

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	<b>Councillor Julie Matthews, Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities.</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Catrin Roberts, Head of Corporate Support Services - People</b>
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<b>Title</b>	<b>North Wales Councils Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report for 2023/2024</b>

## **1. What is the report about?**

- 1.1 This report is about the Annual Report of the North Wales Council Regional Planning Service for 2023/24.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

- 2.1 To promote the North Wales Council's Regional Emergency Planning Service (NWC-REPS) Annual Report and provide confidence to Members that Denbighshire is prepared in the event of an emergency. NWC-REPS ensure that sufficient arrangements are in place regarding emergency planning within the Council and the report specifically details:

- How the regional service contributes to resilience and security of communities in Denbighshire
- The current work programme of the Service
- The structure within Denbighshire County Council to respond to a crisis or Emergency
- Out of hours emergency planning provision
- Training and Development for staff in Emergency Planning roles

### **3. What are the Recommendations?**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to review the Annual Report and comment on the progress of the North Wales Council's Regional Emergency Planning Service work for 2023/24.

### **4. Report details**

- 4.1 Isle of Anglesey County Council, Gwynedd Council, Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council work together in a partnering relationship through the establishment in 2014 of a Regional Emergency Planning Service for North Wales.

- 4.2 This service undertakes the functions of the councils in respect of civil contingencies and is accountable to an Executive Board that comprises senior representatives of those Councils. NWC-REPS provides a service to ensure the Local Authorities are compliant with the following legislation:

- Civil Contingencies Act, 2004
- Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations, 2015
- Pipeline Safety Regulations, 1996
- Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations, 2019

- 4.2 The Service works to:

- Reduce duplication and repetition of tasks
- Improve the harmonisation of the work and resilience of teams
- Improve deployment of available resources by sharing specialist support and common tasks
- Improve consistency of response between authorities
- Improve communication channels between the North Wales Resilience Forum and local authorities

The Annual Report details the work of note NWC-REPS have undertaken in the last year.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

5.1 The decision does not directly contribute to the Corporate Plan.

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

6.1 Denbighshire County Council's annual contribution to the service is £83,401. The contribution is based on a proportion of 14.865 % towards the annual budget for the service. Since its inception, the Service has reduced the contributions of the 6 local authorities by over £300k.

6.2 There are no costs arising directly out of the scrutiny of this report.

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

7.1 A well-being impact assessment is not required for this report.

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

8.1 There have been no consultations with others prior to this meeting.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1 The costs of the service are set out in section 6 of the report, which have been reduced over the years by delivering the service regionally.

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

10.1 There are no risks directly associated with the scrutiny of this report.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1 Scrutiny's powers are as set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Sections 7.3 and 7.4 of the Council's Constitution.