



To: Members of the Cabinet

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2013** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 October 2013 (copy enclosed).

5 PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB) (Pages 11 - 62)

To consider a report by Councillor Huw Jones, Lead Member for Tourism, Leisure and Youth (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet's support for the formation of a Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB.

6 DENBIGHSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE LOCAL COMMISSIONING PLAN 2014 - 15 & 2015 - 16 (Pages 63 - 90)

To consider a report by Councillor Bobby Feeley, Lead Member for Social Care and Children's Services (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet's approval of the Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2014 – 15 & 2015 – 16 for submission to the North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee and the Welsh Government.

7 TOWN AND AREA PLANS (Pages 91 - 168)

To consider a report by Councillor Hugh Evans, Leader and Lead Member for Economic Development (copy enclosed) updating Cabinet on Town and Area Plans and seeking adoption of the Area Plans for Llangollen, Corwen and St. Asaph and approval of funding for the priorities contained within those plans.

8 FINANCE REPORT (Pages 169 - 182)

To consider a report by Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill, Lead Member for Finance and Assets (copy enclosed) detailing the latest financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy.

9 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 183 - 188)

To receive the enclosed Cabinet Forward Work Programme and note the contents.

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

10 BUSINESS RATES WRITE OFFS (Pages 189 - 198)

To consider a confidential report by Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill, Lead Member for Finance and Assets (copy enclosed) seeking Cabinet's approval to write off the irrecoverable Business Rates as detailed within the report.

11 SCALA CINEMA AND ARTS CENTRE - FINANCIAL UPDATE (Pages 199 - 204)

To consider a confidential report by Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill (copy enclosed) detailing the current financial position of the company.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Hugh Evans
Julian Thompson-Hill
Eryl Williams
Bobby Feeley

Hugh Irving
Huw Jones
Barbara Smith
David Smith

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Agenda Item 4

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin on Tuesday, 29 October 2013 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Hugh Evans (Chair), Julian Thompson-Hill, Eryl Williams, Bobby Feeley, Hugh Irving, Huw Jones, Barbara Smith and David Smith

Observers: Councillors Brian Blakeley, Joan Butterfield, Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Bill Cowie, Meirick Lloyd Davies, Richard Davies, Pat Jones, Gwyneth Kensler, Margaret McCarroll, Jason McLellan, Merfyn Parry, David Simmons and Cheryl Williams

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive (MM), Corporate Director: Economic & Community Ambition (RM), Corporate Director: Modernisation and Wellbeing (SE), Head of Legal & Democratic Services (GW), Head of Education (KE), Head of Customers & Education Support (JW), Head of Finance & Assets (PMc), Programme Manager (JC) and Committee Administrator (SLW)

The Bishop of Wrexham, the Rt. Revd. Monsignor Peter Brignall and Rita Price, Director of Education, Catholic Diocese of Wrexham

The Bishop of St. Asaph, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Gregory Cameron and Michael Carding, Secondary School Advisor to the Diocese of St. Asaph, were also in attendance for the item on Faith Based Provision (Agenda No. 5).

WELCOME

The Leader extended a warm welcome to members of the public present to hear the debate on proposals for faith based provision.

The Leader also welcomed the Bishop of St. Asaph and the Bishop of Wrexham together with their supporting officers, Michael Carding and Rita Price to the meeting.

The Leader explained questions from Cabinet members would be allowed in the first instance. Councillors attending as observers would then be invited to ask questions. Members of the public would not be able to ask questions. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed the Cabinet procedure rules within the constitution.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Corporate Director: Customers.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of personal or prejudicial interest had been raised.

3 URGENT MATTERS

No urgent matters had been raised.

PETITION

At this juncture, Councillor Richard Davies handed the Leader a petition he had received from St. Brigid's School.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 September 2013 were submitted.

***RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 September, 2013 be approved as a correct record.*

5 FAITH BASED PROVISION

Councillor Eryl Williams, Lead Member for Education presented the report, circulated previously, which provided the findings of the formal consultation on the faith review and for Cabinet Members to consider whether to proceed to the publication of the proposal by way of a statutory notice.

Councillor Williams provided background to the situation and highlighted the need for a strategic and cohesive approach.

The Leader invited both the Bishop of St. Asaph and the Bishop of Wrexham for their views regarding the Faith Based Provision.

The Bishop of St. Asaph, the Right Reverend Dr Gregory K Cameron, expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity for the Diocese of St. Asaph to become a promoter for a new single faith based school in Denbighshire. The vision would be for one school of shared faith provision for the citizens of Denbighshire. The Bishop reiterated he believed in excellence in education and the scheme would be an opportunity to build something excellent and to answer all the needs of the community. The Bishop of St. Asaph urged Cabinet members to accept the report.

The Bishop of Wrexham, the Right Reverend Monsignor Peter Brignall, also expressed his gratitude to be given the opportunity to present and endorse the provision put before the Cabinet members. For 50 years the Diocese of Wrexham had been providers of secondary education in Denbighshire. The Bishop reported upon the success of the transition of St. Joseph's School in Wrexham to a joint faith school. The joint faith school would be an opportunity to provide the best for those families and parents who chose faith education for their children regardless of their religion. As an existing provider, it would be hoped that faith education continued to be provided not only in part of the county but for the whole of the catchment of the schools within Denbighshire. The Bishop of Wrexham fully endorsed the Bishop of St. Asaph's support and total commitment to faith based education for the young people for this generation and generations in the future.

During discussion it had been clarified that Phase 1 of the scheme had been intended as an interim phase. Consultation had raised concerns as there had been very little support for Phase 1 from key stakeholders. Phase 1 could potentially have been progressed but there could have been a negative impact on standards. It was imperative standards did not regress. As this had been a matter of operational delivery, in the face of the outcome of the consultation, it had been decided energy would be best directed to deliver one school of Christian context on one site. Denbighshire County Council guaranteed continued support to each school in the interim.

Blessed Edward Jones High School accommodated students from the age of 11 – 16. St. Brigid's school accommodated students from the age of 3 – 19. It had been clarified during the meeting that the age range of the new school would be given more consideration during Phase 2 of the scheme. Primary provision and also post 16 provision would be considered.

A business case was to be drawn up whereby options would be set out and costed. Funding of £28million had been agreed in principle. To provide two facilities would not be the best use of facilities going forward as this would be significantly more expensive. This would be demonstrated within the business case. If the business case put forward was to cost more than the bid, then officers would have to come back to members for a decision within the available finances.

During Phase 2 of the scheme working with co-promoters, the initial focus on discussions would be to confirm the proposed age range, size and location of the new school. The discussions would also include full consideration of options as to how the demand for primary age faith education would fit with the Secondary provision. Six potential sites were to be considered. Nothing was noted in or out. The initial plans would be developed to enable parents to see the vision of what the new faith based school could potentially look like.

Blessed Edward Jones High School came under the jurisdiction of the Wrexham Catholic Diocese and delivered a Catholic education including receiving Section 50 Inspections which report on religious education, collective worship, the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of the children and the school's ethos. St. Brigid's was designated as a school whose religious character was Roman Catholic. However, the school was under the control of the St. Brigid's Trust and was not formally recognised by the Catholic Diocesan Authority nor was it subject to Section 50 Inspections. The designation of a religious character did not determine whether or not the school was a Roman Catholic Church School according to canon law.

The Bishop of Wrexham clarified that the original foundation of Blessed Edward Jones school was for the county of Denbighshire and not as a Rhyl Catholic school.

Councillor Brian Blakeley read a press release on behalf of the Rhyl councillors and concluded by expressing their support of the scheme for a new school but expressed the preference for it to be built within close proximity of Rhyl.

The Chief Executive summed up the discussions which had taken place.

The Leader thanked the Right Reverend Dr Gregory K Cameron, Bishop of St. Asaph and the Right Reverend Monsignor Peter Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham for taking the time to attend the Cabinet meeting and assisting in creating a vision for the future.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- (i) Note the findings of the formal consultation for the closure of Blessed Edward Jones Catholic High School and St. Brigid's School and the opening of a new school;*
- (ii) Confirm the commitment towards working in partnership with the Catholic and Church in Wales Diocesan Authorities to deliver a new faith based school;*
- (iii) Agree to develop a proposal to enable formal consultation for the building of a new faith based school to replace the existing Blessed Edward Jones Catholic High School and St. Brigid's provision.*

At this juncture (11.30 a.m.) there was a 15 minute break.

Meeting reconvened at 11.45 a.m.

6 FORMAL CONSULTATION - YSGOL LLANBEDR

The Leader explained questions from Cabinet members would be allowed in the first instance. Councillors attending as observers would then be invited to ask questions. Members of the public would not be able to ask questions. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed the Cabinet procedure rules within the constitution.

Councillor Eryl Williams presented the report, circulated previously, which updated Cabinet Members of the discussions with the Church in Wales Diocesan Authority regarding the Ruthin Primary review and the proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr.

A meeting had been held on 25 September 2013 with Education Officers from the Diocesan Authority to discuss the proposal and the wider issues impacting upon Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Borthyn.

In respect of the specific proposal, the outcome was that no agreement had been reached between Denbighshire County Council and the Diocese of St. Asaph regarding the closure of Ysgol Llanbedr. Should the proposal go forward, the Director, on behalf of the Diocese, would make a formal response, having consulted again with the Board of Education.

It was anticipated that the Consultation on the proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr would take place between 11 November 2013 and 23 December 2013. The consultation process would give parents, pupils, governors and staff, the

opportunity to comment upon the proposals before a decision would be made by Cabinet whether to proceed and formally publish proposals for change.

Councillor Huw Williams put forward several questions on behalf of Ysgol Llanbedr. Intense discussion took place and the following responses given:

- At the time of finalising the report, the authority had processed 4 applications for reception and 5 applications for nursery provision. The deadline for applications to nursery and reception were 29 November 2013 and 21 February 2014 respectively.
- The capacity for the permanent school building had previously been recorded as 77. This had included 54 permanent places and 23 places within mobile accommodation. The Governing Body had made representations for the mobile provision to be removed from the school and, therefore, the capacity had been calculated at 54 full time pupil places.
- Although pupil projections showed an increase in pupil numbers over the coming years that could potentially reduce surplus places at the school, the fact remained Ysgol Llanbedr would remain a “small school” and issues would still remain regarding the sustainability and viability of Ysgol Llanbedr and standards of education and attainment in the future.
- Small school provision provided mixed age classes across the range. There was a potential that years 4, 5 and 6 could be educated in one class. The authority reviewed whether a school of this size provided suitable learning.
- There were currently 21 pupils attending Ysgol Llanbedr who could be re-schooled at Ysgol Borthyn as they had additional capacity for 31 pupils.
- The transport policy for the primary sector was if a child lived more than 2 miles from their closest school or on an unsafe route then the Council would pay for school transport. If parents chose a school which was not their closest then the parents would be required to pay for the transport.
- Within the Local Development Plan (LDP), were plans for a development of 80 new homes in Llanbedr. There were constraints within the admissions policy at Ysgol Llanbedr as the maximum capacity was 54 pupils.
- All schools within Denbighshire with a capacity of less than 80 pupils would come under review in the future. This model had been provided by Estyn to look at whether schools of less than 80 pupils were viable.
- Discussions were also to take place as to whether the privately run nursery would remain at Ysgol Llanbedr.

Councillor Huw Williams requested the discussions regarding Ysgol Llanbedr be adjourned and that Federation be considered.

The Head of Customers and Education Support stated that Federation would not address the issue of too many schools and surplus places.

The Chief Executive summed up discussions which had taken place and confirmed Cabinet were not to make a decision, at its meeting today, to close Ysgol Llanbedr but to make a decision whether to approve formal consultation for proposals to close Ysgol Llanbedr.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed to approve formal consultation for proposals to close Ysgol Llanbedr on the 31st August 2014 with existing pupils transferring to Ysgol Borthyn, subject to parental preference, subject to the findings of the discussion with the Church in Wales.

At this juncture (1.00 p.m.) there was a 5 minute break.

Meeting reconvened at 1.05 p.m.

7 FINANCE REPORT UPDATE

Councillor J. Thompson Hill presented the report, circulated previously, which provided an update on the Council's current financial position and progress against the agreed budget strategy.

RESOLVED that Cabinet members note the progress against the agreed budget strategy.

8 GIFT TENDER EXEMPTION

Councillor Bobby Feeley presented the report, circulated previously, which sought Cabinet approval to the GIFT Tender Exemption and to award the contract.

RESOLVED that Cabinet members approve the GIFT tender exemption and to award the contract to the Wallich, the existing provider.

9 CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor H. H. Evans presented the Cabinet Forward Work Programme.

Cabinet agreed:

- the Procurement Business Case for a combined Denbighshire and Flintshire Service which was scheduled for November, be added to 14th January 2013 meeting
- Vibrant and Viable Places – Funding Bid for Rhyl Town Centre Projects be taken off the November 2013 meeting

RESOLVED that Cabinet receive the Forward Work Programme, subject to the agreed amendments.

The meeting concluded at 1.35 p.m.

Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 26th November 2013

Lead Member / Officer: Huw Jones

Report Author: Howard Sutcliffe

Title: Proposed Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

1. What is the report about?

In 2011 the Environment Minister Mr John Griffiths confirmed the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Designation Order. This order gave new national recognition and landscape protection to a substantial part of Counties of Denbighshire and Wrexham. The AONB geographically stretches from Prestatyn in the North, to Chirk Castle in the South; it includes the attractive towns of Llangollen and Corwen and encompasses 390 square kilometres of the three Counties of Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire. (Map Appendix 1)

In recognition of the expanded area, the existing AONB Committee, the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) reviewed its membership, and to be inclusive decided to have a balanced membership for Local Authorities (LA). Each of the LAs was invited to send 3 members to future meetings of the JAC Committee.

The JAC Committee commenced on a review of its governance by a series of seminars and papers. The Committee then recommended to officers that they would like to see a stronger relationship with the LAs and it was agreed that the Joint Committee (JC) Model was the best mechanism to achieve this aim.

The Chair and AONB Officer have pursued the JAC's recommendation of a JC by meeting with the Leaders, Chief Executives and Lead Officers to seek their views on a JC, all were supportive.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

A decision is required to create a Joint Committee (Draft Legal Agreement Appendix 2) by a formal agreement, there needs to be support by the appropriate committees/executives of Denbighshire, Wrexham and Flintshire Councils. That agreement defines the Joint Committee's delegated powers and roles. The key power of a Joint Committee is to 'discharge the delegated functions of AONB management.' The key role of the JC is 'the conservation and enhancement of the area's natural beauty.'

Subject to the establishment of a Joint Committee, the JC will be fully supported by an AONB Partnership, an officer Working Group and an Annual Forum.

3. What are the Recommendations?

The recommendation is that the Cabinet supports the formation of a Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB.

The Authority signs with Wrexham and Flintshire the Legal Agreement prepared by legal, financial and the AONB officer.

The proposed Joint Committee will comprise of 6 members, two from each Authority. This would create an efficient and effective committee. Denbighshire County Council should nominate two cabinet members to the Joint Committee. (Subject to Cabinet support all three Leaders have indicated they are prepared to be on the Committee.)

4. Report details.

There is no doubt that the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB incorporates a significant central geographical land mass (nearly 39,000 hectares), with popular attractions such as Llandegla Mountain Bike Centre (300,000 visitors per annum) together with attractions with potential such as Minera Lead Mines.

The AONB provides a significant health and wellbeing opportunity to the conurbations in Deeside, Wrexham, Cheshire and Merseyside who choose to come and enjoy the landscape of the AONB.

The economic function of the three Authorities has been undergoing a radical change over the last 50 years. There has been a reduction in heavy manufacturing, engineering and mining, together with a mechanisation and rationalisation of farms holdings and subsequent loss in employment in the rural economy.

This has meant that an increasing reliance on rural tourism in the three authorities. Most of the significant tourism attractions in North East Wales lie now within the AONB and it is the setting in the landscape of the AONB that makes each one so attractive, Ty Mawr Country Park, the Llangollen Railway and Loggerheads are all key destinations that are and can work in harmony with the AONB.

The key benefits of the Joint Committee are:

- **Greater Visibility of the AONB-** a Joint Committee has the delegated power to champion the designation and achieve the Vision. The AONB has its own voice and can agree actions with others.
- **Improved clarity-** a Joint Committee has clearly defined roles, responsibilities and accountability for the governance of the AONB.
- **Improved co-ordination of AONB Actions-** a Joint Committee has the authority to act across the local authority boundaries.
- **Improved efficiency and effectiveness-** a Joint Committee is the single point of contact for all AONB governance issues. It is small enough to make decisions and large enough to generate debate.
- **Explicit strategy-** a Joint Committee has a clear programme to deliver the AONB Vision.
- **Focused Leadership-** a Joint Committee has the resources to implement the AONB programme, with elected members focussing on the purpose of AONB designation and the needs of citizens and service users. They will deliver a high quality, cost effective service.
- **Responsible stewardship-** a Joint Committee is held to account; it is responsible with resources, especially other people's resources.
- **Icons-** there are specific jewels which straddle more than one Authority. The Joint Committee will influence and contribute to the management of them they

include: The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site, Moel Famau and the Jubilee Tower and Offa's Dyke National Trail.

Although the Joint Committee is seen as 'good practice' for the governance of the AONB; the AONB Officers will be taking forward many of the current aspects of the existing Interim Joint Advisory Committee.

The Joint Committee will establish the AONB Partnership at its first meeting; it will be made up of a number of outside bodies including representation from communities, landowners and business. It will also have representation from the four key aspects of the AONB Plan; Access and Recreation, the Natural Environment, The Built Environment and the Historical Environment. The Partnership will also be looking for inspirational individuals that will give the AONB a more comprehensive partnership.

To show a comprehensive approach to consultation the AONB will also hold an Annual AONB Forum. Each Forum will have a topical theme. Local County Council members and Community Councils who have all or part of their Ward will be invited together with other interested bodies and individuals.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- **Economy-** there is no doubt that rural tourism economy plays a key role to the success of rural Authorities; the AONB supports this aim through a framework of the Europarc Sustainable Tourism Charter that was granted to the AONB in 2009. This of course only related to the smaller Clwydian Range AONB. The business Group formed from the charter now has over 120 members. The Charter is due to be renewed 2014 taking in to account the larger geographic area the AONB now occupies. The funding for the strategy is in place. Over the previous 5 years members of the AONB Team have brought in over £3,000,000 in external grants. These have included the 'Centre of Excellence Cycling Project', 'Communities and Nature' development project, 'Walking with Offa' and 'Heather and Hillforts' Heritage Lottery Project.
- **Health and Wellbeing-** Both visitors and residents are encouraged to participate in outdoor events from walking, cycling, education to specific health events. In the future one aspect of work will focus on an inclusion project on education for other areas in North Wales and the North West.
- **Community-** Welsh Government has in recent years, played a pivotal role in supporting the AONBs through their Sustainable Development Fund. This has meant at least £50,000 per annum going to local projects; in 2013/14 that figure is £70,000.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Denbighshire is the Lead Authority for the AONB as it has been since Local Government Reorganisation in 1996. It will continue to be the lead Authority for the Joint Committee; as such it will provide the following Officers for the Joint Committee: the Secretary and Treasurer. The Joint Committee meetings will be hosted by each Authority in turn; the host Authority will provide the Secretariat for that meeting. These costs will be mainly to Legal and Democratic Services.

Denbighshire will provide a separate Budget Line and Report to the Committee. As with all Joint Committee Budgets the budget will have to be independently audited. These are costs to Finance and Countryside.

In terms of the budget, the current budget can be seen in the legal agreement.

Over the next five years the budget will become, by negotiation equitable between the three Authorities.

7. **What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.** (Appendix 3)

8. **What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

The Clwydian Range IJAC has been consulted and is awaiting the formation of the JC. The LA Leaders, Lead Members, Chief Executives and Lead Officers have been briefed. Legal Officers from all three Authorities have drafted the Legal Agreement. Finance Officers have been consulted and have inputted into the Agreement. The AONB Officer has consulted informal cabinet. All three of the Cabinets/Executives or other Committees are now being asked to endorse the Joint Committee.

9. **Chief Finance Officer Statement**

The agreement will provide the AONB Joint Committee with improved financial planning and stability while ensuring that budgets are agreed annually which will allow all member authorities to respond to changes in financial circumstances. There are no additional costs to DCC as a whole as the additional financial, legal and administration support will be provided within existing staffing structures.

10. **What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

- **Financial-** the risk is low, but a considerable amount of time and effort has gone in from officers to get to the point when the Cabinet is being asked to make a decision in support of the Joint Committee. The AONB Committee has also invested a considerable amount of volunteer time in debating an improvement in accountability and governance.
- **Reputation-** The officers see stronger collaboration between the Local Authorities as the way forward for the AONB, in previous guises this has been informal. The Joint Committee formalises this and shows that the Local Authorities can work in a structured and collaborative way. Other outside bodies may well use the Joint Committee to fund projects in North East Wales that focus on the AONB.

11. **Power to make the Decision**

The Legal basis to establishing a Joint Committee lies in Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000, where Local authorities can enter arrangements to 'Discharge functions jointly with one or more other local authorities by means of a Joint Committee'



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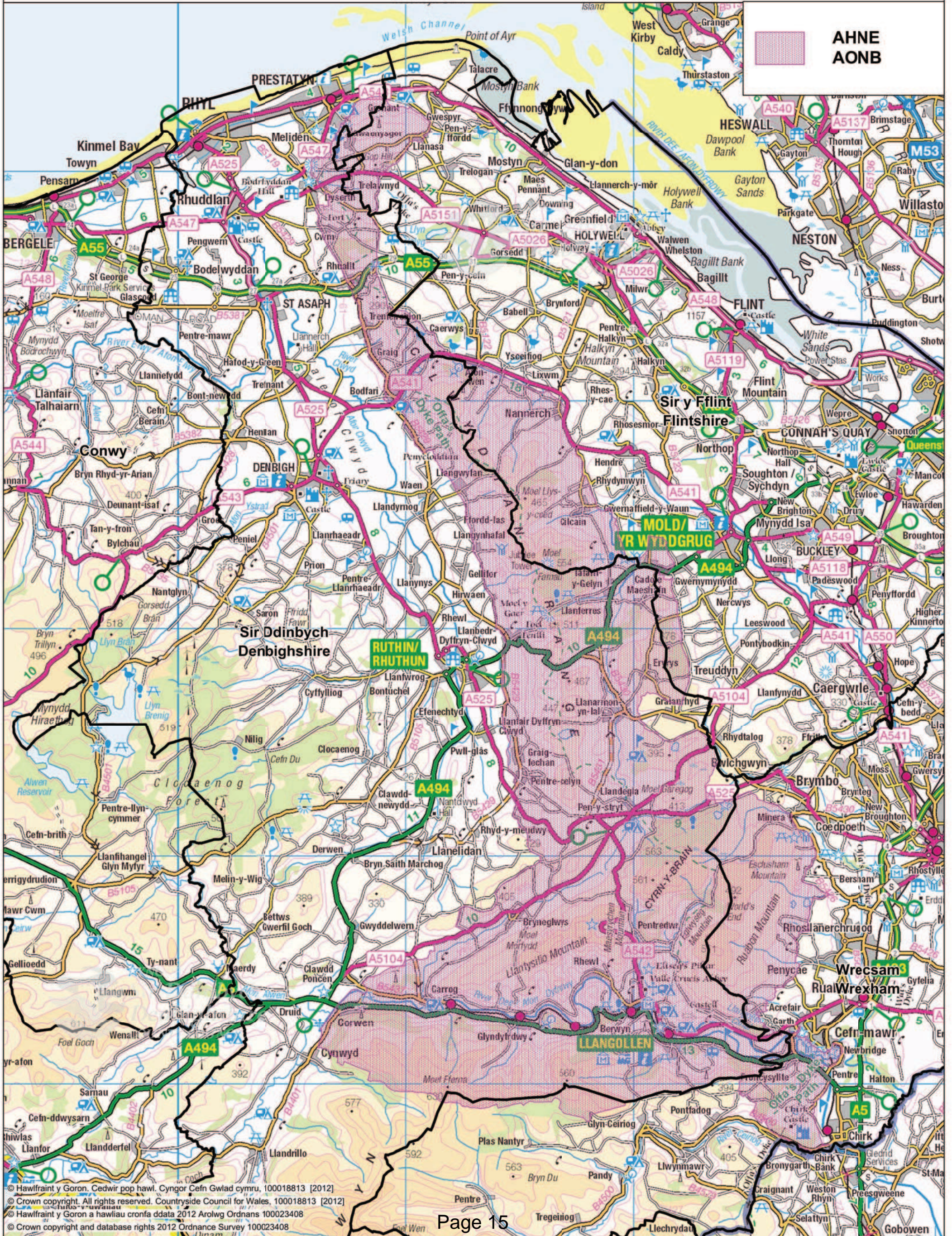
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CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY

AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

An **AGREEMENT** made as a deed the _____ day of
 2013 **BETWEEN**

Denbighshire County Council of County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, Denbighshire of the first part (“DCC”) and **Flintshire County Council** of County Hall, Mold, Flintshire of the second part (“FCC”) and **Wrexham County Borough Council** of The Guildhall, Wrexham of the third part (“WCBC”)

WHEREAS

- (1) The Authorities wish to establish a Joint Committee of the Authorities with the aims powers functions objectives and duties referred to in this Agreement
- (2) The Authorities have agreed to enter into this Agreement to give effect to those wishes

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Expressions in the left hand column of the interpretation table below shall be construed in accordance with the right hand column

Interpretation Table	
Action Plan	an annual plan of action approved by the Joint Committee of projects, schemes and actions to be undertaken by the Joint Committee, any Authority or any Partner to implement the strategy and policies of the Management Plan
Actions Budget	The aggregate budget (inclusive of external funding) available to the Joint Committee or to any Authority or Partner in any year for the purpose of carrying into effect the Action Plan.
Annual Contribution	The contribution payable by each Authority towards the Core Budget as determined under paragraph 8.3.
Annual Report	the annual report of the Joint Committee
AONB	an area designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty under Section 82 of the CROW Act
AONB Annual Forum	An annual forum on AONB activities and issues having the terms of reference and constitution set out in Appendix 5
AONB Community Council Meeting	A forum of (among others)

	representatives of the Community Council of each Community within the AONB to consider AONB activities and issues.
AONB Officer	The officer appointed as Head of the AONB Unit
AONB Partnership	A partnership formed to advise the Joint Committee on the exercise of the Functions and having the terms of reference and constitution set out in Appendix 4
AONB Team	the team of officers employed by the Lead Authority within Denbighshire's Countryside and Heritage Service and having the role and functions described in Section 5.
Associated Bodies	The AONB Annual Forum, the AONB Community Council Meeting, any Topic Group, the Officers' Working Group and the AONB Partnership.
Budget	the Core Budget (both central and Area) and the Actions Budget of the Joint Committee in any year
Call In	The process whereby an Executive decision is called in by non executive members of an Authority.
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB (CR and DV AONB)	the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Commencement Date	2013
Core Budget	the budget(including overheads) relating to expenditure on core functions in any year relating to both central and area activities.
Core Functions	those Functions which are potentially eligible from time to time for the highest prevailing rate of grant payable by Natural Resources Wales
Core Grant	The grant payable by Natural Resources Wales in any year towards expenditure on Core Functions
CROW Act	the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Functions	the functions of the Joint Committee as set out in paragraph 3.3.
General Development Proposals	developments within existing village boundaries; extensions to existing buildings, approval of conditions in relation to existing planning permissions; amended applications; access and boundaries; alterations to

	existing telecoms infrastructure; small domestic or other structures such as sheds or stable blocks.
Joint Committee	the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Joint Committee
Lead Authority	Denbighshire County Council or as determined under paragraph 9.6.
Management Plan	The AONB management plan for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB either prepared and published or reviewed, adopted and published by the Joint Committee under Section 89 of the CROW Act
Natural Resources Wales (NRW)	Natural Resources Wales or other agent or department of the Welsh Government from time to time charged with the designation, funding and oversight of AONBs in Wales.
Non-Core Functions	Those Functions which are eligible from time to time for a grant which is lower than the highest prevailing rate of grant payable by Natural Resources Wales or which are not eligible for grants payable by Natural Resources Wales.
Non-Core Funding	The funding in any year towards expenditure on Non-Core functions and the Action Plan
Objectives	the objectives of the Joint Committee as set out in paragraph 3.2 to this Agreement
Officers Working Group	The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Officers Working Group having the role and functions described in Section 4.
Overheads	the employee costs (including on costs) and the costs of administration, insurance, training, premises, transport, supplies, publications, consumables and recharges of the AONB Unit; and the costs (direct and indirect) associated with the management operation and administration of the Joint Committee, and the Associated Bodies.
Partner	Any body, organisation or person from time to time contributing to the achievement of the aims of the AONB Partnership
Standing Orders	the standing orders of the Joint Committee set out in Appendix 1 to

	this Agreement
Topic Group	Any group tasked by the Officers Working Group to provide it with specialist advice on any specified topic relating to the exercise of the functions and the attainment of the objectives.

- 1.2 Except where the contrary intention appears, references in this Agreement to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and references to the masculine gender shall be taken as meaning both masculine and feminine genders.
- 1.3 References to sections are to the sections 1 - 23 of this Agreement, references to paragraphs are to paragraphs within those sections and references to appendices are to the Appendices 1 - 8 of this Agreement
- 1.4 References to “year” and “years” are to the financial year or years of the Authorities commencing on 1 April in any year and finishing on 31 March in the following year. The last year shall however end on the date upon which this Agreement terminates.
- 1.5 This Agreement shall have effect from the Commencement Date and shall continue in force in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.

2. THE JOINT COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Authorities, in exercise of their powers under Sections 101(5), 102(1) and 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 20 of the Local Government Act 2000, Section 37 of the Countryside Act 1968, Sections 85, 89 and 90 of the CROW Act and all other enabling powers, establish and agree fully to participate in the Joint Committee in order to achieve the Objectives through the Functions and, subject to paragraph 10, to encourage the Authorities collectively and individually to provide or procure sufficient resources to realise the Objectives.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee shall be constituted and conduct its business in accordance with the Standing Orders.
- 2.3 The Joint Committee shall comprise the following membership:
- 2.3.1 The Lead Authority will appoint two members being County Councillors who are members of the Lead Authority’s Executive Board or Cabinet.
- 2.3.2 Each Authority other than the Lead Authority will appoint two members being Councillors of that Authority who are members of that Authority’s Executive Board or Cabinet.

2.4 The Financial Regulations, Contract Standing Orders and the Rules of Debate of the Lead Authority shall apply.

3. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

3.1 The Authorities constitute the Joint Committee for the purpose of acting jointly to exercise and discharge the Functions and, subject to the Budget approved in accordance with section 8, to attain and realise the Objectives.

3.2 The Objectives of the Joint Committee are:-

3.2.1 to seek to ensure that the natural beauty of the AONB is conserved and enhanced.

3.2.2 to sustain and enhance the conservation value of the AONB.

3.2.3 through consultation with the Authorities, with Partners and the general public, to promote wider public understanding of the purposes for which the AONB was designated.

3.2.4 to seek, by influencing the Authorities, Partners and other bodies and organisations, to achieve a synergy between existing and future activities within the AONB and the purposes for which the AONB was designated.

3.2.5 to seek to ensure that the parts of the AONB to which the public has rights of access are accessible and, as appropriate, to achieve wider access to the AONB by actual or virtual means.

3.2.6 to promote the sharing of good practice and consistency of approach towards the AONB across the Authorities.

3.2.7 to have due regard to the needs of agriculture and forestry and to the economic and social interests of rural areas

3.2.8 to seek to ensure that the Functions are so exercised as to attract the maximum available funding from Natural Resources Wales and from other external funding sources consistent with the attainment of the other Objectives set out above

3.3 The Functions of the Joint Committee in relation to the Objectives are:-

3.3.1 after consultation with the Authorities and the AONB Partnership, to prepare and publish the Management Plan or to review, adopt and publish the Management Plan

3.3.2 after consultation with the Authorities and the AONB Partnership, to produce and approve an Action Plan for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Management Plan

- 3.3.3 to monitor the implementation of the Management Plan and of the Action Plan by means of the Annual Report and to make recommendations to all or any of the Authorities and the Partners as to their implementation.
- 3.3.4 to administer and undertake the Core Functions within the Core Budget and to carry out undertake procure or implement the non-Core Functions and the Action Plan in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and within the Actions Budget
- 3.3.5 to undertake the periodic review of any published Management Plan and to consider and make representations upon any matter relating to the Objectives and the Functions
- 3.3.6 through the Annual Report and by such other means as the Joint Committee think fit to publicise the Management Plan to the Authorities, Partners and the general public
- 3.3.7 to consider and make representations on Local Development Plan Policies and proposals and proposals for development within or affecting the CR and DV AONB.
- 3.3.8 regularly to review and scrutinise the actions taken by the Officers Working Group.
- 3.3.9 to undertake such public and other consultation as the Joint Committee shall consider desirable or necessary in relation to the achievement of the Objectives and to collate and share with the AONB Partnership, the Authorities, Partners and others the results of such consultation
- 3.3.10 to carry out, procure or promote any activities or matters which are incidental or ancillary to the exercise of the Functions and which the Joint Committee deem to be of benefit to CR and DV AONB
- 3.3.11 to consider and review the membership of the AONB Partnership.
- 3.4 Subject to paragraph 3.5 below the Joint Committee will have delegated powers from the Authorities to expend the Budget and to implement or procure the implementation of the Action Plan for that year previously approved by the Joint Committee subject to the financial and resources implications of those decisions being contained within the Budget for the then current financial year or within the approved budgets of the Authorities.
- 3.5 The Joint Committee shall refer to the Authorities any matter which falls outside the Joint Committee's delegated powers or which the Joint Committee consider for any reason should properly be decided by the Authorities and not by the Joint Committee.
- 3.6 The Joint Committee shall not have power to borrow.

- 3.7 Subject to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 above the Authorities shall also each delegate and empower the Joint Committee to discharge the Functions on its behalf via the Officers' Working Group and the AONB Team in the manner set out in this Agreement.
- 3.8 The Joint Committee shall appoint the Secretary to the Joint Committee and the Treasurer to the Joint Committee. The Secretary to the Joint Committee shall be the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of the Lead Authority or such other officer of the Lead Authority as he may nominate. The Treasurer to the Joint Committee shall be the Section 151 officer of the Lead Authority. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall have respectively the functions powers and duties set out in Appendix 2.
- 3.9 The Joint Committee shall not employ any employees.

4. OFFICERS' WORKING GROUP

- 4.1 The Authorities will establish the Officers' Working Group which shall comprise one nominated officer representative of each Authority. The Secretary to the Joint Committee and the Treasurer to the Joint Committee or their respective nominees shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Officers' Working Group and to speak on any item of business.
- 4.2 The officer of each Authority nominated to serve as its officer representative on the Officers' Working Group shall be a senior officer of that authority having responsibility at officer level for, or close senior level involvement in, the AONB.
- 4.3 Each officer nominated under paragraph 4.1 shall be entitled to attend, but not to vote at, meetings of the Joint Committee.
- 4.4 If the officer nominated under paragraph 4.1 is unable to attend a meeting of the Joint Committee or the Officers' Working Group, the Authority which nominated the officer may nominate a substitute of comparable seniority to attend that meeting. The nomination of such officer shall be made to the Chair of the Officers' Working Group either prior to or at the meeting.
- 4.5 The Officers' Working Group shall co-opt as advisers any nominee for the time being of Natural Resources Wales (not exceeding five persons in aggregate at any time), who shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Officers' Working Group and to speak on any item of business. The Officers' Working Group may co-opt other officers of the Authorities and any Partner (whether in an individual or a representative capacity) from time to time, who shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Officers' Working Group during their co-option and to speak on any item of business.

- 4.7 The Joint Committee shall have the Officers Working Group and the AONB Team at its disposal in order to discharge the Functions.
- 4.8 The functions of the Officers' Working Group will be:-
- 4.8.1 to consider and make recommendations in consultation with the AONB Partnership and AONB Team as to the strategic direction; implementation and delivery of the Management Plan and the Annual Action Plan; to promote in all practicable respects the objectives of the Joint Committee and to develop policies (including development plan policies affecting the AONB) for these purposes.
- 4.8.2 To make recommendations to the Joint Committee, in consultation with the AONB Partnership, about the Budget and on proposals for joint commissioning, joint ventures and the establishment of partnership agreements and service level agreements relating to the attainment of the Objectives.
- 4.9 The Officers' Working Group shall implement the decisions of the Joint Committee taken under the powers delegated to the Joint Committee.
- 4.10 The Officers' Working Group shall comply with the Lead Authority's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 4.11 The Officers' Working Group may establish any Topic Group to assist it in carrying out its functions.

5. AONB TEAM

- 5.1 The Joint Committee and the Officers' Working Group will be supported by the AONB Team
- 5.2 The AONB Team will comprise the AONB Officer and such other dedicated staff as may be employed from time to time wholly or mainly for the purposes of the AONB functions from within the Core Budget.
- 5.3 The AONB TEAM will:-
 - 5.3.1 co-ordinate and prioritise the day to day activities of the Joint Committee in attaining the Objectives and promote the value of CR and DV AONB in the community
 - 5.3.2 liaise between and advise and influence the Joint Committee, the Authorities, the Associated Bodies, Partners and other agencies and persons
 - 5.3.3 monitor progress and expenditure on individual projects in the Action Plan and prepare the Management Plan and Action Plan for consideration, and make recommendations on them
 - 5.3.4 in consultation with the Treasurer, appraise individual projects for funding and for inclusion in the Action Plan including the assessment of the adequacy of the financial and management controls in place for each such project
 - 5.3.5 monitor and co-ordinate progress and expenditure on individual projects within the Action Plan and evaluate and report on the outcomes and effectiveness of projects
 - 5.3.6 seek additional funding from all sources to assist the delivery of the Objectives and the Action Plan
 - 5.3.7 provide planning advise to the Joint Committee on Local Development Plan policies and proposals and on proposals for development affecting CR and DV AONB.
 - 5.3.8 Respond to any General Development Proposals which may be delegated to them by the Joint Committee.
- 5.4 The members of the AONB Team shall be employees of the Lead Authority and accordingly their terms and conditions of service shall be those of the Lead Authority. The Team shall work in close partnership with any of the Authorities equivalent staff who may be employed by any Authority.
- 5.5 All members of the AONB Team shall comply with the Lead Authority's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 5.6 Other support services for the Joint Committee shall include the provision of financial, legal and administrative services and such support services to the Joint Committee (to the extent that they are not provided by the Officers' Working Group) shall be provided by the Lead Authority subject to democratic services support being provided in rotation by the Authorities.

6. DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

The delivery structure is detailed in the structure diagram Appendix 3.

7. CONTRACTS

Every contract for the execution of work for or the supply of goods or services to the Joint Committee and the procedures relating thereto shall comply in all respects with the Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders of the Lead Authority.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Subject to the provisions of this paragraph 8, all expenditure incurred by the Joint Committee each year in attaining the Objectives and discharging the Functions will, having regard to the nature of the expenditure in question, be met from the Core Budget or the Actions Budget.

8.2 The Core Budget will be funded from Core Grant and the Annual Contribution of each Authority

8.3 Core Budget

8.3.1 In each year the Core Budget shall be such amount as the Joint Committee, after consultation with the AONB Partnership and having considered the views of each Authority following consultation under paragraph 8.7.3 and taken into account the Core Grant for the year in question, shall decide is necessary to meet the estimated cost of undertaking the Core Functions.

8.3.2 The members of the Joint Committee propose in principle funding the central core budget (net of any central core grant) equally as indicated in Appendix 7.

8.3.3 Over the initial term of the agreement, members of the Joint Committee will agree to work towards funding the combined core ,central and area apportionment, as set out in Appendix 7 achieving these figures by the 5th year of the initial five year term. These amounts will make up the annual contribution of each Authority for the year to which the annual contribution relates, having regard to the relevant local government pay settlement.

8.3.4 The Joint Committee shall (save in exceptional circumstances) consider the proposed Budget and notify each Authority of its proposed Annual Contribution for the following year.

8.4 Actions Budget

8.4.1 The Actions Budget will relate to those projects within the Action Plan for the implementation of which the Joint Committee will be responsible in any year.

8.4.2 Each Authority or Partner (as the case may be) will have primary responsibility for procuring the funding for any project within the Action Plan which it has agreed to promote and implement.

8.4.3 The Joint Committee, the Officers' Working Group and the AONB Team, in consultation with the AONB Partnership, will assist any Authority or Partner in its efforts to procure external funding for any project in the Action Plan.

8.4.4 Each Authority may contribute any additional monies over and above the budget, to the Actions Budget or to the separate funding of any part of the Action Plan.

8.4.5 The Joint Committee shall determine the priority of those projects within the Action Plan to be funded from the Actions Budget in any year.

8.5 Budget Planning

The Joint Committee, when considering the proposed Budget for the following year, will consider a financial forecast of its anticipated budgetary requirements for the subsequent two financial years.

8.6 Capital Expenditure

The Joint Committee may incur expenditure in respect of items which must or, in the Joint Committee's discretion, may properly be determined as capital expenditure in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulations made thereunder

8.7 Administration of the Budget

8.7.1 Subject to section 8, the proposed Budget for each year of this Agreement shall be prepared by the Treasurer to the Joint Committee in consultation with the s.151 Officer of each Authority.

8.7.2 The proposed Budget shall be considered by the Joint Committee at the earliest practicable date in the year preceding the year to which the Budget relates.

8.7.3 Before the Budget is submitted for the approval of the Joint Committee, the proposed Budget will be copied to each Authority by the Treasurer to the Joint Committee for prior consideration by each authority so that each Authority is briefed on the level of funding which the Joint Committee are to be asked to consider for the following year. The Joint Committee will not approve a higher Budget in any year than that on which each Authority has been consulted unless any increase in the approved Budget is wholly attributable to an increase before any external grant.

8.7.4 The Budget for 2013/14 at the Commencement Date is the total cost set out in Appendix 7. The posts listed in Appendix 8 are the AONB Team posts under paragraph 5.2 for which provision is made from the Commencement Date within the Core Budget.

8.7.5 A scheme of management for the establishment of a reserve is set out at Appendix 6. The scheme provides a facility to carry forward into the next year any underspend of the Budget but requires firstly that (unless otherwise stipulated as a condition of Core Grant or Non-Core Grant funding or other external funding) that the funding of any overspend of the Budget is met in any year by transfer from the reserve. If the reserve is insufficient to meet the overspend in any year, then unless the Authorities agree to provide an additional sum to fund the deficit in accordance with their respective shares, the Joint Committee will make any necessary adjustment in the Budget for the following year.

8.8 Payments

- 8.8.1 Any payment due from an Authority to the Joint Committee in any year in respect of the Annual Contribution shall be made on 1 April based on the amount of the Annual Contribution determined under paragraph 8.3.2. The invoice will be in official form and will meet Customs and Excise VAT requirements.
- 8.8.2 All sums payable by any Authority pursuant to this Agreement are exclusive of VAT. Each Authority shall pay any VAT properly chargeable on any supply made under this Agreement
- 8.8.3 The amount of any payment due from the Joint Committee to an Authority or from an Authority to the Joint Committee may not be set off against any other payment due from an Authority to the Joint Committee or from the Joint Committee to an Authority (as the case may be)

8.9 Records

- 8.9.1. The Treasurer to the Joint Committee will be responsible for keeping records of income and expenditure relating to the expenditure of the Joint Committee on Core Functions and Non-Core Functions and will produce as necessary but not less than twice yearly monitoring reports to the Joint Committee. The Treasurer or other financial officer of each other Authority will provide any necessary financial information for this purpose. The Treasurer to the Joint Committee will prepare and submit for the approval of the Joint Committee final closure accounts by not later than 30 May in the year following the year to which the accounts relate.
- 8.9.2 The accounts of the Joint Committee will be included in the accounts of each Authority for audit purposes.
- 8.9.3 For the purposes of VAT the arrangements shall be:
- 8.9.3.1 The Joint Committee shall be registered for VAT or,
- 8.9.3.2 The Lead Authority act as host for VAT purposes, subject to concession by HMRC.

8.10 Mutual Understanding

The Authorities agree that this Agreement may give rise to situations in which one or more of the Authorities may invest in or take part in a particular project or projects within the Action Plan for a year the costs of which are not being shared with or contributed to by other of the Authorities (each "a Non-contributing Authority").

9. LEAD AUTHORITY

- 9.1 Denbighshire County Council is appointed from the date of this Agreement as the Lead Authority for the purposes mentioned in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.11 below
- 9.2 The role of the Lead Authority shall be exercised subject to the approval of the Joint Committee and shall be as follows:-
- 9.2.1 to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Lead Authority referred to in the Agreement
- 9.2.2 to act on behalf of the Joint Committee when this achieves Best Value or adds value to the attainment of the Objectives or the performance of the Functions or when it is necessary or desirable to do so in order to attract or secure external funding or other resources from outside the Authorities and/or;
- 9.2.3 to make and provide all appropriate banking accounting and audit arrangements and services required for the due and proper receipt, holding and application of the Joint Committee's funds and/or;
- 9.2.4 to be the legal point of contact with suppliers for all joint procurements and/or;
- 9.2.5 subject to paragraph 5.6, to provide such administrative resources as shall be reasonably necessary to enable the Joint Committee to discharge their respective roles, duties and functions and which are not otherwise provided for under this Agreement.
- 9.2.6 to provide the secretariat for any relevant meetings of the Associated Bodies.
- 9.3 Each of the other Authorities shall (and hereby duly undertake with the Lead Authority to) indemnify the Lead Authority against and/or contribute and pay in equal shares all or any liabilities claims costs and/or expenses of or reasonably incurred by the Lead Authority in or in connection with or in the course of or as a result of:-
- 9.3.1 performing or discharging its roles and/or responsibilities in paragraph 9.2 of this Agreement as the Lead Authority: and/or
- 9.3.2 undertaking any contract or commitment on behalf of the Joint Committee for the purposes of or pursuant to this Agreement
- PROVIDED THAT** such indemnity on the part of the other Authorities shall not extend to liabilities or claims arising or costs and/or expenses incurred by reason or in consequence of any of the following on the part of the Lead Authority that is to say, negligence or misconduct to a material degree, persistent breach of law or duty (that is to say persisted in after the same shall have been brought to the attention of or known to the Lead Authority), act or omission known to the Lead Authority to be

contrary to proper local government practice or local government law or substantial or persistent failure (after due notice) to redress performance of the duties of the Lead Authority which shall not comply with the requirements or the standards of or set by this Agreement

- 9.4 The Lead Authority shall owe no duty of care to the other Authorities and have no liability or responsibility in respect of or in relation to the performance or discharge of (or omission to perform or discharge) any role or function referred to in Clause 9.2 the discharge or exercise of which requires the approval of the Joint Committee (save to the extent that such role or function is discharged or exercised by the Lead Authority negligently or in a manner known to the Lead Authority to be contrary to proper local government practice or local government law) or which is otherwise carried out or to be carried out in the manner requested or required by, (or which is omitted to be performed on the instruction or request of) the Joint Committee.
- 9.5 The Lead Authority shall owe no duty of care to the other Authorities or any of them (whether in contract or in tort) in respect of the roles and responsibilities of the Joint Committee.
- 9.6 The Lead Authority shall cease to act as Lead Authority if so required by notices in writing given to the Lead Authority by a simple majority of the Authorities and expiring at the end of any financial year. In the event that the Lead Authority shall cease to act, the Authorities shall refer the decision on appointment of the Lead Authority back to their respective Cabinets or Executive Board.
- 9.7 Any documentation held by the Lead Authority which remains relevant after it has ceased to act as such shall (on the request of the new Lead Authority or the Joint Committee) be handed over or copied to the new Lead Authority or the Joint Committee
- 9.8 The Authorities agree that the Lead Authority shall be entitled to call on the funds of the Joint Committee to pay any redundancy or other lawful claim arising in respect of the termination of the employment of any officer wholly or mainly employed by the Lead Authority for the purposes of carrying out this Agreement PROVIDED THAT the Lead Authority shall FIRST consult with the Joint Committee, such consultation to include discussion on any suitable alternative employment for the officer concerned. The Authorities recognise that TUPE may apply and in any event will adhere to the principles of TUPE in relation to those affected staff.
- 9.9 If the funds of the Joint Committee shall not be sufficient to meet the loss, costs or damages incurred by or claims against the Lead Authority the other Authorities shall each indemnify the Lead Authority in equal shares against the amount incurred by or claimed against the Lead Authority (to the intent that the Lead Authority shall likewise be liable for such an equal share)

10. PROVISION OF NON CASH RESOURCE

- 10.1 The Authorities agree that they will make reasonable endeavours to provide such non-monetary resources and assistance and in-kind support to the Joint Committee as shall be reasonably requested by the Joint Committee from time to time
- 10.2 No requirement or request shall be made of an Authority under Clause 10.1 which shall have the effect of compelling that Authority to incur unbudgeted expenditure.
- 10.3 Provision of support under this Section 10 may be included in the calculation of the Annual Contribution for the following financial year.

11. DURATION, WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

- 11.1 This Agreement shall come into force on the Commencement Date and shall continue until the 31st March 2019 before such date there shall be a review of the Agreement and unless there is any variation, withdrawal or termination under the Agreement, the Agreement shall continue on a rolling 5 year term, with a review on or before the expiry of each 5 year term.
- 11.2 Any Authority may withdraw from the Joint Committee by giving not less than 18 months notice to the other Authorities and the Secretary of the Joint Committee.
- 11.3 Any Authority wishing to withdraw from the Joint Committee undertakes as a condition of withdrawal to make prior to withdrawal such reasonable payment or payments which fairly reflect the actual losses caused by or anticipated as a result of the withdrawal as shall be determined by the other Authorities pursuant to clauses 8 and 9
- 11.4 In the event of any withdrawal, unless otherwise agreed by the remaining Authorities, this Agreement shall continue.
- 11.5 The Authorities agree that this Agreement may be determined upon terms agreed by the Authorities.
- 11.6 In the event of termination of this Agreement each party shall undertake to pay such reasonable payment or payments which fairly reflect the obligations of that Council pursuant to this Agreement on the basis of sections 8 and 9; any assets held by the Authorities shall where reasonably practicable be divided proportionately or be retained by an Authority for its own use subject to an equitable settlement to the other parties; or be dealt with as otherwise agreed between the Authorities. In the absence of any agreement in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures.

11.7 It shall be the duty of all the Authorities to minimise any losses arising from the determination of this Agreement.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance

- 12.1 Save as otherwise provided for in Section 9 (Lead Authority) and Section 11 (Termination), any necessary compensation or other essential financial payment or legal obligation to the payment or fulfilment of which any Authority or any third party may become entitled as a result of or in connection with the discharge of any of the Functions shall as between the Joint Committee and the Authorities be paid or fulfilled wholly by the Joint Committee and the Joint Committee shall accordingly ensure that adequate insurance cover is effected and maintained in respect of any such liability.
- 12.2 The cost of such insurance shall be an Overhead and accordingly part of the Core Budget.
- 12.3 The Lead Authority shall be responsible for making all necessary insurance arrangements on behalf of the Joint Committee and (where given) in accordance with the Joint Committee's instructions.

Civil Litigation

- 12.4 The institution and defence of necessary civil litigation by the Joint Committee arising from the pursuit of the Objectives or the discharge of the Functions shall be undertaken in a representative capacity by the Lead Authority.

Criminal Proceedings

- 12.5 The conduct of any criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court or the Crown Court brought by or against the Joint Committee arising out of the pursuit of the Objectives or the discharge of the Functions shall be undertaken in a representative capacity by the Lead Authority unless the Joint Committee, having regard to the circumstances giving rise to the proceedings, agree that another Authority should do so.

Law and Jurisdiction

- 12.6 This Agreement shall be governed by the law of England and Wales and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

13. VARIATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement may be varied at any time upon such terms as the Authorities after consultation with the Joint Committee may agree.

14. NOTICES

Any notice to be served under this Agreement upon any Authority will be served at the principal offices for the time being of that Authority for the attention of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services or Head of the Paid Service of that Authority.

15. INTERESTS OF MEMBERS IN CONTRACTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- 15.1 Every member of the Joint Committee shall at all times comply with the principles specified by the Welsh Ministers under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 2000 which are to govern their conduct. They should also abide by the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Members Accord.
- 15.2 Any member of the Joint Committee who has an interest defined in the Members Code of Conduct of his or her Council shall comply with the requirements of that Code as regards the disclosure of that interest and as regards withdrawing from participation in consequence of that interest.
- 15.3 The Secretary of the Joint Committee shall keep a record of particulars of any disclosures by members which shall be open during normal office hours for public inspection.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

- 16.1 If at any time any dispute or difference shall arise between the Authorities in respect of any matters arising out of this Agreement or the meaning or effect of this Agreement or anything herein contained or the rights or liabilities of any of the Authorities the same shall be referred to the relevant Corporate Directors of the Authorities in dispute. Each Director shall undertake and agree to pursue a positive approach towards the dispute resolution which avoids legal proceedings and maintains strong working relationships between the parties. There shall be a commitment to resolving the matter within 10 working days.
- 16.2 In the event that the dispute is not settled at Director level, and the context so requires, it shall be referred to the respective Chief Executives who shall use their best endeavours to reach a resolution within a further 10 working days.
- 16.3 In the event that any dispute or difference between the Councils relating to this Agreement which it has not been possible to resolve through the decision making process of the Joint Committee or otherwise, the Authorities may either agree to refer the matter to arbitration or utilise the termination procedures at section 11.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

The Authorities shall be released from their respective obligations under the Agreement if national emergency, war, prohibitive government

regulations or any other cause (except strike action) beyond the control of the Authorities or any of them renders the performance of this Agreement impossible.

18. PARTNERS

- 18.1 The Authorities wish to encourage the Joint Committee, in consultation with the AONB Advisory Partnership, to promote, establish, and foster links with Partners to support the Objectives and Functions.
- 18.2 The form of the link with any Partner shall be in the discretion of the Joint Committee but, subject to paragraph 18.3 below, shall accord so far as reasonably practicable with the wishes of the Joint Committee and the Partner in question.
- 18.3 Nothing in this Agreement or otherwise shall require or oblige the Joint Committee to, nor shall the Joint Committee without the approval of the Authorities, enter into links with commercial or trading organisations bodies or persons where the nature or business of that commercial or trading organisation body or person gives rise or could give rise to, any conflict of interest (for example without limitation by reason of the possible procurement or use by the Joint Committee of equipment or services provided by a particular business).
- 18.4 Subject to paragraph 18.3 above the Joint Committee may form links under this Section with any Partner who is prepared to provide financial or in kind support to the Joint Committee in furtherance of the Objectives and Functions.
- 18.5 Where a link is established pursuant to paragraph 18.4 above, then, provided that the financial or in-kind support given by the Partner in question to the Budget is, in each financial year in which such support is given, of equal value to or greater than the Annual Contribution of any Authority for that year, the Joint Committee shall invite to the meetings of the Joint Committee for that year a representative of that Partner (who shall not be a member or officer of an Authority) who shall have the right to speak but not to vote.
- 18.6 Where and for so long as pursuant to paragraph 18.5 a Partner is entitled to send a representative to meetings of the Joint Committee, that Partner shall also be entitled to send a representative to meetings of the Officer Working Group which representative shall have the right to speak thereat.
- 18.7 Where pursuant to paragraph 18.5 a Partner is for the time being entitled to send a representative to meetings of the Joint Committee and the Officers' Working Group and, at the end of the year in question, that Partner ceases to provide support at the level referred to in the proviso in paragraph 18.5, the Partner shall cease to be entitled to exercise the powers in paragraphs 18.5 and 18.6.

18.8 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Section, it shall be for individual Authorities to determine what links each wishes to have with any Partner.

19. DATA PROTECTION

19.1 The Authorities shall at all times comply with the DPA, including maintaining a valid and up to date registration or notification under the DPA, covering any data processing to be performed in connection with this Agreement and their responsibilities as data processors and/or data controllers.

19.2 The Authorities shall only undertake processing of Personal Data reasonably required in connection with the operation of this Agreement.

19.3 The Authorities shall not transfer any Personal Data to any country or territory outside the European Economic Area.

19.4 The Authorities shall not disclose Personal Data to any third parties other than:

19.4.1 in response to a data subject access request;

19.4.2 to employees and contractors to whom such disclosure is necessary in order to comply with their obligations under this Agreement; or

19.4.3 to the extent required to comply with a legal obligation

20. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

20.1 The parties recognise that they are public authorities as defined by FOI Legislation and therefore recognise that information relating to this Agreement may be the subject of an Information Request.

20.2 The parties shall assist each other in complying with their obligations under FOI Legislation, including but not limited to assistance without charge, in gathering information to respond to an Information Request.

20.3 Any Authority shall be entitled to disclose any information relating to this Agreement in response to an Information Request, save that in respect of any Information Request which is in whole or part a request for Exempt Information:

20.3.1 the Authority which receives the Information Request shall circulate the Information Request and shall discuss it with the other Council

20.3.2 the Authority which receives the Information Request shall in good faith consider any representations raised by one or more Authority when deciding whether to disclose Exempt Information; and

20.3.3 the Authority which receives the Information Request shall not disclose any Exempt Information beyond the disclosure required by FOI Legislation without the consent of the Council to which it relates.

20.4 The parties to this Agreement acknowledge and agree that any decision made an Authority which receives an Information Request as to whether to disclose information relating to this Agreement pursuant to FOI legislation is solely the decision of that Authority. A party will not be liable to any party to this Agreement for any loss, damage, harm or detrimental effect arising from or in connection with the disclosure of information in response to an Information Request.

21 SEVERANCE

If any provision of this Agreement is declared by any judicial or other competent authority to be void voidable unlawful or otherwise unenforceable or indications to that effect are received by the Authorities from any competent authority the Authorities shall amend the provision in such a reasonable manner as achieves the intention of the Authorities without being unlawful or if agreed between the Authorities it may be severed from this Agreement but the remaining provisions shall remain in full force unless the Authorities agree that the effect of such declaration is to defeat their original intention

.22. AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE

Any failure by an Authority to insist upon the performance of any of the conditions of this Agreement or to exercise any right under it shall not be construed as a waiver by such Authority and this Agreement shall continue and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any such failure.

23. WELSH LANGUAGE

The Welsh language policy of the Lead Authority shall apply to this Agreement

APPENDIX 1

STANDING ORDERS OF THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AONB JOINT COMMITTEE

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The decision of the Chairman of the meeting as to the interpretation of any standing order or on any question of procedure not provided for by these standing orders shall be final. No debate may ensue thereon.

2. Meetings

- 2.1 The annual meeting of the Joint Committee in each year shall be held as soon as practicable after 1 June in each year and shall amongst other things receive the closing accounts for the preceding year.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee shall between each annual meeting normally meet at intervals of four months or on such other occasions or greater frequency as they may agree and shall meet on such day and at such time and place as they may determine provided that a meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after November of each year for the purpose of considering the Joint Committee's budget for the following year.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the Joint Committee shall meet in rotation at the offices of the three Authorities.
- 2.4 With the exception of the annual meeting and the Budget meeting, the Secretary with the agreement of the Chairman and Vice Chairman may cancel any meeting of the Joint Committee if in his or her opinion insufficient business has arisen for consideration.
- 2.5 A special meeting of the Joint Committee shall be convened at any time by the Secretary upon the instructions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

3. Notice of Meetings

- 3.1 At least 3 clear days before a meeting of the Joint Committee:
- 3.1.1 a summons to attend the meeting specifying business proposed to be transacted shall be sent electronically by the Secretary to the Joint Committee to the last email address given for that purpose by each member of the Joint Committee and to the Chief Executive of each Authority and to
- 3.1.2 notice of the time and place of the intended meeting shall be published at the offices each Authority by the Chief Executive of that Authority

- 3.2 Lack of service on a member of the Joint Committee of the summons referred to in paragraph 3.1.1 above shall not affect the validity of a meeting of the Joint Committee
- 3.3 Except in the case of business required by this standing order to be transacted at a meeting of the Joint Committee and other business to be brought before the meeting as a matter of urgency, of which the Chairman Vice Chairman and the Secretary shall have prior notice and which the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Secretary consider should be discussed at the meeting, no business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Joint Committee other than that specified in the summons relating thereto.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

- 4.1 At its annual meeting the Joint Committee shall determine from amongst its members a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee for the period from the commencement of that meeting of the Joint Committee up to the commencement of the next following annual meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 4.2 Each person proposed for any office shall be duly nominated and seconded by members attending the meeting before his or her name is submitted to the vote of the meeting. When there are more than two persons nominated for any appointment and of the votes given there is not an overall majority in favour of one person, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote shall be taken and so on until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person.
- 4.3 In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of a Chairman or Vice Chairman appointed under paragraph 4.1 above, the Joint Committee at its next meeting shall appoint another member to hold such office from the commencement of that meeting until the commencement of the next following annual meeting.

5. Membership of the Joint Committee

- 5.1 Subject to paragraph 2, each member of the Joint Committee shall be a Councillor of the Authority by whom he or she shall have been appointed holding membership of the current Executive of that Authority and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Joint Committee following his or her appointment unless he or she ceases to be a representative of the Authority appointing him or her or resigns his or her membership of the Joint Committee or his or her appointment is revoked by the Authority appointing him or her.
- 5.2 Each Authority shall fill any casual vacancy during any year in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and shall advise the Secretary to the Joint Committee within 7 days of such appointment.

5.3 Where paragraph 8.5 of the agreement applies to the Joint Committee, they shall invite the representative of the Partner in question to attend meetings of the Joint Committee who shall have the right to speak but not to vote, as that paragraph provides. Such representative shall not be a member or officer of an Authority.

5.4 The Joint Committee for the time being shall co-opt as advisers to the Joint Committee the Chairman of the AONB Partnership, the AONB Officer, a representative of Natural Resources Wales, to attend and speak (but not vote) at meetings of the Joint Committee and may from time to time co-opt one or more other advisers to attend such meeting or meetings of the Joint Committee as the Joint Committee may specify having regard to the knowledge or skill of the co-opted adviser, and the contribution he may make to the business of the Joint Committee at that meeting or those meetings. Such other co-opted adviser(s) shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.

6. Chairman of Meeting

6.1 At each meeting of the Joint Committee the Chairman, if present, shall preside.

6.2 If the Chairman is absent from a meeting of the Joint Committee the Vice Chairman, if present, shall preside.

6.3 If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee are absent from a meeting of the Joint Committee such member of the Joint Committee as the members present shall select shall preside.

7. Quorum

7.1 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Joint Committee unless at least one member from each Authority are present.

7.2 If during any meeting of the Joint Committee the Chairman, after counting the number of members present, declares that there is not a quorum for the meeting then the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date and time fixed by the Chairman or, in the absence of a date and time being fixed, to the next ordinary meeting of the Joint Committee to which the consideration of any business not transacted shall be referred.

8. Order of Business

8.1 At every meeting of the Joint Committee the order of business shall be to select a person to preside if the Chairman or Vice Chairman are absent and thereafter shall be in accordance with the order specified in the notice of the meeting except that such order may be varied either by the Chairman at his or her discretion or on a request agreed to by the Joint Committee.

- 8.2 The Agenda shall not include an 'Any Other Business ' Item.
- 8.3 Every Member (whether a Member of the Joint Committee or not) attending a meeting of the Joint Committee shall sign his/her name on the attendance sheet provided for that purpose.
- 8.4 Proceedings at meetings may not be photographed, videoed, sound recorded, broadcast or transmitted in any way (including via social media) outside the meeting by individual Members appointed to the Joint Committee, the Press or the public without the prior permission of the Chair.
- 8.5 Use of text based social media such as Twitter, Facebook, SMS text messaging by Members who are not appointed to the body whose meeting they are attending, the Press and the public is permitted during the meetings provided that this does not cause a nuisance or annoyance to others during the meeting.
- 8.6 If any activity permitted under this standing order shall create a nuisance or annoyance to others attending the meeting Standing Order 4 may be invoked by the Chair to resolve the issue.
- 8.7 No broadcasting, photographing, video or sound recording or any transmission of proceedings from a meeting will be permitted where the Press and Public have been excluded as permitted under the Access to Information provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 or any subsequent amendment.

9. Minutes

- 9.1 Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Joint Committee shall be drawn up and entered into a book kept for that purpose and shall be signed at the next meeting of the Joint Committee by the Member presiding, and any minute purporting to be so signed shall be received in evidence without further proof.
- 9.2 Notwithstanding anything in any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, the minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Joint Committee may be recorded and distributed in electronic form.
- 9.3 The Chairman shall move "That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on...be signed as a correct record". If the accuracy is not questioned the Chairman shall sign the minutes.

10. Rules of Debate

The Rules of Debate of the Lead Authority shall apply to this Joint Committee

11. Voting

- 11.1 The mode of voting at meetings of the Joint Committee shall be by show of hands.
- 11.2 The Chairman will not have a casting vote. In the event of an equality of votes of the voting members of the Joint Committee, who are present at the meeting in question on any proposal before the Joint Committee at that meeting, the Chairman shall declare that the proposal is not carried.

12. Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters

- 12.1 (a) Every Member of the Joint Committee shall at all times comply with the principles specified in law, including those specified by the Secretary of State under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 2000, which are to govern their conduct.
 - (b) Any Member of the Joint Committee who has an interest as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct of his or her Council shall comply with the requirements of that Code as regards the disclosure of that interest and as regards withdrawing from participation in consequence of that interest.
- 12.2 The Secretary to the Joint Committee shall keep a record of particulars of any disclosures by members which shall be open during normal office hours for public inspection.

13. Expression of Dissent

No expression of dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the Joint Committee. Any two members may demand that a named vote be taken.

14. Disturbance at Meetings

- 14.1 If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings of any meeting the Chairman shall warn that person. If the interruption continues the Chairman shall order the person's removal from the meeting room.
- 14.2 In the case of general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public the Chairman shall order that part to be cleared.
- 14.3 If a member of the Joint Committee in the opinion of the Chairman behaves improperly or offensively or deliberately obstructs business the Chairman shall warn that person. If the member continues to behave

improperly the Chairman or any member may move that either the member leave the meeting or that the meeting is adjourned for a specified period.

15. Variation and Revocation of Standing Orders

Any addition, variation or revocation of these Standing Orders shall when proposed and seconded stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Joint Committee, provided that this standing order shall not apply to any review of standing orders at the annual meetings of the Joint Committee. Any such addition, variation or revocation shall be first referred to each Authority for their approval.

16. Suspension of Standing Orders

Any standing order may be suspended for all or part of the business of a meeting of the Joint Committee at which suspension is moved. Such a motion cannot be moved unless a quorum is present nor can such a motion be moved if the effect of the suspension would conflict with the terms of any agreement entered into by the Authorities.

17. Rescission of Previous Resolutions

No motion to rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months nor any motion to the same effect as any motion negative within the preceding six months shall be in order unless the notice of such motion shall have been given and specified in the summons and the notice shall bear, in addition to the name of the member who proposed the motion, the name of three members. When any such motion has been disposed of by the Joint Committee it shall not be open to any member to propose a similar motion within a further period of three months

18. Meetings Open to the Public and Confidential Items

18.1 Meetings of the Joint Committee will be open to the public except to the extent that they are excluded under standing order 18.2

18.2 The public may be excluded from a meeting of the Joint Committee during an item of business whenever it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during the item, confidential information as defined in section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

19 Call In Procedures

- 19.1 Any partner Authority shall be entitled to Call In a decision of the Joint Committee in accordance with the Call In Procedures of the Authority who wishes to call in.
- 19.2 If any decision of the Joint Committee is subject to call in by an Authority, the Joint Committee shall take no action to implement that decision unless the call in process upholds the decision.

20. Delegations

The Joint Committee may delegate a function to an officer of the Officers Working Group or the AONB team, which may include delegations in respect of certain general planning consultations.

APPENDIX 2

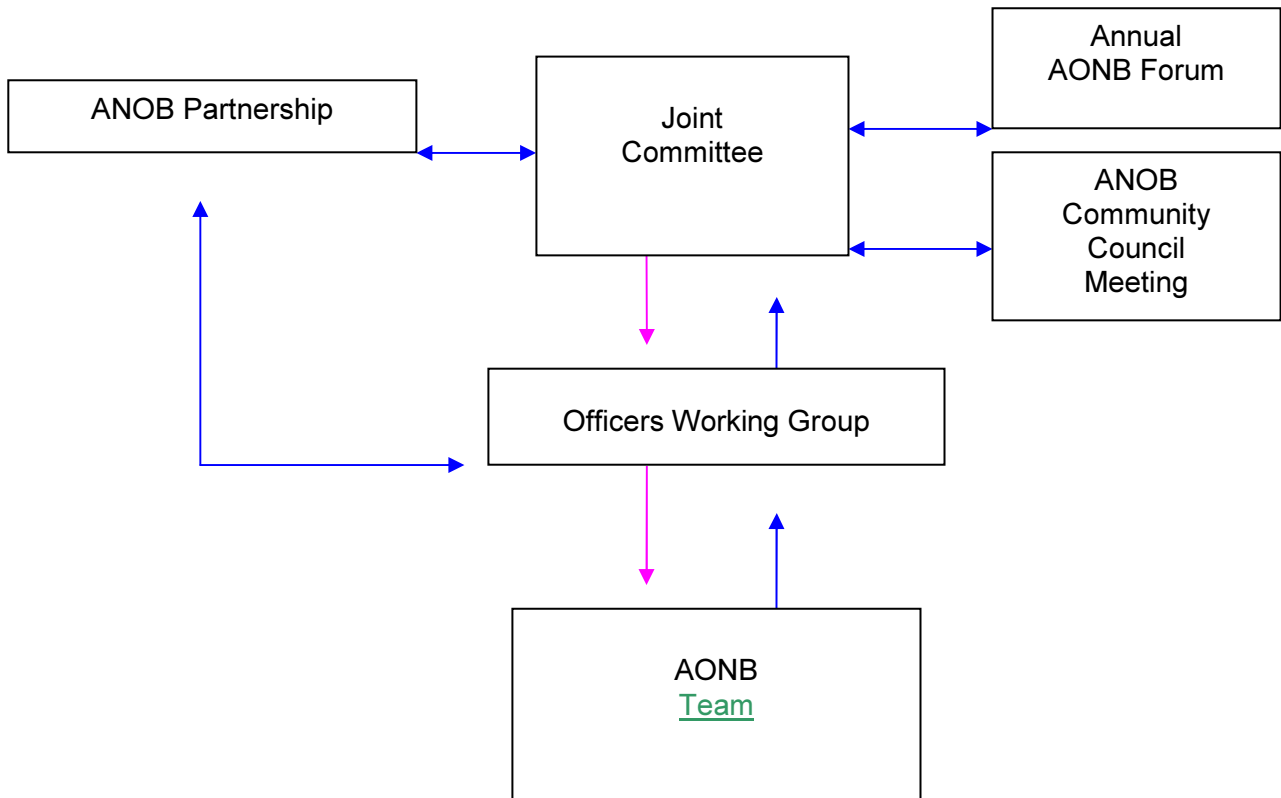
1. SECRETARY TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

- 1.1 In addition to any other powers and duties referred to in this Agreement the Secretary to the Joint Committee shall:
- 1.2 prepare and circulate agendas reports and minutes for consideration by the Joint Committee.
- 1.3 sign on behalf of the Joint Committee any document necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Joint Committee.
- 1.4 sign any document which is a necessary step in any legal procedure or proceedings.

2. TREASURER TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

- 2.1 In addition to any other powers and duties referred to in this Agreement the Treasurer to the Joint Committee is authorised to produce the Budget estimates and the accounts of the Joint Committee.

STRUCTURE FOR THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AREA OF
OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE



Colour Key

↔ Flow of information

→ Delegation

AONB PARTNERSHIP

Terms of reference for the AONB Partnership

To bring together key interests in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB to consider and advise on conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and locally distinctive character of the landscape, including its physical, ecological and cultural make-up; and in particular:

- Raise awareness of the importance and purpose of the AONB
- Contribute to and help implement the AONB Management Plan
- Encourage local communities and all public bodies and agencies to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB and its setting
- Promote the sustainable social and economic well being of the area
- Provide a forum for discussion for issues affecting the AONB
- Advise local authorities and other agencies on the impact of their activities on the AONB and on the preparation of their plans covering all or part of the AONB, to ensure that policies and practices are consistent with the AONB management plan
- Advise the Joint Committee in relation to the Local Development Plan to ensure that the protection of the AONB is properly taken account of and that a consistency of approach is achieved over the whole area
- Advise the Joint Committee about the impact of any development proposals, within or adjacent to the AONB, that are likely to affect significantly the character and natural beauty of the area
- Make recommendations to the Joint Committee regarding the appropriate recipients of any Welsh Government's AONB Sustainable Development Fund monies.
- Foster links with other protected landscapes

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List of members for AONB Partnership appointed for 4 years	
AONB-wide representatives (selected by the local authority sub group members of the Partnership)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 local authority members (3 from each Council as nominated by their respective Councils) • 3 land management interests • 2 rural community interests • 2 urban community interests • 1 business interests
Management Plan priorities representatives (selected by the local authority sub group members of the Partnership) <i>Current management plan priorities shown</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Landscape • 1 Natural • 1 Historical • 1 Access and Recreation • 1 Built Environment
Special Interest representatives (selected by the local authorities) No more than 9 years consecutive service ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 individuals or organisations
In making the appointments, the local authorities will ensure that the World Heritage Site is represented	

1. Secretariat

- 8.1 The AONB Team will provide the secretariat for meetings of the AONB Partnership and will prepare and distribute the agenda and minutes of meetings and distribute any reports to be considered.
- 8.2 The AONB Team will ensure that the minutes of the AONB Partnership are referred to the Joint Committee and to the Officers Working Group as soon as is practicable after any meeting of the AONB Partnership and that any recommendations of the AONB Partnership to either the Joint Committee or the Officers Working Group (as the case may be) are considered by them.
- 8.3 Any Authority, Other Representative or Partner may ask the AONB Team to include an item on the agenda for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the AONB Partnership.

9 Delegated Powers

- 9.1 The AONB Partnership will have no delegated powers.

¹ A limit of nine consecutive years is in line with standard practice for the appointment of individuals to public bodies.

AONB ANNUAL FORUM

The role of the Forum is to embrace a wide range of interests. Attendance is by open invitation but the AONB Partnership and any supporting working groups are standing members

1. Role and Functions

1.1 There will be an AONB Annual FORUM with the following Terms of Reference:

Terms of reference for an AONB Annual Forum

The AONB Forum advises the AONB Partnership and champions the AONB, provides a united voice to promote its care and management. By bringing together a wide range of interests the Forum develops and reviews the AONB Management Plan and takes direct action by leading and supporting initiatives in the area. The AONB Forum:

- Receives the an update on AONB activity and monitors and evaluate progress in achieving the management plan objectives
- Raises awareness of the importance and purpose of the AONB
- Provides a forum for discussion of major issues affecting the AONB
- Encourages and develops community involvement in the management of the AONB
- Explores how partners can assist in the implementation of the management plan
- Promotes innovation, acting as a catalyst for new ideas and approaches
- Plays a lead role in championing a sustainable future for the AONB and its communities²
- Encourages and recruits wide political and financial support for management measures

1.2 The AONB Annual Conference will meet annually on such date after the annual meeting of the AONB Partnership as shall be decided by the Officers' Working Group, in consultation with the AONB Partnership.

1.3 The AONB Annual Conference will be chaired by the Chairman for the time being of the AONB Partnership or, in his/her absence, by such person as the attendee may elect. If any AONB Annual Forum has a particular theme, the Chairman of the AONB Partnership, with the

² Linked to the vision of a sustainable Wales in One Wales One Planet, Sustainable Development Charter, Welsh Assembly Government, May 2010

concurrence of the specialist presenter, may nominate that person to act as Chairman for that meeting.

- 1.4 Each attendee will be entitled to speak and, if there is a vote, to vote on any item of business.
- 1.5 If there is a request for any issue or matter to be put to a vote, it will be decided by a simple majority of the attendees on a show of hands. The Chairman will not have a casting vote.

2. Secretariat

2.1 The AONB Team will:

- (a) provide the Secretariat for the AONB Annual Forum
- (b) arrange the venue (at a convenient location within or close to Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB)
- (c) convene each AONB Annual Forum and prepare and distribute the Agenda for and the minutes of each meeting
- (d) prepare, or co-ordinate the preparation of, any reports and presentations to be considered by or made to the AONB Annual Forum.

2.2 The AONB Team will ensure that a written report of the proceedings of the AONB Annual Forum is referred to the Officers' Working Group, the AONB Partnership and the Joint Committee as soon as is practicable after the AONB Annual Conference has been held and that any recommendations made by the AONB Annual Forum to any of them are considered.

3. Delegated Powers

3.1 The AONB Annual Forum will not have any delegated powers. Any recommendation made by the AONB Annual Forum to the Officers' Working Group, the AONB Partnership or the Joint Committee (as the case may be) will be of an advisory nature and will not be binding on them.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT SCHEME

1. Purpose of Reserve

1.1 The purpose of the reserve is to hold accumulated surpluses of the Joint Committee which can be made available, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee, to:-

- (a) Meet any deficits arising on the Core Budget
- (b) Set aside sums for future investment through the Actions Budget
- (c) Finance any other specified use approved by the Joint Committee

2. Operation of the Reserve

2.1 The reserve shall be under the control of the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee may give approval to the use of the reserve for the purposes of the Objectives or the Functions

3. Investment of Reserve Balance

3.1 The Treasurer to the Joint Committee is authorised to invest balances from time to time either internally or externally in an approved investment as appropriate

4. Contribution to the Reserve

4.1 Where the Joint Committee under spends the Core Budget in any year the balance may be transferred to the reserve

5. Payments to be met from the Reserve

5.1 No direct payments are to be made from the reserve

5.2 Subject to the approval of the Joint Committee contributions from the reserve to the Core Budget or the Actions Budget may be made in respect of specific purposes in furtherance of the Functions

6. Management of the Scheme

6.1 The Treasurer to the Joint Committee is authorised to make the accounting entries necessary to achieve the purposes of the reserve in accordance with proper accounting practices

APPENDIX 7

JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2013/14

AONB JOINT COMMITTEE PROPOSED BUDGET		
	2013/14	
TOTAL AONB NET BUDGET	£205,202	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	£391,427	
TOTAL INCOME BUDGET	-£217,725	
NET CENTRAL CORE BUDGET	£92,638	
Expenditure:	£263,121	
Total Employee Costs	£190,479	
Total Vehicle & Travel Costs	£5,817	
Total Other Office Expenses	£3,825	
Total Project Expenditure - SDF Grants	£63,000	
Income:	-£201,983	
Natural Resources Wales:	-£170,483	
NRW Salary & Project Funding	-£100,483	
SDF Salary Funding	-£7,000	
SDF Grant Funding	-£63,000	
Other Authority Funding:	-£31,500	
Wrexham CBC Funding	-£5,000	
Flintshire CC Funding	-£26,500	
* Included as Net Budget		
Net Core Budget Allocated per Authority - Equal Allocation		
Denbighshire CC		£30,879
Flintshire CC		£30,879
Wrexham CBC		£30,879
NET AREA CORE BUDGET	£112,563	
Expenditure:	£128,306	
Total Employee Costs	£106,351	
Total Vehicle & Travel Costs	£16,527	
Total Other Office Expenses	£428	
Total Project Expenditure	£5,000	

Income:	-£15,742
Natural Resources Wales:	-£12,538
NRW Project Funding	-£1,517
NRW Clwyd Forest Partnership Funding	-£11,021
Other DCC Funding - 13/14 Only	-£3,204

Area Budget Allocated per Authority - Area %

Denbighshire CC - 80%	£90,000
Flintshire CC - 10%	£11,250
Wrexham CBC - 10%	£11,250

Joint Committee Funding:	2013/14 Actual	Core/Area Apportionment
Denbighshire CC *	£173,702	£120,900
Flintshire CC	£26,500	£42,150
Wrexham CBC	£5,000	£42,150

* Note - It is not proposed that DCC will be reducing their annual subsidy based on the Core/Area apportionment

AONB TEAM

CORE TEAM POSTS 2013/2014

Full Time: 7 Part Time: 3

AONB Officer (x1)
Assistant AONB Officer (x1)
Policy and Access Officer (x1)
Communications Officer (x1) Part Time
Planning Officer (x1) Part Time
Grants Officer (x1)
Countryside Officer (x1)
Area Project Officers (x3) 1 Part Time

IN WITNESS of which the Authorities have caused their respective Common Seals to be affixed to this Agreement as a deed the day and year first before written:-

THE COMMON SEAL of
DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

Chairman

Authorised Signatory

THE COMMON SEAL of
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

Chair Of Council

Principal Solicitor

THE COMMON SEAL of
WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the
presence of:-

Head of Corporate and Customer Services

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Proposed creation of Joint Committee for
The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area
of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
26th November 2013

Equality Impact Assessment

Proposed creation of Joint Committee Improvement Team

Contact: Howard Sutcliffe AONB Officer

Updated: 22nd October 2013

1. What type of proposal is being assessed?

A new procedure

2. Please describe the purpose of this proposal

This is a proposal to modernise the governance structure of the enlarged AONB

3. Does this proposal require a full equality impact assessment?
(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit above for guidance)

No

4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken
(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

As this is a proposal for modernisation of the governance structure of the AONB. It delegates the responsibility of AONB management of the three County Councils of Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham to a Joint Committee. Each Local Authority will host the Joint committee in turn. All meetings/buildings will provide full support for its members and the public as they will be the County Halls in Ruthin, Wrexham and Mold which are fully accessible.

5. Will this proposal have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics?
(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

No, I think the proposal is neutral

6. Will this proposal have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?

No

7. Has the proposal been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential negative impact?

No	This has not been necessary, as no potential negative impact has been identified.
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8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

Yes	As discussed earlier, no potential negative impact has been identified. However, the actual impact of the proposal will be reviewed after implementation to see if any lessons can be learned.
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Action(s)	Owner	Date
none		

9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date:	22/10/13
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Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Howard Sutcliffe	22/10/13

Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.

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Agenda Item 6

Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 26th November 2013

Lead Member/Officer: Councillor Bobby Feeley
Lead Member for Social Care and Children's Services
Sally Ellis, Corporate Director of Modernisation and Wellbeing

Report Authors: Katie Newe, Supporting People Team Manager

Title: Denbighshire Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan
2014-15 & 2015-16

1. What is the report about?

The two-year Local Commissioning Plan (LCP) for the Supporting People (SP) programme in Denbighshire. Supporting People is a policy framework and funding stream to provide housing related support to vulnerable people, promoting independence and preventing homelessness

2. What is the reason for making this report?

A decision is required on approving the LCP for 2014-15 & 2015-16 prior to submission to the North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) in January 2014.

3. What are the Recommendations?

To approve the Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2014-15 & 2015-16, prior to the plan being submitted to the RCC and the Welsh Government.

4. Report details.

Supporting People is a significant programme providing housing related support services to a wide range of vulnerable people, including; young people, older people, people fleeing domestic violence, homeless people, people who have mental health needs, people with a learning disability, people with substance misuse needs, ex-offenders and others. In Denbighshire, Supporting People funds a wide range of services including; elements of sheltered housing, extra care, women's refuges, community living schemes for people with learning disabilities and schemes for homeless people.

Housing related support aims to enable people to maintain their housing tenure, often a tenancy by developing and maintaining the confidence and skills to live as independently as possible. The Supporting People Programme has been evaluated at national level and shown to deliver very positive financial and other benefits.

Current Position.

Changes to the administration of the SP programme were implemented in 2012. These included; new guidance and governance, new contractual arrangements and a new funding distribution formula.

The funding distribution formula had the effect of cutting the Denbighshire Supporting People budget by 5% each year from 2012-13 until 2016-17. Plans were put in place to manage these cuts without significantly impacting on service levels in 2012-13, 2013-14

and 2014-5 and also to develop and consult on a fair and transparent strategic prioritisation framework to inform the management of the cuts in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

In July 2013 we were advised by Welsh Government to expect further cuts from April 2014 in the region of 12% - though this was not confirmed by Welsh Government. We have now been given to understand that these additional cuts will not go ahead.

The LCP is therefore focused on managing the known reductions whilst also being in a position to respond to additional budget cuts in a way that minimises the impact on service users.

We have taken a mixed and flexible approach. For planning the 2014-15 budget, this has involved abandoning projects that have not been commissioned, decommissioning some projects with the consent of providers and finally, negotiating reduced contracts for projects that were not fully occupied or struggling to maintain service delivery.

For 2015/16, the challenges will be tougher. Again, we aim to minimise the impact on service users, wherever possible, through negotiating efficiency savings and reconfiguration with individual service providers. Supporting People Programme Grant guidance requires us to review all projects before remodelling them; therefore it is difficult to make definitive commitments before reviews are completed.

We may not be able to achieve all of the savings we need in this way and we may also need to consider reducing contracts where savings have not been negotiated. We are, however, seeking to achieve savings by consensus and we have already negotiated a significant proportion of savings in this way. While promoting a strategic approach to identifying efficiencies, Welsh Government has explicitly required constructive engagement from providers to deliver savings, and this has been helpful.

We are committed to taking a strategic approach to the difficult choices we face, potentially including decommissioning services. To this end we are continuing to develop our Strategic Priority to Fund (SPTF) framework.

Implications for Denbighshire

Indicative figures received from Welsh Government show 5% cuts for 2014-15 and 6.2% cuts for 2015-16. We are also anticipating at least another 5% cuts for 2016-17. These cuts represent a very substantial loss of funding, with impacts likely on SP services delivered internally by the Council, including; Housing Services, Adult and Business Services and Children and Family Services. These reductions have been expected for a number of years, the Supporting People team continue to work with the affected services to ensure that these reductions have minimum impact on service delivery. There is also financial provision set aside in order to dampen the impact of funding reductions on internal services. The largest proportion of internal cuts for 2014/15 will be found through the decommissioning of extinct services, this significantly reduces the impact on service delivery for the existing internal services.

Actions listed in the SP LCP for 2014-15 & 2015-16

Details of the actions are included in Appendix 1 of this report. The main strategic priorities identified are:

- **Women & Men experiencing Domestic Abuse**

All Domestic Abuse services (presently provided by Glyndwr Women's Aid, Hafan Cymru and north Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Services) are being reviewed in 2013 with a view to being re-modelled. It is anticipated that the remodelled services will

incorporate financial savings. It is intended to remodel the services in two phases, focusing on Floating Support and Supported Housing in 2014/15.

- **People with Learning Disabilities**

As identified in The Scrutiny report dated 24/06/13, Denbighshire County Council Adult Services will reduce overall funding to reflect overall grant cuts.

- **Young people with Support Needs (16 - 24)**

The Denbigh Young People 24hr Supported Housing Project is due to start in early 2014 – with a potential link to the Tai Clwyd 5 YP young people floating support project.

- **Generic/Floating support/Peripatetic (tenancy support services which cover a range of user needs)**

Consider remodelling the Nacro Rhyl Resettlement and Nightshelter services to provide a more responsive and flexible service for rough sleepers, possibly as a collaborative project which may involve other stakeholders and the cross boundary commissioning of some elements.

The SP Spend Plan

Given the uncertainty around cuts, it has not yet been possible to produce a final SP Spend Plan. Summaries of the grant calculations and the anticipated impact of the spending reductions for 2014-15 are shown in the table at Appendix 2.

The final reduction of 5% in 2014/15 (£323k) and assumed 6.2% further reduction in 2015/16 (£360k) equates to approximately £683k. This is in addition to the £549k already managed and absorbed up to and including 2013/14.

The SP guidance requires the submission of a 3 year spend plan. However, we are not in a position to plan this far ahead until we are given some degree of certainty around likely funding levels.

All projects are subject to a review process. As this develops, the reviews may help inform other options to deliver the required level of savings. All reviews will consider; the eligibility of services, strategic relevance and performance against contracts and outcomes.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Regional collaboration and a regional strategy for commissioning and delivering services will contribute towards managing the downsizing of the grant and the protection of front-line services for vulnerable groups which is important in relation to corporate priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

In line with previous correspondence from Welsh Government, the total known reduction in SP grant is projected to be approximately £1.469m for Denbighshire (this is based on the 23% over 5 years 2012 – 2016/17). This will have an impact on the Social Care and Housing budgets. The overall impact on the SP budget would be £323,000 in 2014-15 and £360,000 in 2015-16.

The projects and changes identified will be managed within the Supporting People budget allocated to Denbighshire by the Welsh Government.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

The Supporting People Planning Group held three meetings during the development of this report and considered Needs Mapping (NM) data, supply map information and feedback from stakeholders and consultation meetings. Three meetings were attended with Service Users, an additional ten meetings with individual providers. The draft plan was also presented to the Provider forum in August.

An eight week consultation process encompassing current support providers and service users and other stakeholders was held from July to September. Views, comments and suggestions from the process were reported back to the SP Planning Group to inform the development of this plan and are summarised briefly below.

The final document was submitted to the Denbighshire Supporting People Planning Group on 17th September 2013 and to Denbighshire County Council's Communities Scrutiny Committee on 17th October 2013 – subsequently Welsh Government has issued indicative local authority allocations notices (23/10/13) – this report has been updated with these figures accordingly.

The document will be submitted for the consideration of the North Wales Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committee in January 2014, to inform the development of the North Wales Regional Commissioning Plan. Finally, this Plan will be passed to the Department of the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in the Welsh Government.

The final document will be published on the Supporting People pages of the Denbighshire County Council website and circulated to all existing planning groups and forums linked to Supporting People in Denbighshire.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The proposed reductions in grant funding remain significant and the implications on the Supporting People programme - and the wider impact on other council budgets - must continue to be carefully managed. The council has been prudent and made some financial provision to dampen the impact of reductions, but the programme should be kept under review to ensure expenditure does not exceed the funding allocated.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The proposals to manage the reduction in grant funding in 2014-15 are reasonable. Any in-year shortfall in social care budgets could be met from the reserve established to manage the planned grant cuts. The proposal to distribute grant reductions equally over all SP services spreads the impact more evenly but does pose risks within the context of a regional committee with potentially differing views around priorities within the overall SP funding. A more even distribution of cuts means the impact upon the council generally is more manageable and would provide more flexibility in use of the SP reserve to deal with the issue.

10. Power to make the Decision

Section 111 Local Government Act 1972

Report to Cabinet on the Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2014-15 & 2015-16

Appendix 1: Service Development – Proposed Actions 2014-15 & 2015 -16

Project	Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Women experiencing Domestic Abuse					
South Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Floating Support Glyndwr Women's Aid	A project for vulnerable women and their dependent children, who have domestic violence related support needs.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Medium Min SUs: 9 Min FTE staff: 1.2	South Denbighshire	All Domestic Abuse services are being reviewed June-October 2013 with a view to be re-modelled. It is anticipated that the remodelled services will incorporate financial savings. To implement remodelled services based on review findings. It is intended to remodel the services in two phases, focussing on Floating Support and Supported Housing in 2014/15. The remodelling of these services will aim to improve access for a number of service user groups, including males.
South Denbighshire Low Level Domestic Abuse Supported Housing Glyndwr Women's Aid	A project for women and their dependent children fleeing domestic violence.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Low Min SUs: 1 Min FTE staff: 0.1	South Denbighshire	
South Denbighshire Refuge Glyndwr Women's Aid	To provide refuge to women and their children who are experiencing physical, mental, emotional, financial or sexual abuse. The refuge has one unit of accommodation suitable for disabled access.	Supported Housing < 6 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.3	Denbigh	
Families (Domestic Violence) Hafan Cymru	A project for vulnerable single people and couples with dependent children, who have domestic violence related support needs.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Medium Min SUs: 15 Min FTE staff: 3.0	Denbighshire	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Rhyl Cluster Hafan Cymru	A project for homeless families. Key areas of support include: Emotional, health & wellbeing, financial management, social involvement, learning and employment choices, basic skills, children, home management, their future i.e. housing - move on. (1 unit is partially adapted for 1 disabled person).	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Families	High Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.3	Rhyl	All Domestic Abuse services are being reviewed June-October 2013 with a view to be re-modelled. It is anticipated that the remodelled services will incorporate financial savings. To implement remodelled services based on review findings. It is intended to remodel the services in two phases, focussing on Floating Support and Supported Housing in 2014/15. The remodelling of these services will aim to improve access for a number of service user groups, including males.	Following reviews from 2014/15 implement second phase of remodel plans for Refuges
North Denbighshire Refuge North Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Service	To provide refuge to women and their children who are experiencing physical, mental, emotional, financial or sexual abuse.	Supported Housing < 6 Months Targeted & Specific	Very High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 2	Rhyl		
North Denbighshire Low Level Domestic Abuse Supported Housing North Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Service	A project for women and their dependent children fleeing domestic violence.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Low Min SUs: 1 Min FTE staff: 0.1	Rhyl and/or surrounding area		

Men experiencing Domestic Abuse
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Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Additional Refuge Units North Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Service	A service linked to accommodation for those individuals who cannot access existing refuge provision for various reasons but need intensive support to maintain accommodation.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Very High Min SUs: 2 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Rhyl	All Domestic Abuse services are being reviewed June-October 2013 with a view to be re-modelled. It is anticipated that the remodelled services will incorporate financial savings. To implement remodelled services based on review findings. It is intended to remodel the services in two phases, focussing on Floating Support and Supported Housing in 2014/15. The remodelling of these services will aim to improve access for a number of service user groups, including males.	Following reviews from 2014/15 implement second phase of remodel plans for Refuges
People with Learning Disabilities						
Adult Placement Denbighshire County Council Adult & Business Services - Learning Disabilities		Floating Support > 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Low Min SUs: 3 Min FTE staff: ???		No actions anticipated for 2014/15	
Anheddau Anheddau		Floating Support > 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Medium Min SUs: 2 Min FTE staff: 0.2	Denbigh	Due for review August 2013 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
DCC Learning Disabilities – Community Living Denbighshire County Council Adult & Business Services - Learning Disabilities		Supported Housing > 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Low Min SUs: 39 Min FTE staff: ???	Denbighshire (various locations across)	As identified in scrutiny report 24/06/13, Adult Services to reduce overall funding.	As identified in scrutiny report 24/06/13, Adult Services to reduce overall funding.
Keyring (Denbigh) Keyring	A project for single people and couples (without dependent children) who are living in Denbigh and have a low level learning disability or a learning difficulty.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Low Min SUs: 9 Min FTE staff: 0.6	Denbigh	Due for review July 2013 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
Keyring (Rhyl) Keyring	A project for single people and couples (without dependent children) who are living in Rhyl and have a low level learning disability or a learning difficulty	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Low Min SUs: 9 Min FTE staff: 0.6	Rhyl	Due for review July 2013 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
Street Cred Cymryd Rhan	A project for people aged 18 or over with learning difficulties or low level learning disabilities, with the focus on those who are likely to dip in and out of statutory services at times of difficulty or crisis.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Learning Difficulties	Medium Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Denbighshire (county wide)	Recently reviewed. Contract ends October 2013 Following discussions with Cymryd Rhan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain specification • Reduce staffing • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
ABBA (Aros Byw Bod Adref) Cymryd Rhan	A county wide project for people who are experiencing early signs of dementia, and who could potentially experience difficulties in maintaining their independence due to memory problems, depression, psychosis or similar problems.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Mental Health	Medium Min SUs: 20 Min FTE staff: 2.0	Denbighshire - County wide	Following review of Performance Monitoring Returns and negotiation with provider, agreed to reduce annual funding. Contract end August 2014 with option to extend - no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
ACTS (Acute Care Tenancy Support) Hafal	A project for people with mental health needs aged 18 or over who have diagnosed mental health needs are accessing secondary mental health services.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Mental Health	Medium Min SUs: 12 Min FTE staff: 2.4	Denbighshire	Review completed October 2012, contract end date May 2013. Tender exemption report submitted June 2013 for current provider to continue service – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
Gracelands CAIS		Supported Housing > 24 Months Mental Health	Medium Min SUs: 1 Min FTE staff: 0.2	Denbigh	Due for review November 2013 Following discussions with CAIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine Floating Support, Gracelands and Move-on Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
<p>Ty Mor (Community Mental Health Support Project, East Parade)</p> <p>Conwy & Denbighshire Adult Mental Health and Social Care Partnership</p>	<p>A hybrid supported accommodation and floating support service for people who have diagnosed mental health needs and are accessing secondary mental health services.</p>	<p>Supported Housing > 24 Months Mental Health</p>	<p>High Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 4.0</p>	<p>Denbighshire</p>	<p>Reviewed October 2012 – review recommendations almost complete. Contract issued to January 2014 with option to extend 2 years.</p> <p>Following discussions with Community Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce SP funded support service hours • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	
<p>Four Walls Hafal</p>	<p>A project for people with mental health needs who are either homeless or threatened with homelessness. This service is for people who are not receiving secondary mental health services, but who may be receiving primary care. The project will also support people who are identified as having mental health needs through a homeless assessment</p>	<p>Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific</p>	<p>Medium Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 1.6</p>	<p>Denbighshire (county-wide)</p>	<p>Reviewed February 2013 – implementation of recommendations still ongoing.</p> <p>Following discussions with Hafal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove on-call provision • Reduce staffing • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	
<p>Mental Health (single sex environment) Hafan Cymru</p>	<p>A project for vulnerable single females with no dependent children who are resident in Denbighshire and who have mental health needs</p>	<p>Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Mental Health</p>	<p>High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 1.0</p>	<p>Denbighshire</p>	<p>Due for review December 2013, contract end date October 2014.</p> <p>Awaiting response from Hafan Cymru to potentially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce staffing • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Mental Health Homeless Supported Housing Hafal	<p>A 3 stage project in North Denbighshire providing accommodation and support to homeless people with mental health needs who are not accessing mental health services.</p> <p>Stage 1: Core house for 4 service users with 24hr support</p> <p>Stage 2: Cluster of four nearby properties for individuals ready to leave the core house.</p> <p>Stage 3: Ordinary accommodation for people ready to move on from the cluster properties.</p>	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	Very High Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 6.0	North Denbighshire	New project starting July 2013 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
MIND Floating Support Vale of Clwyd MIND	A project for people who have diagnosed enduring mental health needs and are engaged with secondary mental health services. In addition, the project maintains frequent contact with service users living in specific Vale of Clwyd Mind properties.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Mental Health	Low Min SUs: 24 Min FTE staff: 2.1	Denbighshire	<p>Contract ends March 2014. Service currently under review. On completion of review, potential for remodelling to be discussed with provider.</p> <p>Awaiting response from VoC Mind to potentially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce services in long term supported housing to a warden-type level • New low level, floating support service (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	Implement remodelled service

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Tai Clwyd 7 Phase 1 (MH High Level) Tai Clwyd	Housing related support for people with mental health issues. A higher level of support is Initially provided for 7 tenants.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Mental Health	Medium Min SUs: 7 Min FTE staff: 0.7	Denbighshire	Due for review October 2014 – consider remodelling Phases 1 & 2 into one flexible project. Following letter from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss remodelling Mental Health Tai Clwyd 7 Phases 1 & 2 (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	Implement remodelled service
Tai Clwyd 7 phase 2 (MH low level) Tai Clwyd	A further 4 low level support spaces are made available for those who are ready to move to a lower level of support.	Floating Support > 24 Months Mental Health	Low Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 0.2			

People with Alcohol Issues						
OFA (Alcohol Misuse Floating Support) CAIS	A project for vulnerable single people and couples over 25 who have alcohol related support needs.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Medium Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 1.5	Denbighshire	Contract ends May 2014. Review joint funding arrangements with Substance Misuse Action Team following service review.	Following discussions with CAIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider combining OFA with Floating Support, Gracelands and Move-on (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)

People with Substance Misuse Issues						
Floating Support CAIS	A project for vulnerable single people and couples over 25 who have substance misuse related support needs.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Medium Min SUs: 9 Min FTE staff: 1.8	Denbighshire (County Wide)	Contract ends October 2014. Review to take place November 2013. Consider remodelling CAIS Floating Support and Move-on	Implement remodelled service.

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Move-on CAIS	A project for vulnerable single people and couples over 25 who have substance misuse related support needs. To contribute to reducing instability and contributing to a higher success rate with treatment and reducing the likelihood of relapse.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	High Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.3	Denbighshire	into one flexible project. Following discussions with CAIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine Floating Support, Gracelands and Move-on Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	
Denbighshire Doorstop CAIS	A project for vulnerable single people and couples over 25 who have alcohol or substance misuse related support needs.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 6 Min FTE staff: 1.5		Contract ended April 2013, Part B exemption currently under consideration (June 2013). No actions anticipated for 2014-15.	Following discussions with CAIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider regional remodelling of Doorstop (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)

People with Criminal Offending History

Rhyl Flats Nacro	A service for ex-offenders age 18+. The service aims to enable Service Users to successfully manage their tenancies, to identify areas of concern and facilitate the development of the skills and knowledge necessary to enable them to deal with those issues for themselves.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Rhyl	Due for review February 2014 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
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People with Refugee Status

No projects						
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People with Physical and/or Sensory Disabilities

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Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Gwilym Helen Roberts		Supported Housing > 24 Months Physical Disability	Medium Min SUs: 1 Min FTE staff: 0.1	Prestatyn	Due for review September 2014 - no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
PDSI North DCC Adult & Business Services		Floating Support > 24 Months Physical Disability	??? Min SUs: ?? Min FTE staff: ???	0	More details required to determine compliance with Supporting People Programme Grant Guidance. This work to be carried out by Lead Occupational Therapist during review June 2013, with a view to identifying savings.	Implement recommendations from OT,

People with Developmental Disorders (i.e. Autism)

No projects

People with Chronic Illness (including HIV, AIDS)

Body Positive Project
Body Positive

A regional project for people across north Wales with AIDS, HIV and related illnesses as well as identified accommodation support needs.

Floating Support
6 - 24 Months
Targeted & Specific

Low
Min SUs: 7
Min FTE staff: 0.3

North Wales

Continue funding until March 2014.
Support Flintshire County Council to develop/continue regional project across 6 Local Authorities from April 2014 onwards.

Support Flintshire County Council to develop/continue regional project across 6 Authorities from April 2014 onwards.

Young people who are Care Leavers

No projects

Young people with Support Needs (16 - 24)

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
CAHA Y Dyfodol Clwyd Alyn HA	Supported Housing for young people aged 16-25. The project consists of four phases and provides a range of safe & secure accommodation to vulnerable young single people with the aim of enabling and motivating individuals to take control of their lives and achieve independence.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Young People	Very High Min SUs: 33 Min FTE staff: 9.7	Rhyl	Due for review October 2014. Following discussions with Clwyd Alyn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand service capacity Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	
Denbigh Young People 24hr Supported Housing TBC	24hour staffed Supported Housing for young people aged 16-25 from Denbigh and the surrounding area.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Young People	Very High Min SUs: 6 Min FTE staff: TBC	Denbigh	Project due to start in early 2014 – potential link to Tai Clwyd 5 YP young people floating support project (see below).	
Denbighshire & Flintshire Nightstop Local Solutions	An emergency accommodation service in recruited private households for vulnerable single young homeless people	Supported Housing < 6 months Young People	Very High Min SUs: 2 Min FTE staff: 0.5	Denbighshire	Contract started in April 2013 for 3 years – no actions anticipated for 2014-15. Sub regional project led by Flintshire County Council.	
Denbighshire & Flintshire Supported Lodgings Local Solutions	A supported accommodation service in recruited private households for vulnerable single young homeless people and young people leaving care between the ages of 16 and 21. Householders provide support to enable independent and sustainable living skills.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Young People	Very High Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 4.0	Denbighshire	Contract renewed in April 2013 for 3 years – no actions anticipated for 2014-15. Sub regional project led by Flintshire County Council.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
GIFT Young People Floating Support Service The Wallich	A project for people aged 16-25 with no dependent children who have presented as homeless to the Denbighshire Homelessness Team Support is allocated without regard to tenure or statutory considerations (e.g. intentionality).	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Young People	Low Min SUs: 18 Min FTE staff: 1.5	Denbighshire	Recently reviewed – remodelling to reduce overall funding of GIFT Project through removal of on-call and creating one flexible project that allows the support of young people, families, over - 25s and high needs.	
Hafan Cymru Young single people under 25 Hafan Cymru	A project for vulnerable single people and couples aged under 25 with no dependent children	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Young People	Medium Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Denbighshire	Due for review December. Awaiting response from Hafan Cymru to potentially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce staffing • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	
Symud Ymlaen Nacro	A project for young people aged 16-25), the majority being either engaged with the Youth Justice Service or leaving Local Authority Care. The project includes a 24 hour staffed accommodation element.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Young People	Very High Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 6.9	Denbighshire	Reviewed June 2013. Following discussions with Nacro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain service specification & staffing • Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Tai Clwyd 5 YP Tai Clwyd	A project for young single people age 16-25 to help them live independently and develop life skills in their new home.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Young People	Low Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 0.3	Denbighshire	Due for review November 2014. Consider linking this Floating Support element to planned contract for new Denbigh Young People 24hr Supported Housing contract. Following letter from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link Tai Clwyd 5 YP with Denbigh Young People 24hr Supported Housing (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	Implement new project.
Young People Generic Support The Wallich	A project for vulnerable single people and couples aged under 25 with no dependent children,	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Young People	Medium Min SUs: 5 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Denbighshire county wide	Contract to 2016 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15, to continue current funding.	Contract to 2016 – no actions anticipated for 2015-16, to continue current funding.

Single Parent Families with Support Needs

Hafan Cymru RYWP Supported Housing (Crescent Road) Hafan Cymru	A project for vulnerable young women age 16-25, some of whom will be pregnant or already young mothers with babies.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Month Families	High Min SUs: 6 Min FTE staff: 1.5	Denbighshire (Rhyl)	Due for review December 2013 – Consider remodelling RYWP and NEST into one project. Awaiting response from Hafan Cymru to potentially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce staffing Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	Implement remodelled service
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Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
NEST Nacro	A project for vulnerable single parents age 16+ who are not involved with statutory services and who need time limited support to enable them to set up home, maintain a tenancy and live independently in the community.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Families	High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 1.0	Denbighshire	Due for review February 2014 Consider remodelling RYWP and NEST into one project.	Implement remodelled service

Families with Support Needs						
Child Protection Family Support DCC Family Support Team	A project for families receiving statutory services in the areas of child protection and children in need as well as families identified as being in crisis and in urgent need of such services.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Families	Medium Min SUs: 59 Min FTE staff: 10.0	Denbighshire	Due for review January 2015. Following discussions with DCC Children & Families Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce funding Reduce staffing (not fill vacant post) (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	
GIFT Families Floating Support Service The Wallich	A project for people with dependent children who have presented as homeless to the Denbighshire Homelessness Team Support is allocated without regard to tenure or statutory considerations (e.g. intentionality).	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Families	Low Min SUs: 18 Min FTE staff: 1.5	Denbighshire	Recently reviewed – remodelling to reduce overall funding of GIFT Project through removal of on-call and creating one flexible project that allows the support of young people, families, over - 25s and high needs.	
Hafan Cymru Families Generic Hafan Cymru	A project for vulnerable single people and couples with dependent children.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Families	Medium Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 2.0	Denbighshire	Due for review December 2013. Awaiting response from Hafan Cymru to potentially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce staffing Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	Consider remodelling Hafan Cymru Families generic and young families into one project making economies of paying for one management structure.

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Hafan Cymru Young Families (under 25) Hafan Cymru	A project for vulnerable single people and couples aged under 25 with dependent children,	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Families	Medium Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 2.0	Denbighshire	Due for review December 2013. Awaiting response from Hafan Cymru to potentially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce staffing Reduce funding (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above)	Consider remodelling Hafan Cymru Families generic and young families into one project making economies of paying for one management structure.
Vulnerable Families Generic support The Wallich	A project for vulnerable single people and couples with dependent children.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Families	Medium Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 2.0	Denbighshire county wide	Contract to 2016 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15, to continue current funding.	

Single people with Support Needs not listed above (25 to 54)

Seashells Supported Housing Seashells Ltd	A 24hr staffed project for vulnerable males aged over 25.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Very High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 4.5	North Denbighshire	Due for review April 2014 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
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People over 55 years of age with Support Needs (this category must be exclusive of alarm services)

Abbeyfield Wales - On-going Warden Support Abbeyfield		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 17 Min FTE staff: 0.2	Llangollen, Prestatyn, Rhyl, Ruthin & St Asaph	Due for review July 2014 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	Remodel to incorporate Tenure neutral service – consider one flexible block contract for all Abbeyfield projects.
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Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Clwyd Alyn HA - Ty Gwylfa and Llys Erw Clwyd Alyn HA		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 36 Min FTE staff: 0.7	Prestatyn	Due for review July 2014 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	Remodel to incorporate Tenure neutral service
DCC Sheltered Housing Related Support DCC Housing		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 1218 Min FTE staff: 18.2	Denbighshire	Due for review November 2013 – currently undergoing significant changes, so unknown re. 2014-15.	
DCC Occupational Therapy Project DCC Supporting People		N/A	Min FTE Staff: 3.4	Denbighshire	Reduce funding by one FTE	Reduce funding by one FTE
Extracare - Gorwel Newydd (Time Limited/Ongoing Support) DCC Provider Unit		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 59 Min FTE staff: 1.2	Rhyl	Reduce contract to £17,058 pa.	
Extracare - Llys Awelon (Time Limited/Ongoing Support) DCC Provider Unit		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 22 Min FTE staff: ?	Ruthin	No actions anticipated for 2014-15.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Extracare - Nant y Mor (Time Limited and Ongoing Support) DCC Provider Unit		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 59 Min FTE staff: ?	Nant y Mor Extra Care Scheme - Prestatyn	No actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
Tai Clwyd - Wynnes Parc, Llys Y Faner & Outreach Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd		Supported Housing > 24 Months Older People	Low Min SUs: 20 Min FTE staff: 0.3	Denbighshire	Remodel in 2013-14 to make tenure neutral, SP OT to support transition. Due for review January 2015. Following letter from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remodel as tenure neutral. (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	
*NB: Johnnie Johnson HA - Ongoing Warden Support					Contract ended by provider March 2013.	No Action
*NB: Law yn Llaw (DCC Housing)					Contract ended by agreement with provider March 2013.	No Action

Generic/Floating support/Peripatetic (tenancy support services which cover a range of user needs)

Beginnings Floating Support Project Clwyd Alyn HA	A project for people over 25 without dependent children	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months	Low Min SUs: 40 Min FTE staff: 2.5	Denbighshire (county wide)	Due for review October 2013 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15. Following discussions with Clwyd Alyn:	
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Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
CAHA Denbs Generic Floating support Clwyd Alyn HA	Services for clients who may need some extra help in maintaining their tenancies.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Medium Min SUs: 6 Min FTE staff: 1.0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine Beginnings, Rhyl Coastal Strip and Denbighshire Generic projects into single floating support service (see 3.1.2 Provider Consultation above) 	Consider remodelling Denbighshire Generic FS and Rhyl Coastal to make one project and gain economies around management charges.
CAHA Rhyl Coastal Strip & Community Support Clwyd Alyn HA	Services for clients who may need some extra help in maintaining their tenancies.	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Low Min SUs: 14 Min FTE staff: 1.0			Consider remodelling Denbighshire Generic FS and Rhyl Coastal to make one project and gain economies around management charges.
DCC Housing Options Project DCC Housing		Floating Support	Medium Min SUs: 10 Min FTE staff: 1	Denbighshire	This project has not been commissioned. The proposal will not now be progressing in the light of further funding cuts.	Not progressing
GIFT High Floating Support Service The Wallich	A project for people with particularly high level support needs, irrespective of their age, whether or not they have dependent children, who have presented as homeless to the Denbighshire Homelessness Team. Support is allocated without regard to tenure or statutory considerations (e.g. intentionality).	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 2.5	Denbighshire	Recently reviewed – remodelling to reduce overall funding of GIFT Project through removal of on-call following outcome of review and creating one flexible project that allows the support of young people, families, over - 25s and high needs.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
GIFT Over 25s Floating Support Service The Wallich	A project for people aged over 25 with no dependent children who have presented as homeless to the Denbighshire Homelessness Team Support is allocated without regard to tenure or statutory considerations (e.g. intentionality).	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Medium Min SUs: 18 Min FTE staff: 3.5	Denbighshire	Recently reviewed – remodelling to reduce overall funding of GIFT Project by through removal of on-call following outcome of review and creating one flexible project that allows the support of young people, families, over - 25s and high needs.	
Night Shelter Nacro	Emergency overnight accommodation for people age 18 & over available from 5pm to 9:00am seven days per week. Service users are referred to the Resettlement team for medium and long-term housing and support needs.	Supported Housing 6 - 24 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 2.5		SP have provided additional funding to make up loss of HB from October 2013 until March 2014. To remodel to ensure funding/service is secure. Consider remodelling Rhyl resettlement and Nightshelter to provide more responsive and flexible service for rough sleepers. Review the Denbighshire Bond scheme re the remodelling above to identify and address any potential issues (especially re access).	Implement remodelled rough sleepers service.
Rhyl Resettlement Project Nacro	A tenure neutral project in the Rhyl area enabling Service Users to manage their tenancies, identify areas of concern and develop skills to deal with issues for themselves.	Floating Support < 6 Months Targeted & Specific	Medium Min SUs: 8 Min FTE staff: 0.8	Rhyl	Due for review February. Consider remodelling Rhyl resettlement and Nightshelter to provide more responsive and flexible service for rough sleepers	Implement remodelled rough sleepers service.

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Tai Clwyd Floating Support and General Needs Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd	Support for individual Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd tenants to deal with tenancy issues e.g. rent arrears and antisocial behaviour	Floating Support 6 - 24 Months Over 25s	Low Min SUs: 2 Min FTE staff: 0.1	Denbighshire	Due for review November 2014 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	
Complex Case Worker DCC Adult & Business Services		Floating Support < 6 Months Targeted & Specific	High Min SUs: 4 Min FTE staff: 2	Denbighshire		Reduce funding by one FTE
Reablement DCC Adult & Business Services		Floating Support < 6 Months Older People	??? Min SUs: ??? Min FTE staff: ???	Denbighshire	Consider OT project becoming more involved to ensure SP compliant. Due for review November 2014 (alongside DCC Adult Services Telecare scheme)	

Alarm services (including alarms in sheltered and extracare schemes)						
Abbeyfield Wales - Alarms Abbeyfield		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 17 Min FTE staff: N/A	Llangollen, Prestatyn, Rhyl, Ruthin & St Asaph	Funding cuts have already been applied to all Alarms services following a benchmarking exercise carried out in 2011 – no actions anticipated for 2014-15.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Clwyd Alyn HA - Sheltered Alarms Clwyd Alyn HA		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 90 Min FTE staff: N/A		No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
DCC Sheltered Alarm Services DCC Housing Services		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 1218 Min FTE staff: N/A	Across Denbighshire	No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
Extracare - Gorwel Newydd (Alarms) DCC Provider unit		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 59 Min FTE staff: N/A	Rhyl	No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
Extracare - Llys Awelon - Alarms DCC Provider Unit		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 22 Min FTE staff: N/A	Ruthin	No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
Extracare - Nant y Mor - Alarms DCC Provider Unit		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 59 Min FTE staff: N/A	Prestatyn	No anticipated changes 2014-15.	

Project		Type	Intensity	Location	Action 2014-15	Action 2015-16
Tai Clwyd - Alarms Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 81 Min FTE staff: N/A	Denbighshire	No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
Telecare DCC		Community Alarms > 24 Months Physical Disability	N/A Min SUs: 166 Min FTE staff: N/A	Across Denbighshire	No anticipated changes 2014-15. Due for review November 2014 (alongside DCC Adult Services Reablement service)	
Wales & West HA Wales & West HA		Community Alarms > 24 Months Older People	N/A Min SUs: 25 Min FTE staff: N/A		No anticipated changes 2014-15.	
*NB: Johnnie Johnson - Alarms					Contract ended by provider March 2013.	No Actions

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Appendix 2: Reductions 2014-1

NB: The figures below have been adjusted following changes to SP funding cuts and are subject to SP Planning Group approval.

	% of 13/14 GRANT	BUDGET 2013/14	PROPOSED 2014/2015	Variance: Proposed 14/15 compared to 13/14	14/15 CUTS AS A % OF 13/14 GRANT
Provider Analysis					
Hafal	3.9%	254,438	250,433	-4,005	1.57%
CAHA	10.1%	649,519	613,196	-36,323	5.59%
Anheddau	0.1%	6,601	6,601	0	0.00%
MIND	1.2%	79,276	50,000	-29,276	36.93%
H Roberts	0.1%	3,409	3,409	0	0.00%
Cymrhyd Rhan	1.3%	85,237	82,823	-2,414	2.83%
Wales & West	0.0%	1,549	1,549	0	0.00%
Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd	1.3%	84,750	84,750	0	0.00%
Abbeyfields	0.1%	9,071	9,071	0	0.00%
Cais	3.1%	197,448	197,448	0	0.00%
Keyring	0.8%	53,080	50,426	-2,654	5.00%
DCC	42.3%	2,730,242	2,535,912	-194,330	7.12%
DCC - 13/14 Projects	1.7%	111,432	101,450	-9,982	8.96%
Seashells	2.0%	127,470	127,470	0	0.00%
Wallich	5.5%	355,581	329,045	-26,536	7.46%
Local Solutions	1.5%	98,498	98,498	0	0.00%
Domestic Abuse Projects - GWA/NDDAS/Hafan Cymru	7.1%	456,449	434,446	-22,003	4.82%
Regional	0.1%	7,324	7,324	0	0.00%
Nacro	7.7%	495,993	359,351	-136,642	27.55%
To be confirmed - Denbigh YP	0.0%	0	151,675	151,675	0.00%
Hafan Cymru - Not including DV	4.9%	319,063	319,063	0	0.00%
SP Administration	5.0%	323,363	313,363	-10,000	3.09%
Total		6,449,793	6,127,303	-322,490	
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Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 26th November 2013

Lead Member / Officer: Councillor Hugh Evans

Report Author: Tom Booty, Economic & Business Development Manager

Title: Town and Area Plans

1. What is the report about?

This report is an update on Town and Area Plans.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

Cabinet previously agreed Town Plans to be widened into Area Plans encompassing associated rural communities. This report enables Cabinet to approve the first phase of the new Area Plans and sign off the priorities for spend from the Town & Area Plans Priority Funding pot/pool. The report also provides Cabinet with the timetable for future plan approvals, and the current financial position.

3. What are the recommendations?

The recommendations area for Cabinet to:

1. Approve the adoption of Area Plans (incorporating the existing Town Plans) for Llangollen, Corwen and St. Asaph;
2. Approve the funding for the priorities detailed in the above referred Area Plans;
3. Note the timetable for future Town & Area Plans;
4. Note the position statement on the current financial position for Town & Area Plans.

4. Report details

4.1 Llangollen Town and Area Plan

The Llangollen Town & Area Plan is attached as Appendix 1. This Plan was approved by the Dee Valley MAG on 11 November 2013, and we are now seeking Cabinet's approval of the Plan and the following priorities and related funding commitments:

Priority:	Funding Requirement:
Engineer's Report on feasibility of providing footway on dangerous stretch of A542	£5,000
Valuation Report for Burial Ground in Llantysillio	£500
Purchasing gritter attachment for tractors (includes £500 for report and 5 years revenue costs)	£13,000
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM TOWN PLAN BUDGET	£18,500

4.2 Corwen Town and Area Plan

The Corwen Town & Area Plan is attached as Appendix 2. This Plan was approved by the Dee Valley MAG on 11 November 2013, and we are now seeking Cabinet's approval of the Plan and the following priorities and related funding commitments:

Priority:	Funding Requirement:
Match funding for Feasibility Study on Community Uses for redundant School buildings	£5,000
Youth Club Provision	£3,000
Training & Business Support for development of new businesses	£10,000
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM TOWN PLAN BUDGET	£18,000

4.3 St Asaph City and Area Plan

The St Asaph City & Area Plan is attached as Appendix 3. This Plan was approved by the Elwy MAG on 8 November 2013, and we are now seeking Cabinet's approval of the Plan and the following priorities and related funding commitments:

Priority:	Funding Requirement:
Legal and other costs for transfer of Rhallt Playing Fields to Community Council	£12,000
Extension of double yellow lines at Trefnant	£2,000
Extension of layby at Cefn Meiriadog	£5,000
Fingerposts for historic sites in Bodelwyddan	£5,000
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM TOWN PLAN BUDGET	£24,000

4.4 – Timetable for the remaining Town and Area Plans

Appendix 4 details the timescales for the 9 Town & Area Plans, with the timetable for when they will be presented to Cabinet with recommendations for funding allocations for priorities is summarised below:

Plan	Champion	EBD Officer Rep	Cabinet Endorsement
Llangollen	Cllr Stuart Davies	Carolyn Brindle	26 Nov 2013
Corwen	Cllr Huw L Jones	Carolyn Brindle	26 Nov 2013
Ruthin	Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Emma Wynne	17 Dec 2013
Denbigh	Cllr Gwyneth Kensler	Emma Wynne	25 Mar 2013
St Asaph	Cllr Dewi Owens	Helen Telford	26 Nov 2013
Rhuddlan	Cllr Arwel Roberts	Helen Telford	25 Mar 2013
Prestatyn	Cllr Paul Penlington	Mark Dixon	17 Dec 2013
Rhyl	Cllr Joan Butterfield	Mark Dixon	25 Mar 2013
Bodelwyddan	Cllr Alice Jones	Helen Telford	TBC

Given the size of the community, and the significant growth potential through the land allocation in the recently adopted Local Development Plan (LDP), Cabinet previously agreed (April 2013) to develop a separate Town Plan for Bodelwyddan. This work will start shortly and the timetable for this will be reported at the December Cabinet once discussions with Plan Champion have been held.

4.5 Current Financial Position with Town and Area Plans

Total Funding for Town & Area Plans (to 31st March 2016):

	Revenue	Capital	TOTAL
Capital		£680,000	£680,000
2011/12 underspends	£191,000	£0	£191,000
2012/13 Revenue Budget	£356,000		£356,000
2013/14 Revenue Budget	£356,000		£356,000
Sub-Total to 31 March 2014	£903,000	£680,000	£1,583,000
2014/15 Revenue Budget	£356,000		£356,000
2015/16 Revenue Budget	£356,000		£356,000
TOTAL	£1,615,000	£680,000	£2,295,000

Commitments of £600,600 against the 2012/13 and 2013/14 budget were made at the Cabinet of 15th January 2013 as shown in the table below:

Town:	2012/13 & 2013/14
Prestatyn	£145,000
St Asaph	£60,800
Rhuddlan	£47,000
Denbigh	£135,800
Ruthin	£55,000
Corwen	£77,000
Llangollen	£80,000
TOTAL	£600,600

At the Town Plans Champions Meeting of 30 Sep 2013 the following match funding elements were approved for the Cyfenter Scheme from the Town Plans allocation:

Area:	TOTAL
Cwrw Ial Brewery (Llanarmon)	£23,394
Llanarmon Community Shop	£18,026
Llangollen Railway Trust	£18,426
TOTAL	£59,846

So the position with regards to funding commitments is:

Town:	Approved Jan 13	Cyfenter Match Funding	Recommended for approval 26 Nov 13	TOTAL
Prestatyn	£145,000			£145,000
St Asaph	£60,800		£24,000	£84,800
Rhuddlan	£47,000			£47,000
Denbigh	£135,800			£135,800
Ruthin	£55,000	£41,420		£96,420
Corwen	£77,000	£18,426	£18,000	£113,426
Llangollen	£80,000		£18,500	£98,500
TOTAL	£600,600	£59,846	£60,500	£720,946

To summarise the position to 31 March 2014:

Total funding allocation for Town and Area Plans to 31 Mar 2014	£1,583,000
Commitments to date	£720,946
Unallocated balance to 31 Mar 2014	£862,054

The unallocated balance figures detailed in the table above presumes that all current commitments (£716,946) will be spent by 31 March 2014. Given the current rate of spend this seems unlikely, and the latest position on spend to date and forecast to the year end will be tabled at the Cabinet meeting. A fuller report on progress to date will be provided at the December Cabinet meeting.

Beyond March 2014 there is a further £356,000 annual allocation against Town and Area Plans on current budget profiles.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Priority – Developing the Local Economy - The Town and Area Plans will be an underpinning document in terms of how this priority is delivered at a locality level, and their associated Action Plans will detail the delivery mechanisms to boost private sector confidence and investment creating new job and business opportunities.

Priority – Improving our Roads - the Plans will help identify problem areas to ensure resources are directed to the right locations and road improvements are made in the right places.

Priority – Clean & Tidy Streets

The plans will help identify problem areas to ensure resources are directed to the right locations and public realm improvements are made in the right places.

Priority – Modernising the Council to deliver efficiencies and improve services for our customers - the plans will create a key mechanism for aligning Council services resources to deliver priorities identified by local communities in an efficient and effective way.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

See section 4.5 above for financial information.

The Town and Area Plans identify issues, actions and priorities developed through consultation with those communities, and should be a key document in influencing the activity and priorities of all Denbighshire Services.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

Appendix 4 provides some overview of the extensive consultation that has been undertaken in producing the Area Plans, which are developed in partnership with the relevant Town or Community Council. Consultation has been undertaken with DCC Heads of Service, third sector organisations (through DVSC), residents and business community (through some face to face meetings and through web based surveys).

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The expenditure proposed is contained within existing funding allocations. No capital project should start without a proper appraisal and any revenue implications from projects should be contained within existing budgets.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

There is a risk that the development of the plans will raise expectations and that failure to deliver could damage the Council's reputation with Town and Community Councils and other stakeholders. This will be managed by ongoing involvement and communication with relevant stakeholders about the development and delivery of the plans.

10. Power to make the Decision

Section 2 Local Government Act 2000 / Section 111 Local Government Act 1972

AREA PLAN PROCESS CHART

PLAN	CHAMPION	AREA PLAN REP.	INITIAL CONSULTATION COMPLETED	ISSUES REPORT ISSUED	WIDER CONSULTATION COMPLETED	DRAFT AREA PLAN PRODUCED	HEAD OF SERVICE APPROVAL	MAG . MEMBER APPROVAL	TOWN PLAN CO-ORD. GROUP APPROVAL	CABINET ENDORSEMENT
LLANGOLLEN	Cllr Stuart Davies	Carolyn Brindle	03.06.13	17.06.13	30.07.13	14.08.13	a) 22.08.13 b) 08.11.13	09.09.13 11.11.13		26.11.13 (D/L 12.11.13)
CORWEN	Cllr Huw L Jones	Carolyn Brindle	04.07.13	09.07.13	30.09.13	03.09.13	a) 22.08.13 b) 08.11.13	11.11.13		26.11.13 (D/L 12.11.13)
RUTHIN	Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Emma Wynne	30.09.13	02.10.13	30.10.13	08.11.13	15.11.13	21.11.13		17.12.13 (D/L 03.12.13)
DENBIGH	Cllr Gwyneth Kensler	Emma Wynne	08.11.13	13.11.13	11.12.13	10.01.14	17.01.14	10.02.14		25.03.14 (D/L 11.03.14)
ASAPH	Cllr Dewi Owens	Helen Telford	28.05.13	30.07.13	18.10.13	01.11.13	07.11.13	08.11.13		26.11.13 (D/L 12.11.13)
RHUDDLAN	Cllr Arwel Roberts	Helen Telford	31.05.13	14.10.13	18.11.13	22.11.13	29.11.13	10.01.14		25.03.14 (D/L 05.02.13)
PRESTATYN	Cllr Paul Penlington	Mark Dixon	11.07.13	09.08.13	09.09.13	18.10.13	14.11.13	14.11.13		17.12.13 (D/L 03.12.13)
RHYL	Cllr Joan Butterfield	Mark Dixon	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	12.03.14		25.03.14 (D/L 11.03.14)

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Red – to be completed

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LLANGOLLEN & LLANTYSILIO TOWN & AREA PLAN

“LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER”

2013 – 2020

Revised 12/11/13

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NB: Text in red is marked for translation purposes when plan is approved

Introduction

Denbighshire County Council has adopted a strategic aim of being “a high performing council closer to the community”.

To help achieve this aim, in 2001/12 the County Council invited the town and community councils and the businesses, community and voluntary sectors in each of its main towns and the smaller outlying communities which relate to them to join together to develop “town plans”. In 2013 the Plans were expanded to to address the needs & priorities of the smaller rural communities associated with the towns. These will be living documents which will be subject to regular reviews and will set out:

- the current situation in the towns & associated areas
- the key challenges and opportunities which they will face over the next decade
- a vision for each town and area associated with it which will provide it with a sustainable future, and
- realistic and achievable actions which will deliver that vision.



LLANGOLLEN TOWN PLAN

“LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER”

2013 – 2020

Revised 17.6.13

LLANGOLLEN

Llangollen is situated along the River Dee between the Berwyn and Ruabon mountains, overlooked by Castell Dinas Bran. The town has been a magnet for travellers and visitors since the early 19th century.

The Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site both are in Llangollen's environs.

Llangollen is famous for its annual International Musical Eisteddfod, held every July at the Llangollen Pavilion, with competitors coming from more than 50 different countries.

The railway arrived in Llangollen in 1862 and the restored railway is now run by Llangollen Railway PLC. The rail line currently extends to Carrog but will soon run as far as Corwen.

The ruins of 13th century Castell Dinas Bran are on the hillside above Llangollen; the 18th C. home of the Ladies of Llangollen, Plas Newydd, is in the town.

The population of the town of Llangollen is 4079.

The town also serves the surrounding areas of Froncysyllte and Garth, Acrefair and Llantysilio, a further population of **4,260**.



Where we are now (The actual figures are shown in the Statistical Appendix and include Llantysilio.)

People

Compared to the county as a whole, the town of Llangollen has

- **more people aged over 65,**
- **a higher percentage of over 85's,**
- **fewer young people under 15,**
- **fewer households claiming housing or Council Tax benefit**
- **a similar proportion of households which are overcrowded**

Community

Compared to the county as a whole,

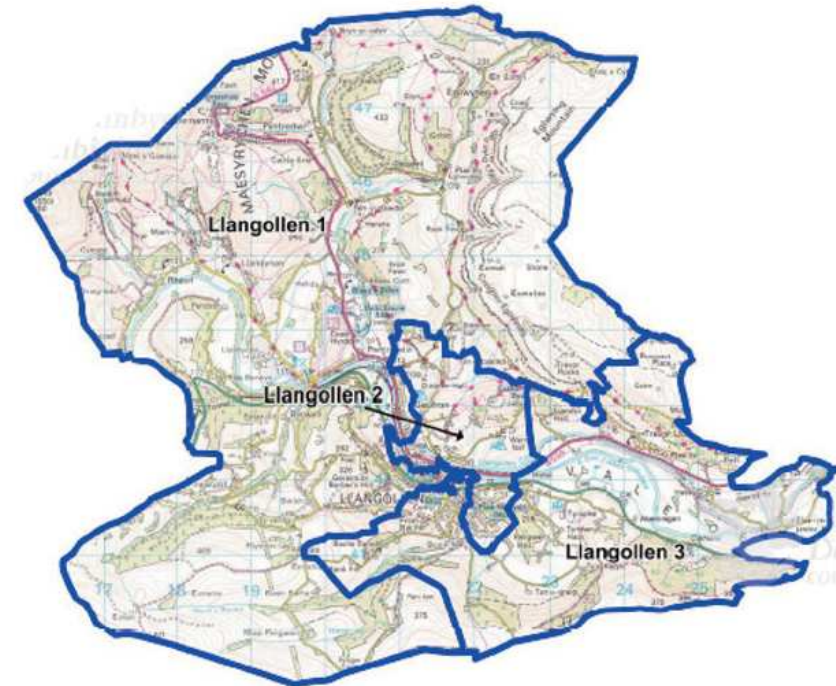
- **more people in the town of Llangollen have been born in Wales, but**
- **less people can speak Welsh.**

The crime rate in Llangollen is higher than the average rate for the County, particularly for incidences of theft and handling. The rates of incidences of violence and criminal damage are lower than the averages for the County.

The Welsh Government uses a formula to measure deprivation. Wales is split into 1896 areas which are smaller than County Council wards. Each area is then ranked with the most deprived given a score of 1 and the least deprived as score of 1896. The scores in different years are not directly comparable because the way in which the index is calculated changes over time, but nevertheless give an indication of the Welsh Government's view about the deprivation in the town at various points in time.

In the 2011 edition of the Index, all wards have a better ranking than in 2005.

Lower layer super output area	Ranking in 2005	Ranking in 2008	Ranking in 2011
Llangollen 1	775	811	842
Llangollen 2	1118	915	1192
Llangollen 3	1482	1494	1607



Map showing the Lower Super Output Areas

Jobs

Compared to the county as a whole,

- fewer people who live in Llangollen work in the public sector
- fewer people work in retail
- a higher percentage of people work in manufacturing
- a higher percentage of people work in hotels and restaurants
- fewer people commute more than 20km to work, and
- a lower percentage of people of working age claim Job Seekers' Allowance.

Annual household incomes in the Llangollen are higher than the average for Denbighshire

the place

There are a number of vacant retail units in Llangollen but this is much lower than average level for the UK.

Vacancy rates for retail premises – Autumn 2012

Llangollen	7.1%	(10 units)
UK	16.3%	(Colliers International)

Llangollen has several popular attractions, including: Plas Newydd which had 5855 visitors in 2012; The Steam Railway which had 77,000 visitors in 2012. Castell Dinas Bran; a noted golf club, the Canal (now part of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & Canal World Heritage Site), and its horse drawn boats; Valle Crucis Abbey; Llangollen Museum and Riverside Park. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct itself and the Horseshoe Pass are just outside [Llangollen & Llantysilio](#).

The number of bed spaces in graded visitor accommodation in the town is 164 and there are a further 302 ungraded bedspaces. Camping and caravans in [the area](#) provide a further 30 graded pitches and up to 200 ungraded pitches.

Future challenges and opportunities

People

There is a higher proportion of people aged over 65 and 85 in Llangollen. This is an age group that is projected to increase as a proportion of the population, creating both more demand for local services and opportunities for local businesses and the local economy.

A transient population are using accommodation that is not suitable for long term occupation.

Community

There is no permanent civic amenity site.

There is potential to improve the sports pitch provision for both rugby and football. There are also sites which require either playing surface improvements or ancillary access and car parking improvements.

Greater use could be made of the Pavilion as a school and community resource particularly during the school day.

There is a lot of community activity for young people including a youth club, young farmers, youth football club, youth cricket team, scouts and
beavers, silver youth band, operatic youth group, boys brigade.

The scout hut is in need of refurbishment and in future possible relocation.

The Riverside Park is popular and well used. There is a good working arrangement with the café owner to open and close the public toilets.

Choirs are well established including girls, mixed, and a boys male voice choir at the high school.

There is potential for the Healthcare centre to relocate to the site of the former Woodlands Hotel which would require pedestrian flow / access to be looked at.

Jobs

There are a number of unused buildings offering potential for future new uses.

Planning permission has been given for the redevelopment of the print works site on the edge of town as a food store.

Planning permission has also been given for the development of a Greenfield employment site at Cilmedw on the south western outskirts of the town which could facilitate a relocation by Dobson and Crowther to new purpose built premises.

There is potential to promote and encourage higher value tourism to Llangollen which could result in more people employed in higher paid jobs.

There is potentially a market for outdoor pursuits that hasn't yet been fully exploited including the opportunities the river offers for both canoeists and anglers.

Llangollen Steam Railway as well as being a visitor attraction, provides employment and apprenticeships in its business and engineering workshops.

Place

Llangollen is a popular tourist destination for day visitors. There is an opportunity to turn day visits into longer stays.

The signage in and around the town is of poor quality and confusing.

There is insufficient parking in the town centre although parking provision at the Royal International Pavilion has provided some relief.

The weekly market occupies part of the coach park in Market Street car park reducing the amount of parking space available.

Llangollen is now within the extended Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the World Heritage Site buffer zone.

Llangollen is within range of the cruise ships docking at Liverpool offering tours to passengers.

The canal is very busy and up to maximum capacity for canal boats which can give rise to maintenance and litter issues.

There is a need for more restaurants, particularly to support the night time economy.

There is no pedestrian crossing on or near the junction of the A5 and Castle Street.

There are some good bus services for Llangollen but services to Llantysilio and Ruthin are felt to be insufficient.

The Town Council **has secured Cittaslow** designation which may positively affect some actions in this Town Plan.

A project at the Horseshoe Falls, Llantysilio is **improving** the footpath and toilets and provide better interpretation and access to the most significant historical feature of the Llangollen Canal in Denbighshire.

Vision for Llangollen

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We want Llangollen

- to be a place with its own unique identity
- to be a place where the younger generation will stay and / or return to live and work
- to be a place with employment and affordable housing
- to have a good health care for all ages
- to be a place which caters for the needs of residents and visitors and fosters mutual respect between these groups
- to provide a visitor offer that is of higher quality and value
- to continue being the place 'where Wales welcomes the world'

Making it happen...

for people

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
Appropriate housing for residents.	Looking into providing more affordable housing	County Council Social Services Housing Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd	1 – 5 years
The needs of the older population have been met	Looking into providing more extra care housing for older people	County Council Social Services Housing / Adult & Business Services	1 – 5 years

Making it happen...
for the community

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
Improved sports facilities	Looking into the feasibility of a 3G sports pitch and the possibility of providing an additional rugby and football pitch. Exploring opportunities to improve playing surfaces, access and ancillary facilities.	County Council Leisure, Libraries & Community Development. County Council Environmental Services.	1 – 5 years
Improved local facilities	Exploiting the opportunities arising from the transfer of the town hall to the Town Council	Town Council	1 year
	Looking into the feasibility of a new civic amenity site	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 year
	Possibly relocating the police station from Parade Street and co-locating with other public facilities	North Wales Police	1 year
	Looking into improving the parking for the Health Centre unless it relocates to the Woodlands Hotel site in which case a review of accessibility from the town centre will be required	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 year
	Take advantage of new opportunity for Silver Band to expand by assisting refurbishment of newly acquired adjacent property on Parade Street	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 year
	Consider transfer of the operation of the Market to the Town Council	Town Council	1 year

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Making it happen...

for jobs

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
Secure local employment	Securing the future of Dobson and Crowther	County Council Planning & Public Protection	1 – 5 years
	Improving local mobile phone reception	Business Transformation and ICT	1 – 5 years
	Encouraging higher value tourism jobs	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Supporting the Railway to achieve its business model	Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Facilitating the provision of new business premises	County Council Housing & Community Development and Planning and Public Protection	1 – 5 years
	Securing a viable future for the Royal International Pavilion Including looking into potential for refurbishment of the toilet block to the rear of JennyJones	County Council Communications, Marketing & Leisure	1 – 5 years
	Improving Broadband Services	BT	1 – 5 years
	Look into potential for Fibreoptic development to Cil Medw site	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Explore potential for parents to return to work by investigating possibilities for pre school care	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 year

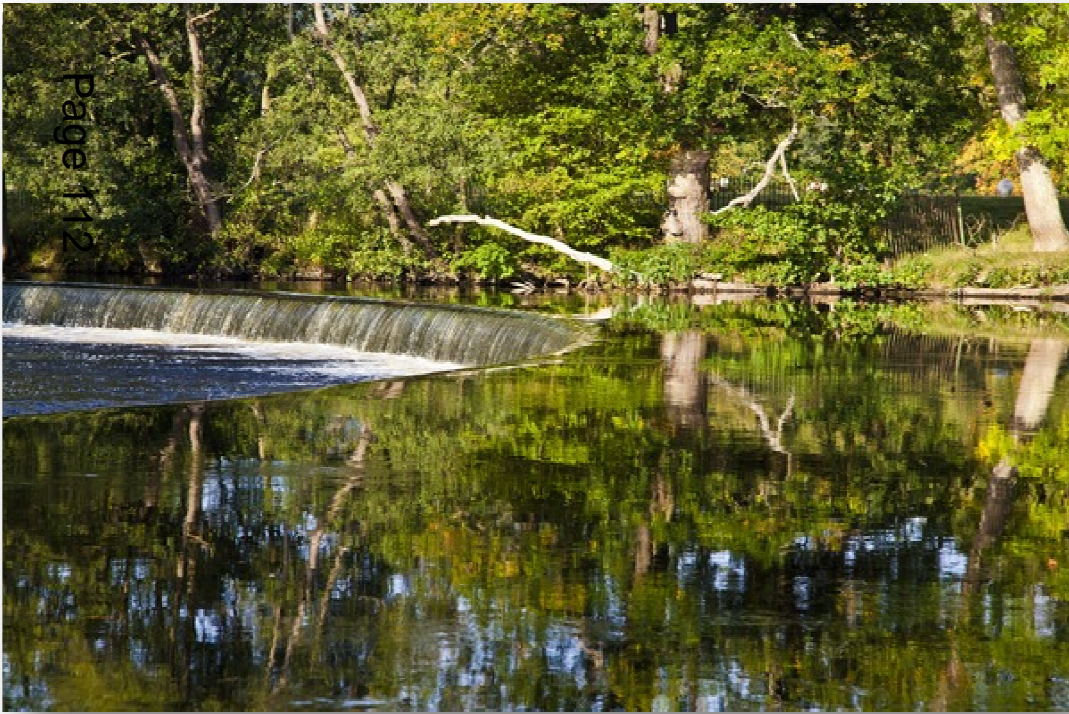
Making it happen...
for the place

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
An improved visitor experience	Carrying out a full signage, parking and traffic movement audit.	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 year
	Rejuvenate approaches to Llangollen, in particular the A5 and A539		
	Consider relocation of hawthorn sculpture	County Council Housing & Community Development and Welsh Government	1 – 5 years
	Tackling untidy sites and buildings such as the old car showroom in George Street, the old Berwyn Works, the old egg packing station and the former Woodlands Hotel		
	Improving the use of parking at the Pavilion and Ysgol Dinas Bran in peak season	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 year
	Actively pursuing HLF funds for the restoration of the Chain Bridge	Town Council and Llantysilio Community Council	1 – 5 years
A viable town centre	Exploiting any untapped markets such as the outdoor pursuit market	Llangollen Chamber of Trade, County Council Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Looking into the effect of the opening of the new foodstore on Berwyn Street on pedestrians and traffic flow, and of seasonal parking on the A5	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 – 5 years

The Links between the Town & the area of Llantysilio..

Llangollen & Llantysilo are closely linked and Llangollen often attributed with assets that in reality sit in Llantysilio. The area stretches from Llantysilio Mountain to Sun Bank and includes Rhewl, Pentredwr and the Eglwyseg escarpment, a site of Special Scientific Interest. It is home to the picturesque medieval church of St Tysilio visited by Robert Browning in 1888. The start of the World Heritage Site is at the Horseshoe Falls. The Llangollen Canal; Valle Crucis Abbey and the soon to be restored Chain Bridge across the River Dee all sit in Llantysilio as do the walks up along the Panorama and surrounding hills. A mainly agricultural area it is also an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The inhabitants of Llantysilio use Llangollen as their retail and services centre. Llantysilio has an active Community Council who partner with Llangollen Town Council in the project to restore the Chainbridge.



LLANTYSILIO AREA PLAN

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Making it happen...

For People & Community

ACTIVITY	ECON. AMB. STRAT. REF.	OUTPUT	LED BY	START	FINISH
Looking into the purchase of additional land in order to extend the burial ground.		Land identified	Community Council	1 Dec 2013	30 Dec 2014
		Meeting between DCC & Community Council	DCC Valuation & Estates		
		Valuation	Community Council		
		Planning and/or other consents secured	Community Council		
		Funding identified & secured	Community Council and Economic & Business Development (EBD)		
		Land purchased for burial ground	Community Council		
Investigate alternative transport systems e.g. taxi/dial a ride. Community minibus.	1.1	Meeting with Community Council	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Report/Business Case	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Alternative transport system in place (subject to Business Case).	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
The Community Council being able to provide additional equipment for the Youth of the area when need arises e.g. sports & leisure provision.		Meeting between Community Council & DCC Outreach Officer.	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business Case	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People		
		Additional provision for Youth (subject to Business Case).	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People		
Looking into the provision of an additional gritter attachment for tractors to use on rural roads in bad weather.	1.1	Meeting between Highways and Community Council and any other relevant party.	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 Dec 2013	31 Nov 2014
		Report/Business case	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Funds identified & secured	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Purchase of gritter attachment and annual maintenance agreements (subject to Business Case).	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		

Working with the local community to assist them in seeking funding opportunities for improvements to the Pentredwr Community Centre (the old school at Pentredwr), which would allow it to be better used and improve the potential for income generation.	5.2 3.3	Necessary improvement works identified.	Pentredwr & District Community Association	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Funding identified & secured	Pentredwr & District Community Association		
		Improvements to the Pentredwr Community Centre	Pentredwr & District Community Association		
Looking into providing more affordable housing to help retain the local population		Report/Business Case	DCC Housing & Community Development	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Housing & Community Development		
		Provision of affordable housing (subject to Business case).	DCC Housing & Community Development		
Looking into providing more suitable housing for older people		Report/Business Case	DCC Housing & Community Development	1 April 2014	31 April 2020
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Housing & Community Development		
		Provision of suitable housing (subject to Business case).	DCC Housing & Community Development		

Making it happen...
for jobs

ACTIVITY	ECON. AMB. STRAT. REF.	OUTPUT	LED BY	START	FINISH
Seeking support (potentially private sector investment), for the Llangollen LIFT bus (which currently runs at peak times and offers a free service to move visitors from/to key points around the area), to continue if current funding ceases.	6.2 5.2	Report/Business case	DCC Countryside services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Funding identified & secured.	DCC Countryside services		
		Service continuation (subject to Business Case).	DCC Countryside services		
Exploring potential for parents to return to work by investigating possibilities for pre/post school care project at the Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant site.	3.3	Business Plan	Llangollen Community Interest Company (CIC)	Started in Town Plan	31 March 2015
		Costed building design	CIC		
		Plans discussed & agreed with DCC Education Service	DCC Education		
		Planning and/or other consents secured	CIC		
		Funding identified & secured.	CIC		
		Project proceeds to build & operate.	CIC		
Improved Broad Band access.	1.2	Superfast broadband to all properties	DCC EBD	1 Oct 2014	31 April 2105

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for the place**

ACTIVITY	ECON. AMB. STRAT. REF.	OUTPUT	LED BY	START	FINISH
Investigate the improvement and/or provision of a footpath on a dangerous section of the A 542 by the turn to Chainbridge at Pentrefelin. Section identified as approx. 100yards length leading towards Abbey Dingle.	5.2	Meeting between Community Council and DCC Highways	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 Dec 2014	31 March 2017
		Engineers Report	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Costed design	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Report/Business case	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Planning and/or other consents secured	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Land acquisition if required	DCC Property Services		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Improvement/provision of path. (Subject to Business Case).	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
Seeking funding for improved facilities at Llantysilio Church (Toilet & refurbishment). The church is currently open for visitors on a regular basis.	6.2	Works identified & costed	Parish Council	1 Dec 2013	31 Nov 2015
		Funding identified & secured	Parish Council		
		Improved facilities at the Church	Parish Council		
Supporting the restoration of the Chain Bridge	6.2	Funding identified & secured	Llangollen Town & Llantysilio Community Council	Started in Town plan 2012	June 2014
		Bridge Restored	Llangollen Town & Llantysilio Community Council		
Looking into provision of more safety barriers on the Horseshoe pass.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Engineers report	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Costed design	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Report/business case	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		

		Funding identified & secured	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Provision of barriers (subject to Business case).	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
Looking into flood alleviation measures around Eliseg's pillar.		Meeting with Community Council to ascertain issue	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Engineers Report	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Costed design	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Report/Business case	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Flood alleviation works, (subject to Business Case).	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
Contributing to prioritization of Highways maintenance issues.		High ways to request maintenance prioritization from Community Council	DCC Highways & Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Agreed schedule of highways improvements	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		
		Community Council to report ongoing maintenance issues via DCC web site : https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/parking-roads-and-travel/report-an-issue/report-an-issue.aspx	Community Council		
Better liaison with the community Council regarding repair and maintenance of existing footpaths and stiles.		Improved use of DCC web to report incidents using DCC website: https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/parking-roads-and-travel/public-rights-of-way.aspx	Community Council	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Agreed schedule of repairs/maintenance	DCC Highways & Environmental Services		

Area Plan Priorities

1. Improvements to a dangerous section of path on A 542 by turn to Chainbridge. A section approx. 100 yards length towards Abbey Dingle. This could be progressed via DCC Traffic & Transportation team. Estimated costs: Engineers Report £5,000. Path costs to be determined .

2. Looking into the purchase of additional land in order to extend the burial ground at Llantysilio. Land identified by Community Council approx one third of an acre. This could be progressed through help by DCC Valuation & Estates team. Estimated Costs: officer time initial Report £500. Purchase price tbc.

3. Looking into the provision of an additional gritter attachment for tractors to use to clear rural road in bad weather. This could be progressed via DCC Fleet. Estimated costs: 13K (Report £500.00; Gritter purchase £10,000 ; 5 yrs. running costs £500).

How will we know if we are on track?

Annual reviews of progress will be undertaken by the County Council together with the Community Council. More regular updates will also be provided to the County Council's Member Area Groups and to the Town Council, and also to the wider community through County Voice and through press releases made by Denbighshire County Council. The Plan will be treated as a living document in which aspirations can be added or removed according to changes in circumstances.

Who was involved in the production of this plan?

This plan was produced by Denbighshire County Council following consultations with County Council Councillors and Services, Ward members, Llantysilio Community Council, businesses, schools and the wider community.

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Percentage of...	In Llangollen town	In Denbighshire
Young people aged 15 or under	14.1	18.1
All people aged 65 or over	25	21.1
People aged 85 or over	4.2	2.8
People claiming housing or Council Tax benefit	7.8	9.6
Overcrowded households	3.3	3.0
People born in Wales	58.5	58.1
People over 3 years of age who can speak, read or write Welsh	14.4	18.6
Working residents employed in the public sector	31.4	35.7
Working residents employed in manufacturing	11.2	9.1
Working residents employed in hotels and restaurants	10.4	6.9
Working residents employed in retail	12.2	14.4

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Source: Office for National Statistics - 2011 Census
Llangollen Town ward includes Llantysilio, Rhewl, Pentredwr and Eglwyseg



CORWEN & EDEYRNION TOWN & AREA PLAN

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Introduction

Denbighshire County Council has adopted a strategic aim of being “a high performing council closer to the community”.

To help achieve this aim, the County Council **invited** the town and community councils and the businesses, community and voluntary sectors in each of its main towns and the smaller outlying communities which relate to them to join together to develop “town plans”. These will be living documents which will be subject to regular reviews and will set out

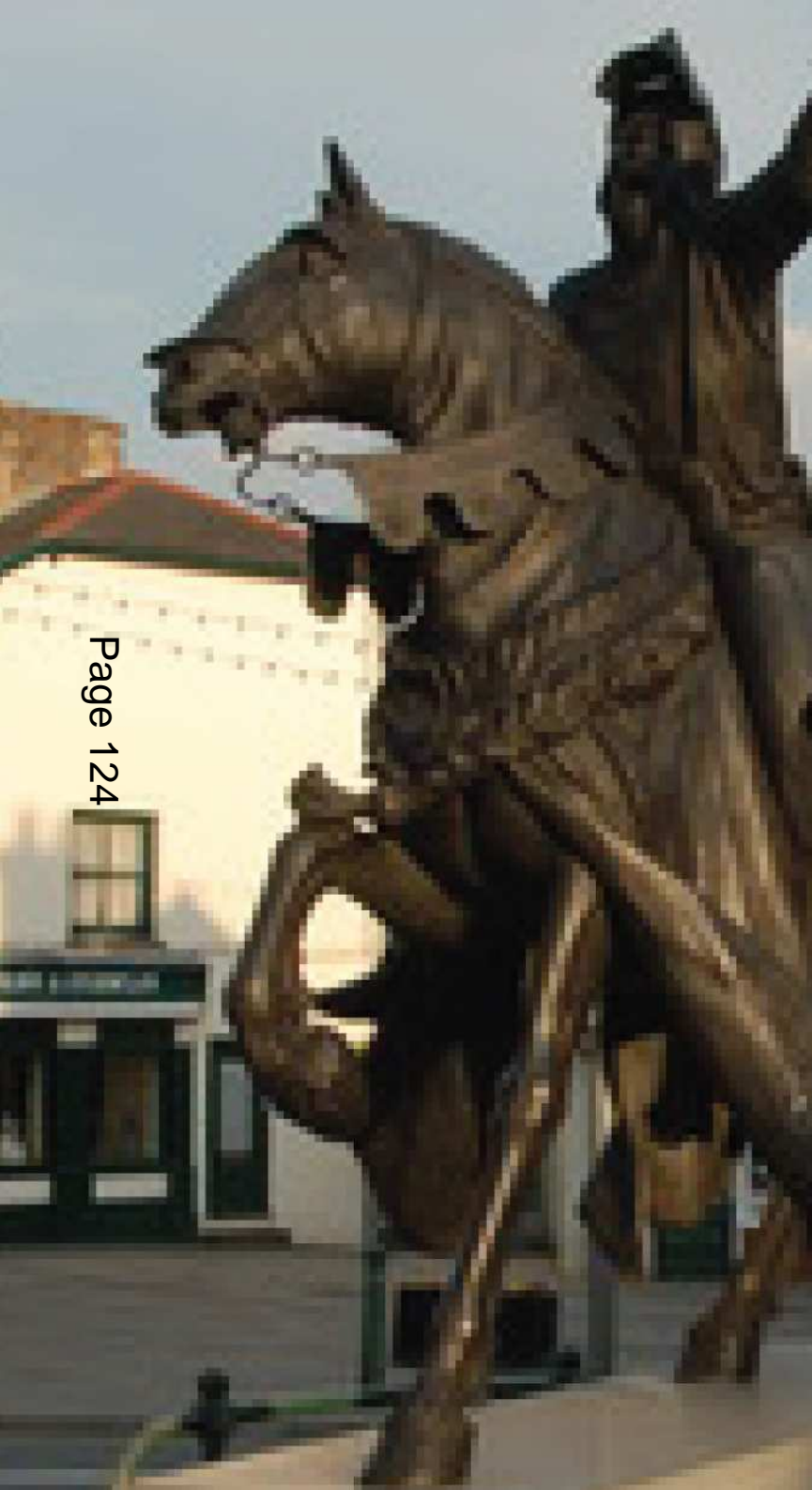
- **the current situation in the towns**
- **the key challenges and opportunities which they will face over the next decade**
- **a vision for each town which will provide it with a sustainable future, and**
- **realistic and achievable actions which will deliver that vision.**

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Thus in 2011/12 Denbighshire County Council developed a Town Plan for Corwen which identified community needs and priorities for the town. It did not however address the needs and priorities of the smaller rural communities associated with Corwen. The Council agreed in 2013 to expand the Plan to cover these more rural communities.

Together, these documents form the [Corwen Town & Edeyrnion Area Plan](#).





CORWEN TOWN PLAN

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CORWEN

Corwen sits at the foot of the Berwyn Mountains at the western end of the Dee Valley. Corwen is well known for its strong association with Owain Glyndwr, one of Wales' most renowned heroes, with Corwen and its surrounding area being his ancestral homeland. The Owain Glyndwr Society is a well established community group in the town.

Corwen and its surrounding area have several interesting historic buildings such as Llangar Church, Rug Chapel, the Owain Glyndwr Hotel, the Church of Saints Mael and Sulien and Corwen Manor which was originally a workhouse.

Corwen is in the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty **and sits by the River Dee**. The hillfort Caer Drewyn is one of the best preserved Iron Age hillforts in Wales. A variety of walks access the natural beauty of the area.

Corwen has a leisure centre with a swimming pool, fitness suite and sauna, squash courts and all weather pitch. The town has a Sports Pavilion with pitches and there has been a major investment in play equipment in the adjacent War Memorial Park. The town has a Healthy Living Centre with co-working office space set up for different organisations to use.

For Williams Trailers is a major employer in the Corwen area along with Corwen Forestry, Wholebake, Bart Spices, Ruth Lee and the agricultural sector. Rhug Estate to the west of Corwen runs a very successful organic food shop and restaurant and is also the venue for the "Cneifio Corwen Shears" lamb shearing competition which takes place each year at the end of July.

The A5 trunk road runs through Corwen town centre.

The population of the town of Corwen is 2,325.

The town also serves a number of rural villages and settlements including Cynwyd, , Llandrillo, Carrog, Glyndyfrdwy, Gwyddelwern, Betws Gwerfil Goch, Melin y Wig and Bryneglwys and these communities are the home to a further **2,330** people.

Where we are now

(The actual figures are shown in the Statistical Appendix.)

People

Compared to the county as a whole, the Corwen ward has

- fewer people aged over 65 (and there are significantly fewer in the town of Corwen),
- the same percentage of over 85's,
- more young people under 15,
- more households claiming housing or Council Tax benefit, and
- fewer households are overcrowded.

Community

Compared to the county as a whole, more people in the town of Corwen

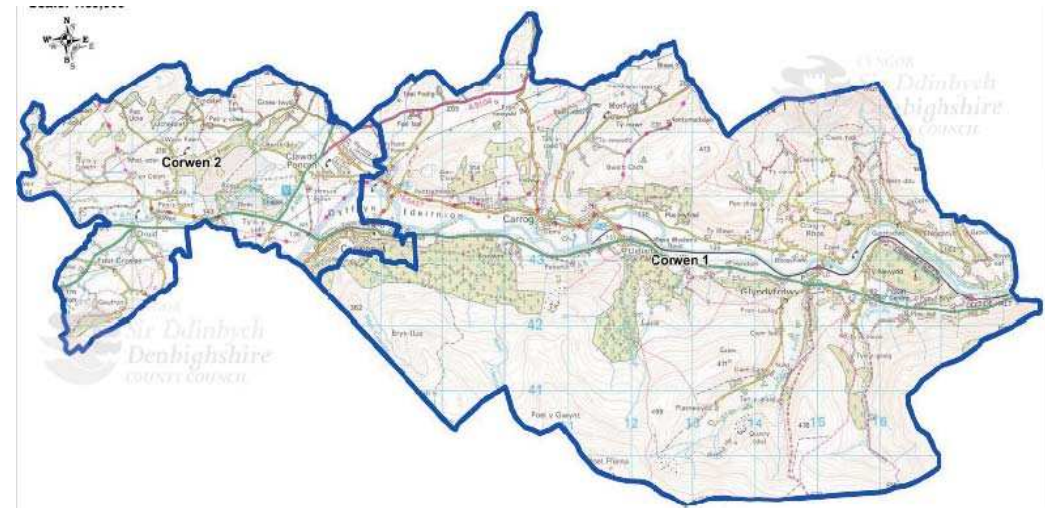
have been born in Wales, and

- significantly more people can speak Welsh.

The crime rate in Corwen is lower than the average rate for the County, particularly for incidences of violence against the person, criminal damage and theft and handling.

The Welsh Government uses a formula to measure deprivation. Wales is split into 1896 areas which are smaller than County Council wards which are called "Lower Super Output Areas". Each of these areas is then ranked with the most deprived given a score of 1 and the least deprived as score of 1896. The scores in different years are not directly comparable because the way in which the index is calculated changes over time.

Lower layer super output area	Ranking in 2005	Ranking in 2008	Ranking in 2011
Corwen 1	1094	1074	1161
Corwen 2	907	963	940



Map showing the Lower Super Output Areas in Corwen

Jobs

Compared to the county as a whole,

- a higher percentage of people work in manufacturing
- a higher percentage of people work in agriculture
- more people commute more than 20km to work, and
- a lower percentage of people of working age claim Job Seekers' Allowance.

Average annual household incomes in Corwen are higher than the average for the County.

The place

Corwen currently has one of the highest percentages of vacant town centre retail units in the County. This figure is also higher than the national average. However, at least three of the units are subject to enquiries or are under development and once these are back in use, the vacancy rate will be much lower than either that for the County or the UK.

Vacancy rates for retail premises – Autumn 2011

Corwen	15.6%	(7 units)
UK	13.3%	(Colliers International)

The principal visitor attraction in the Corwen area currently is the Rhug Estate, which has around 350,000 visitors a year. The railway is also expected to be very popular when it arrives in the town. The line to Carrog currently carries c 100,000 passengers per annum.

There are 44 bed spaces in graded visitor accommodation in the town and there is also a 5* "restaurant with rooms" nearby at Llandrillo.

There is a proposal for a Hydro scheme in the town.

Future challenges and opportunities

People

Primary school provision is currently being reviewed in the area.

Community

There is a lack of community buildings in the town.

The Pavilion is in a dangerous state of repair.

There is no disabled access to the first floor in the Library/One Stop Shop.

The British Legion Clubhouse is in a poor condition but still in use.

There are thriving Beavers and Cubs groups in the town.

The civic amenity provision for the disposal of household waste is currently a very limited service.

Cubs

The construction of an extension to the Llangollen railway and a new temporary 4 car platform east of the town centre is scheduled for completion in 2014. An increase in footfall of up to 90,000 people is expected when the railway extension is complete.

There is an aspiration amongst local organisations to develop and operate visitor facilities which would complement the extension of the railway including a new railway museum and an attraction in the adjacent former chapel.

A further extension would bring the railway closer to the town centre and this would encourage passengers to disembark and spend more time in Corwen. Including an 8 car platform and a loop in the second extension would enable trains hauled by steam locomotives to the town which would make the journey a more attractive proposition altogether.

Place

There are some strong brands associated with the area including Ifor Williams Trailers, Rhug Estate Organic Farm and the Llangollen Railway.

The Arts Council for Wales has indicated a willingness to part fund an arts trail in Corwen.

The privately owned Commerce House is a prominent building on the A5 which is in a very poor state of repair.

Possible development of an Owain Glyndwr trail by the Owain Glyndwr Society.

The appearance of the old fire station building needs some attention.

Large and heavy vehicles are using the narrow Green Lane route causing congestion. This could potentially be addressed by directing them to use alternative route following the improvements to the traffic light controlled junction to the west of the town.

The library and One Stop Shop are closed on Wednesdays and on Friday afternoons which could be busy days for the forthcoming railway.

Page 129 Vision for Corwen

We want Corwen

- to offer an enviable quality of life which is attractive to residents of all ages,
- to have the range of community facilities and transport services required to address the town's relative isolation from larger centres of population,
- to be the main centre for manufacturing in the south of the county, and
- to offer a brilliant experience for visitors to the area

Making it happen....

For the people

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
Improvement in educational attainment.	Completing the extension and improvement works to the area school at Cynwyd	County Council Modernising Education	1 – 5 years
	Changing the language status of Ysgol Caer Drewyn and Ysgol Carrog to become bilingual schools to increase the use of the Welsh language at these schools	County Council Modernising Education and School Improvement	1 – 5 years
	Securing funding to minor improvements to other schools in the area	County Council Modernising Education	1 – 5 years
Appropriate housing for local people of all ages.	Looking into the provision of affordable units in any residential developments	County Council Planning, & Public Protection	5 – 10 years
	Looking into the provision of extra care units for older people	County Council Housing / Adult & Business Services / Registered Social Landlords	5 – 10 years

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Making it happen....

For the community

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
More and better facilities for community use.	Securing funding to implement the findings of the feasibility study	South Denbighshire Community Partnership	1 year
	Identifying future funding for the South Denbighshire Community Partnership	South Denbighshire Community Partnership	1 – 5 years
	Determining the future of the Pavilion site	County Council Leisure, Libraries & Community Development, Community Council, Corwen Partnership	1 – 5 years
Easier access to facilities for the disposal of household waste	Looking into the feasibility of a better civic amenity provision	County Council Highways and Environmental Services	1 year

Making it happen....

For jobs

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
<p>The benefits to the town from the extension of the Llangollen Railway are maximised</p>	<p>Producing a master plan which would set out the relationship between the temporary platform for the railway, a further extension and the complementary visitor facilities suggested for the immediate area and the link to the town centre .</p> <p>Commissioning a study into the feasibility of the further extension of the railway .</p> <p>Carrying out a cost benefit analysis which would be required for raising the finance needed for the investment including any grant funding which may be available</p> <p>Setting out a financing model showing the mechanisms by which the constituent elements which make up the master plan could be funded including ongoing maintenance liabilities for the station buildings</p>	<p>Private sector. County Council Housing & Community Development</p> <p>County Council Highways and Environmental Services</p>	<p>1 year</p>
<p>New jobs in the manufacturing sector could be accommodated in the town</p>	<p>Proposing the retention of as yet undeveloped employment allocations at Tyn y Lliart in the Local Development Plan for Denbighshire 2006-21</p>	<p>County Council Planning, & Public Protection</p>	<p>1 year</p>

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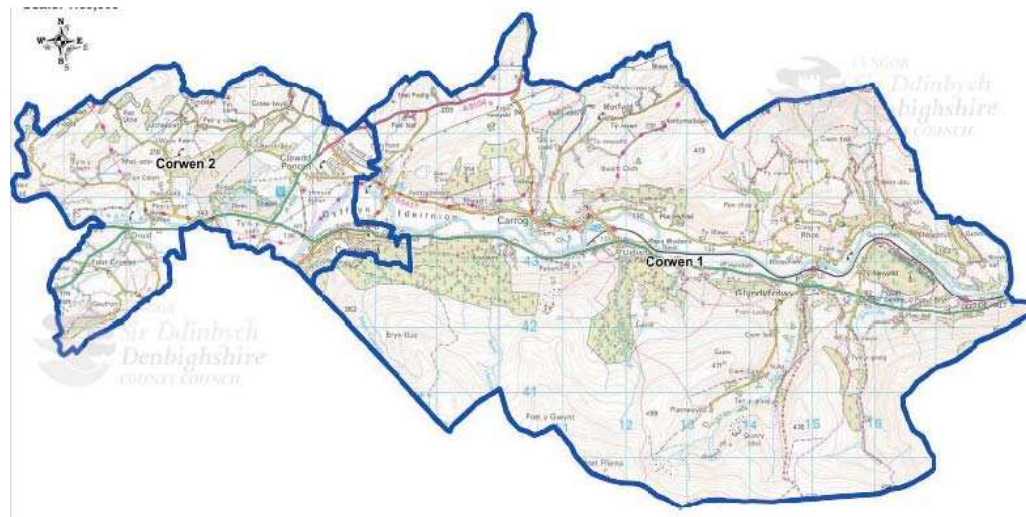
For the place

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
The town will look even more attractive	Tackling untidy sites and buildings such as Commerce House and the land between Church House and the Royal Oak using enforcement action where necessary.	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Looking at alternative places for parking the gritter.	County Council Highways and Environmental Services	1 – 5 years
Visitors will have a brilliant experience	Improving traffic flows through the introduction of new regulations on the A5.	Welsh Government	1 year
	Looking into developing good links with Rhug Estate Organic Farm which already attracts large numbers of visitors.	County Council Housing & Community Development	1 – 5 years
	Reviewing signage in the area.	County Council Highways and Environmental Services	1 – 5 years
	Refurbishment and manning of Green lane Toilets for expected increase in visitor numbers.	Corwen Community Council	1-2 years

The Links between the Town & Area of Edeyrnion

Corwen developed at a natural cross-roads in the Vale of Edeyrnion . The town is a focus for and has a natural affinity with the following villages: Cynwyd, Llandrillo, Gwyddelwern, Betws Gwerfil Goch, Melin y Wig, Bryneglwys, Carrog and Glyndyfrdwy. The area name of Edeyrnion derives from early medieval times.

This is a mainly rural area dotted with medieval churches and threaded through by the River Dee and the Heritage Railway line. It is renowned for its support of eistedfoddau and the first Urdd was held in Corwen in 1929. Owain Glyndwr's ancestral lands are here and he is commemorated every year in September on the anniversary of his investiture as Prince of Wales in 1400.





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Edeyrnion Area Plan

Cynwyd, Llandrillo, Gwyddelwern, Betws Gwerfil Goch,
Melin y Wig, Bryneglwys, Carrog and Glyndyfrdwy.

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Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by	Start	Finish
Looking into supporting the community in finding a community enterprise use for redundant buildings e.g. the closed school at Glyndyfrdwy and soon to be closed schools at Llandrillo and Bryneglwys.	5.2 3.3	Community group established	DVSC	1 Dec 2013	31Dec 2015
		Meeting(s) with Glyndyfrdwy Enterprise Group .	DCC Economic & Business Development (EBD).		
		Report/Business case	Enterprise group		
		Funding identified & secured for feasibility study	Enterprise group		
		Funding identified & secured for outcome of Study	Enterprise group		
		New Community enterprise use for redundant school. (Subject to Business Case)	Enterprise group		
Looking into supporting village and community hall improvements e.g. staging and sound systems for Betws Gwerfil Goch. General improvements at Gwyddelwern and Melin y Wig.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Assets & Communities	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
	Report/Business case	DCC Assets & Communities			
	Funding identified & secured.	DCC Assets & Communities			
	Better equipped Halls (subject to Business Case).	DCC Assets & Communities			
Encouraging the setting up of new clubs e.g. a Youth Club in Betws Gwerfil Goch /Melin y Wig area.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People	1 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2014
	Report/Business case	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People			
	Funding identified & secured	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People			
	New Youth Club (subject to Business case).	DCC Libraries, Arts & Young People			

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Supporting the creation of an informal grouping of Community Councils for the Edeyrnion area to assist with e.g. grant applications and shared issues.		Initial meeting held & principle established	The Community Councils	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
Looking into supporting improvements to playing fields: -provision of a 'trim trail' at Carrog.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Public Realm Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business case	DCC Public Realm Services		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Public Realm Services		
		Provision of trim trail (subject to business case).	DCC Public Realm Services		
Looking into improvements to playing fields: - an improved school playing field at Gwyddelwern suitable for inter-school matches..		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Customers and Education Support	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business case	DCC Customers and Education Support		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Customers and Education Support		
		Provision of trim trail (subject to business case).	DCC Customers and Education Support		
Looking into supporting improvements to playgrounds in Betws Gwerfil Goch & Melin y Wig.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Housing & Community Development	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business case	DCC Housing & Community Development		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Housing & Community Development		
		Provision of improvements (subject to business case).	DCC Housing & Community Development		
Seek support for retention of Flexi-Bus (dial a ride) in the Betws Gwerfil Goch/Melin y Wig area and look into a potential extension.	1.1	Meet with Community Councils	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Report/Business case	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Flexi-bus supported and extended (subject to Business Case).	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
Supporting the community in seeking funds to repair the cemetery wall at Gwyddelwern Church.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Streetscene	1 April 2014	31 March 2015

		Report	DCC Streetscene		
		Funding identified & secured	Community/Parish Council		
		Repaired wall.	Community/Parish Council		
Based upon local housing need seek to achieve appropriate affordable housing provision in residential developments and through identifying new land opportunities		Report/Business case	DCC Community Housing	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Community Housing		
		Provision of suitable housing (subject to Business case).	DCC Community Housing		

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Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by	Start	Finish
Looking into sources of training and practical support for the community to help them start up or become sustainable cottage industries in sectors such as tourism or outdoor activities where some progress has already been made.	4.1 5.2	Report/Business case	DCC EBD	1 Dec 2014	31 March 2020
		Funding identified & secured	DCC EBD		
		Training & support secured.	DCC EBD		
Drawing up a 'crib sheet' of potentially useful sources of funding to help communities develop sustainable initiatives.	5.2.	Information collated	DVSC/EBD	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Information published on DCC website	DCC Customer Services		
		Information promoted	DCC Destination, Marketing & Communication.		
The County Council Tourism section and Destination Marketing & Communications team working with local groups on tourism initiatives and looking at sense of place initiatives to encourage sustainable tourism in rural areas.	6.2	Local groups encouraged to join destination management process	DCC Destination, Marketing & Communication	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Report/Business case	DCC Destination, Marketing & Communication		
		Funding identified & secured	DCC Destination, Marketing & Communication		
		Sense of place initiatives delivered	DCC Destination, Marketing & Communication		
Improving mobile phone and broad band coverage.	1.2	Superfast broadband to all properties	DCC EBD	1 Dec 2013	1 April 2014
Seeking to attract a varied mix of retail (including where possible 'brand named' shops), to Corwen to make it more attractive as a place to visit and to do business.	5.1 5.2	Report/Business case	DCC EBD	1 April 2014	31 March 2020
		Funding identified & secured	DCC EBD		
		Corwen more attractive to visit & do business	DCC EBD		

Making it happen...

for the place

Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by	Start	Finish
Community Councils involved in prioritization for road repair and maintenance.		Highways to request maintenance prioritization from Community Council	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Agreed schedule of Highways improvements	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Community Council to report ongoing maintenance issues via DCC website:- www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/parking-roads-and-travel/report-an-issue/report-an-issue.aspx	Community Council		
Looking into provision of 40 mile per hour speed limit signs on the main road through Bryneglwyys.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business Case	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Provision of signs (subject to Business case)	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
Look into provision of 20 mile per hour speed limit signs by the school at Cynwyd.		Meeting with Community Council	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Report/Business Case	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Provision of signs (subject to Business case)	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
Look into provision of double yellow lines on the side road leading from the A5 at Llidiart y Parc to the Carrog bridge over the River Dee.	1.1	Report/Business case	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Discussions with Welsh Government	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
		Provision of double yellow lines (subject to Business case)	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		

Looking at the speed limit on the section of the A5 (which is a trunk road under Welsh Government control), at Llidiart y Parc..Reviewing the safety of the junction of the side road to Carrog & the Railway station with the A5.	Report/Business case	DCC Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
	Discussions with Welsh Government	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
	Improved safety on this section of the A5 (subject to Business case)	DCC Highways and Environmental Services		
Resolving Dog fouling issues: Community Councils will contact Denbighshire County Council who has an active policy of pursuing offenders.	Community Councils to report incidents using DCC website:	Community Councils	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
	Resolved dog fouling issues	DCC Planning & Public Protection		

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1. Supporting the community in finding a community enterprise use for redundant buildings e.g. the closed school in Glyndyfrdwy and the soon to be closed schools in Llandrillo & Bryneglwys. Estimated Costs: 5k to match fund a grant application for a feasibility study.
2. Encouraging the setting up of new clubs e.g. a Youth Club in Betws Gwerfil Goch /Melin y Wig area. Estimated Costs: materials and additional staff hours 3k.
3. Looking into sources of training for the community to help them start up or become sustainable cottage industries in sectors such as, but not exclusively, tourism or outdoor activities. Estimated Costs: 10k to match fund project grant applications.

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How will we know if we are on track?

Annual reviews of progress will be undertaken by the County Council together with the **Town & Community** Councils. More regular updates will also be provided to the County Council's Member Area Groups and to the wider community through County Voice and through press releases made by Denbighshire County Council. The Plan will be treated as a living document in which aspirations can be added or removed according to changes in circumstances.

Who was involved in the production of this plan?

This plan was produced by Denbighshire County Council following consultations with County Council Councillors and Services, Ward members, the Community Councils of Cynwyd, Llandrillo, Carrog, Glyndyfrdwy, Gwyddelwern, Betws Gwerfil Goch, Melin y Wig and Bryneglwys, and the wider community.

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Statistical Appendix

Percentage of...	In the ward for Corwen	In Denbighshire	In the surrounding Rural Area
Young people aged 15 or under	16.0	18.1	17.5
All people aged 65 or over	19.8	21.1	19.9
People aged 85 or over	2.5	2.8	1.9
People claiming housing or Council Tax benefit	9.3	9.6	4.7
Overcrowded households	2.5	3.0	0.7
People born in Wales	64.7	58.1	61
People over 3 years of age who can speak, read or write Welsh	35.8	18.6	53
Working residents employed in the public sector	30.1	35.7	30.2
Working residents employed in manufacturing	18.1	9.1	10.0
Working residents employed in agriculture	5.4	2.3	10.0

Source: Office for National Statistics - 2011 Census

Corwen Ward includes Glyndyfrdwy and Carrog

Rural Area covered: Melin y Wig, Betws GG, Llandrillo, Cynwyd, Gwyddelwern and Bryneglwys

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St Asaph City Plan & St Asaph Area Plan

“Looking Forward Together”

2013-2020

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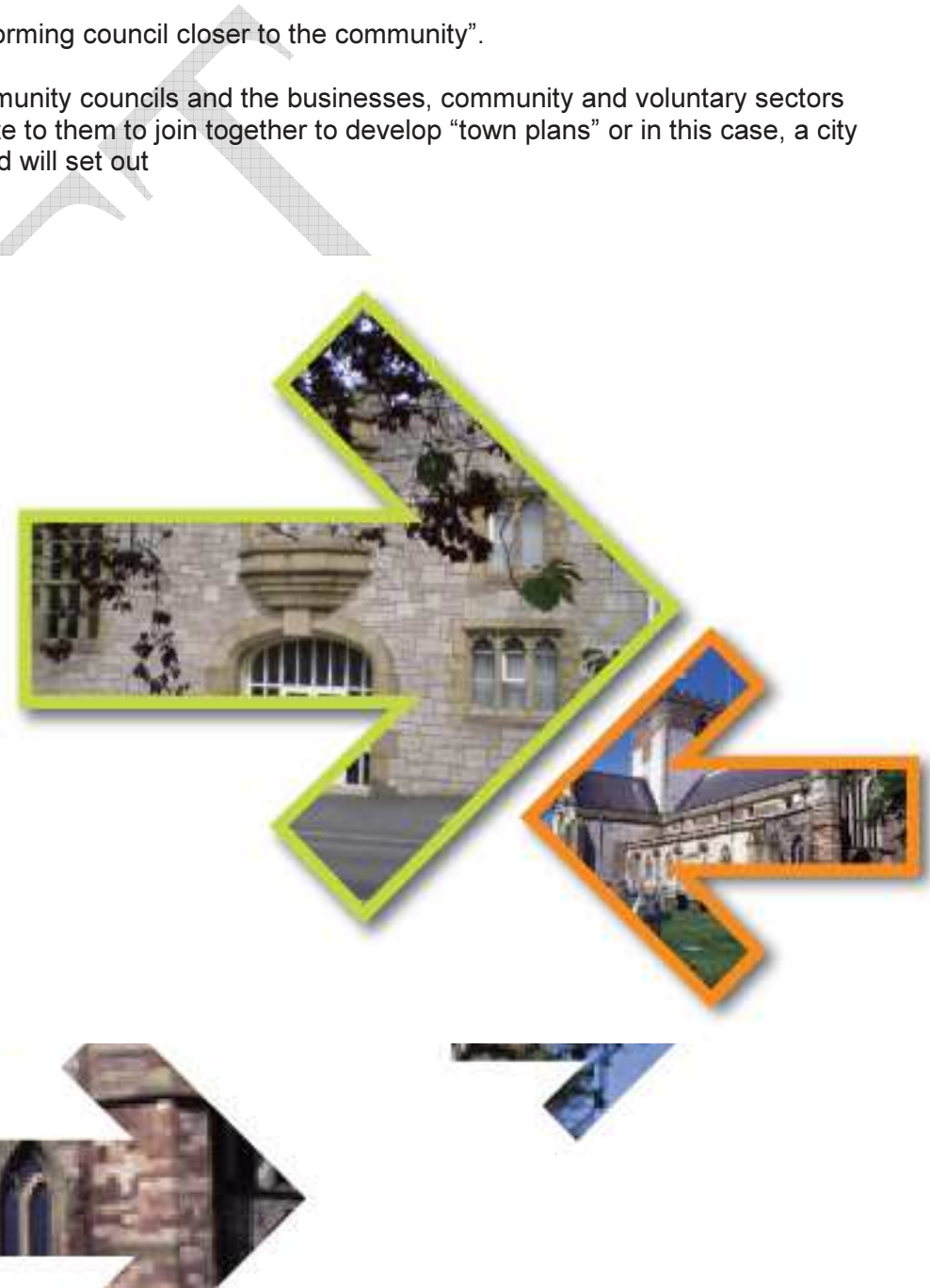
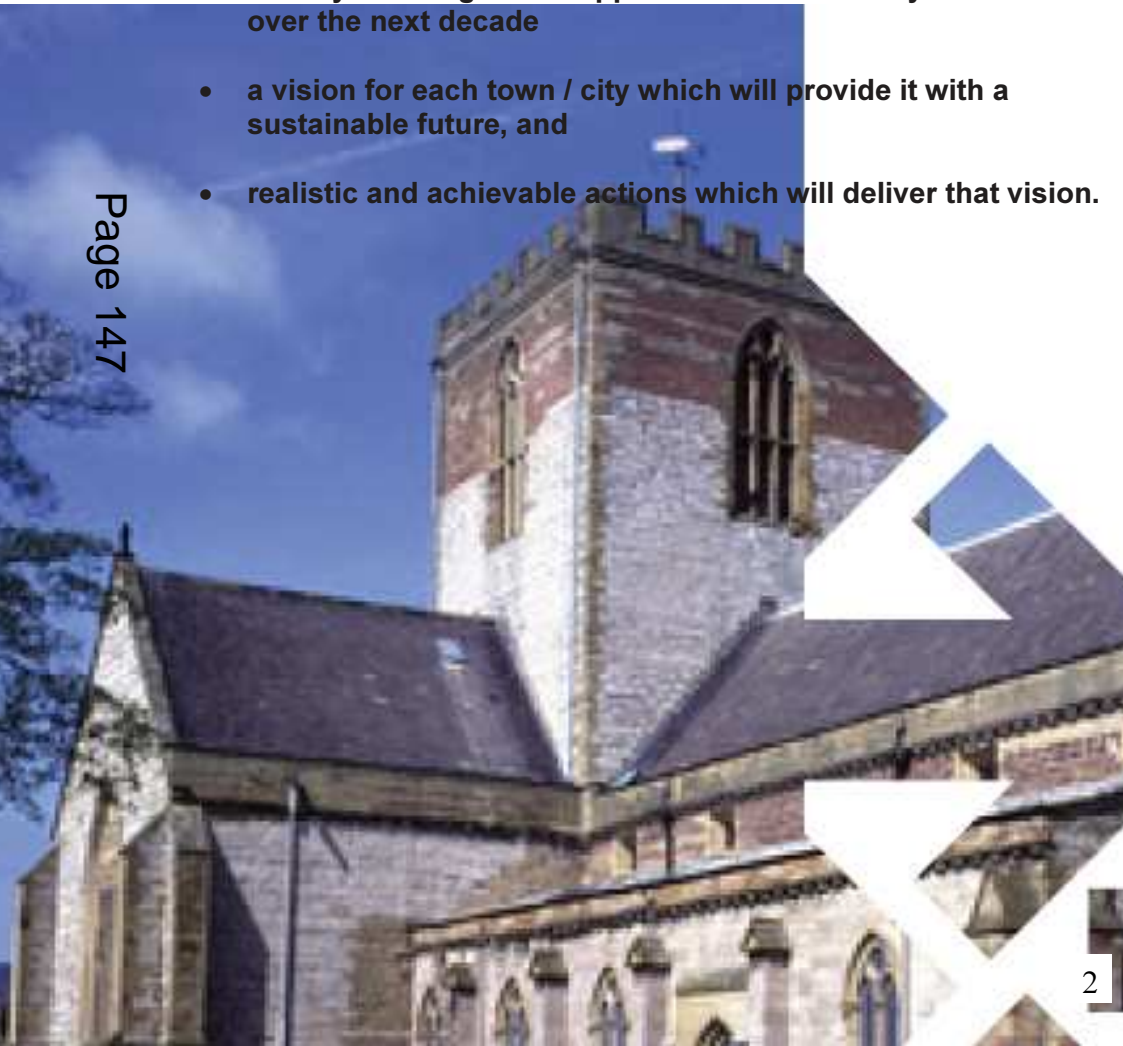
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Introduction

Denbighshire County Council has adopted a strategic aim of being “a high performing council closer to the community”.

To help achieve this aim, the County Council is inviting the town / city and community councils and the businesses, community and voluntary sectors in each of its main towns / city and the smaller outlying communities which relate to them to join together to develop “town plans” or in this case, a city plan. These will be living documents which will be subject to regular reviews and will set out

- **the current situation in the town / city**
- **the key challenges and opportunities which they will face over the next decade**
- **a vision for each town / city which will provide it with a sustainable future, and**
- **realistic and achievable actions which will deliver that vision.**



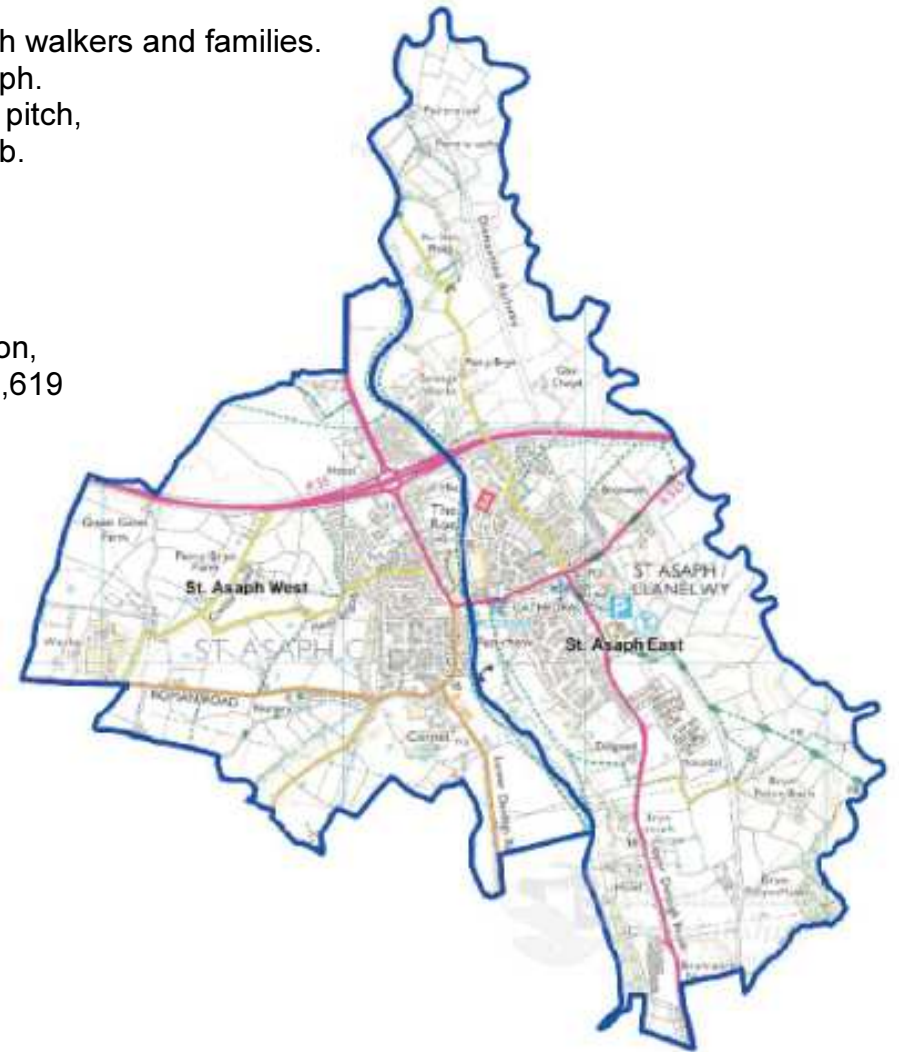
St Asaph

St Asaph, situated on the banks of two rivers, is dominated by its cathedral, which is held to be the smallest in Great Britain. The character of the town and the surrounding area has been largely shaped by this association but St Asaph also has strong associations with words and music and is home to the annual, week long North Wales International Music Festival.

The natural river setting of St Asaph Common and Roe Plas is very popular with walkers and families. The only Welsh medium secondary school in Denbighshire is located at St Asaph. There is an excellent play area for children, a leisure centre with an all weather pitch, a MUGA (multi use games area), tennis courts, bowling green and a cricket club.

The population of the city of St Asaph is 3,355.

The area around the city of St Asaph also includes Cefn Meiriadog, Tremeirchion, Rhualt, Trefnant and Waen and these communities are the home to a further 3,619 people.



Where we are now

People

Compared to the county as a whole, the city boundary of St Asaph has

- a similar proportion of people aged over 65,
- a higher percentage of over 85's,
- fewer young people under 15 but a higher percentage in the St Asaph West ward,
- fewer households claiming housing or Council Tax benefit
- a higher proportion of households that are overcrowded

Community

Compared to the county as a whole, more people in the city of St Asaph

- *have been born in Wales, but*
- *less people can speak Welsh.*

St Asaph is notable for its low crime rate, particularly for incidences of violence against the person, criminal damage and theft and handling.

The Welsh Government uses a formula to measure deprivation. Wales is split into 1896 areas which generally are smaller than County Council wards although this is not the case in St Asaph. Each area is then ranked with the most deprived given a score of 1 and the least deprived as score of 1896. The scores in different years are not directly comparable because the way in which the index is calculated changes over time.

In the 2011 edition of the Index, the ranking for St Asaph West has increased compared with the 2008 edition indicating an increase in deprivation in that area. This is explained by a fall in income and increase in unemployment relative to the rest of Wales. There has been no significant change in the ranking for St Asaph during the same period.

Jobs

Compared to the county as a whole,

- **more people who live in St Asaph work in the public sector (and more people in Denbighshire work in this sector than in any other local authority area in Great Britain),**
- **fewer people work in retail**
- **a higher percentage of people work in manufacturing with the percentage in the West ward being particularly high for the county**
- **fewer people commute more than 20km to work, and**
- **a similar percentage of people of working age claim Job Seekers' Allowance.**

Average annual household incomes in St Asaph are higher than the average for Denbighshire.

The place

The principal attraction in the city itself is the Cathedral which had around 9,000 visitors in 2011. However, the Cathedral hosts a number of prestigious events during the year which attract many more visitors in their own right.

There are 92 bed spaces in graded visitor accommodation in the city. The Oriel House Country Hotel & Spa is the only 4 star hotel in the county and Tan yr Onnen in Waen is the county's only 5 star "guest house".

Vacancy rates for retail premises – Autumn 2012

St Asaph	3.5%	(2 units)
UK	16.3%	(Colliers International)

Future challenges and opportunities

People

Up to 75 new residential units are proposed for the former HM Stanley Hospital site.

Land with outline planning permission for residential development at the former St Winefride's primary school has been purchased.

The residential developments off Bishop's Walk and at Bryn Gobaith have not yet been completed.

Community

Funding towards the cost of constructing a new community centre on a site near the library is being investigated.

Older teenagers say there is nothing for them to do or anywhere for them to go.

Youth Services has developed a Youth Centre with excellent facilities.

There is a football club and a cricket club with youth teams.

A hydro power project is being developed at Cefn weir on the river Elwy.

Following the floods in 2012, funding has been secured for a new Cricket Club and the library has been fully refurbished and modernised

Future challenges and opportunities

Jobs

There is a variety of retail and hospitality businesses within the town. Larger companies have invested in the area such as Marston's Brewery which has recently renovated the Talardy Hotel.

There are specialist retailers such as Foxon's, R.N. Williams and Daniel Jones Butchers in the city centre which attract customers from a wider area.

Many of the 120 coaches which go to the Tweedmill shopping outlet in Trefnant, every month will pass through St Asaph to get there. Development of the City's facilities to capture these visitors by providing a coach park, toilets, shops and restaurants is needed.

Situated adjacent to the City within the Bodelwyddan ward, St Asaph Business Park is a major centre for advanced manufacturing and a key growth area. Development of the St Asaph Business Park is likely to be a key theme of the emerging European Programme. New Vision and Vista are currently developing land at the old Pilkington's Glass Factory and sports ground, however further land is available for development. There are a number of high quality businesses situated at the park including OptIC which is an opto-electronic technology and incubation centre with a world class reputation, operated by Glyndwr University.

There could be better links between the town and the business park both in terms of businesses working together and the infrastructure along Glascoed Road.

The owners of the livestock market site have indicated that there may come a time when they would wish to sell the site in which case there would be an opportunity for accommodating an alternative use on it.

Place

The new City of St Asaph gained the status in March 2012 as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The city is located very near to the A55 providing a good transport network for residents, commuters and businesses.

Denbighshire Highways are undertaking a three stage review of parking and altering the parking restrictions. Continuing to explore the possibility of a by-pass.

Brown visitor signs for the Vale of Clwyd would assist visitors travelling along the A55.

New visitor information boards are being installed in the west ward.

Vision for St Asaph

We want St Asaph

- to offer an enviable quality of life attractive to residents of all ages
- to be where the potential of the cathedral and the natural river setting as a visitor destination has been realised, and
- to sustain and further develop its buoyant evening economy.



Making it happen...
for people

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
There has been an improvement in educational attainment	Securing external funding from Welsh Government to extend and refurbish Ysgol Glan Clwyd	County Council Customers and Education Support	1 - 5 years
	Completing area review of existing primary provision and agreeing the pattern for future provision and improvement works	County Council Customers and Education Support	1 - 5 years
Appropriate housing for all	Building residential units on the former HM Stanley Hospital and St Winefrid's site and completing the developments at Bishop's Walk and Bryn Gobaith	Private sector	1 - 5 years
	Looking into the provision of extra care housing for older people	County Council Housing / Adult & Business Services	1 - 5 years
	Looking into the provision of affordable units in any residential developments	County Council Planning & Public Protection	1 - 5 years

Making it happen...
for the community

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
Better community facilities for people of all ages to use	Developing a new community centre on land near to the library.	Community Association	1 – 5 years

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Making it happen...
for jobs

What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
The full potential of the cathedral as a visitor destination is realised	Finding funding to develop a visitor centre and toilets	Representative Body of the Church in Wales and County Council Planning & Public Protection	1 – 5 years
	Working with Tweedmill to encourage their visitors to call in St Asaph too	County Council Environment	1 – 5 years
Viability of the remaining town centre shops	Improving Chester Street parking and traffic flow	County Council Highways and Planning & Public Protection	1 – 5 years
	Supporting the establishment of tourism and business groups	County Council Environment	1 year

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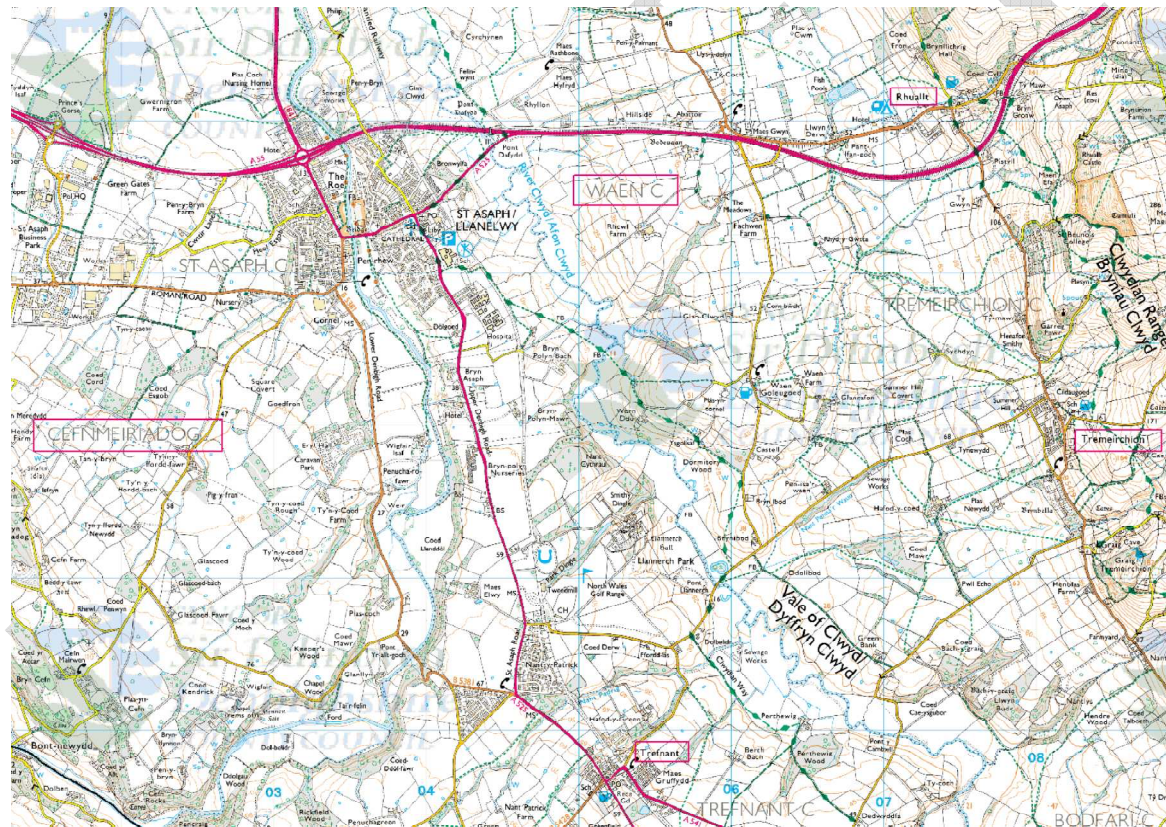
What we want to achieve	We will achieve this by	This will be led by	By when
A better visitor experience	Tackling untidy sites and buildings such as the Auction Rooms in Gemig Street, Elwy Bank, a window on High Street and at gateway locations including the fences near H.M. Stanley Hospital and properties in Chester Street	County Council Planning & Public Protection and City Council	1 – 5 years
	Reviewing the on street parking on Mill Street by the bowling green car park which reduces the traffic flow to one car width	County Council Highways	1 year
	Keeping the toilets open for longer, improving the appearance and security measures on the building, look at burying the overhead cables near bowling green toilets	County Council Environment	1 year
	Putting a city trail board in the car park	County Council Environment	1 year
	Making the steps at Red Hill safer	County Council Environment	1 year
	Getting the grass cut regularly outside the BT exchange	BT	1 year
	Install brown visitor signs along the A55 for the Vale of Clwyd	County Council Highways	1 – 5 years
	Reclassifying the pathway between Lllys y Felin and The Roe as a Public Footpath	County Council Highways	1 – 5 years
	Look into the development of derelict land between the High Street and Gemig Street.	County Council Housing	5-10 years
	Investigate the possibility of a floral display on the A55 roundabout.	County Council Environment	1 – 2 years
	City Status projects:	City Council	1 – 2 years

	40 street banners with City Council logo 15 Plaques QR Codes Booklets of walks around the City City Council Website 6 Sculptures		
Improved traffic flow on the High Street	Limiting the times that the brewery can deliver to and unload at the Conservative Club	County Council Highways	1 year

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The Links between the City and the Area

The communities of Trefnant, Cefn Meiriadog, Tremeirchion, Waen and Rhualt and are closely linked with St Asaph as residents use many of the services that the town has to offer. There is a regular bus service into St Asaph from Trefnant, but the transport links from other areas are infrequent or none existent. Trefnant is home to the Tweedmill Shopping Outlet and work is ongoing to improve the links between the shopping outlet and the City of St Asaph.





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AREA PLAN

“LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER”

Making it happen...

for the people & the community

Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by...	Start	Finish
Review the use of the mobile youth bus and the current rural youth programme to include the rural communities around St Asaph.	5.2c	Meeting with Community Council and Youth Services	Libraries, Arts and Young People	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Commission feasibility study			
		Business Case			
		Implement youth bus service to rural areas around St Asaph (subject to business case)			
Investigating the possibility of having youth events linked with the St Asaph Leisure Centre (i.e. sporting events that can tour the rural communities.	5.2c	Meet with Community Council and Youth Services	Libraries, Arts and Young People	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Meet with youth sports groups in the town and rural areas			
		Business Case and Study			
		Implement youth events (subject to business case)			
Investigating the possibility of reinstating the Youth Club in Trefnant Village Hall, following a potential review of the youth bus provision in the communities around St Asaph.	5.2c	Meet with Community Council and relevant officers	Libraries, Arts and Young People	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Commission feasibility study			
		Business Case			
		Reinstate the Youth Club (subject to business case)			
Improving transport links to towns from rural areas. Transport links should fit in with school times and business opening times and other service opening times.	1.1a	Meet with relevant bus companies	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Feasibility study to look at demand			
		Business case			
		Implement bus services (subject to business case)			

Transport to the nearest towns of St Asaph or Denbigh is needed. Introduce a bus service in the Waen that stops near the Farmers Arms Car Park and for there to be a dedicated timetable. An M&H minibus passes through the Waen but there is no dedicated bus stop and no timetable.	1.1a	Meet with Community Council, service providers and relevant officers to investigate current bus service provision	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Business Case			
		Implement bus service (subject to business case)			
Denbighshire CC to support and finance links with the North Denbighshire Dial a Ride so that there is greater funded provision of a community car service for people in rural areas and that this service can also include people under the age of 60 i.e. young families in the Waen.	5.2c	Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Business case			
		Implement dial a ride service (subject to business case)			
Page 102 a) To facilitate discussions between the Community Council and the County Council for the handover of the school field in Rhualt. b) Assisting the Community Council to develop the school field into a children's play area	5.2c	Meet with Community Council	a) Valuation and Estates	1 Dec 2013	31 March 2014
		Report			
		Hand over the school field to the community council (subject to report)	b) Community Council		
		Identify and secure funding for play equipment and developing the field			
Play area developed					
Explore the potential to reduce the 40mph area in Rhualt to a 30mph		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Implement the reduced speed limits (subject to business case)			
Explore the potential of introducing 20mph speed limits outside all schools.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Business case			
		Implement 20mph speed limit (subject to business case)			
Explore the potential for introducing a 40mph speed limit at the Cross Foxes, Glascoed, and on Ffordd Glascoed outside the council house and to extend the 30mph at Coed Madog and Cefn Church.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Implement the reduced speed limits (subject to business case)			

Explore the potential for extending the 40mph speed limit from the AA box corner (A525) into Trefnant where the 30mph area starts.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Implement the reduced speed limits (subject to business case)			
Explore the potential to extend the double yellow lines by the school on Henllan Road, Trefnant to beyond the bend (specify which bend) to stop problems with traffic getting around the bend when cars are parked on both sides of the road.		Meet with Community Council to determine the specific area	Highways and Environmental Services	1 Dec 2013	31 March 2014
		Business case			
		Extend the yellow line area (subject to business case)			
Explore the potential to extend the lay-by by Cae Onnen, Glascoed.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Extend the lay-by (subject to business case)			
To explore the potential of reducing the speed limit to 40mph between the A55 expressway to Trefnant and Denbigh as vehicles travel at excessive speeds. Many people walk along the road from the Waen Chapel, the nursing home, guest house and campsite as there is no footpath. There has been seven accidents on this road between Jan–Oct 13.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Business case			
		Implement the reduced speed limits (subject to business case)			
Consider the release of development land in the Waen when reviewing the LDP.		Meet with Community Council	Policy Information and Research	1 April 2016	31 March 2017
		Business case			
		Include in the LDP review (subject to business case)			
Develop cycling and walking tourism opportunities, which will also be good for local wellbeing.	3.1A-a	Meet with relevant officers	Destination, Marketing and Communication	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Funding identified and secured			
		Business case			
		Cycling and walking tourism has been developed (subject to business case)			

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Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by....	Start	Finish
Cleaning all gullies, ditches, culverts and drains and producing a yearly plan of where and when the highways department will be clearing them.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Implement yearly plan (subject to business case)			
Maintaining the public footpath that runs along the edge of the school field in Rhuallt.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Regular maintenance of the footpath (subject to business case)			
Investigating funding to maintain the activity of the lengthsman in Tremeirchion, Cwm and Waen.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Business case			
		Funding identified and secured			
		Lengthsman activity funded (subject to business case and funding being available)			
To investigate signage in the Waen which identifies where the Waen area covers.		Meet with Community Council	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Business case			
		Funding identified and secured			
		Signage for the Waen implemented (subject to business case)			
Resolving the flood problems between Willow Cottage, the old pump house and the waterworks in Cefn Meiriadog.		Meet with Community Council to ascertain the issue	Highways and Environmental Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2016
		Specialist report			
		Business case			
		Flood alleviation works implemented (subject to report and business case)			

Ensuring that the Post Office and the Village Shop in Trefnant receive support to continue into the future.	5.2c	Meeting with shop owners and relevant officers	Economic and Business Development	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Research funding opportunities			
		Business case			
		Post Office and Village Shop supported (subject to funding and business case)			
Explore the potential to help with the maintenance of Plas Newydd nature reserve.		Meet with Community Council	Countryside Services	1 April 2014	31 March 2015
		Funding identified and secured			
		Business case			
		Nature reserve maintained (subject to funding and business case)			

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for jobs

Activity	Econ. Amb. Strat. Ref.	Output	Led by...	Start	Finish
Exploring the potential to improve access to jobs through improved transport links, skills development and access to jobs.	1.1c	Meeting with relevant officers	Economic and Business Development	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
	4.1a	Business case			
	4.1b 4.2d 4.2f	Improved access to jobs (subject to business case)			
Exploring the potential to enhance grant-aid for small businesses and more generous relief on business rates for small businesses.	2.1c	Meeting with relevant officers	Economic and Business Development /Business Rates	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
		Business case			
		Enhanced grants and reduced business rates implemented (subject to business case)			
Exploring the potential to provide more opportunities for businesses to start-up.	5.1a	Meeting with relevant officers	Economic and Business Development	1 April 2014	31 March 2017
	5.1b	Investigate ways to increase opportunities for businesses to start-up			
		Business case			
		More opportunities for businesses to start-up are identified (subject to business case)			

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Area Plan Priorities

1. Assisting the Community Council to develop the school field into a children's play area – with an estimated cost of £8k.
2. Extending the double yellow lines by the school on Henllan Road, Trefnant to beyond the bend to stop problems with traffic getting around the bend when cars are parked on both side of the road – with an estimated cost of £2k.
3. Extending the lay-by at Cae Onnen, Glascoed– with an estimated cost of £5k.

How will we know if we are on track?

Annual reviews of progress will be undertaken by the County Council together with the Community Council. More regular updates will also be provided to the County Council's Member Area Groups and to the Town Council, and also to the wider community through County Voice and through press releases made by Denbighshire County Council. The Plan will be treated as a living document in which aspirations can be added or removed according to changes in circumstances.

Who was involved in the production of this plan?

This plan was produced by Denbighshire County Council following consultations with County Council Councilors and Services, Ward members, Community Councils, businesses, schools and the wider community.

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Statistical Appendix

2011 census data

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation

Percentage of...	In St Asaph	In Denbighshire	In the surrounding Rural Area
Young people aged 15 or under	28.9	18.1	16.2
All people aged 65 or over	35.7	21.1	23.1
People aged 85 or over	5.9	2.8	3.3
People claiming housing or Council Tax benefit	8.5	9.6	4.0
Overcrowded households	3.2	3.0	0.8
People born in Wales	63.8	58.1	60.3
People over 3 years of age who can speak, read or write Welsh	25.5	18.6	25.4
Working residents employed in the public sector	39.5	35.7	37.5
Working residents employed in manufacturing	10.1	9.1	9.7
Working residents employed in wholesale and retail	13.3	14.4	11.9

"Lower layer super output area"	Ranking in 2005	Ranking in 2008	Ranking in 2011
St Asaph East	1663	1562	1565
St Asaph West	632	714	696

Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 26th November 2013

Lead Member / Officer: Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill /Paul McGrady

Report Author: Richard Weigh, Chief Accountant

Title: Finance Report

1. What is the report about?

The report gives details of the council's revenue budget and savings as agreed for 2013/14. The report also provides a summary update of the Capital Plan as well as the Housing Revenue Account and Housing Capital Plan.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the council's current financial position and to gain agreement in principle to provide a short term loan to Llangollen Town Council.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members note the progress against the agreed budget strategy.

To agree in principle the arrangement of a loan to Llangollen Town Council to assist with the cash flow supporting a capital investment and to delegate authority to the Head of Finance & Assets to progress the arrangement if and when required.

4. Report details

The report provides a summary of the council's revenue budget for 2013/14 (**Appendix 1**). The council's net budget is £192m. At the end of October, there is a forecast under spend on service and corporate budgets of £763k (£1,194k last month) which represents a variance of 0.60%.

Appendix 2 to the report shows the progress to date against the savings highlighted in the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2013/13. A savings target of £3.061m was agreed for the year and so far 67% have been achieved.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Effective management of the council's revenue and capital budgets and delivery of the agreed budget strategy underpins activity in all areas, including corporate priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Narrative supporting service forecasts where necessary is detailed below:

Business Planning & Performance - As reported last month, the service is currently projected to under spend by £40k in total. Although there is no movement to report this month, the projection includes an estimate for the investment in the digitisation of archived records. A change in the timing of this work will affect the projected outturn and will be reported on in future reports

Highways & Environment Services – The service is now showing an over spend of £237k, an increase of £88k from that reported last month. It is still hoped that the net overspend may be reduced when the full impact of the service restructure has been resolved. The main points are:

- A pressure remains within School Transport relating to the number of school days in 2013/14 (one-off effect that has been largely met through the use of one-off under spends) and also an increase in demand. The service overspent by £178k last financial year, and these budgetary pressures have continued this year.
- Parking income levels are down compared to previous years resulting in a pressure of £108k. This has been partly offset by the allocation of £40k from last year's under spend. The main areas affected are Rhyl and Prestatyn, the latter in particular is due to the availability of free parking at the retail park and will be a recurring pressure for the service.

Children & Family Services - The projected under spend is forecast to be £311k this month but this might rise slightly if the current demand for placements remains stable for the remainder of the financial year. The current under spend excludes the previously agreed £250k which is being set aside in a new Children with Disabilities (CWD) reserve.

Communication, Marketing & Leisure – is currently showing a small overall under spend of £7K (break-even last month). The under spend is mainly as a result of plans being put into place in advance to begin achieving next year's savings targets for the Department. It is assumed that the new Ruthin Leisure development meets its member targets over the winter months and the early indications are very encouraging.

ICT/Business Transformation – is forecasting a balanced budget although there are assumptions made on the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement licence costs and the upgrade of the Council's ICT desktop hardware as part of the Council's ICT strategy. Presently it is intended that these costs will be funded from a combination of existing ICT revenue budgets, some contributions from services and also some items of spend being capitalised.

School Improvement & Inclusion – As reported last month, the detailed work required to provide a robust estimate for Out of County and Recoupment has been undertaken. The current projected break-even position for School Improvement includes the assumption that the under spend in 2013/14 of

£251k on Out of County and Recoupment will be placed in a reserve in order to provide a contingency for any future increase in costs, allowing for the release of £200k base budget efficiency in 2014/15.

Schools - at the end of October the projection for school balances is £2.955m, which is a positive movement of £85k on the balances brought forward from 2012/13 (£2.870m). The council continues to work with two schools in financial difficulty. Both schools have recovery plans in place and are actively working to the targets set out in these plans. The Non-delegated budget is currently projected to under spend by £106k.

Corporate budgets – included this month is additional income of £152k which is a refund on payments made under the Carbon Reduction Scheme (CRS). It is proposed to set aside £100k of this to invest in new energy efficiency schemes. Measures taken to improve efficiency have helped ensure that the council can now drop out of the CRS and make a permanent budget saving next year.

Llangollen Town Council is investing in major improvements to the Chain Bridge in the town. The works are grant funded but the grant will not cover the VAT liability. The Town Council will be able to reclaim the VAT element of the works but there will probably be a short timing difference between the payment of the invoice for the works and recouping the VAT through the usual process. The value of the VAT will be approximately £20k and a request has been made for the council to give a short term loan to cover the timing difference. Providing the loan facility is a straightforward, low risk way of supporting a significant community regeneration project. If agreed in principle, the terms of the loan will be agreed with the council's legal team.

Corporate Plan reserves of £10.3m have been carried forward into 2013/14, leaving a cash requirement of approximately £11.7m required to deliver the Plan. The 2013/14 budget specifically earmarked new budget resources of £600k to be allocated to the Corporate Plan Reserve and made assumptions that at least £1.3m of previously identified resources would be transferred to fund the Corporate Plan if circumstances allowed.

The **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)** budget is also included within Appendix 1 for reference but HRA resources are separate funds and can only be used in the provision of council housing services. The latest revenue position assumes a £7k decrease in balances at year end, which is an improvement of £95k on the budgeted assumption. The Housing Capital Plan remains on target to spend £8.1m and the Welsh Housing Quality Standard should be achieved by the end of 2013/14.

A summary of the **Capital Plan** is enclosed as **Appendix 3**. The approved general capital plan is £42.2m and expenditure to the end of October was £13.3m. Also included within Appendix 3 is the proposed expenditure of £6.6m on the **Corporate Plan**. **Appendix 4** gives an update of the major capital projects within this year's Capital Plan.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?

A summary EqIA was submitted to Council in February 2013.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

Service challenges were held with each head of service and each challenge included representatives from scrutiny committee and Cabinet. Corporate Plan and Budget workshops were held with members in September, November and December. The capital plan was approved by council following scrutiny by the Strategic Investment Group and recommendation by cabinet.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

It is important that services continue to manage budgets prudently and that any in-year surpluses are considered in the context of the medium-term financial position, particularly given the scale of budget reductions required over the coming two years.

At the end of October, the council's borrowing totalled £132.458m at an average rate of 5.79%. Investment balances were £25.5m at an average rate of 0.81%.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

This is the most challenging financial period the council has faced and failure to deliver the agreed budget strategy will put further pressure on services in the current and future financial years. Effective budget monitoring and control will help ensure that the financial strategy is achieved.

The HRA is undertaking a considerable capital investment to improve the housing stock and using borrowing and grants to fund the works. Any borrowing must be affordable and the regular monitoring and annual approval and viability assessment of the Housing Stock Business Plan ensures that this is so.

11. Power to make the Decision

Local authorities are required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

Appendix 1

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2013/14

Forecast as at 31/10/2013	Net Budget	Budget 2013/14			Projected Outturn			Variance			Net %	Variance Previous Report £'000
	2012/13	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
Business Planning & Performance	1,370	1,805	-362	1,443	1,827	-424	1,403	22	-62	-40	-2.77%	-40
Legal & Democratic Services	1,513	2,082	-555	1,527	2,155	-628	1,527	73	-73	0	0.00%	0
Finance & Assets	7,058	14,503	-7,433	7,070	15,055	-7,985	7,070	552	-552	0	0.00%	0
Highways & Environmental Services	20,893	36,972	-17,134	19,838	31,198	-11,122	20,076	-5,774	6,012	238	1.20%	142
Planning & Public Protection	2,621	4,247	-1,706	2,541	4,489	-1,975	2,514	242	-269	-27	-1.06%	-26
Adult & Business Services	31,865	47,410	-14,056	33,354	47,652	-14,298	33,354	242	-242	0	0.00%	0
Children & Family Services	8,913	9,406	-627	8,779	9,546	-1,078	8,468	140	-451	-311	-3.54%	-560
Housing & Community Development	2,103	3,283	-1,396	1,887	3,482	-1,595	1,887	199	-199	0	0.00%	1
Communication, Marketing & Leisure	5,224	11,859	-5,910	5,949	11,818	-5,876	5,549	-41	34	-7	-0.12%	-1
Strategic HR	901	1,287	-368	919	1,513	-595	918	226	-227	-1	-0.11%	0
ICT/Business Transformation	1,935	2,663	-707	1,956	2,569	-614	1,955	-94	93	-1	-0.05%	1
Customers & Education Support	1,983	2,512	-505	2,007	2,414	-518	1,896	-98	-13	-111	-5.53%	-110
School Improvement & Inclusion	4,444	11,855	-6,988	4,867	7,537	-2,671	4,866	-4,318	4,317	-1	-0.02%	-251
Total Services	90,823	149,884	-57,747	92,137	141,255	-49,379	91,483	-8,629	8,368	-261	-0.28%	-844
Corporate	5,997	44,843	-28,970	15,873	44,493	-29,122	15,371	-350	-152	-502	-3.16%	-350
Transfers to Corporate Plan Reserve	1,700	1,900	0	1,900	1,900	0	1,900	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Precepts & Levies	4,569	4,593	0	4,593	4,593	0	4,593	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Capital Financing	12,656	13,230	0	13,230	13,230	0	13,230	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Total Corporate	24,922	64,566	-28,970	35,596	64,216	-29,122	35,094	-350	-152	-502	-1.41%	-350
Council Services & Corporate Budget	115,745	214,450	-86,717	127,733	205,471	-78,501	126,577	-8,979	8,216	-763	-0.60%	-1,194
Schools & Non-delegated School Budgets	61,643	72,979	-9,140	63,839	73,410	-9,762	63,648	431	-622	-191	-0.30%	-258
Total Council Budget	177,388	287,429	-95,857	191,572	278,881	-88,263	190,225	-8,548	7,594	-954	-0.50%	-1,452
Housing Revenue Account	-71	12,772	-12,670	102	12,735	-12,728	7	-37	-58	-95		-98

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**Appendix 2 Medium Term Financial Plan Update 2013/14
Update to 31/10/2013**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Saving £'000</u>	<u>Total £'000</u>
<u>General</u>				
A2	Reduce Contingency for balances and impact of Recession	Achieved	300	
A3	Convert Essential Car Users to Casual	Achieved	200	
A10	Modernising the Council	In progress	200	
A7	Costs of Democracy	Achieved	17	
				717
<u>Support Services</u>				
C6	ICT Printer Rationalisation Project	In progress	25	
C7	Finance & Assets	Achieved	100	
	Energy - Reduced Consumption	In progress	100	
	Capital Financing Budget	Achieved	100	
				325
<u>Service Challenges</u>				
<u>Communication, Marketing & Leisure</u>				
Da5	Remove leisure subsidy by increasing income	In progress	70	
DK1	Modernise Library Service Provision	Achieved	77	
				147
<u>Environmental Services</u>				
Db2	Renegotiate recycle and disposal contracts	Achieved	225	
Db5	Regional Waste Procurement budget	Achieved	81	
Db6	Succession Planning	Achieved	15	
Db10	Service Redesign (Street Cleansing)	In progress	138	
	Various Minor reductions in expenditure within Env Servs	Replacement	15	
Db15	Free School Meals - increase take-up	Achieved	5	
Db15a	Reduced Subsidy of School Meal Service	Achieved	50	
Db16	Countryside - AONB	Achieved	-20	
Db17	Stores	Achieved	-45	
Db18	Recycling Parks	Achieved	100	
<u>Highways & Infrastructure</u>				
EC17	Traffic & Road Safety	In progress	50	
EC18	Highway Maintenance DLO	In progress	150	
				764
<u>Planning and Public Protection</u>				
EC21	Review Pest Control	Achieved	10	
EC23	Review of Building Control	Achieved	20	
EC26	Review of Pollution Control	Achieved	20	
EC29	Review of Management	Achieved	40	
				90
<u>Adult Social Services</u>				
Df1	Cefndy Healthcare - reduced subsidy	In progress	46	
<u>Older People</u>				
Df5	Externalise elements of Home Care	Achieved	15	
Df8	Impact of investment in reablement	Achieved	75	
Df9	Residential Care - Impact of Extra Care	Achieved	155	
<u>Mental Health</u>				
Df11	Management Changes	Achieved	19	
Df12	Partnership Efficiency Savings	Achieved	26	

	<u>Status</u>	<u>Saving</u> <u>£,000</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£'000</u>
Adult Social Services (con'd)			
Physical Disability & Impairment			
Df13	ISIL Scheme	Achieved	12
Df14	Reablement Intervention	Achieved	26
Df15	Telecare	Achieved	20
Other Adult Services			
Df17	Systems Thinking and Vacancy Control	In progress	80
			474
Children & Family Services			
Staffing			
Dj4	Social Workers - reduction in caseload	Achieved	108
Dj7	Review of Bryn Y Wal Residential Service	Achieved	109
Dj8	Reduction in Independent (external) Placement Provision	Achieved	63
Pressures			
Dj18	In-house Fostering	Achieved	-35
Dj20	Legislative changes	Achieved	-28
			217
Housing & Community Development			
Various Small savings in Housing			
Dc1	Review of Regeneration	Achieved	1
Db18	Regeneration Service Redesign	In progress	10
			23
			34
REGIONAL WORKING/COLLABORATION			
ENW1	Education Regional Board	Achieved	55
ENW2	Social Care Regional Board	In progress	35
ENW2	Social Care Regional Board	Deferred	65
			155
OUTSOURCING			
G2	Bodelwyddan Castle	In progress	28
G3	Clwyd Leisure	Achieved	50
G4	ECTARC	Achieved	5
			83
Other Cultural/Heritage activities			
H2	Ruthin Craft Centre	Achieved	20
H3	Llangollen Pavilion	Achieved	25
H4	Heritage facilities	In progress	10
			55
			3,061
Total Savings 2013/14			
Summary:		£'000	%
Savings Achieved/Replaced or Pressures Confirmed		2,041	67
Savings In Progress/Being Reviewed		955	31
Savings Not Achieved or Deferred and not replaced		65	2
Total		3,061	

General Capital Plan

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Capital Expenditure						
	Total Estimated Payments	41,348	6,895	312		
	Contingency	934	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total	42,282	7,895	1,312	1,000	1,000
Capital Financing						
1	External Funding	28,497	8,956	4,777	4,571	4,571
2	Receipts and Reserves	3,182	1,854			
3	Prudential Borrowing	10,603	951	250		
5	Unallocated Funding	0	(3,866)	(3,715)	(3,571)	(3,571)
	Total Capital Financing	42,282	7,895	1,312	1,000	1,000

Corporate Plan

		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Approved Capital Expenditure included in above plan						
	Cefndy Healthcare Investment	30	470			
	Highways Maintenance	2,808				
	Bridges	1,300				
	Schools Capitalised Maintenance	190				
	Rhyl High School	900	575			
	Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy - Dee Valley West Review	1,228	100	0		
	Bodnant Community School	150	145			
	Ysgol Glan Clwyd	20	1,500			
	Estimated Capital Expenditure		11,575	32,636	34,818	23,041
	Total Estimated Payments	6,626	14,365	32,636	34,818	23,041
Approved Capital Funding included in above plan						
	External Funding	1,418	1,600	0		
	Receipts and Reserves	1,100	1,190			
	Prudential Borrowing	4,108				
	Estimated Capital Funding		4,036	15,904	10,305	12,094
	External Funding		4,036	15,904	10,305	12,094
	Receipts and Reserves		1,854	7,546	6,808	3,692
	Prudential Borrowing		5,685	9,186	17,705	7,255
	Total Estimated Funding	6,626	14,365	32,636	34,818	23,041

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Rhyl Harbour Development

Total Budget	£10.233m
Expenditure to date	£ 8.725m
Estimated remaining spend in 2013/14	£ 1.008m
Future Years estimated spend	£ 0.500m
Funding	WG £2.917m; WEFO £5.766m; Sustrans £0.700m; RWE £155k and DCC £0.695m
Comments	<p>Quayside Units, Public Square & Extended Quay Wall There are still some issues with Conwy County Borough Council planners in respect of the compliance with planning permission granted, but it is anticipated that these will be resolved next month.</p> <p>A letter of intent has been issued in respect of the 30 year maintenance contract for the bridge, and the contract documents are now being prepared.</p> <p>Programme The bridge was handed over on 21st October 13, some 16 weeks behind the programme. The enabling works were handed over on 21st October - 11 weeks behind programme.</p> <p>The works to the boardwalk in the dunes have been delayed until the outcome of the WREN grant is known, in March 2014.</p> <p>The site set up for the quayside building has been established and ground works are well underway. The quayside building is due to complete by the first week of May 2014.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£3.055m

Rhyl Going Forward

Total Budget	£12.097m
Expenditure to date	£ 5.810m
Estimated remaining spend in 13/14	£ 6.287m
Future Years estimated spend	£Nil
Funding	WG £12.097m
Comments	<p>Honey Club Demolition of the Honey Club is complete. A planning application is awaited from the chosen developer and it is anticipated that the hotel will be completed and in operation by Autumn 2014.</p>

	<p>The Compulsory Purchase Order for the adjacent burnt out property at 25/26 West Parade has been confirmed, but there is a 'cooling off' period built into the statutory process which means that it will not be possible to enter the site and complete the demolition until January 2014.</p> <p>West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project Demolition of nos 2-30 Gronant Street and 31 Gronant street has now been completed with further demolitions in Aquarium Street, Abbey Street and John Street scheduled for January 2014.</p> <p>Excellent progress has been made with the re-settlement programme with 73 households in the rented sector being relocated with no negative issues. There are 49 households to re-locate this financial year and a further 6 scheduled for 2014/15 in respect of privately owned properties. However, due to the delays with the CPO decision the resettlement programme remains under pressure to achieve within the funding timescales.</p> <p>The tender for the procurement of Landscape Designer for the Green Space has resulted in the successful contractor – Capita Property and Infrastructure Ltd being appointed as from 1st November 2013.</p> <p>Capita are arranging community consultation events in order to engage with the local community and collate ideas on what the community would wish to see developed in the open space. It is hoped that a concept design will be available for approval by Cabinet in January 2014, with detailed design following by mid March for planning submission. Overall, the project budget remains well managed and within funding estimates.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£7.181m

Prestatyn Library Re-location

Total Budget	£1.069m
Expenditure to date	£0.779m
Estimated remaining spend in 13/14	£0.290m
Future Years estimated spend	£NIL
Funding	DCC £0.769m; Cymal £0.300m
Comments	<p>Council have approved the re-location of the library to 21 Kings Avenue.</p> <p>The new library on 21 Kings Avenue is still on schedule to open to the public on Monday 25th November 2013.</p>

	<p>The existing library on Nant Hall Road closed at the end of business on Saturday 2nd November 2013. The three week period following the closure will be used for the relocation of book stock, commissioning of ICT systems, staff training and induction to the new building. This period will also be used to resolve any snags and complete the installation of specialised library furniture.</p> <p>The One Stop Shop and Cash Payment System will also be operational from 25th November 2013.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£0.681m

Welsh Medium Area School – Ysgol Maes Hyfryd Site

Total Budget	£1.413m
Expenditure to date	£0.532m
Estimated remaining spend in 13/14	£0.781m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.100m
Funding	WG £1.2m; DCC £0.213m
Comments	<p>The Welsh Government has provided £1.2m funding as part of the wider 21st Century Schools Programme. This will enable the new school to move to a single site following a significant extension and refurbishment to the current Ysgol Maes Hyfryd site.</p> <p>Works commenced on site in July 2013.</p> <p>Good progress has been made to date, and the scheme is currently on programme to finish by early February 2014. However, with the winter period approaching there is the risk of adverse weather hindering progress on site.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£1.228m

North Denbighshire Welsh Medium Provision

Total Budget	£4.749m
Expenditure to date	£1.593m
Estimated remaining spend in 13/14	£2.083m
Future Years estimated spend	£1.073m
Funding	WG £3.061m, DCC £1.688m
Comments	<p>The Welsh Government has provided funding as part of the transitional 21st Century Schools Programme. This approval will allow for improvement works to be undertaken at three Welsh Medium schools.</p> <p>Work at Ysgol Dewi Sant has been completed.</p> <p>Ysgol y Lllys, Prestatyn This project will deliver an extended, remodelled and</p>

	<p>refurbished school for 420 pupils. Work is progressing well on the new extension, with the windows currently being installed.</p> <p>The new dining extension will be handed over to the school shortly, along with the new boiler room and boilers that have now been commissioned and put into operation.</p> <p>Ysgol Twm o'r Nant, Denbigh</p> <p>This project will deliver additional school hall accommodation and teaching areas.</p> <p>Recent work completed includes the erection of the steel substructure, excavation and laying of a new gas main and some internal works.</p> <p>The completion date remains at May 2014.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£2.915m

Ysgol Dyffryn Ial

Total Budget	£0.911m
Expenditure to date	£0.742m
Estimated remaining spend in 13/14	£0.150m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.019m
Funding	DCC £0.898m; Other Contributions £0.013m
Comments	<p>The new building is now in operation and has been occupied by the school since mid October. There remain a number of minor snagging items to be addressed over the next few weeks.</p> <p>An official opening ceremony has been organised for 18th December 13.</p> <p>It is hoped at this stage that the project will come in at 5% under budget.</p>
Forecast In Year Expenditure 13/14	£0.638m

Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
17 December	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	Corporate Plan QPR: Quarter 2 2013/14	To monitor the Council's progress in delivering the Corporate Plan 2012 -17	Tbc	Cllr Barbara Smith / Alan Smith
	3	Response to the Consultation on Town and Area Plans – Ruthin & Prestatyn areas	To approve the Town and Area Plans for Ruthin & Prestatyn areas	Yes	Cllr Hugh Evans / Rebecca Maxwell / Peter McHugh / Tom Booty
	4	Public Realm Strategy	To approve the Council's Public Realm Strategy following the conclusion of the public consultation on its aims and objectives	Yes	Cllr. David Smith/ Hywyn Williams
	5	Clwyd Leisure	To consider the future delivery options for the facilities currently operated by Clwyd Leisure Limited	Tbc	Cllr Huw Jones / Hywyn Williams
	6	Clocaenog/Cyffylliog School Review	To consider whether to proceed to publish statutory notice for the closure of	Yes	Cllr Eryl Williams / Jackie Walley

Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
			Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog and the opening of a new area school.		
	7	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention.	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
14 January 2014	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project	Concept design of open green space to be considered	Tbc	Cllr Hugh Evans / Carol L Evans
	3	North Wales Schools and Public Buildings Contractor Framework (NWSPBC Framework) - Contractors Appointment	A decision is required to award the places to become part of the NWSPBC Framework following the tender process.	Yes	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Tania Silva / Sion Evans / Stuart Andrews
	4	Procurement Business Case for Three Counties	To consider the Business Case	Yes	Cllr Julian Thompson Hill / Paul McGrady
	5	Framework for Integrated Health and Social Care	To consider the local response to the Welsh Government's guidance document "A Framework for Delivering Integrated Health	Yes	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Phil Gilroy

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			and Social Services for Older People”		
	6	Procurement Business Case for a combined Denbighshire and Flintshire service.	To consider Business Case	Yes	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	7	Single Access Route to Housing – Common Allocations Policy	To approve a Common Allocations Policy (CAP) for social housing across North Wales (local authority and registered social landlords)	Yes	Cllr Hugh Irving/Peter McHugh/ Sue Lewis
	8	Budget Setting	To consider budget setting proposals.	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	9	Ysgol Llanbedr Review	To review proposals for the closure of Ysgol Llanbedr.	Tbc	Cllr Eryl Williams / Jackie Walley
	10	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet’s attention.	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
18 February	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	Advocacy Provision for Children and young people in North Wales	To commission a regional N. Wales advocacy service for vulnerable children and young people	Tbc	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Michelle Hughes

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	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention.	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
25 March	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	Corporate Plan QPR: Quarter 3 2013/14	To monitor the Council's progress in delivering the Corporate Plan 2012 -17	Tbc	Cllr Barbara Smith / Tony Ward
	3	Response to consultation on Town and Areas Plans – Rhyl, Denbigh & Rhuddlan areas	To approve the Town and Area Plans for Rhyl, Denbigh & Rhuddlan areas	Tbc	Cllr Hugh Evans / Rebecca Maxwell / Peter McHugh / Tom Booty
	4	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
29 April	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention.	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator

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27 May	1	Finance Report Update	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention.	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator

Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>3 December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>30 December</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>4 February</i>

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