

Report to	Cabinet
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Title	North Wales Regional Partnership Board 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan Draft

1. What is the report about?

1.1. To Provide an overview of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan (See Appendix 1) and Denbighshire's priorities for capital spend in relation to health and social care.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. To seek Cabinet's support for the approval of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan and Denbighshire's capital priorities for improved integrated health and social care.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1. That Cabinet approve the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan and agree with Denbighshire's capital priorities for improved integrated health and social care to meet future needs.

4. Report details

4.1. Welsh Government require all Regional Partnership Boards to develop a Regional 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan (SCP) which captures the full picture of all partners' capital strategies and programmes.

4.2. The regional SCP document will aggregate and consolidate individual organisation's capital strategies to a single regional strategy. It will identify synergies, remove duplications, and facilitate and support increased partnership working opportunities across North Wales.

4.3. Welsh Government have signalled that without a regional SCP which includes details of all RPB partners' capital programmes, they will not consider future applications for monies from the regional integrated health and social care capital funding streams. These are the Housing with Care Fund (HCF) and the Integrated Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF).

4.4. Whilst the SCP will focus on the integrated health and social care capital programme, the document will also outline the core capital plans and aspirations of all individual partner organisations including individual Local Authority and Health Board housing, health, education, and regeneration capital plans.

4.5. Denbighshire County Council's Priority Projects

4.5.1.1. Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH)– The full business case for the development of the hospital has been submitted to Welsh Government proposing the investment of circa £70 million in the creation of a healthcare and well-being campus on and around the site. The project will deliver a range of expanded and redesigned services within new and existing facilities on the RAH site. It supports the shift of resources to community settings, the movement of care closer to home, the development of seamless multi-agency services and the emphasis on a well-being system.

4.5.1.2. Denbigh Health and Social Care Programme – working collaboratively Denbighshire County Council (DCC), Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board(BCUHB), Third Sector and a range of stakeholders are reviewing the use of all health and social care buildings and services in the town of Denbigh with a view to developing services in fit for purpose buildings that will meet the future health and social care needs of the citizens of Denbigh and the surrounding area. Currently within scope are Denbigh Infirmary, Dolwen Care Home and Caledfryn,

along with some smaller health owned buildings within the town. The project is still at a feasibility stage, with the strategic outline business case being developed.

4.5.3. Gerddi Glasfryn in Denbigh is an existing facility which currently provides residential term time only care for pupils of Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn. This provision is currently run by the school and is not utilised at weekends and during school holidays. This would be an ideal location to establish a local combined residential short breaks facility which could continue to offer residential care for Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn pupils during the week in term time and then extend the offer to provide residential respite provision for Denbighshire young people with complex needs on weekends and during school holidays.

4.5.4. Future Projects – as this is a 10-year strategic plan, we can add further projects to the list of priorities for Denbighshire. This will include the provision of health and social care in Corwen and the development of Cysgod-y-Gaer and Llygadog.

4.6. Bwthyn y Ddol project is also a capital priority for us here in Denbighshire, but capital funding for this was approved prior to the Regional Integration Capital Fund being introduced, so is not specifically mentioned in the plan.

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

5.1. The 10 year Strategic Capital Plan will contribute to the following priorities

- **A Denbighshire of quality housing that meets people's needs** – Registered Social Landlords in partnership with DCC and / or BCUHB can bid for funds for example; to develop extra care housing, Gwrp Cynefin have accessed Housing for Care Grant in relation to the development of Llys Awelon in Ruthin.
- **A healthier and happier, caring Denbighshire** – the development of these projects will provide improved integrated health and social care provision, meeting the future needs of our citizens in Denbighshire in Rhyl and Denbigh.

- **A learning and growing Denbighshire** – the development of Gerddi Glasfryn will provide much needed short breaks and respite provision
- Ensure collaboration opportunities are fully exploited at the regional and subregional level

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

6.1. There are two principal capital funding sources from Welsh Government that will be available for the development of capital projects:

6.1.1. **Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF)** the overall pot of money available for 2023 – 2024 is £60 million and in 2024 – 2025 this will be £70 million. There is no set allocation for the Region this is a Wales-wide allocation and money must be bid for. Therefore, it is essential our priority projects are included in the Regional Strategic Capital Plan as this is the catalyst for submission of funding applications to Welsh Government.

6.1.2. **Housing with Care Fund (HCF)** – this is allocated on a Regional basis and North Wales has received £14.2 million for 23/24 and the same amount over the next 2 financial years to 25/26. This is allocated on a bid basis, but again is linked to the Regional Strategic Capital Plan. This funding has been made available to establish a four-year capital programme in the first instance and the development of a 10-year strategic capital plan (SCP) for each region.

6.2. The funding will support the North Wales RPB (NWRPB) to provide a range of solutions to promote independence, wellbeing and care closer to home for our communities in a manner that aligns with Welsh Government strategic priorities and the drive to achieve Net Zero on the Decarbonisation agenda.

6.3. In addition, projects can choose to augment their capital outlays by accessing other relevant and targeted Welsh Government funding schemes, internal organisational investment capital, as well as explore public-private partnerships with the third sector or wider. An important point to note is that regions are not going to be provided a proportionate allocation of the IRCF funds. Funding decisions of the Welsh government for all regions will be based purely on the merit of the individual proposed projects.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

7.1 A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required for the Regional 10-year Strategic Plan. However, any project that is developed as part of the plan will require a Well-being Impact Assessment.

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

8.1. Through the development of the Regional Plan there has been significant engagement with the Regional Partnership Board (RPB), the Capital Fund Board which is a sub-group of the RPB, along with a range of officers from each of the RPB partners, including a number of Denbighshire staff.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 As the Council's ability to fund capital investment from its own resources it is becoming increasingly important that opportunities for external funding are maximised. This strategy will put the Council in the best place to do that.

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

10.1. There are no risks identified in producing and publishing the 10 Year SCP

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2. Section 7.4.2 (b) of the Council's constitution.