfer Prif Swyddogion. Nid oedd y setliad cyflog ar gyfer 2014/15 wedi cael ei gytuno eto.

Cafwyd trafodaeth a gofynnwyd am wybodaeth gymharol am gyflogau sy'n cael eu talu i weision sifil yng Nghaerdydd a San Steffan gan y byddai'n ddefnyddiol at ddibenion cymharu. Cytunwyd, gan fod yr wybodaeth yn cael ei chyhoeddi'n genedlaethol, y byddai'r wybodaeth yn cael ei chydosod a'i dosbarthu i'r aelodau.

***PENDERFYNWYD*** y byddai'r Cyngor yn cymeradwyo'r Datganiad Polisi Cyflog i gydymffurfio â'i rwymedigaeth gyfreithiol dan Ddeddf Lleoliaeth 2011

## 9 CYNLLUN CYFALAF

Fe wnaeth yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Gyllid ac Asedau, Y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, gyflwyno'r Cynllun Cyfalaf 2013/14 – 2016/17 ac argymhellion y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol (a gafodd eu cylchredeg yn flaenorol).

Roedd diweddariadau misol ar y Cynllun yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Cabinet ac roedd y Cynllun Cyfalaf amcangyfrifedig yn £36.468 miliwn ar hyn o bryd. Roedd y Cynllun wedi cael ei ddiweddarau ychydig ers cyflwyno adroddiad arno i'r Cabinet ym mis Mawrth 2014.

Roedd y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol wedi adolygu cynigion cyfalaf ac wedi gwneud argymhellion ar gyfer cynnwys prosiectau yn y Cynllun Cyfalaf o 2014/15 ymlaen.

Roedd prosiectau wedi cael eu hadolygu i sicrhau eu bod yn cyd-fynd ag amcanion Corfforaethol y Cyngor.

Byddai angen cwblhau ffurflen Achos Busnes ar gyfer pob prosiect newydd a byddai unrhyw oblygiadau penodol yn cael eu trafod ar y cam hwnnw.

Nid oedd yr un prosiect cyfalaf heb risg; serch hynny byddai'r holl gynlluniau'n cael eu hadolygu gan y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol ac yn destun gweithgarwch monitro ac adrodd misol parhaus.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiynau a godwyd gan aelodau, cadarnhaodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill yr isod:

- Roedd y Cyngor wedi gofyn am gyllid i atgyweirio pont Rhuddlan. Gan fod y bont yn adeiledd rhestredig, byddai astudiaeth ddichonoldeb yn cael ei chynnal a chyllid yn cael ei geisio gan Lywodraeth Cymru a CADW.
- Byddai angen sicrhau bod prosiectau cyfalaf newydd wedi'u diogelu at y dyfodol ac yn gallu addasu i'r newid yn yr hinsawdd. Roedd y Pennaeth Archwilio Mewnol wedi bod yn paratoi datganiad gan nad oedd Polisi Amgylcheddol gan Gyngor Sir Ddinbych. Roedd cynlluniau mwy a oedd yn cael eu cyllido gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn mynd i gynnwys elfennau amgylcheddol.
- Roedd gwaith ar Strategaeth Gaffael yn mynd rhagddo. Roedd model rhwng tair sir yn cael ei archwilio gan Sir Ddinbych, Sir y Fflint a Gwynedd. Roedd llawer o waith wedi cael ei wneud gyda'r tîm caffael dros y 12 mis blaenorol. Roedd gwaith i ddatblygu tîm ar y cyd gyda Sir y Fflint, i wneud Sir Ddinbych yn fwy gwydn, wedi bod yn digwydd. O fewn y 2 fis nesaf, byddai system gaffael newydd wedi'i sefydlu. Wedi hynny, byddai'r holl gontractau'n mynd trwy un broses.
- Roedd Cam 3 o'r elfen amddiffynfeydd môr arfordirol yn y Rhyl bron yn barod i ddechrau. Bu cais i ddod o hyd i fwy o gyllid i alluogi'r amddiffynfeydd môr i fod yn fwy cain e.e. gyda goleuadau a manau eistedd. Roedd yr Aelodau'n cefnogi'r cynnig i wneud amddiffynfeydd môr yn flaenoriaeth.
- Nid oedd yr adroddiad yn manylu ar gynlluniau amrywiol a oedd yn costio llai na £30,000. Dywedodd yr aelodau yr hoffent i fanylion yr holl gynlluniau gael eu cylchredeg iddynt.
- Roedd Cefndy Enterprises wedi cael buddsoddiad i ddisodli peiriannau a oedd wedi dyddio. Byddai'r cymhorthdal yr oedd Sir Ddinbych yn ei dalu i Cefndy Enterprises yn cael ei ddirwyn i ben yn raddol ar gais Cefndy. O 2015/2016, ni fyddai cymhorthdal yn cael ei dalu mwyach.

Symudodd yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Gyllid ac Asedau ymlaen at y crynodeb o Argymhellion y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol (Cynllun Cyfalaf 2014/15) a oedd wedi'u nodi yn Atodiadau 5, 6 a 7.

Roedd setliad cyfalaf Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer 2014/15 £22,000 yn is nag ar gyfer 2013/14. Gyda'r diffyg buddsoddiad cyfalaf gan Lywodraeth Cymru, nid oedd dewis gan y Cyngor ond dibynnu ar ei adnoddau ei hun i fuddsoddi mewn prosiectau allweddol.

Roedd y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol wedi cytuno i wahodd cynigion gan adrannau yn unol â'r dyraniadau bloc a oedd wedi'u cytuno'n flaenorol.

Cafwyd trafodaeth fanwl ac mewn ymateb i gwestiynau pellach a ofynnwyd gan aelodau, cadarnhaodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill yr isod

- Roedd gan y Cyngor dair blynedd i gyflawni derbyniadau gyda'r Cynllun Corfforaethol. Cadarnhaodd y Pennaeth Cyllid ac Asedau, lle'r oedd

adnoddau'n cael eu targedu, fod y Cyngor ar y trywydd cywir i gyflawni'r hyn yr oedd gofyn ei gyflawni.

- Roedd arian wedi cael ei ddyrannu ar gyfer atalfa ddiogelwch rhwng y ddwy ffordd gerbydau ar hyd yr A525 o Ruddlan i Lanelwy yn dilyn argymhelliad yn Adroddiad y Crwner ar ddamwain angheuol ar y ffordd 10 mlynedd ynghynt. Roedd cynnig wedi cael ei gyflwyno ond y teimlad cyffredinol oedd nad dyma fyddai'r ffordd briodol o fynd ati. Nid aeth y cynllun yn ei flaen a'r penderfyniad a wnaed oedd y byddai'r cyllid yn cael ei ailddyrranu ar gyfer cynnig diogelwch ar y ffordd.
- Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Alice Jones ddiwygiad a fyddai'n golygu bod £80,000 arall yn cael ei ychwanegu at y swm a ddyrennir i Ystadau Amaethyddol. Cyflwynwyd eglurhad i'r aelodau, pe bai swm uwch yn cael ei ddyrannu i gynllun, y byddai'n rhaid wedyn didynnu swm cyfwerth o gynlluniau eraill i fantoli'r ffigyrau. Argymhellodd y Cynghorydd Alice Jones fod £80,000 yn cael ei ddidynnu o'r gronfa hapddigwyddiadau cyfalaf. Cafodd y cynnig ei eilio gan y Cynghorydd Arwel Roberts. Cafwyd pleidlais, gydag 14 aelod yn pleidleisio o blaid y cynnig a 29 yn erbyn y cynnig. Felly methodd y diwygiad.

Felly,

**PENDERFYNWYD** *fod yr Aelodau:*

- *Yn nodi'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf gydag elfen 2013/14 o'r Cynllun Cyfalaf a'r diweddariad ar brosiectau mawr*
- *Yn cefnogi argymhellion y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol a oedd wedi'u nodi yn Atodiad 5 a'u crynhoi yn Atodiad 6.*

**Ar y pwynt hwn (12.20 p.m.) cafwyd egwyl am 20 munud.**

**Fe ailgynnullwyd y cyfarfod am 12.40 p.m.**

Cytunodd y Cadeirydd i amrywio'r eitemau a oedd yn weddill ar yr Agenda.

## **10 TREFNIADAU AR GYFER ETHOL CADEIRYDD AC IS-GADEIRYDD Y CYNGOR**

Cyflwynodd Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd yr adroddiad (a gafodd ei gylchredeg yn flaenorol) a oedd yn ceisio cytundeb i Gadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd arfaethedig y Cyngor Sir ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15 gael eu hethol yn ffurfiol yng nghyfarfod blynyddol y Cyngor ar 13 Mai 2014. Roedd enwebiadau wedi cael eu ceisio ar gyfer y ddwy swydd.

**Ethol Cadeirydd** – Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Joan Butterfield, gyda'r Cynghorydd Win Mullen-James yn eilio, fod y Cynghorydd Brian Blakeley yn cael ei enwebu i fod yn Gadeirydd ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15. Ni chafwyd unrhyw enwebiadau pellach. Diolchodd y Cynghorydd Blakeley i'r aelodau am eu cefnogaeth a chafodd ei longyfarch ar ei enwebiad.

**Ethol Is-gadeirydd** – Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, gyda'r Cynghorydd Martyn Holland yn eilio, fod y Cynghorydd Dewi Owens yn cael ei enwebu i fod yn Is-gadeirydd ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15. Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams, gyda'r Cynghorydd Meirick Lloyd Davies yn eilio, fod y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler yn cael ei henwebu i fod yn Is-gadeirydd ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15. Cadarnhaodd y Cynghorydd Joan Butterfield na fyddai'r Grŵp Llafur yn cyflwyno enwebiad.

Yn unol â Chyfansoddiad y Cyngor, cafwyd pleidlais gudd i ddewis yr Is-gadeirydd arfaethedig a chafodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler ei henwebu i fod yn Is-gadeirydd arfaethedig ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15. Diolchodd y Cynghorydd Kensler i'r aelodau am eu cefnogaeth a chafodd ei llongyfarch ar ei henwebiad.

**PENDERFYNWYD** mai'r Cynghorydd Brian Blakeley fyddai Cadeirydd arfaethedig y Cyngor ac mai'r Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler fyddai Is-gadeirydd arfaethedig y Cyngor Sir ar gyfer blwyddyn y Cyngor 2014/15 i gael eu hethol yn ffurfiol yng nghyfarfod blynyddol y Cyngor ar 13 Mai 2014.

## **11 PANEL ANNIBYNNOL CYMRU AR GYDNABYDDIAETH ARIANNOL**

Fe wnaeth yr Aelod Arweiniol dros Foderneiddio a Pherfformiad, Y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith, gyflwyno Adroddiad Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydnabyddiaeth Ariannol ar gyfer 2014/15 (a gafodd ei gylochredeg yn flaenorol) i hysbysu'r Aelodau ynghylch adroddiad y Panel. Hefyd i Aelodau fabwysiadu'r argymhellion o fewn yr adroddiad a phenderfynu ar lefel y gydnabyddiaeth i Gadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd y Cyngor ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2014/15.

Roedd Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011 (y Mesur) yn amodi bod yn rhaid i'r Panel gyhoeddi adroddiad ar gyflawni ei swyddogaethau mewn perthynas â phob blwyddyn ariannol.

Roedd y Panel wedi ymweld â phob un o'r 22 awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru i ganfod safbwyntiau Aelodau a swyddogion, yn ystod haf 2013.

Nid oedd y Panel wedi newid lefel y gydnabyddiaeth ers 2011. Yn flaenorol roedd y Panel wedi bod yn alinio'r Cyflog Sylfaenol a oedd yn cael ei dalu ag enillion gros canolrifol cyflogeion llawn-amser yng Nghymru. Yn y tair blynedd ddiwethaf, roedd gostyngiad wedi bod yn y cyllid i awdurdodau lleol ac roedd cyflogau yn y sector cyhoeddus wedi cael eu rhewi. Roedd y Panel wedi penderfynu yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw na fyddai'n cadw'r aliniad ag enillion canolrifol a oedd wedi arwain at ostyngiad yn lefel y Cyflog Sylfaenol mewn termau real.

O ystyried bod y cyfyngiadau ar gyflogau yn y sector cyhoeddus wedi cael eu llacio ychydig, roedd y Panel wedi penderfynu cynyddu'r Cyflog Sylfaenol lai nag 1% o £13,175 i £13,300 ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2014/15.

Roedd y Panel wedi penderfynu y dylai pob awdurdod lleol bennu lefel y cyflog sy'n daladwy i Benaethiaid a Dirprwyon Cynghorau (Cadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd) o blith tair lefel yr oedd y Panel wedi penderfynu eu bod yn daladwy. Nid oedd y lefelau

hyn yn gysylltiedig â maint y boblogaeth a lle'r awdurdod lleol oedd pennu'r lefel yn ôl y llwyth gwaith a'r cyfrifoldebau disgwylidig.

Roedd y lefelau cyflog a oedd ar gael fel a ganlyn:

|    | <b>Cadeirydd</b> | <b>Is-gadeirydd</b> |
|----|------------------|---------------------|
| a) | £24,000          | £18,000             |
| b) | £21,500          | £16,000             |
| c) | £19,000          | £14,000             |

Y lefelau cyfredol a oedd yn daladwy i'r Cadeirydd a'r Is-gadeirydd oedd £19,035 ac £14,805 yn y drefn honno.

Awgrymodd y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith wrth yr Aelodau y dylid ymdrin â lefelau cyflog y Cadeirydd a'r Is-gadeirydd ar wahân. Cytunwyd ar hyn.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth fanwl codwyd y pwyntiau canlynol:

- Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill Fand c) £19,000 ar gyfer y Cadeirydd. Eiliwyd gan y Cynghorydd Peter Owen.
- Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Meirick Lloyd Davies Fand b) £21,500 ar gyfer y Cadeirydd. Eiliwyd gan y Cynghorydd Jeanette Chamberlain Jones.

Cafwyd pleidlais ar lefel Cyflog y Cadeirydd fel a ganlyn:

- Pleidleisiodd 20 aelod o blaid £21,500
- Pleidleisiodd 18 aelod o blaid £19,000
- Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler ei fod yn cael ei nodi ei bod hi wedi ymatal o'r bleidlais.

Felly derbyniwyd y cynnig y byddai Cyflog Cadeirydd y Cyngor ar gyfer 2014/15 yn £21,500.

Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill Fand c) £14,000 ar gyfer yr Is-gadeirydd. Eiliwyd gan y Cynghorydd Martyn Holland

Cafwyd pleidlais ar lefel cyflog yr Is-gadeirydd fel a ganlyn a phleidleisiodd 33 aelod o blaid Band c) £14,000 ac fe bleidleisiodd 4 yn erbyn.

Felly derbyniwyd y cynnig y byddai Cyflog Is-gadeirydd y Cyngor ar gyfer 2014/15 yn £14,000.

Ar y pwynt hwn, mynegodd y Cynghorydd Arwel Roberts wrthwynebiad. Argymhellodd y Cynghorydd Roberts na ddylid talu cyflogau ychwanegol i Gadeiryddion Pwyllgorau oherwydd yr hinsawdd economaidd sydd ohoni a'r ffaith y byddai'n arbediad ariannol i'r Cyngor.

Eglurodd Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd fod adroddiad Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol a oedd wedi'i gyflwyno gerbron y Cyngor yn berthnasol i swyddi a oedd yn denu uwch gyflogau. Roedd y

Cyngor wedi penderfynu yn 2012 mai dim ond 15 uwch gyflog fyddai'n cael eu talu, yn hytrach na'r 17 a argymhellwyd.

Roedd yn ofynnol, yn gyfreithiol, talu cyflog sylfaenol i'r holl aelodau a hefyd talu i Arweinydd grŵp yr wrthblaid fwyaf. Byddai'r penderfyniad ynghylch talu uwch gyflogau neu beidio'n cael ei wneud yn ôl disgrisiwn yr aelodau.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ac fe gytunwyd, gan fod blwyddyn ariannol 2014/15 eisoes wedi dechrau, y byddai adroddiad yn cael ei gyflwyno i un o gyfarfodydd y Cyngor yn y dyfodol i drafod uwch gyflogau ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2015/16 a thu hwnt, ac i drafod a ddylid ymwrthod â'r uwch gyflogau.

Cynigiodd y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams y dylai'r Gwasanaethau Democrataidd gynnal dadansoddiad ac adolygiad o lwythi gwaith aelodau. Cafodd y cynnig ei eilio gan y Cynghorydd Meirick Lloyd Davies.

Cytunwyd y byddai'r Gwasanaethau Democrataidd yn cynnal dadansoddiad ac adolygiad o lwythi gwaith aelodau mewn perthynas â'r cyflog a delir.

**PENDERFYNWYD** fod yr Aelodau:

- yn mabwysiadu argymhellion y Panel ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2014/15 mewn perthynas â thalu Cyflogau Sylfaenol ac Uwch Gyflogau.
- yn pennu lefel y gydnabyddiaeth a fydd yn cael ei thalu i'r Cadeirydd (£21,500) a'r Is-gadeirydd (£14,000) ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2014/15.
- yn mabwysiadu argymhellion y Panel mewn perthynas â thaliadau i aelodau cyfetholedig.
- yn mabwysiadu'r cynllun taliadau i Aelodau a oedd wedi'i nodi yn Atodiad 3 wrth yr adroddiad.
- yn cytuno y bydd adroddiad yn cael ei gyflwyno i un o gyfarfodydd y Cyngor yn y dyfodol ynghylch talu uwch gyflogau.
- yn cytuno y bydd y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd yn cynnal adolygiad o'r llwythi gwaith sy'n gysylltiedig â swyddi a rolau amrywiol a ddelir ac sy'n cael eu cyflawni gan aelodau ac yn adrodd yn ôl.

## 12 RHYBUDD O GYNNIG

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler y Rhybudd o Gynnig canlynol i'r Cyngor Llawn ei ystyried.

“rydym yn galw ar y Cyngor i wahardd yr arfer o ryddhau llusernau awyr o dir sy'n eiddo i Gyngor Sir Ddinbych”.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ac argymhellodd Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd fod adroddiad yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Archwilio a phenderfyniad yn cael ei wneud wedi hynny gan y Cabinet.

Cytunodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler â'r cynnig hwn.



**PENDERFYNWYD** y byddai adroddiad ar lusernau awyr yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Archwilio ac yn cael ei ystyried wedi hynny gan y Cabinet.

### **13 RHAGLEN GWAITH I'R DYFODOL Y CYNGOR SIR**

Cyflwynodd Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd Raglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol y Cyngor (a gafodd ei gylchredeg yn flaenorol)

Sesiwn Briffio'r Cyngor 28 Ebrill 2014

Heddlu Gogledd Cymru – Canolfan Gyfathrebu'r Heddlu (FCC) i gael ei ohirio tan 13 Mai 2014.

Atgoffodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill yr Aelodau am y gweithdai ar y gyllideb a oedd yn mynd i fod yn cael eu cynnal trwy gydol y flwyddyn. Roedd 14 Gorffennaf 2014 yn debygol o fod yn ddigwyddiad dros ddiwrnod cyfan. Byddai dyddiad dros dro, sef 1 Gorffennaf 2014, yn cael ei gadarnhau maes o law.

**Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 1.40 p.m.**

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

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| <b>Adroddiad i'r:</b>           | <b>Cyngor</b>  |
| <b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:</b>      | <b>13 Mai 2014</b>   |
| <b>Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol:</b> | <b>Cynghorydd Barbara Smith<br/>Aelod Arweiniol Moderneiddio a Pherfformiad</b>  |
|                                 | <b>Cyng Hugh H Evans<br/>Arweinydd</b>   |
| <b>Awdur yr Adroddiad:</b>      | <b>Nicola Kneale a Sharon Evans</b>  |
| <b>Teitl:</b>                   | <b>Cynllun Corfforaethol 2012-17, Dogfen Gyflawni Blwyddyn 3 (2014-15), a Blaenoriaethau Cynllun Corfforaethol Aelodau'r Cabinet i'w gyflwyno erbyn 2017</b> |

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## **1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?**

- 1.1 Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn cyflwyno Dogfen Gyflawni Blwyddyn 3 (2014-15) ar gyfer y Cynllun Corfforaethol 2012-17 (Atodiad 1), a Blaenoriaethau Cynllun Corfforaethol Aelodau'r Cabinet i'w gyflwyno erbyn 2017 (Atodiad 2).

## **2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?**

- 2.1 Mae angen penderfyniad i gymeradwyo'r fersiwn drafft terfynol o Ddogfen Gyflawni Blwyddyn 3 y Cynllun Corfforaethol, ynghlwm yn Atodiad 1 i'r adroddiad hwn. Caiff Dogfen Gyflawni ei chreu ar gyfer pob blwyddyn o'r Cynllun Corfforaethol. Ei bwrpas yw amlinellu rhai o'r prosiectau allweddol a fydd yn cael eu dechrau a / neu eu darparu yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol ar gyfer pob un o'n blaenoriaethau, gyda'r bwriad o ddangos sut mae'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn effeithio ar y gwaith yr ydym yn ei wneud. Bydd y ddogfen yn cael ei chyhoeddi ar ein gwefan fel ei bod ar gael ar gyfer ein rheoleiddwyr a'r cyhoedd.
- 2.5 O ran blaenoriaethau Aelodau'r Cabinet ar gyfer 2017 (Atodiad 2), gofynnir i'r Cyngor nodi'r Mesurau Llwyddiant mae'r Aelodau Cabinet wedi'u nodi yn eu portffolios i'w cyflawni yn erbyn pob un o flaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Corfforaethol.

## **3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?**

- 3.1 Argymhellir, yn amodol ar unrhyw newidiadau y cytunir arnynt, bod yr Aelodau'n cymeradwyo drafft terfynol y Ddogfen Gyflawni (Atodiad 1) er mwyn iddo gael ei gyfieithu a'i gyhoeddi.
- 3.2 Bod y Cyngor yn nodi cynnwys Atodiad 2 mewn perthynas â phortffolio pob Aelod Cabinet.

## **4. Manylion am yr adroddiad.**

- 4.1 Pwrpas cynhyrchu a chyhoeddi Dogfen Gyflawni Cynllun Corfforaethol blynyddol (Atodiad 1) yw cadarnhau'r gweithgareddau y bydd y cyngor yn eu cyflawni yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf i gefnogi'r gwaith o gyflawni ei Gynllun Corfforaethol. Mae'r gweithgareddau yn deillio o Gynlluniau Gwasanaeth a Rhaglenni, a bydd diweddariadau cynnydd yn cael eu casglu drwy ein systemau rheoli perfformiad. Bydd cynnydd yn cael ei adrodd i'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Perfformiad a'r Cabinet drwy ein Hadroddiadau Perfformiad Chwarterol. Bydd gwerthusiad cyffredinol o gynnydd y Cyngor wrth gyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn cael ei gynnwys yn yr Adroddiadau Perfformiad Blynyddol a gyhoeddir bob mis Hydref. Mae'r gweithgareddau a amlygwyd o fewn y Ddogfen Gyflawni Blwyddyn 3 wedi'u cynllunio i gael effaith gadarnhaol ar ein Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol a chanlyniadau cysylltiedig (manteision ar gyfer ein cymunedau).
- 4.2 Mae gan y Cyngor Gynllun Corfforaethol clir ac uchelgeisiol sydd wedi cael ei ddatblygu yn dilyn ymgynghori ac ymgysylltu helaeth, ac yn crynhoi'r Canlyniadau a ddisgwylir yn erbyn pob un o'r saith blaenoriaeth ar gyfer gweddill tymor hwn y Cyngor. Yn unol â phapur y Prif Weithredwr 'Sharpening Our Act' (Ile amlygir yr angen i adolygu a chryfhau mesurau llwyddiant y Cyngor ar gyfer y Cynllun Corfforaethol), gofynnwyd i bob Aelod Cabinet nodi a chytuno gyda'u Penaethiaid Gwasanaeth Fesurau Llwyddiant ar gyfer pob un o'r blaenoriaethau y maent yn gyfrifol amdanynt (ar y cyd). Mae Atodiad 2 yr adroddiad hwn yn rhoi manylion am ba lefel o lwyddiant mae'r Cyngor yn disgwyl ei weld erbyn 2017.
- 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?**
- 5.1 Mae'r Ddogfen Gyflawni (Atodiad 1) wedi'i chynllunio'n benodol i ddangos pa weithgaredd mae'r cyngor wedi'i gynllunio ar gyfer 2014-15 i gefnogi'r gwaith o gyflawni ei flaenoriaethau corfforaethol.
- 5.2 Mae blaenoriaethau'r Aelodau Cabinet yn diffinio'r hyn mae'r Cyngor yn anelu at gyflawni erbyn 2017 ar gyfer mesurau allweddol o fewn pob portffolio Aelod Cabinet.
- 6. Beth fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?**
- 6.1 Mae'r Cynllun Corfforaethol 2012-17 yn cynnwys strategaeth ariannol pum-mlynedd sy'n amlinellu'r buddsoddiad cyfalaf a ragwelir sydd ei angen i gyflawni'r blaenoriaethau. Datblygwyd y strategaeth hon yn dilyn gweithdy Aelodau ar 11 Medi 2012 dan arweiniad y Pennaeth Cyllid ac Asedau.
- 6.2 Mae'r Ddogfen Gyflawni Blwyddyn 3 (Atodiad 1) hefyd yn cynnwys adran ar oblygiadau ariannol ar gyfer 2014-15.
- 6.3 Nid oes unrhyw gost yn gysylltiedig â chyflawni Canlyniadau 2017 yn Atodiad 2.
- 7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gwblhawyd ar gyfer y penderfyniad? Dylid cynnwys yr Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gwblhawyd fel atodiad i'r adroddiad.**

- 7.1 Cynhaliwyd asesiad o effaith y Cynllun Corfforaethol ar gydraddoldeb a chafodd ei gyflwyno i'r Cyngor ar 9 Hydref 2012.
- 7.2 Nid oes angen Asesiad Effaith Cydraddoldeb penodol ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn ei hun, ond bydd angen i Benaethiaid Gwasanaeth ystyried yr effaith ar gydraddoldeb o weithgareddau unigol a grybwyllir yn y ddogfen er mwyn sicrhau nad ydynt yn cael unrhyw effaith andwyol anghymesur ar bobl sy'n rhannu nodweddion gwarchoddedig.
- 7.3 Mae rhai o'r gweithgareddau, er enghraifft ffurfioli cynlluniau ar gyfer darparu cyrbiau is, yn cael effaith cadarnhaol ar gydraddoldeb ac maent wedi'u cynllunio i ymateb i Asesiad Effaith Cydraddoldeb gwreiddiol y Cynllun Corfforaethol.

## **8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gyda'r Pwyllgorau Archwilio ac eraill?**

- 8.1 Mae'r Ddogfen Gyflawni (Atodiad 1) wedi cael ei datblygu o weithgaredd a nodwyd o Gynlluniau Gwasanaeth drafft ar gyfer 2014-15 ac o Gynlluniau Rhaglen. Mae'r gweithgareddau wedi eu diffinio a'u mireinio ymhellach drwy drafodaethau gyda phersonél allweddol sy'n gysylltiedig â'u cyflawni. Dosbarthwyd drafft i'r UDA ar gyfer sylwadau, ac mae ar gael ar gyfer ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar-lein cyn ei gyflwyno i'r Cyngor i'w gymeradwyo.
- 8.3 Ymgynghorwyd ar Atodiad 2 gyda'r UDA.

## **9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid**

- 9.1 Mae'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn cynnwys cynlluniau gwariant lefel uchel sy'n cwmpasu 2012-17, ac yn gosod y cyd-destun ar gyfer y Cynllun Ariannol Tymor Canolig. Mae'r buddsoddiad a amlinellir yn y Cynllun Corfforaethol yn uchelgeisiol ond yn angenrheidiol os yw'r Cyngor am barhau i wella gwasanaethau allweddol. Mae'r Cyngor yn wynebu rhai blynyddoedd anodd gydag amgylchedd ariannol heriol ac os bydd angen, mae'r cynlluniau yn ddigon hyblyg i gael eu newid pe bai'r sefyllfa ariannol yn newid.

## **10. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?**

- 10.1 Nid oes unrhyw risgiau penodol yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn. Swyddogaeth y Gofrestr Risg Corfforaethol a'r Gofrestr Risg Gwasanaethau yw dynodi (a rheoli) digwyddiadau posibl o risg a allai olygu na fyddai'r cyngor yn gallu cyflawni ei Gynllun Corfforaethol.

## **11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad**

- 11.1 Mae'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn elfen allweddol o Raglen Cymru ar gyfer Gwella (2010), sy'n cael ei gefnogi gan ofynion statudol Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1999 a Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2009.

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## Introduction

Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Plan 2012–17 was agreed and published in October 2012. The Corporate Plan 2012–17 (which can be found at [www.denbighshire.gov.uk/corporateplan](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/corporateplan)) explains what the council's priorities are for the next five years, why these priorities were chosen, and what we expect to achieve by 2017. The aim of this Delivery Document 2014–15 is to explain what we expect to do in the forthcoming year to support the delivery of our priorities. Many of our priorities focus on benefits for our communities that will take many years to deliver, and some of the work in the current year will be about developing programmes of work to deliver our priorities. These programmes of work form our Improvement Objectives. This document contains a number of specific activities and projects that we aim to deliver during 2014–15.

We monitor our progress in delivering our Corporate Plan by taking six-monthly performance reports to Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings. We also produce an annual performance report that evaluates the progress we have made. These annual reports are published by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year and are available on our website.

## Financing Year Three of the Corporate Plan (2014–15)

Our Corporate Plan 2012–17 sets out our ambitious – but deliverable – priorities for the five year period. Some of these priorities will require significant capital investment, and the latest estimate assumes that the Authority will need to invest somewhere in the region of an *additional* £125 million pounds of capital funding in our priorities to deliver the Plan. It is assumed that £84m will be spent in the years 2012/13 to 2016/17 and £41m in the following five years.

The table below shows the total revenue (day-to-day) and capital (investment) spends against each priority for 2014–15. It also shows the proposed additional expenditure arising from the Corporate Plan. The expenditure shown includes capital funded by Welsh Government grants totalling £8.6m.

| Denbighshire<br>County Council<br>funding in 2014-<br>15 (£000s) | Local<br>economy | Education<br>and schools | Improving<br>our roads | Protection of<br>vulnerable &<br>independent<br>living | Clean and<br>tidy streets | Good quality<br>housing | Modernising  |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Revenue  | 1,484            | 71,476                   | 4,728                  | 40,467   | 7,078                     | 13,445                  | 2,701        |
| Capital  | 2,076            | 4,198                    | 3,878                  | 248  | 0                         | 8,621                   | 259          |
| Additional for<br>Year 3   | 0                | 9,861                    | 4,108                  | 456  | 0                         | 0                       | 0            |
| <b>Total spend</b>   | <b>3,560</b>     | <b>85,535</b>            | <b>12,714</b>          | <b>41,171</b>  | <b>7,078</b>              | <b>22,066</b>           | <b>2,960</b> |

Much work took place during 2013–14 to further define the outcomes that we aim to deliver for our communities under this priority. Hence, there have been some minor changes, which are referred to below.

The Economic and Community Ambition Board oversees and steers work done under this priority. In addition to managing the activities listed here, this year this Board will start by prioritising the remaining actions in the ECA Strategy before deciding whether or not to go ahead with them.

Below are the key activities we have planned in 2014–15 in support of each outcome.

**Outcome: The right Infrastructure for Growth (formerly ‘The infrastructure that connects the county internally, to the wider region and beyond, will enable individuals and businesses based in Denbighshire to compete effectively in wider markets for jobs and trade’)**

- By 2017 we will have started developing appropriate new business premises in Denbighshire. To progress this, in 2014–15 we will identify priority sites for development. By enabling more business premises of the right type and in the right location, we believe we can attract new businesses to Denbighshire and enable existing businesses that wish to grow to stay in Denbighshire. We will also be supporting the construction sector through encouraging new development activity.
- Once priority sites are identified, we will produce planning guidance that sets out the type of development we want for each site. This simplifies and speeds up the planning process for businesses, so they can start operating sooner.
- Complete the Digital Denbighshire plan, which is aimed at improving digital and mobile communications infrastructure in Denbighshire, and encouraging its use by businesses to increase their competitiveness. Improving infrastructure within Denbighshire is an important part of making the county an attractive place for businesses to locate – creating new jobs and increasing Denbighshire’s collective turnover. We’ll also identify households and communities unlikely to benefit from the Superfast Cymru Broadband roll out and identify options to help communities address the gaps.
- Create an online enquiries portal for businesses looking for suitable land or premises in Denbighshire.

### **Outcome: Supported and connected business (Formerly ‘Businesses will develop and grow in Denbighshire’)**

- In partnership with local business support and advice agencies, develop a simpler ‘gateway’ to Business Advice and Support.
- Adopt a more business–friendly approach to regulatory services that ensures regulation is proportionate, consistent, accountable, transparent and targeted to promote business competitiveness
- Revise our Procurement Strategy to target greater spend with local businesses and keep more of our ‘spending power’ in the local economy. We will also ensure that our spending is used to provide spin off benefits for our communities such as local employment, training, apprenticeships, work experience and business support.

### **Outcome: Opportunities for Growth (Formerly ‘Denbighshire’s existing economic strengths and new potential will be maximised’)**

- Research and produce a comprehensive Tourism Growth Plan for Denbighshire to support growth and diversification of the sector. This will focus on growing existing strengths for Denbighshire, both in absolute terms (leading to more jobs for local residents), and also in terms of value (leading to better paid, more reliable jobs).
- Select a preferred developer to work with us on our aspirations for tourism and leisure facilities in Rhyl & Prestatyn.

### **Outcome: High quality skilled workforce (Formerly ‘Denbighshire will have a workforce with the skills required for business growth’)**

- Agree with schools and colleges how to develop and promote the advanced skills needed for the agreed North Wales growth sectors, with a particular focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects. This will help us support our residents in accessing higher value employment opportunities and encouraging businesses with higher value jobs to consider locating in the county.

### **Outcome: Vibrant towns and communities (Formerly ‘Towns and rural communities will be revitalised’, and ‘Deprivation in parts of Rhyl and upper Denbigh will be reduced’)**

- Develop an action plan to strengthen and support diversification in our town centres. Our town centres are an important element of our existing economy but are under pressure from changing attitudes to retail. To be truly successful in the future, town centres need to diversify and offer a broader range of experience and amenities to attract the footfall necessary to support a confident town centre.

### **Outcome: Well Promoted Denbighshire (New, added in by Members as the Economic & Community Ambition Strategy was developed)**

- Agree a marketing approach and developed a programme of activity to promote Denbighshire as a location for business
- Put in place an improved approach to handling inward investment enquiries

## Priority:

### Improve Performance In Education And The Quality Of Our School Buildings

For this priority we have identified one outcome that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of this outcome.

#### Outcome: Students achieve their potential

- Review current provision for students who access the Behaviour Support Service. Current provision may not be suitable in the long term, so we need to reconsider which buildings are used and how the students are grouped together to ensure that they are in a suitable learning environment – one that will be available now and in the future.
- Current school cluster arrangements are focussed around administration, rather than providing opportunities for schools with similar issues or prospects to team together and support one another. These clusters will be reviewed and remodelled in 2014–15 in order to provide greater chances for innovation and curriculum focus.
- We will target school learners that need additional support to develop their skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT. We want to raise standards and improve their skills.
- Completion of the refurbishment and extension works to reduce the county's reliance on mobile accommodation for school places at the following schools:
  - Ysgol Twm O'r Nant, Denbigh
  - Ysgol Y Llys, Prestatyn
  - Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy, Cynwyd.
- Commence construction works at Rhyl's New School for Rhyl High School and Ysgol Tir Morfa, and also Bodnant Community School, Prestatyn.
- Commence design works for Ysgol Glan Clwyd, St Asaph.
- Commence consultation on the county's faith-based secondary education provision.
- Elected Members to consider options for future investment in Ruthin area schools, and other priority areas.
- All schools in Denbighshire will have wireless internet access by March 2015.
- Develop and deliver a comprehensive training and development plan for Governors to ensure that they have the HR, ICT, Financial, and analytical skills to effectively support and challenge schools appropriately.

For this priority we have identified one outcome that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities that we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of this outcome.

**Outcome: Residents and visitors to Denbighshire have access to a well-managed road network**

- Resurfacing many of the county roads, including:
  - A525: Section from Rhewl to 30 mph sign in Ruthin
  - A5104: Complete the section near Llandegla
  - Lower section of Rhyl High Street
  
- Microasphalt will be laid at many locations, including:
  - Highlands Close, Rhuddlan
  - Birch Hill, Llangollen
  - Marion Road, Prestatyn
  
- Surface dressing of many county routes, including:
  - Hiraddug Road, Dyserth
  - A548: Coast road from Bodnant Bridge to boundary (Prestatyn)
  
- Continue to make pedestrian safety improvements at Trellewellyn Road, Rhyl.
  
- Continue to strengthen the Elwy Bridge, St Asaph, and undertake extensive repairs to the East Abutment of Foryd Road Bridge, Rhyl.
  
- There is a greater need for dropped kerbs to connect important community routes. We have defined these important routes as being between transport infrastructure (bus stations, railway stations, and car parks), local town centre populations, and the town centres. We identified each of the priority routes last year in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Dyserth, St Asaph, Bodelwyddan, Rhuddlan, Denbigh, Ruthin, Llangollen, and Corwen. Between April and July of 2014–15 we will carry out audits of these routes to identify gaps in provision, in consultation with local Councillors. We will then begin to rectify any shortcomings, and will complete the work on these priority routes within two years (by March 2016).



## Priority:

### Vulnerable People Are Protected

### And Are Able To Live As Independently As Possible

For this priority we have identified two outcomes that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of each outcome.

#### **Outcome: Vulnerable people can live as independently as possible**

- Have a fully operational Single Point of Access for adults who require information, advice and support regarding community health and social care. This will make it easier to access advice and support on a wide range of issues from health and social care professionals by creating a single service.
- Revise arrangements to improve the delivery of work opportunities and day services for adults with learning disabilities.
- Transform a range of services available to disabled children and their families to ensure that they are able to access the right support in accordance with their needs. We'll do this in a manner that provides choice and control, and that enables independence and resilience. The transformation of services will include investment in the skills and experiences of universal service providers. Some of the benefits of this investment will be that a greater number of accessible and inclusive opportunities will be available in the community, and also that assessment-based services will be more personalised. A smooth transition from childhood to adulthood will be the key goal in all elements of service provision.
- Review and re-focus our reablement service (short-term support designed to develop people's confidence to manage as many tasks as possible on their own) to ensure that it is as effective as possible and that we have the resources available to respond to demand.
- Continue to work with developers, housing associations and other partners to encourage the development of additional extra care housing in Denbighshire, with the aim of one additional scheme (with approximately 50 units) being built during 2014/15.

#### **Outcome: Vulnerable children and adults are protected**

- Review the current Families First programme and identify a revised programme for 2015–17.
- Establish corporate safeguarding arrangements to ensure that all staff – not just those in Social Services – are aware of, and comply with procedures designed to protect children and adults.

For this priority we have identified one outcome that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of this outcome.

**Outcome: To produce an attractive environment for residents and visitors alike**

- Use customer service information to plan our street cleansing activity for the month ahead, as a supplement to the usual schedule. This will enable us to better respond to customer needs, and address problem areas as they arise.
- Continue to use external contractors to tackle environmental crime (such as dog fouling and littering) by monitoring the streets, targeting problem areas, and serving fixed penalty notices on those who are caught breaking the law.
- Raise awareness of the health danger of dog faeces, particularly for children in playing fields, through the use of radio programmes, targeting events with publicity material, and using real case studies of individuals who've been affected by toxicara. We'll also implement dog control orders to prevent dogs from accessing certain places within the county.
- Target the most problematic eyesore sites in Denbighshire by having a series of actions for multi-discipline officers to implement. The aim will be to bring these sites back into use. Some of the key sites to be targeted include:
  - 102 Vale Street, Denbigh
  - 3 Brighton Road, Rhyl
  - Grange Hotel, Rhyl

For this priority we have identified one outcome that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of this outcome.

**Outcome: Our housing market will offer a range of types and forms of housing in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of individuals and families**

- By September 2014 we will produce a package of information and advice to planning agents and developers to assist in the development of affordable housing. We'll deliver 38 units of new affordable housing in 2014/15.
- Work more closely with the Private Rented Sector (which houses 17% of our residents) to develop fairer access and drive up quality. We'll also develop models that will make house sharing a viable option for single people on the lowest incomes so they can avoid 'sofa surfing', or even street homelessness.
- Negotiate a settlement with the Welsh Government for the abolition of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System. This will place Denbighshire in the best possible position to reinvest in housing stock, including the building of new council housing.
- Produce master plans and planning briefs to simplify guidance and encourage the private sector to develop allocated housing sites, delivering mixed types and ranges of housing. The emphasis will be on key strategic and eyesore sites.
- Implement the new Welsh Government home loan scheme to enable home owners to improve conditions in the private housing stock for those properties that have been empty for at least six months.
- Refurbish of 3–9 Abbey Street and 2–12 Edward Henry Street, Rhyl from October.
- Progress the development of 50–57 West Parade site (including 1–11 John Street and 18 Aquarium Street) to accommodate a development of modern apartments plus office/retail units.
- A number of properties in Brighton Road, Bath Street and Thorpe Street in Rhyl will be subject to a group repair scheme, which is a block

For this priority we have identified two outcomes that we aim to deliver for our communities. Below is a selection of the activities we plan to undertake in 2014–15 in support of each outcome.

#### **Outcome: Services will continue to improve and develop**

- Implement self-service for our Revenues and Benefits customers. This will provide customers with more choice as to how they contact us, while potentially saving us money. This will go live during the summer of 2014.
- Develop a Customer Access Strategy in which we will examine customer requirements, consider how technology can support service delivery, and how we can manage customer data. Our research will be used to plan improvements to make our services easier to access, more effective, and to provide our customers with an appropriate level of support.

#### **Outcome: More flexible and effective workforce supported by cost efficient infrastructure**

- Our offices in Ty Nant will be emptied, and staff relocated by summer 2014. Releasing this building will reduce our running costs, which we can reinvest in our services, and also contribute to the reduction in our carbon emissions.
- Where possible, office-based staff who don't need a fixed desk will be given the tools to enable Flexible Working (a laptop, remote but secure access to our systems, and mobile telephony). This will enable them to work flexibly from any location, and enable us to implement hot-desking. Flexible working offers us the opportunity to reduce costs and time spent on business travel, make more efficient use of our office space, and improve customer service.
- Register all invoices centrally and electronically, so that we reduce the time taken to process them, reducing the cost per transaction.
- Continue to roll out the corporate EDRMs system across all services in order to support flexible working (people can access 'paper' work from any location), and freeing up storage requirements. All of this helps to ensure cost effective management and storage of information. By April 2015 we anticipate 86% of the staff with access to ICT will be able to use EDRMS.

## Corporate Plan Priority: Developing the local economy

| If we are successful we expect to see:  | Key measure of success by 2017  | Lead Member |
|---|---|-------------|
| Fewer people being unemployed   | Unemployment 0.5% below the UK rate – on current performance, this would mean 500 more people in work   | HHE         |
| Improvements in people's income   | Median household income 10% higher than the Welsh average – on current performance this would mean an increase in annual household income of around £3,300  | HHE         |
| An increase in the number of healthy private and third sector enterprises   | Business birth and survival rates at pre-recession levels – this would mean 355 for new businesses, which would mean 75 more new businesses each year with 96% surviving for 1 year and 61% surviving for at least 3 years  | HHE         |
| An increase in confidence levels of local businesses  | A 10% increase in turnover of Denbighshire based businesses – this would mean collective turnover of £2,310m, £15m higher than Denbighshire's previous highest turnover   | HHE         |
| An increase in the revenue from tourism in Denbighshire   | We should expect to see a 15% increase in revenue generated from tourism, and a clear master plan for redevelopment of coastal tourism and leisure facilities   | HLJ         |
| An increase in residents' satisfaction with their local area  | Results from the Denbighshire residents' survey:<br>2011 - 87%<br>2013 - 85%<br>90% by the end of March 2017  | HI          |
| A reduction in levels of deprivation in Rhyl and Upper Denbigh and a narrowing of the gap between the most deprived areas and other parts of the county | No Denbighshire communities in the 10 most deprived communities in Wales (currently 2 in Rhyl) and a real reduction in the deprivation indicators for income, employment and housing in Denbighshire's communities currently in the 10% most deprived communities in Wales (currently 5 in Rhyl and 1 in Upper Denbigh) | HHE         |

**Corporate Plan Priority: Improving performance in education and the quality of our school buildings**

| If we are successful we expect to see:   | Key measure of success by 2017  | Lead Member |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
|--|---|-------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------|-----|---------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|--|------|-----|
| Excellent education performance at the end of primary and secondary school stages, with a particular emphasis on English, Welsh, Maths and Science | <p>End of Primary School – Key stage 2</p> <p>Percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 or higher in :</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>English</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cymraeg</td> <td>96%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mathematics</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Science</td> <td>97%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Core Subject Indicator</td> <td>94%</td> </tr> </table> <p>End of Secondary School – Key stage 4</p> <p>Percentage of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs with grades A*-C including English and Maths (Level 2 +)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Core Subject Indicator</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Core Subject Indicator</td> <td>68%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Percentage of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs with grades A*-G (Level 1)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </table> | English     | 95% | Cymraeg | 96% | Mathematics | 95% | Science | 97% | Core Subject Indicator | 94% | Core Subject Indicator | 70% | Core Subject Indicator | 68% |  | 100% | EWW |
| English  | 95%   |             |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
| Cymraeg  | 96%   |             |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
| Mathematics  | 95%   |             |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
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| Core Subject Indicator   | 68%   |             |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
|  | 100%  |             |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
| Improved pupil attendance and fewer exclusions from schools  | <p>Attendance in Primary schools – 96%</p> <p>Attendance in Secondary schools – 95%</p> <p>Exclusions – permanent and fixed term – zero</p>   | EWW         |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
| All pupils leaving school with approved qualifications   | Our vision is 100% by 2017  | EWW         |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |
| Significant improvements in the quality of school buildings and facilities   | Our vision is to complete all the projects in the capital programme to include: -<br>Rhyl new School,<br>Ysgol Glan Clwyd,<br>Faith based schools,<br>Ruthin Town schools: Rhos Street & Pen Barras;<br>Clocaenog and Cyffylliog Area School<br>Llanfair & Pentrecelyn Area School<br>Ysgol Pendref, Denbigh<br>Bodelwyddan primary<br>Rhyl primary provision   | EWW         |     |         |     |             |     |         |     |                        |     |                        |     |                        |     |  |      |     |

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| A significant reduction in the number of mobile classrooms used                | Our vision is that between 2013 -2017 the number of mobile and none teaching classrooms will reduce by 39   | EWW  |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |     |
| A reduction in the number of empty spaces in schools, and fewer oversubscribed | <p>Primary empty spaces</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>17.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>12.7%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Secondary empty spaces</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>9.9 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>19.5%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Within the secondary sector we are removing excess capacity as it becomes available, however this is being managed with the back drop of future rising number into the secondary sector. It is estimated that by 2020 secondary spaces are estimated to reduce to 17.8% and reduce further in year's there after</p> | 2010 | 17.7% | 2017 | 12.7% | 2010 | 9.9 % | 2017 | 19.5% | EWW |
| 2010   | 17.7%   |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |     |
| 2017   | 12.7%   |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |     |
| 2010   | 9.9 %   |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |     |
| 2017   | 19.5%   |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |     |

### Corporate Plan Priority: Improving our roads

| <b>If we are successful we expect to see:</b>                             | <b>Key measure of success by 2017</b>   | <b>Lead Member</b> |
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| An overall improvement in the condition of our roads                      | An improvement in the average road condition assessment score measured across the whole highway network. (Figures to be obtained from the Council's Highways Asset Management System - 2017 mean compared to 2014 mean)             | DS                 |
| A reduction in the percentage of roads classed as being in poor condition | A reduction in the proportion of highways categorised as being in poor condition. (Figures measured via the Council's Highway Asset Management System - 2017 mean compared to 2014 mean, with a score of 500 being classed as poor) | DS                 |
| An improvement in residents' satisfaction with the quality of our roads   | Results from the 2017 residents survey (proportion of residents satisfied with condition - using the  | DS                 |

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|   | mean across the 3 different road types)   |                    |
| <b>Corporate Plan Priority: Vulnerable people are protected and are able to live as independently as possible</b> |   |                    |
| <b>If we are successful we expect to see:</b>   | <b>Key measure of success by 2017</b>   | <b>Lead Member</b> |
| More Extra Care Housing across Denbighshire   | Denbighshire will have two additional Extra Care Housing schemes in operation (containing a total of around 100 units), with another scheme in the development phase.                               | BF                 |
| Fewer people in residential care homes  | We will have reduced the number of adults who need residential care by 200, from 815 to 615.  | BF                 |
| More people living in their own home for longer   | 750 more adults will be enabled to live independently without a formal package of social care.  | BF                 |
| Fewer repeat referrals to child protection services   | The re-referral rate will not rise above 20% in any year, and we would expect it to consistently fall within the range of 15-20% each year.   | BF                 |
| <b>Corporate Plan Priority: Clean and tidy streets</b>  |   |                    |
| <b>If we are successful we expect to see:</b>   | <b>Key measure of success by 2017</b>   | <b>Lead Member</b> |
| Less dog fouling and litter in our towns and villages   | Top quartile of clean and tidy street index<br><br>The number of complaints about dog fouling will reduce by 10%<br><br>The number of fixed penalty notices issued for littering will reduce by 10% | DS                 |
| Clean and tidy towns and villages   | Top quartile of clean and tidy street index   | DS                 |
| High Levels of public satisfaction with the appearance of public spaces   | Higher levels of satisfaction compared to previous residents' survey statistics   | DS                 |
| <b>Corporate Plan Priority: Ensuring access to good quality housing</b>   |   |                    |
| <b>If we are successful we expect to see:</b>   | <b>Key measure of success by 2017</b>   | <b>Lead Member</b> |
| Homeless people and those threatened  | The service will have successfully  | HI                 |



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| with homelessness assisted to find a home  | implemented the changes to Homeless Legislation as required through the Housing Bill and will be recognised as the top performing Local Authority in Wales in discharging its homelessness duties.   |                    |
| Improved living conditions in private sector housing   | <p>We will take direct action to improve over 300 private 'high risk' dwellings to an acceptable level</p> <p>We will adapt 320 privately owned dwellings to allow disabled people to live independently in their homes</p> <p>We will take direct action to enable over 500 properties to benefit from energy efficiency improvements</p> <p>We will license an additional 60 Houses in Multiple Occupation</p> <p>We will ensure a five year land supply, for housing development, is maintained</p> | DS                 |
| Welsh Government Affordable Housing targets delivered  | By 2017 150 new affordable housing units will be delivered.  | HI                 |
| More empty dwellings returned to occupation  | We will take direct action to bring back into use 400 dwellings, which have been empty for more than 6 months  | DS                 |
| Fewer people on the Housing Waiting List   | By 2017 the housing waiting list will have reduced from 3000 applicants to 1500.   | HI                 |
| Denbighshire County Council Housing Services recognised for excellence   | By 2017 Housing Services will receive a 2 star good rating from external inspection; will be the best performing Local Authority in Wales as recorded through HouseMark UK Benchmarking service and be in the top quartile for performance when benchmarked by HouseMark against the Welsh RSLs and peer group Local Authorities in England.   | HI                 |
| <b>Corporate Plan Priority: Modernising the council to deliver efficiencies and improve services for our customers</b> |  |                    |
| <b>If we are successful we expect to see:</b>  | <b>Key measure of success by 2017</b>  | <b>Lead Member</b> |
| Increased public satisfaction with the simplicity and ease of their interaction with the council                       | Results from the Denbighshire residents' survey.<br>2011 - 78%   | HI                 |

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|   | 2013 - 69%<br>85 % by the end of March 2017  |                  |
| More cost effective services  | Delivering on agreed budget savings and delivering savings arising from the modernisation programme  | JTH              |
| Fewer complaints by the public  | Short term we are anticipating an increase in complaints as we promote the policy.<br>2010/11            632<br>2011/12            587<br>2012/13            660<br>2013/14            726    10% increase<br>2014/15            726    Remains static<br>2015/16            654    10% reduction<br>2016/17            589    10% reduction | HI               |
| More online transactions carried out through the council's website  | The new website went live 20/08/13 – 31/3/14<br>34,797 transactions made<br>200,000 transactions by the end of March 2017  | HI/BS            |
| High levels of staff satisfaction   | Employee turnover will be no less than 7% and no more than 13%<br><br>The number of staff grievances will return to the 2012 level of 7 annually<br><br>In the 2017 staff survey, no service will be more than 20% below the average for questions 6-8   | BS               |
| Reduce impact on our environment as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• less business travel, paper and waste</li> <li>• less energy use/carbon emissions across all operational buildings</li> </ul> | Business mileage – by 2017 the total business mileage for Denbighshire will be reduced by 20%<br><br>Energy use/Carbon emissions per m2 across all operational buildings will reduce by approximately 20%.   | BS<br><br>JTH/BS |

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| <b>Adroddiad i'r:</b>        | <b>Cyngor Sir</b>   |
| <b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:</b>   | <b>13 Mai 2014</b>  |
| <b>Aelod sy'n cyflwyno:</b>  | <b>Y Cyngorydd Huw Hilditch-Roberts</b>   |
| <b>Awduron yr Adroddiad:</b> | <b>Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio/<br/>Cydllynydd Archwilio a Swyddog y Gwasanaethau Democraidd</b> |
| <b>Teitl:</b>                | <b>Adroddiad Blynyddol Pwyllgorau Archwilio'r Cyngor</b>  |

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## **1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?**

Adroddiad Blynyddol Pwyllgorau Archwilio i'r Cyngor ar gyfer 2013/14.

## **2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?**

- 2.1 I gyflwyno adroddiad blynyddol am weithgareddau'r Pwyllgor Archwilio yn 2013/14 i'r Cyngor.
- 2.2 I gydymffurfio ag Erthygl 6.3.7 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor sy'n amodi bod yn rhaid i'r pwyllgorau archwilio adrodd yn flynyddol i'r Cyngor llawn am eu gwaith a gwneud argymhellion ar gyfer rhaglenni gwaith i'r dyfodol a dulliau gweithio diwygiedig os yw'n berthnasol.

## **3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?**

Bod y Cyngor yn ystyried Adroddiad Blynyddol y Pwyllgorau Archwilio ar gyfer 2013/14 ac yn rhoi sylwadau yn unol â hynny.

## **4. Manylion am yr adroddiad.**

- 4.1 Mae Cyfansoddiad Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn amodi y bydd pwyllgorau archwilio'r Awdurdod yn adrodd yn flynyddol am eu gweithgareddau yn ystod y flwyddyn i'r Cyngor Sir.
- 4.2 Roedd y Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio (SCVCG) am gael yr Adroddiad Blynyddol eleni mewn fformat byrrach nag a dreialwyd y llynedd gan eu bod yn teimlo ei fod yn rhoi trosolwg byr i ddarllenwyr, o sut y mae'r archwilio yn gweithredu, y gwaith a wneir gan bwyllgorau, a rhoi gwybod i drigolion sut y gallant gymryd rhan yn y broses archwilio a chyfranogi ati.
- 4.3 Yn ogystal â chynnwys crynodeb o benderfyniadau pob pwyllgor archwilio, mae adroddiad eleni yn canolbwyntio ar amlinellu gwaith archwilio wrth herio cynlluniau'r Cyngor i gyflawni ei flaenoriaethau corfforaethol erbyn 2017.

Amcan archwilio wrth edrych ar y polisiâu a strategaethau hyn yn fanwl yw cefnogi'r gwaith o ddarparu'r saith blaenoriaeth gorfforaethol a chynorthwyo'r Cyngor i wireddu ei ddyhead ar fod yn agos at y gymuned.

- 4.4 Fel yn y blynyddoedd diweddar, mae Adroddiad Blynyddol eleni yn cynnwys ffurflen sy'n galluogi'r cyhoedd i gynnig meysydd neu wasanaethau i'w hystyried gan archwilio. Y rhesymeg y tu ôl i'r ffurflen hon yw ceisio ennyn diddordeb y cyhoedd a gwella rhyngweithio preswylwyr ag archwilio yn unol â disgwyliadau Llywodraeth Cymru ar awdurdodau lleol i gynyddu ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd a rhyngweithio gyda'u gwaith. Yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf mae llond llaw o drigolion wedi cysylltu ag archwilio Sir Ddinbych i gynnig eitemau oedd yn eu barn nhw yn haeddu eu harchwilio. Fodd bynnag, gan fod y materion a godwyd yn bennaf o natur leol cawsant eu datrys drwy ddulliau mwy priodol eraill. Er hynny, gan fod y ffurflen hon yn galluogi trigolion i dynnu materion at sylw'r Cyngor mae wedi ei gynnwys yn yr Adroddiad Blynyddol unwaith eto.

#### Astudiaeth Gwella Craffu Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru

- 4.5 Mae'r adroddiad terfynol yn dilyn yr astudiaeth genedlaethol a gynhaliwyd gan Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru yn dal i gael ei ddisgwyl. Ar ôl ei dderbyn bydd y Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Archwilio yn ystyried ei argymhellion a phenderfynu a oes angen unrhyw newidiadau i arferion archwilio'r Awdurdod yn seiliedig ar ganfyddiadau'r adroddiad.

#### Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011

- 4.6 Yn yr un modd, mae awdurdodau lleol yn aros am y pwerau angenrheidiol i gael eu cadarnhau gan eu galluogi i ddefnyddio'r darpariaethau a gynhwysir ym Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011 i orfodi darparwyr gwasanaethau cyhoeddus eraill i fynychu archwilio pan ofynnir iddynt wneud hynny. Hyd nes y gwneir y Gorchymyn gall sefydliadau sy'n darparu gwasanaethau cyhoeddus i drigolion y Sir gael eu gwahodd i ymgysylltu â phwyllgorau archwilio yn unig. Serch hynny, mae'n bleser adrodd bod yr holl gyrff a wahoddwyd i fynychu archwilio yn Sir Ddinbych hyd yma wedi derbyn y gwahoddiad.

### **5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?**

Bydd archwilio effeithiol yn gymorth i'r Cyngor gynnal y blaenoriaethau corfforaethol yn unol ag anghenion cymunedau a dymuniadau trigolion.

### **6. Beth fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?**

- 6.1 Mae cyhoeddiad yr Adroddiad Blynyddol yn ffurfio rhan o adroddiadau rheolaidd y pwyllgor sy'n cael eu hanfon i'r cynghorwyr sir a derbynwyr eraill, felly nid oes unrhyw gostau ychwanegol wrth ei gyhoeddi. Bydd yr Adroddiad Blynyddol yn cael ei ddosbarthu i fannau'r Cyngor megis llyfrgelloedd, Siopau Un Stop, canolfannau hamdden a chynghorau tref a chymuned, gyda fersiwn electronig yn cael ei hanfon i holl gynghorau ysgol y Sir. Bydd ar gael ar fewnwyd a gwefan y Cyngor hefyd.

6.2 Bydd unrhyw gostau a geir mewn perthynas â'r pwerau newydd a roed i bwyllgorau archwilio gan Fesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011 yn cael eu cyllido a'u cynnwys yng nghyllideb bresennol y Cyngor ar gyfer costau democrataidd. Bydd rhaid i unrhyw gostau a geir o gynnal pwyllgorau archwilio ar y cyd gydag awdurdodau lleol eraill gael eu trafod gyda'r awdurdod/au lleol perthnasol a'u cynnwys yn y cyllidebau presennol.

**7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gwblhawyd ar gyfer y penderfyniad?**

Dylai archwilio effeithiol o bolisïau, dulliau gweithredu a phenderfyniadau'r Cyngor liniaru'r risg o unrhyw effaith andwyol ar bobl sy'n rhannu nodweddion wedi'u diogelu.

**8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gyda'r Pwyllgorau Archwilio ac eraill?**

Mae Aelodau o Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio wedi bod yn rhan o ddrafftio'r Adroddiad Blynyddol ac ymgynghorwyd â hwy am ei gynnwys.

**9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid**

Nid oes goblygiadau ariannol arwyddocaol o ganlyniad i'r adroddiad hwn. Fel y nodwyd ym mharagraff 6 uchod bydd unrhyw gostau yn ymwneud â chynhyrchu'r Adroddiad yn cael eu cynnwys yn y cyllidebau presennol a bydd unrhyw gost wrth sefydlu pwyllgorau craffu/archwilio ar y cyd yn amodol ar drafodaethau rhwng yr awdurdodau perthnasol.

**10. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?**

Ni chanfuwyd unrhyw risg mewn perthynas ag ystyriaeth Adroddiad Blynyddol y Pwyllgorau.

**11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad**

Mae Erthygl 6.3.7 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn amodi bod yn rhai i bwyllgorau archwilio'r Cyngor adrodd yn flynyddol i'r Cyngor ynglŷn â'u gweithgareddau.

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# Denbighshire County Council

Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committees

2013/14



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## ***Foreword***

Denbighshire County Council's Scrutiny Committees examine the work of the Council and other public service providers across a range of topics to help ensure the delivery of quality services for the County's residents. In this Annual Report we give a summary of our Scrutiny Committees' activities during 2013/14.

Whilst councillors, Council officers and external partners contribute regularly to our activities we also welcome public attendance at our meetings. We would like to encourage residents to attend and contribute to our work in securing the best possible public services. The intention is to make sure that we are dealing with the matters that are most important to the community and are delivering quality services to you.

If you feel that there is a topic that we should look at, please let us know by completing the 'Scrutiny Request Form' or by contacting the Scrutiny Co-ordinator on 01824 712554 or email to [dcc\\_admin@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:dcc_admin@denbighshire.gov.uk)

We hope that this document gives an interesting insight into our work and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

**The Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group**

## **Introduction**

### **What is scrutiny?**

Scrutiny is a key part of the Council's political structure and plays a vital role in improving the services that the people of Denbighshire use. Many of the Council's important decisions are taken by the Cabinet, a group of elected councillors who take decisions about policy and procedures.

Scrutiny Committees give the other councillors an opportunity to review decisions by Cabinet and officers, make recommendations, and examine a range of topics that affect Denbighshire's residents and visitors to help ensure that Denbighshire County Council realises its ambition of being an excellent Council, close to its community.


### **Scrutiny in Action**

In addition to the active role of Scrutiny Committees in developing policies and reviewing performance, they also have the responsibility of holding the Cabinet and other decision makers to account on the decisions they make.

If a Scrutiny Committee believes that an issue should be looked at in more depth before a decision is implemented, it can request a review under the "Call-In" procedure which will allow Scrutiny Committees to formulate alternative proposals.

### **How does scrutiny work?**

Scrutiny acts as a 'critical friend' to the Council's leadership, driving improvement in public services and enabling the concerns of the public to be heard. The Council's scrutiny work is undertaken by three thematic, cross-cutting scrutiny Committees, meeting every 6 weeks and comprising members from all political parties/groups on the Council:

-  Communities Scrutiny Committee
-  Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
-  Performance Scrutiny Committee



## ***The last 12 months of Scrutiny in Denbighshire***

During the last 12 months the scrutiny committees have been busy examining various plans and proposals which will hopefully assist the Council to deliver the seven priority areas earmarked for improvement by the time of the next local authority elections in the spring of 2017.

### **Developing the local economy**

All committees have been involved in examining proposals developed to stimulate the local economy, from the Town and Area Plans to larger regeneration programmes such as the work taking place in Rhyl, and the restructure of the Council's Regeneration, Business Support and Tourism Services with a view to invigorating the County's urban and rural economies. It has long been recognised that the availability of convenient car parking facilities is crucial to securing a prosperous future for market towns and tourist areas, therefore scrutiny has been involved with the introduction of a new parking policy for the County and in instigating a review of traffic and parking facilities in ten of the county's towns and villages. Looking ahead to next year scrutiny will be examining a proposed caravan sites strategy for the area.

### **Improving performance in education and the quality of school buildings**

The County's children and young people are its future. The Council is committed to ensuring that they reach their full potential and contribute towards developing the local economy in the years that lie ahead. To enable them to realise their ambitions they need to be provided with the best education available and equipped with the required skills. In a bid to ensure that the Council is on track to deliver its ambition of improving pupil

performance and securing better outcomes for the county's children and young people, the scrutiny committees have been closely monitoring pupils' educational attainment. In addition individual schools' performance in delivering the curriculum has also been monitored. This is done by scrutinising external examination and teacher assessment results and via the School Standards Monitoring Group (SSMG). A number of scrutiny members serve on the School Standards Monitoring Group which interviews headteachers and challenges their school's examination results and educational plans. The Council has a long term goal of improving school facilities under its Modernising Education Programme which aims to provide the right education in the right area. Scrutiny has been regularly monitoring the progress in attracting funding for this Programme and in delivering new state of the art educational facilities. Further educational establishments, such as Coleg Cambria and Glyndŵr University have also attended meetings of the Council's Scrutiny Committees to outline their educational provision and how they are working with the Council to deliver the right type of education which should help to stimulate and sustain the local economy. Looking ahead to next year scrutiny intends to examine whether the investments in new educational facilities is beginning to reap the intended educational outcomes.



### **Improving roads:**

Having a good well-maintained road network is integral to developing the industrial, rural and tourist economies in the County. Good roads also benefit residents' travelling experience whether it be to work, school or for leisure purposes. With that in mind scrutiny has during the year looked at the highways capital investment programme, winter maintenance and verge cutting arrangements. As mentioned earlier it has also supported a proposal to undertake a traffic management and parking review for the purpose of coming up with practical solutions to ease traffic and parking problems in the County. During the forthcoming year scrutiny will be considering the findings of the above review with a view to ensuring the future economic viability of County's towns and tourist attractions.

### **Ensuring that vulnerable people are protected and are able to live as independently as possible**

Similar to many other counties Denbighshire has an ageing population. To enable the Council to provide quality services to its older residents and help them live independently for longer some established services have had to change and other new services have been developed. During the year scrutiny has examined the proposals for reviewing day care services in the north of the County and the development of a single point of access for health and social care in the County. Scrutiny members have also looked at services which care and support other vulnerable people within the County, such as children, young families, people with learning disabilities as well as those with mental health problems. When scrutiny committees have examined these matters they have often had representatives from the Health Service

attending the meetings to answer any concerns councillors and residents may have about the services, the working relationship between health and social care services and how the transfer from one service to the other can be improved for the citizen's benefit. Scrutiny will continue to monitor the interface between health and social care services during the year that lies ahead.

### **Having clean and tidy streets**

It became apparent during the last County Council election campaign in 2012 that one of the matters of most concern to residents was the untidy state of the county's streets and pathways, dog fouling being a particular concern. In a bid to ensure that the County can in future pride itself on having clean, tidy and safe streets a number of strategies and policies have been introduced. During the last year scrutiny has monitored the effectiveness of the Anti-fouling Strategy, including the number of fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling and littering, and the resulting environmental improvements in areas which were considered as environmental crime hotspots. Scrutiny has also examined the County's performance in dealing with incidents of fly tipping which blight the landscape and monitored the work of the Community Safety Partnership in dealing with anti-social behaviour in towns and villages. In addition, scrutiny has been consulted on proposals to introduce dog control orders across the County. Performance in delivering these strategies will continue to be monitored through 2014/15.



### **Ensuring access to good quality housing**

The Council has committed itself to ensure that there is an appropriate amount and right mix of good quality and suitable housing in the area to meet residents' needs. With a view to supporting the Council to deliver this priority scrutiny has regularly monitored the West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project which forms part of the Rhyl Going Forward Programme. This particular project aims to transform houses of multiple occupation in the west end of Rhyl into a suitable mix of housing, including family housing complemented by a green space recreational area. During the year Scrutiny has contributed towards the development of the county-wide Local Housing Strategy and been consulted on the proposals to establish a common social housing application process and allocations policy, which should make it easier for people to apply for social housing. Scrutiny members have also examined the Council's performance and procedures in dealing with household planning applications in order to ensure that appropriate support is available to applicants and no unnecessary delays are experienced in dealing with planning applications.

During the next few months the quality of the Housing Stock Refurbishment Contracts will be examined as will the Service's Improvement Plan.



### **Modernising the Council to deliver efficiencies and improve services to customers**

In these times of financial constraints improving services while at the same time realising efficiencies is extremely difficult. However, the Council is attempting to do this by modernising its services and, where appropriate, by working in partnership with other councils and organisations. To support the modernisation and efficiencies aim in 2013/14 scrutiny has monitored the effectiveness of the collaborative work taking place to source tailored residential placements for young people and adults with significant and complex needs. The cost of dealing with residual waste (waste that cannot be recycled) is increasing and with this in mind five of the six local authorities in North Wales have joined forces in a bid to deliver economies of scale and drive down costs by having all their residual waste dealt with at one purpose built plant. As this is an expensive and complex project councillors have been monitoring its development over a long period of time and scrutiny members, in early 2014, examined and supported proposals which should bring the project to fruition in the next few years. With so many changes taking place at the same time the quality of services delivered by the Council could easily suffer. In an attempt to make sure that this does not happen and to ensure that the Council can realise its ambition of being close to its community scrutiny regularly examines statistics on the number of complaints received and whether they were responded to on time and satisfactorily resolved within the expected time. By studying this information scrutiny can identify any slippages in services' performance, or increases in certain types of complaints, and recommend appropriate measures to deal

with them. The delivery of the Corporate Plan and its seven priorities is monitored in a similar way, with the objective of realising the Council's ambitions by the next local authority elections in 2017.

During the forthcoming year, with finances becoming increasingly tighter, new ways of working and delivering services will be explored by the Council. Scrutiny will have an important role to play in examining any new proposals which result from this work.

### **Additional Work**

In addition to the work undertaken at formal scrutiny committee meetings, each committee has nominated representatives to serve on a variety of internal 'groups', tasked with working with officers to discharge corporate functions and to try and continually improve services despite central government funding cuts. By participating in groups such

as the Strategic Investment Group, the School Standards Monitoring Group, the Economic and Community Ambition Programme Board and the Corporate Equalities Group, scrutiny members have the opportunity to shape, develop and monitor policy through alternative means, complementing the work undertaken by the committees at their regular meetings.

Each of the scrutiny committees have appointed members to serve on the all of the Council's Service Performance Challenge Groups (where Council departments' performance and priorities are reviewed). In circumstances where there are concerns with a service's performance the Chair of the Performance Scrutiny Committee and the committee's performance lead may meet with the relevant Head of Service and appropriate officers to examine matters in closer detail



### All Wales Scrutiny Improvement Study

It was mentioned in last year's Annual Report that Denbighshire had participated in a comparative assessment study facilitated by the Wales Audit Office (WAO). The purpose of the study was to develop the scrutiny function for local councils across Wales. Whilst the national report on the study's findings is yet to be published Denbighshire's scrutiny committees have implemented some of the good practice they observed on visits to Wrexham County Borough Council's scrutiny meetings. As a result of the Study, and following a discussion with Cabinet members, Cabinet Lead Members now present reports at scrutiny committee meetings and are available to answer any policy related questions, with Service officers attending in a supporting role on technical matters.

Once the national report is published the Council will consider its findings and determine whether any further changes are required to scrutiny practices in the authority.

### Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

As was reported in last year's Annual Report 'The Local Government (Wales) Measure' has granted local authorities the ability to hold joint scrutiny committees with other councils and to scrutinise organisations delivering public services to residents. However, the final piece of legislation compelling people to attend scrutiny committees when asked to do so is yet to be made by the Welsh Assembly Government. Until this piece of legislation is made scrutiny committees can only invite these organisations to participate. The organisations being proposed as those who can be compelled to come to scrutiny are National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Health Boards and NHS Trusts. Suggestions have been made that Registered

Social Landlords and Town and Community Councils could be included on the list in due course. Time will tell who scrutiny committees will eventually be able to compel to participate in scrutiny enquiries. In the meantime, Denbighshire's scrutiny committees will invite outside organisations to attend as and when appropriate. We feel that the best way to engage and influence these organisations, a number of which we work closely with, is by working with them in a supportive role rather than by engaging with them in a confrontational manner.

Scrutiny committees in Wales now have a duty to consult with residents on major policy issues. To enable this to take place the Forward Work Programmes of the scrutiny committee are accessible to members of the public through the scrutiny page of Denbighshire's website. Leaflets explaining the function of scrutiny and inviting the submission of topics for consideration have also been circulated to schools, libraries, leisure centres, council reception areas, One Stop Shops and to town and community councils. We hope that by improving awareness of the work undertaken by the scrutiny committees, and making it easier for the residents of Denbighshire to propose matters for scrutiny, that scrutiny of the Council will be enhanced through closer relevance to the needs and priorities of local communities





## Membership

### Communities Scrutiny Committee



The Communities Scrutiny Committee examines issues that directly affect the residents of Denbighshire and the communities that they live in, reviewing services across the Council to make sure that the best possible standards are delivered in areas such as highway maintenance, refuse collection and keeping the County's streets clean and tidy

Huw  
Hilditch-Roberts (Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee)



James  
Davies



Peter  
Evans



Carys  
Guy (Vice-Chair)



Rhys  
Hughes



Win  
Mullen-James



Bob  
Murray



Joe  
Welch



Cefyn  
Williams



Cheryl  
Williams



Huw  
Williams

In the last 12 months the Communities Scrutiny Committee has provided an effective forum for consulting; reviewing and developing policy and strategies across a broad range of Council services. The committee has endorsed the establishment of a working group to develop a Highways Asset Management Strategy and monitored the effectiveness of the Anti-Fouling Strategy, which covers littering and dog fouling. It has continued to regularly monitor the progress made with delivering the Rhyl Going Forward Programme and the Town and Area Plans. Following the call-in of a Cabinet decision relating to Ysgol Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd the Committee had to examine whether proper consultation had taken place prior to the decision being taken and whether the decision had been predetermined. A comprehensive list of the issues considered by the Communities Scrutiny Committee, and recommendations put forward by the committee are listed overleaf.

## Summary of Communities Scrutiny Committee resolutions 2013/14

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinised the progress with the delivery of the County's <b>Town and Area Plans</b></li> <li>• Examined how the <b>Restructure of the Regeneration, Business Support and Tourism Services</b> would assist the Council to realise its economic ambition strategy</li> <li>• Considered the progress made in revising the <b>Local Housing Strategy</b> and endorsed the three themed areas for inclusion in the new Strategy</li> <li>• Examined and approved the implementation of a new model for providing <b>Day Care Service in North Denbighshire</b>, but asked that the provision of day care services be undertaken and reported back to the Committee in mid-2014</li> <li>• In response to the national horsemeat scandal the Council set up a working group to examine the Council's food purchasing procedures. The Working Group's findings and recommendations were considered and supported by the Committee who asked the Working Group to continue with its work and explore the viability of future Council meat purchasing contracts stating that all suppliers must have a recognised accreditation, such as Farm Assured or Red Tractor symbol</li> </ul>  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considered the progress to date in regenerating Rhyl through the <b>Rhyl Going Forward</b> programme</li> <li>• The Committee endorsed the development of a <b>Caravan Sites Strategy for Denbighshire</b> and asked for it to be submitted to the Committee for consideration</li> <li>• Considered the reorganisation of the Council's <b>Highways/Public Realm Services</b> and endorsed the general direction of travel with respect to improving service delivery</li> <li>• Following consideration of a report on the <b>Condition of the County's Highways</b> the Committee supported a proposal to establish a working group to develop a Highways Asset Management Strategy</li> <li>• Considered the progress made in <b>Developing the Local Housing Strategy</b></li> <li>• Having considered a report on the impact to date of cuts to <b>Supporting People Funded Internal Services in Denbighshire</b> the Committee decided that further information should be provided to the Committee once details on further Welsh Government cuts had been announced in the summer of 2014 along with an analysis of their impact on Council services and details of measures which would be taken to mitigate the effects of the cuts and safeguard vulnerable people</li> </ul> |
| 12th Sep 2013             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having considered the <b>Draft Public Realm Strategy for the County</b> and recommending a number of amendments and inclusions the Committee endorsed the Strategy and recommended that Cabinet approve and adopt it</li> <li>• The Committee after considering a report on the Council's <b>Preparedness for Winter Maintenance</b> concluded that sufficient arrangements were in place to deal with an average winter on the County's roads and that contingency plans would cover more severe conditions</li> <li>• Following consideration of the <b>New Operating Model for the Destination, Marketing and Communications Team</b> the Committee supported the operating model and its objectives</li> </ul>   |
| 17th Oct 2013             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Committee considered the progress made with delivering the <b>Rhyl Going Forward Programme</b></li> <li>• discussed the findings of the <b>North Wales Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment</b> and noted the conclusions, but did not support the make-up or the remit of the proposed Steering Group and requested that further details and costings be provided prior to the report being presented to County Council</li> <li>• Having considered the <b>Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan</b> the Committee supported the Plan for 2014/15 and 2015/16 for submission to the regional collaborative committee and the Welsh Government, subject to the inclusion in the Plan of all services available for men</li> </ul>  |
| 25th Nov 2013             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a result of considering <b>Parking Enforcement</b> matters the Committee supported a proposal to carry out a scoping exercise to fully evaluate the requirements for parking and traffic reviews in the County's towns with a view to boosting the local economy and ensuring that clear and proper parking signage is in place</li> <li>• Following consideration of the impact and effectiveness of the <b>Anti-Fouling Strategy</b> to date in dealing</li> </ul>  |

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|                          | <p>with the dog fouling problem in the County the Committee recommended that every effort should be made to find the money needed to continue the work and to fund the dedicated 0800 number for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee endorsed the Council's <b>Draft Flood Management Strategy</b> for public consultation, and the actions taken to date to respond to the recommendations of the investigation report into the 2012 floods in the County</li> <li>• Agreed the <b>Highways Maintenance Capital Programme</b> with a view to improving the County's road network and requested that the draft Highways Asset Management Strategy be presented to it in 2014</li> <li>• The Council's procedure for the <b>Granting of Leases</b> to community groups etc. was considered to ensure that it met the Council and the leaseholder's expectations.</li> </ul>  |
| 23rd Jan 2014            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee was asked to consider whether the County Council's decision of 14 January to publish a statutory notice of its intention to close <b>Ysgol Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd</b> had been taken without due consultation. In light of the representations made and the information provided the Committee concluded that the decision had been taken following adequate and appropriate consultation.</li> <li>• Progress in delivering the <b>Town and Area Plans</b> and the <b>Rhyl Going Forward</b> programme of work were once again examined</li> <li>• Twelve months after its adoption by the Council the <b>Community's Covenant with the Armed Forces</b> was scrutinised to ensure that the measures introduced under the covenant were being implemented in order to support the local armed services community.</li> </ul>  |
| 6th Mar 2014             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to concerns raised with respect to the <b>Safer Routes Scheme</b> the Committee considered various aspects of these types of schemes. Whilst the Committee agreed that there had been problems in certain areas it felt that the Council should continue to apply for Safer Routes in Communities funding. It also sent a letter to the Welsh Government's Minister for Economy, Science and Transport urging that the criteria for the scheme be reviewed and that it revert to being a Safer Routes to Schools scheme.</li> <li>• The Committee considered and endorsed proposals to consult on the introduction of additional county-wide <b>Dog Control Orders</b> across the county in a bid to reduce dog fouling.</li> <li>• <b>Kingdom Security Limited's</b> procedures and performance in environmental crime enforcement action, e.g. for littering, dog fouling, graffiti etc. was examined in detail. The Committee supported the approach taken by the Company in dealing with this type of crime, but did seek further clarification on the Council's guidelines to the Company on Enforcement Officers' wearing of uniforms.</li> <li>• The <b>Draft Revised Parking Policy</b> and the results of the scoping exercise to assess options for the <b>Traffic and Parking Review</b> for the County's main towns were examined. The draft Parking Policy was endorsed and the preferred approach for undertaking the traffic and parking review for the towns was supported, with the review's findings being reported back to the Committee in the autumn of 2014</li> </ul> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The progress to date in delivering the <b>Town and Area Plans</b> was discussed</li> <li>• <b>Detailed Design of the West Rhyl Green Space</b> (part of the West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project) which forms an integral part of the Rhyl Going Forward Programme was examined</li> <li>• The Council's <b>Highway's Grass Verge Cutting Policy and Programme for 2014/15</b>, including the biodiversity aspects of the programme, were discussed to ensure that local communities' specific needs would be met where possible</li> </ul>   |

In the coming months, the Communities Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at...

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| 15 May 2014  | Caravan Sites Strategy for Denbighshire |
| 26 June 2014 | Highways Asset Management Strategy      |



**Pont y Ddraig, Rhyl**

## **Membership**

### **Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**



The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is responsible for reviewing the provision of council services delivered in conjunction with external partners in the public and private sector, with their work encompassing health, social services, economic development and community safety. The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is also the Council's designated 'Crime and Disorder Committee'.

Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Chair of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)



Bill  
Cowie



Ann  
Davies



Meirick Lloyd  
Davies



Alice  
Jones



Pat  
Jones



Margaret  
McCarroll



Dewi  
Owens



Merfyn  
Parry



Bill  
Tasker



Joe  
Welch

The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meet to review and scrutinise the effectiveness of arrangements for service delivery in partnership with other public service providers and private sector companies. During the year the Committee has been involved in enhancing joint working arrangements between Social Service and the Health Service to try and improve services for residents when they need them the most. The Committee has also examined further and higher education provision in the area, as well as safeguarding and housing matters. Details of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee's activity and the recommendations made in 2013/14 are included overleaf.

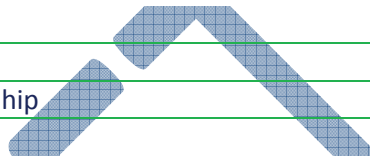
Summary of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee resolutions 2013/14

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2013      | <p>The Committee discussed a number of health and social care matters at this meeting and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>supported the development of a <b>Single Point of Access for Health and Social Care</b> in the County</li> <li>supported the development of services in the county in line with the <b>Mental Health Measure Wales</b> and acknowledged the good working relationship between Health and Social Care services to deliver mental health services across all age ranges</li> <li>examined the demand and capacity within the <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</b> in the County</li> <li>received an update on the development of joint Health and Social Care <b>Locality Working</b> in the area</li> <li>received an update on <b>Health Protection Issues</b> in the Health Service locally</li> </ul>  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2013      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the <b>New Work Connections Programme</b> procedures and governance arrangements were examined as was the development of its exit strategy for when the European funding ceases in 2014</li> <li>the progress to date in delivering the Local Service Board's integrated community plan '<b>The BIG Plan</b>' was scrutinised</li> <li>the Committee considered a number of different aspects of the <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</b></li> <li>recommended to Cabinet to change the arrangements for adult safeguarding in line with other North Wales authorities and establish a two-tiered <b>North Wales Adult Safeguarding Board</b></li> <li>having considered the conclusion of enquiries made with respect to the <b>Potential for Collaboration in Delivering Domiciliary Care in Rural Areas</b> the Committee supported the on-going work to find alternative ways of meeting the small demand for this type of care in rural areas.</li> </ul> |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Committee discussed the delivery of <b>Further and Higher Education in North East Wales</b> and how further and higher educational establishments planned to support local businesses by providing the right type and range of courses that would help develop and sustain the local economy.</li> <li>In its capacity as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee it provided observations on the <b>Community Safety Partnerships' Action Plan</b> and priority areas for <b>2013/14</b></li> <li>Potential <b>Scrutiny Arrangements for the Joint Conwy and Denbighshire Local Service Board</b> were agreed.</li> </ul>  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2013   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery of services under the <b>Families First Programme</b> in the County were examined in detail.</li> <li>The Committee considered and provided observations on <b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's Improvement Objectives for 2014/15 and Beyond</b> as part of the Authority's consultation on the objectives.</li> <li>Consideration was given to the <b>Conwy and Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report for 2013/14</b> and comments were provided on the Board's proposed priorities for 2014/15</li> <li>Proposals for transforming transport by the establishment of a <b>Regional Transport Collaboration Project</b> were examined.</li> </ul>   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2013  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals to establish a <b>National Adoption Service</b> for Wales were scrutinised and supported.</li> <li>The Committee considered and supported a draft statement of intent between the Council and the Health Board to comply with the Welsh Government's aspiration of <b>Delivering Integrated Health and Social Care Services for Older People with Complex Needs</b></li> <li>The principles for establishing <b>A Single Route to Housing</b>, which would see a single social housing application process and common waiting list across all housing organisations in the County, was discussed and endorsed for Cabinet's approval and implementation.</li> </ul>  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2014   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The progress made with the establishment of the <b>Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (GwE)</b> was examined.</li> <li>Concerns were raised following scrutiny of the progress achieved to date in delivering the Local Service Board's <b>BIG Plan</b> on whether the entire Plan would be deliverable given the considerable financial constraints faced by all public service and third sector organisations involved with its delivery</li> <li>Members considered the progress made with the establishment and the running of the <b>North Wales Commissioning Hub</b>. The Hub realises value for money in finding quality care placements for children and adults with complex needs e.g severe learning difficulties or mental health problems</li> </ul>   |

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|                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following consideration of the processes undertaken to date with respect of the <b>North Wales Residual Waste Project</b> the Committee supported the principles to proceed with the project.</li> </ul>  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee members considered the challenges and priorities for all partner organisations involved with delivering the Welsh Government’s strategy <b>Together for Mental Health</b> and raised a number of issues of concern with representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.</li> <li>The governance arrangements for the <b>Proposed Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</b> were examined and endorsed.</li> </ul> |

In the coming months, the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at...

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| 5 June 2014 | Heritage and Arts Service     |
| 10 July     | Rural Development Partnership |



National Eisteddfod of Wales, Denbigh August 2013

## Membership

### Performance Scrutiny Committee



The Performance Scrutiny Committee monitors the Council's business planning and operational performance, reviewing corporate and financial strategies to ensure that the Council is governed effectively and delivers quality services for Denbighshire's residents.

David Simmons (Chair of the Performance Scrutiny Committee)



Bill  
Cowie



Meirick Lloyd  
Davies



Richard  
Davies



Colin  
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Geraint  
Lloyd-Williams



Peter  
Owen



Dewi  
Owens



Arwel  
Roberts  
(Vice-Chair)



Gareth  
Sandilands



Joe  
Welch

In 2013/14 the Performance Scrutiny Committee has played an important role in the development of Denbighshire County Council's corporate policies, offering a valuable perspective and helping to ensure that services achieve results for Denbighshire's residents, meet their expectations and deliver the services they want when they want them. . The Committee has reviewed the key plans for discharging the Council's corporate functions, monitored the performance of services in meeting their operational targets, and driven improvements in the delivery of education in Denbighshire

A summary of the Committee's work at each of its meetings over the last year is included overleaf.



Summary of Performance Scrutiny Committee resolutions 2013/14

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| 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2013       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following consideration of a report on <b>Cefndy Enterprises</b> the Committee recommended to Cabinet that money held in the Corporate Plan capital reserve should be invested in machinery to assist the business to be financially viable in the future.</li> <li>The Committee debated the Wales Audit Office's <b>Annual Improvement Report</b> on the Council.</li> <li>Proposals to develop a new complaints framework were endorsed as part of the scrutiny of the Council's performance in dealing with complaints under the <b>Your Voice Complaints</b> process.</li> <li>The <b>Director of Social Services' Annual Report</b> which included a self-assessment of social care services in the County and outlined the improvement priorities for 2013/14 in the field of social care was debated and endorsed.</li> </ul> |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2013      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee scrutinised the progress made to date in delivering the <b>Estyn Action Plan</b></li> <li>Performance to date in delivering the <b>Corporate Plan</b> was examined.</li> <li>Consideration was given to the Council's <b>Corporate Risk Register</b> and the actions taken to reduce the risks contained in it.</li> </ul>  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Provisional External Examination and Teacher Assessment Results</b> were discussed</li> <li>First Quarter 2013/14 performance in responding to residents' complaints under the <b>Your Voice</b> complaints policy were studied.</li> <li>Committee members scrutinised and provided observation on the Council's <b>Annual Performance Review Report 2012/13</b> before it was presented to County Council.</li> <li>The frequency of <b>Future Performance Reporting</b> was discussed in order to reduce the number of in-year performance reports and to align the performance and risk register reports</li> </ul>  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2013   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following consideration of a report on <b>CCTV in Denbighshire</b> the Committee requested officers to undertake a detailed business case analysis on a number of possible options for future CCTV provision in the County and present their findings to the Committee at a future meeting.</li> <li>Members examined the effectiveness of new <b>Taxi Licensing</b> procedures which had been introduced as a result of an Internal Audit review.</li> <li>As a consequence of considering a report on the development of a <b>Dropped Kerb Strategy</b> for the County the Committee asked that an audit be undertaken of dropped kerb requirements across the County.</li> <li>The Committee examined the Council's performance in dealing with <b>Planning Applications</b></li> </ul>  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2013  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee considered a report on <b>Listed Buildings at Risk</b> in the County and the potential financial risk this could pose to the Council. Having studied the information it was decided to write to the Welsh Government outlining their concerns to proposed changes in legislation relating to listed buildings.</li> <li>Second Quarterly report on the Council's performance in dealing with complaints under the <b>Your Voice'</b> complaints procedure was scrutinised.</li> <li>The Council's <b>Corporate Risk Register</b> was examined.</li> <li>As a result of the scrutiny of the Council's performance in delivering its <b>Corporate Plan</b> concerns were raised in relation to aspects of five of the corporate priorities.</li> </ul>  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2014   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress in delivering the <b>Estyn Action Plan</b> was scrutinised and additional information relating to specific matters were requested to be included in the next monitoring report</li> <li>The verified <b>KS4 Examination Results</b> were examined in detail</li> <li>Information relating to <b>School Places</b> throughout the County were scrutinised to examine the future sustainability of schools.</li> <li>As a consequence of examining <b>Denbighshire's Performance on Fly Tipping Issues</b> it was decided to support the County's rigorous enforcement procedures in dealing with fly-tipping incidents and to write to Natural Resources Wales to highlight the Committee's concerns on the quality and reliability of its 'Flycapture' data.</li> </ul>  |

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| 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee considered the findings of a review into the progress achieved to date in delivering the <b>Modernising Education Programme</b>, which is the work underway to refurbish and build new school buildings across the County.</li> <li>Members considered the Council's performance in dealing with complaints under the <b>Your Voice</b> complaints process and asked that work be undertaken to examine the nature of complaints and Council services' performance in responding to complaints received.</li> </ul>  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2014    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed consideration was given to the alternative services that would be available to residents following the closure of the <b>Community Development Agency</b>.</li> <li>As a result of considering a report on the outcomes of councillor visits to the Council's <b>In-house</b> social care establishments the Committee decided to establish a Task and Finish Group to examine value for money options for delivering high quality care in the County.</li> <li>Progress made with rationalising the County's <b>Agricultural Estate</b> was examined and consequently the Committee decided that a clear long-term vision and strategy needed to be developed for the Estate.</li> </ul> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2014       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a consequence of scrutinising the Council's <b>Corporate Health and Safety Annual Report</b> concerns on the capacity of computer software to correctly categorise accidents were raised and escalated for urgent resolution.</li> <li>Members examined the Council's <b>Corporate Risk Register</b> and decided to look closer at the measures in place to mitigate the risk relating to Human Resources at a later meeting.</li> <li>With a view to ensuring continued improvements in the service provided the <b>Housing Service's Improvement Plan</b> was examined and commended.</li> </ul>  |

In the coming months, the Performance Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at...

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | Agricultural Estate Strategy               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 | Provision of CCTV and Out of Hours Service |



Denbighshire has the cleanest streets in Wales, according to information issued by Keep Wales Tidy (March 2014)

Further information on the topics discussed by all three committees, including the agendas, reports and minutes for each committee meeting, can be found on the Council's website, under 'Your Council'/Meetings, minutes & agendas/Committees or by following the link below >>>

<https://moderngov.denbighshire.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1&LLL=0>

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## ***The Year Ahead***

The Scrutiny Committees are looking forward to another busy 12 months, reviewing the Council's policies and performance and supporting improvements to service provision at a time when Council services face ever increasing financial pressures.

Some of the most prominent issues that scrutiny will be reviewing over the next year include a draft Caravan Sites Strategy for Denbighshire, the Findings of the Traffic and Parking Review in the County's Towns, and the Review of Local Authority Provided Adult Social Care Services. This will be in addition to the Committees' role in scrutinising, developing and monitoring service performance across the Council.

As mentioned earlier the Scrutiny Committees are also awaiting the findings of the Wales Audit Office's Scrutiny Improvement Study, which is expected to establish 'best practice' procedures and techniques for local government scrutiny across Wales.

The Council's Scrutiny Committees hope that developing public awareness and participation over the next 12 months will increase the effectiveness of Scrutiny in assisting with Denbighshire County Council's goal of being *an excellent council, close to the community*.



## ***How can residents participate in Scrutiny?***

### **Would you like scrutiny to look at a particular matter?**

You can raise a matter for consideration by one of Denbighshire County Council's scrutiny committees by filling out the Scrutiny Request Form (overleaf). The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the three scrutiny committees meet every 6 weeks to decide how to allocate the work of the scrutiny committees and will consider if any matter raised should be examined in detail by one of the committees, or if another course of action should be pursued. This can range from a referral to the service responsible, to full scrutiny of the matter by one of the scrutiny committees, or even the establishment of a specialist 'task and finish group' to investigate and report on a particular matter.

### **Would you like to attend a meeting of a scrutiny committee?**

Denbighshire County Council's scrutiny committee meetings are generally open to the public, and residents of Denbighshire and the general public are encouraged to attend. A list of upcoming scrutiny committee meetings and the matters to be discussed are available on the 'Scrutiny' page of the Council's website.

If you wish to take part in the discussion on a particular matter you will require the permission of the Chair of the committee (further details below).

Occasionally some items being discussed by a committee will contain confidential information and cannot be discussed in the usual public forum. Any such items (referred to as 'Part Two (II)') will be clearly identified when the meeting papers are published, and the Chair of the committee meeting discussing a 'Part II' item will make it clear that the meeting should continue without the press and public in attendance in order to avoid divulging confidential information.

### **Would you like to speak to a committee on an item being discussed?**

Members of the public are very welcome to attend scrutiny committee meetings but will require the permission of the Chair of the committee if they wish to speak or make representations at a committee meeting. If you wish to submit evidence to a committee, or address members on your experience in relation to a subject under discussion, please contact the Scrutiny Co-ordinator in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged and any paperwork can be circulated to members of the committee.

Occasionally scrutiny committees may wish to 'co-opt' an individual with particular experience or expertise to become a temporary member of the committee or ask them to contribute to an inquiry as an expert witness.

### **Keeping up to speed with decisions made by Denbighshire's scrutiny committees**

You can keep track of what is being discussed at each scrutiny committee meeting, as well as any other public Council meeting, by visiting the 'meetings' page of the Council's website. The latest 'work programme' for each of the scrutiny committees is available with the meeting papers for each meeting and the confirmed agenda for each meeting will usually be available 5 - 7 days before the meeting is due to take place.

The minutes of previous scrutiny meetings and a record of the decisions made are also available on the Council's website.

Further advice or information is available by contacting the Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Rhian Evans on [rhian.evans@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:rhian.evans@denbighshire.gov.uk) (01824 712554) or the Democratic Services Officer, Karen Evans, on [karen.a.evans@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.a.evans@denbighshire.gov.uk) (01824 712575) or e-mailing: [dcc\\_admin@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:dcc_admin@denbighshire.gov.uk).

*SCRUTINY REQUEST FORM*

Is there something you would like scrutiny to have a look at?

Please give a brief description of the topic you would like to be considered by one of the Scrutiny Committees and why you think it should be considered

Would you like to attend a meeting of a Scrutiny Committee?

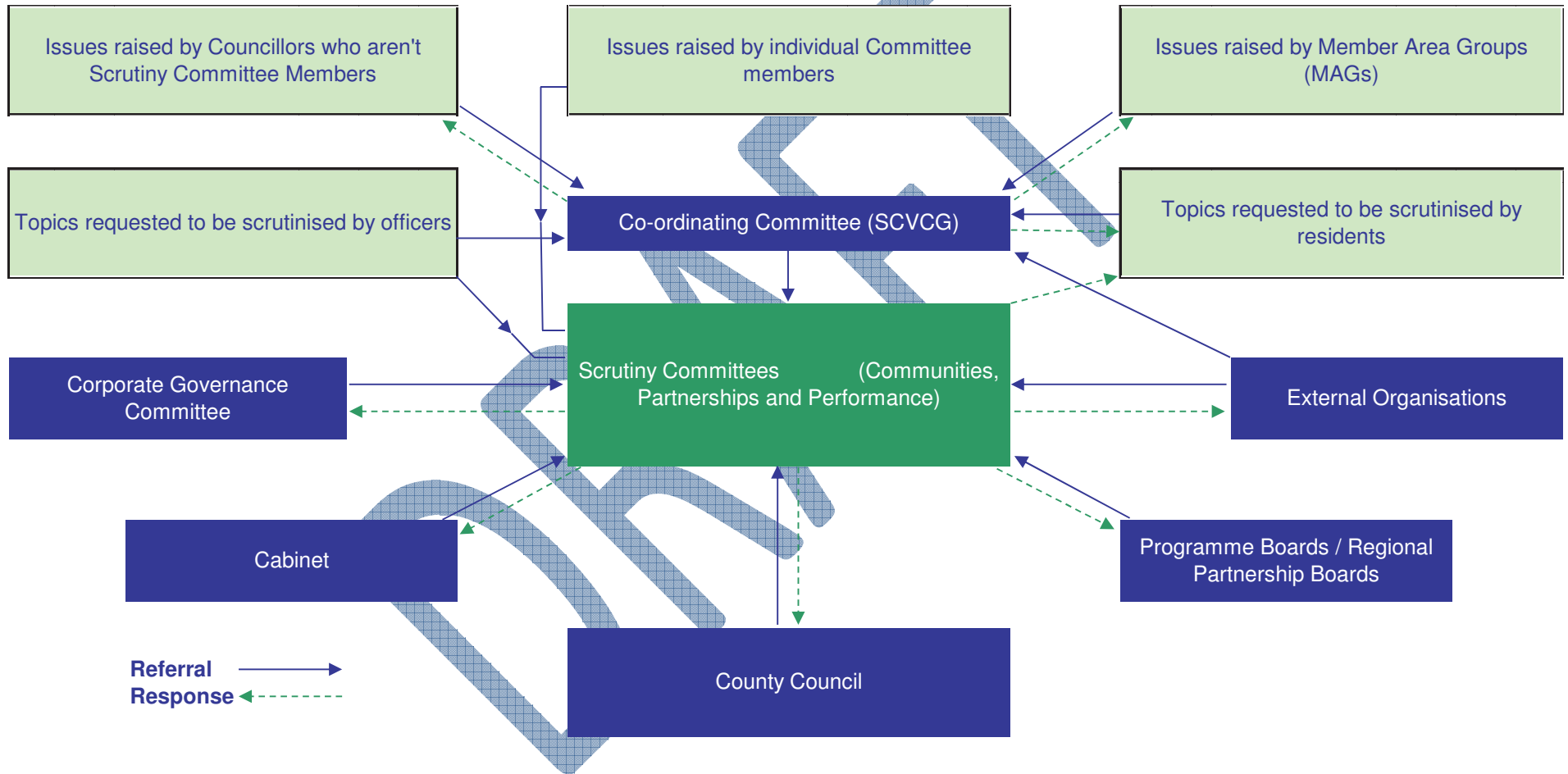
**YES/NO**

It would be useful if you could give us the following details so that we may respond to your request

Your name:  
Address:  
  
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**Scrutiny Referral and Interface Chart**



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Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag



Cynllun Gwaith i'r Dyfodol y Cyngor Sir

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|  | 2                          | Polisi Pensiwn Llywodraeth Leol   | Rhoi gwybod i Aelodau o'r newidiadau i'r Cynllun Pensiwn a ddaeth i rym ar 01.04.2014 a chymeradwyo'r Polisi | Oes                                      | Y Cyng. Barbara Smith / Sophie Vaughan / Catrin Roberts |
|  |                            |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Briffio'r Cyngor</b><br>23 Mehefin 2014 | 1                          | Hyfforddiant Aelodau  | I ystyried materion hyfforddi aelodau  | Amh                                      | Y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith / Eleri Woolford             |
|  | 2                          | Prosiect Cynhwysiant Ariannol Gwrth-dlodi (FIAP)                        | I hysbysu pob aelod o nodau ac amcanion y prosiect   | Amh                                      | Y Cynghorydd Hugh Irving / Sarah Lamberton              |
|  | 3                          | Ardal Farchnata Gogledd-ddwyrain Cymru ar gyfer Twristiaeth yng Nghymru | Cyflwyniad ar y meysydd twristiaeth newydd, Cyrchfan Sir Ddinbych, a sut rydym yn bwriadu gosod y            |  | Sian Owen   |

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| Cyfarfod  | Eitem (disgrifiad / teitl) |  | Pwrpas yr adroddiad  | Angen penderfyniad gan y Cyngor (oes/na) | Awdur – Aelod Arweiniol a Swyddog Cyswilt                        |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   |                            |  | blaenoriaethau twristiaeth gydag aelodau   |  |  |
|   | 4                          | Diwygiad Lles                                |  |  | Paul McGrady   |
|   | 5                          | Strategaeth Tai Lleol                        | Ystyried y STLI cyn mynd i'r cyngor llawn ym mis Medi  |  | Y Cynghorydd Hugh Irving / Peter McHugh / Sue Lewis              |
|   |                            |  |  |  |  |
|   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| <b>8 Gorffennaf 2014</b>                              |                            |  |  |  |  |
|   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Briffio'r Cyngor (Cyllideb) 14 Gorffennaf 2014</b> |                            | Neilltuo ar gyfer sesiwn ar gyllideb 2015/16 |  |  | Y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady                 |
|   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| <b>9 Medi 2014</b>                                    | 1                          | Cynllun Cyfalaf                              | I drafod alldro'r blynyddoedd blaenorol ac i ddiweddarau ynglŷn â 5 mis y flwyddyn bresennol | Oes                                      | Y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady / Richard Weigh |
|   | 2                          | Strategaeth Tai Lleol                        | I gytuno ar y Strategaeth Tai  | Oes                                      | Y Cynghorydd Hugh  |

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                    |                            |   | Lleol   |  | Irving / Peter McHugh / Sue Lewis                               |
|                                    |                            |   |   |  |   |
| <b>Briffio'r Cyngor</b><br>22 Medi | 1                          | Moderneiddio Rhaglen Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Gwella Lles Pobl a Grwpiau Diamddiffyn | I ystyried briffio  | Amh                                      | Y Cynghorydd Bobby Feeley / Steph O'Donnell                     |
|                                    |                            |   |   |  |   |
| <b>Chwefror 2015</b>               | 1                          | Datganiad Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys 2015/2016                                      | I gymeradwyo Datganiad Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys 2015/2016 | Ia                                       | Y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul McGrady / Richard Weigh |

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Nodyn i Swyddogion – Dyddiad Cau ar gyfer Adroddiad y Cyngor Llawn

| Cyfarfod      | <b>Dyddiad Cau</b> | Cyfarfod   | <b>Dyddiad Cau</b> | Cyfarfod       | <b>Dyddiad Cau</b> |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <i>Ebrill</i> | <b>25 Mawrth</b>   | <i>Mai</i> | <b>28 Ebrill</b>   | <i>Mehefin</i> | <b>27 Mai</b>      |

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