

Flintshire Residents Invited to Shape the Future of Walking, Wheeling and Cycling

Flintshire County Council is inviting residents to have their say on the future of walking, wheeling and cycling across the county as part of a statutory 12-week consultation on its updated Active Travel Network Map (ATNM).

Flintshire County Council's vision is to create a network that makes walking, wheeling and cycling the most natural and convenient ways to travel for local everyday journeys. By improving opportunities for active travel, the Council aims to support healthier lifestyles, reduce reliance on cars and help create safer, more attractive and liveable towns and villages.

Councillor Glyn Banks, Cabinet Member for Waste and Transportation, said: "Active travel has a vital role to play in creating healthier communities and making our towns and villages more attractive places to live and work.

"We want to hear from as many people as possible during this consultation to ensure the Active Travel Network Map reflects local priorities and helps us plan for a more sustainable for Flintshire."

Under the **Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013**, all local authorities in Wales are required to regularly review and improve their active travel networks. Flintshire's current Active Travel Network Map was approved by the Welsh Government in August 2022, and the Council has now reviewed the progress made over the past three years.

The map includes:

- **Existing Routes** - routes that already meet Welsh Government standards for walking, wheeling, cycling, or a combination of these.
- **Future Routes** - proposed new routes or existing routes that require improvements to meet the required standards.

The consultation will run for **from 10th August to 2nd November 2026**. Following the consultation, the final revised Active Travel Network Map will be submitted to the Welsh Government in **December 2026**.

Residents, businesses and community groups are encouraged to review the proposed network and share their views by completing the online survey.

You can view the map and take part in the consultation here:

What is Active Travel?

Active Travel refers to everyday, short-distance journeys made on foot, by wheelchair or mobility aid, or by bicycle, such as travelling to work, school, college, the shops or other local destinations.

It does not include recreational walking or cycling, such as leisure trips in the countryside.

Consultation Events

The Council will also be holding a number of face-to-face consultation events where residents can ask questions and provide feedback. Event dates can be found on the local authority website.

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Photos and supporting documents

[TO BE ADDED BY AUTHORITY] We recommend the TfW image library

Good afternoon ,

Ahead of planned engagement sessions for Flintshire residents as part of the preparation for bus reform in Wales, please can you share the statement below and attached poster on any of your social media platforms or local display points as soon as you are able to publicise events and survey links with your residents, thank you.

Social Media /Website Post:

Have your say on future bus services in North Wales

Help shape the future of bus services in North Wales

Transport for Wales, working with local authorities across North Wales, is developing proposals for a new bus network, in preparation for bus reform.

We're inviting people who live, work and travel in North Wales to share their views on the proposed network and help shape future bus services across the region.

The existing bus network has been used as a starting point. We've used available information about passenger demand, reliability, journey patterns and local travel needs to adjust it.

This engagement is an opportunity to influence the future of bus services in North Wales. Feedback will help shape the development of a more connected, reliable and easy-to-use bus network. Have your say and help shape the future of bus services in North Wales.

There will be a number at drop in events

If you are unable to attend any of the drop in events you can still have your say by clicking on the below links and completing the **Have Your Say** online survey.

<https://haveyoursay.tfw.wales/future-bus-services-in-north-wales>

Cofion cynnes/ Kind regards

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Dweud eich dweud

**Dweud eich dweud
ar rwydwaith bysiau'r
dyfodol Gogledd Cymru.**

Yr Wyddgrug – 9:00am–1:00pm, Llyfrgell
ac Amgueddfa'r Wyddgrug, 2 Medi

Glannau Dyfrdwy – Trwy'r dydd, Coleg
Chweched Dosbarth Glannau Dyfrdw, 7
Medi

Y Fflint – 9:00am–1:00pm, Neuadd y Dref
y Fflint, 8 Medi

Treffynnon – 9:00am–1:00pm,
Amgueddfa Gymunedol Ardal Treffynnon,
17 Medi

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bysiau-yn-y-dyfodol-yn-gogledd-cymru](https://dweudeichdweud.trc.cymru/wasanaethau-bysiau-yn-y-dyfodol-yn-gogledd-cymru)



Have your say

**Have your say on a
future bus network for
North Wales.**

Mold – 9:00am–1:00pm, Mold
Library & Museum, 2 September

Deeside – All day, Deeside Sixth
Form College, 7 September

Flint – 9:00am–1:00pm, Flint Town
Hall, 8 September

Holywell – 9:00am–1:00pm,
Holywell Area Community Museum,
17 September

[haveyoursay.tfw.wales/future-bus-
services-in-north-wales](https://haveyoursay.tfw.wales/future-bus-services-in-north-wales)



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**A SHARED COMMUNITY – A CHARTER BETWEEN
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND
COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF THE COUNTY**

2026



Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils Working in Partnership



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PARTNERS TO THE CHARTER

We the undersigned declare our commitment to this Charter and the principles and statements within it.

We accept the legitimacy and benefits of partnership working whilst at the same time recognising and respecting each other's roles. We aim to work together as a partnership of equals rather than tiers

We appreciate the need for timely, clear and relevant information and communication in fostering good relationships and better joint working for the benefit of local people.

The Charter defines 'Partnership' as an arrangement where we work with another body to deliver a service or carry out a function where we are not paying that other body on a commercial basis.



Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council

The following Councils have cordially adopted this Charter as a mutual agreement between two tiers of Government within Flintshire:

Argoed Community Council
Bagillt Community Council
Broughton & Bretton Community Council
Brynford Community Council
Buckley Town Council
Cilcain Community Council
Connah's Quay Town Council
Flint Town Council
Gwernaffield & Pantymwyn Community Council
Gwernymynydd Community Council
Halkyn Community Council
Hawarden Community Council
Higher Kinnerton Community Council
Holywell Town Council
Hope Community Council
Leeswood Community Council
Llanasa Community Council

Llanfynydd Community Council
Mold Town Council
Nannerch Community Council
Nercwys Community Council
Northop Community Council
Northop Hall Community Council
Penyffordd Community Council
Queensferry Community Council
Saltney Town Council
Sealand Community Council
Shotton Town Council
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council
Treuddyn Community Council
Whitford Community Council
Ysceifog Community Council

Only 32 here

INTRODUCTION

The Town and Community Councils of Flintshire and Flintshire County Council have agreed to publish a Charter which sets out how we will work together to develop and promote local needs and aspirations for the benefit of local communities whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies.

The overall purpose of the Charter is designed to improve relationships between all aspects of local government in Flintshire and build on existing good practice and embrace the shared principles of openness, respect for each other's opinions, honesty and our common priority of local democracy and respecting local views and choice. This Charter is based on equality of partnership and is not a top-down arrangement.

There are 34 Town and Community Councils within Flintshire, all playing a vital role in the fabric of local communities.

This Charter will continue to be monitored and reviewed in partnership by Flintshire County Council and the Town and Community Councils.

This is a time of significant change in local government.

All County Councils are seeing an increase in demand for services. Coupled with the reduction in Welsh Government grant and the development of new methods of joint working such as community asset transfers and Corporate Joint Committees the time is right for a fresh look at how all aspects of local government in the county can work together.

Community and Town not Town and Community?

Welsh Government and One Voice Wales refer to Community and Town Councils.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership - Flintshire County Council Officers, Flintshire Town and Community Council Clerks and Members of the Flintshire Cabinet (as and when required).

Chair - On an annual basis the Forum will be asked to appoint a Chair.

Aims - To provide half yearly meetings between Flintshire County Council officers and Flintshire Town and Community Council Clerks to achieve the following:

- Discuss shared issues affecting all or the majority of Town and Community Councils rather than a single council
- Receive Flintshire County Council updates (including but not limited to decisions of the Council / open consultations / other matters of interest to Town and Community Councils)
- Receive Town and Community Council updates (similar to above)
- Budget and financial positions
- Sharing of best practice and good examples
- Problem solving; discussion and solution to problems experienced
- Be realistic about our resources, capacity we have and the challenges facing us
- Training opportunities
- Any other matters deemed of interest / importance to both parties
- Extend invitations to receive presentations / discussions from external bodies
- Review the Charter on a bi-annual basis

Meeting Management - Meetings will be run in person (where viable) or through Teams. A draft agenda will be drawn up by Flintshire's Executive Office and circulated for comments, The agenda will be reviewed by the Chief Executive and signed off by the Chair prior to being issued. Meetings will not be recorded or available in the public domain to allow for open and safe conversations. Action points will be made.

Latest recommendations in Review of our Sector report, available at:

[gen-ld17169-en.pdf](#)

Would be helpful if this section was numbered?

SECTION 1: GOVERNANCE

Local Governance

We will be clear about the expectations that we have of each other in order to facilitate good working relationships. In this regard, we will define the way in which we interact with each other. We will be clear about the role of all Councillors in the relationship and in community leadership.

To be effective, elected members and officers must be well-trained and have the support they need to carry out their roles. **Encouragement of mandatory training for C/T Councillors.**

We will encourage continuous development of officers and members in both Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils, either in their individual groupings or together. Improved expertise will support more effective joint working.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Appoint a nominated member of staff to be a liaison officer between Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils.	Contact the nominated officer on the agreed issues and make them aware of any difficulties being encountered.
Call meetings as and when required that require the involvement of Town and Community Councils, such meetings will generally be held in the evening.	Provide the County Council with dates and frequency of Town and Community Council meetings and avoid clashes of meetings where possible. This might be difficult as C/T councils meet on different nights. All meetings are published on C/T council websites.
	Invite Councillors / Officers (as appropriate) of Flintshire County Council to meetings where necessary space will be provided on its agenda for presentations.

Partnership Working

The Charter defines 'Partnership' as an arrangement where we work with another body to deliver a service or carry out a function where we are not paying that other body on a commercial basis.

We accept the legitimacy and benefits of partnership working whilst at the same time recognising and respecting each other's roles. We aim to work together as a partnership of equals rather than tiers.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Acknowledge and recognise that Town and Community Councils are the most localised level of local government. In their role as democratically accountable bodies, Town and Community Councils offer a means of engaging with local people, of decentralising and sustaining the provision of certain services, and of revitalising local communities.	Recognise the strategic importance of the County Council and the economy of scale and equitable distribution of many services they can achieve.
Recognise and respect the diversity of Town and Community Councils and that their needs vary according to size, and the extent to which they participate varies.	Recognise that they have an important role in community leadership in the County.
Discuss with Town and Community Councils how they can best contribute to taking ownership of and/or the workings of key local partnerships.	Develop local partnerships to sustain or improve services where appropriate.
	Contribute positively to local partnerships.
Ensure as a statutory member of the local Public Services Board (PSB) that a representative of the Town and Community Councils is invited to participate in PSB activity when requested.	Nominate a representative to be a member of the Public Services Board. The representative to follow and support the accompanying roles and responsibilities. I'm happy to do this, if nominated.
Seek to work positively with Town and Community Councils on such issues as renewal areas, Town Centre planning, Communities First etc. and discuss with Town and Community Councils other areas in which it might be mutually beneficial to further develop joint working arrangements.	Positively work with the County Council to maximise future opportunities for joint working. Place Plans?

County Forum

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Hold County Forum meetings with representatives of all Town and Community Councils that wish to take part. These meetings will be held twice a year.	Contribute to the agenda of County Forum meetings with common/shared issues and contribute proactively to the attendance and discussion.
Ensure Town and Community Councils are informed of the County Forum meetings in a timely way, giving them time to put any agenda items forward.	Ensure Town and Community Councils are represented at County Forum meetings. Town and Community Councils should aim to attend at least two meetings per year.
Provide opportunities for Clerks of Town and Community Councils to discuss common concerns and resolve issues that directly involve Flintshire County Council.	Encourage participation by Clerks in opportunities to network and share common concerns.

Ethics

We will provide an ethical service to local people, following the appropriate Standards and Codes of Conduct. We will encourage links between Town and Community Council Clerks and Flintshire County Council Standards Committee.

Flintshire County Council will:-	Town and Community Councils will:-
Through the appointed Monitoring Officer, support Town and Community Councils in the timely consideration and provision of advice in relation to the application of the Members Code of Conduct.	Ensure that Town and Community Councillors are advised not to make vexatious complaints under the Code of Conduct and will provide all such information as required by the Monitoring Officer.
Ensure that County Council members are aware of the need to adhere to the Code of Conduct.	Ensure that members are aware of the need to adhere to Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct. Mandatory Training

Provide one training session per year on the Code of Conduct.	Support planned Code of Conduct training by providing a venue for sessions, promote such events to their members and encourage Councilors to attend training. (Mandatory)
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Training and Support

Flintshire County Council will:-	Town and Community Councils will:-
Offer member induction training to Town and Community Councillors to enable them to understand the role and function of the County Council.	Provide an induction to newly elected Councillors to enable them to undertake their role effectively.
Provide Town and Community Councils with relevant member training.	Provide newly elected Councillors with the relevant documentation and training to undertake their role.

Local Elections

Fair and open elections are the bedrock of local democracy. We will ensure that elections are freely and fairly contested and encourage local people to become involved in local democracy.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Administer the holding of Town and Community Council elections.	Notify the need for elections in a timely manner.
Involve Town and Community Councils in the local election planning process.	Encourage participation in the local election process by members of the local community.
Involve Town and Community Councils in any awareness raising/ publicity to encourage nominations for candidacy at local elections.	Ensure wide publicity of vacancies on Town and Community Councils to maximise community representation.
Help to publicise forthcoming local elections on behalf of Town and Community Councils.	Provide Flintshire County Council with the necessary information to publicise any forthcoming elections on their behalf.
Brief Town and Community Council Clerks on the nomination process so that they are equipped to assist any potential candidates who come forward for local elections.	Assist potential candidates who come forward for local elections with the relevant information. Thought we weren't allowed to do this; need to be clear what we can do.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Provide help and assistance with the local election legal and administrative processes and procedures.	

Monitoring and Review

The Charter will be a live document and will be reviewed annually or more often if there is a need to do so.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Arrange for the Charter to be reviewed on an annual basis.	Actively contribute to the review of the Charter.

SECTION 2: COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Information

We appreciate the need for timely, clear and relevant information and communication in fostering good relationships and better joint working for the benefit of local people.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Provide Town and Community Councils with a list of named contacts, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for key services within Flintshire County Council.	Utilise the agreed contact points and respond in the most appropriate and timely method. Welcomed but officers need to be aware of this as there are a few officers that do not respond in planning and highways. The designated Street Scene officers are brilliant.
Acknowledge all written communications from Town and Community Councils (including letters and emails) within 10 working days. A substantive response to all written communications will be provided within ten working days unless circumstances dictate that this timescale cannot be met. If this is the case Flintshire County Council will provide an acknowledgement of the written communication within five working days, the acknowledgement to include a proposed timescale for the substantive response (within 20 working days).	Ensure that all Town and Community Councillors have access to the appropriate channels of communication. Welcomed but needs proper implementation. Should also be made clear the communication is to the Clerk not Councillors. This will assist both FCC and C/T Councils in managing volume of emails and expectations.
Provide statistical and other data to Town and Community Councils as required.	Inform the County Council when undertaking community led planning processes such as Town/Community Plans and seek County Council involvement where required. Brilliant.
Notify Town and Community Councils of actions taken within their areas such as road closures, maintenance etc.	Share this information within their community areas. Great.

Enquiries, Concerns and Complaints

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Upon receipt of reported issues, acknowledge receipt of enquiry/complaint, investigate issues in accordance with the Compliments, Comments and Complaints Policy / Procedure and provide feedback to Town and Community Councils – 10 workings days for Step 1 complaints and for those issues escalated its 20 working days for Step 2 complaints.	Where appropriate follow/utilise Flintshire County Council's "Compliments, Comment and Complaints" Policy and procedure.
	Contact the nominated Officer for further support when the Policy is not being adhered too.
Respond to reports where remedial actions in service delivery are required.	Endeavour to inform the County Council when emergency action is needed e.g. dangerous or fallen trees, non-functioning and displacement of traffic signals, road flooding, potholes, loose or uneven flagstones and kerbs, bollard knock-downs and fallen or unsafe lighting columns. Welcomed but Flooding requires a designated phone number, not the 01352 701234 number.

Consultation and Engagement

We appreciate the importance of meaningful consultation, we recognise the need to engage local people in the things that matter to them, to gather their views and opinions, and to ensure their feedback is accurately reported and considered at the appropriate time during decision making processes.

We will agree to clear, specific and time limited procedures and processes for consultation.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Give Town and Community Councils the opportunity to comment on consultations before making a decision that affects the local community.	Respond to consultation opportunities in a timely manner, addressing the key issues in the consultation document. Need to recognise C/T Council cycle of meetings. Act as intermediaries, taking steps wherever possible to engage and consult local people on the matters that are important to them, and incorporate the views and opinions collected into final consultation responses. Help promote open consultations to local people, providing context for how the issue may impact their community, and actively encourage people to get involved by signposting them to where they can have their say. Publish on their websites the dates of their meetings for the municipal year, to assist the County Council, where possible, in planning its invitations for responses to consultations. C/T Councils already do this as it is a legal requirement.
Flintshire County Council, at the beginning of each municipal year, will provide Clerks with a link to its website containing the dates of all its public meetings. Agendas and Reports for past and present meetings will also be available via the link.	Make full use of past and present papers when considering how to respond to consultations on issues affecting their local community and to inform their own local decision-making.
Ensure availability of Officers to attend meetings with Town and Community Councils (or groups of Councils) at a mutually agreed time to discuss matters of common interest when requested to do so and give sufficient notice (minimum of 3 weeks unless deemed urgent).	Give Flintshire County Councillors and Officers an opportunity to speak at Town and Community Council meetings on matters of mutual interest. Where appropriate, openly promote these meetings to community residents and facilitate their contribution to the debate.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Invite Town and Community Councils to attend community engagement events and stakeholder forums.	Attend community engagement events and/or stakeholder forums where possible. Assist the County Council in the promotion of community engagement opportunities to encourage and extend local participation.
Accurately report Town and Community Council views to those Councillors making decisions.	Inform County Council of matters relevant to the local community.
Publish the outcomes of its consultation and/or engagement activities on its website in line with the timescales set out in the consultation documentation.	Will access consultation outcomes and assist in promoting their availability to the local community.
Electronic media will be used for consultation while making hard copies available upon request.	Will encourage Town and Community Councils to more fully utilise electronic media particularly with regards to consultation. <i>Although recognizing that not all residents are able to use electronic forms of communications. Like the comment in column one, hard copies must be made available and Community and Town Councils can assist with this locally.</i>
Where appropriate, help Town and Community Councils promote matters of local interest on its website and other social media channels.	Where appropriate, inform the County Council of matters of local interest which can be publicised on Flintshire County Council's website or other social media channels.
Encourage Town and Community Councils to submit appropriate items for discussion to the relevant Scrutiny Committee of the County Council.	Respond to requests to input views/items to Scrutiny Committees.

SECTION 3: SERVICES

Devolved Services

Services should be delivered in the most appropriate manner, with regard to value for money and added value for local people.

We recognise that for some services different tiers of government are more appropriate and devolution to Town and Community Councils where appropriate will be encouraged and supported.

To support the devolution of services Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils recognise the need for clarity and transparency in financial arrangements. In developing and implementing financial arrangements, relevant national and local priorities will be considered.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Give due consideration to all reasonably argued cases for the delegation of service delivery to Town and Community Councils, basing its consideration primarily on sustaining or the improvement of service delivery for citizens whilst ensuring value for money is retained or enhanced.	Consider if any local services currently provided by Flintshire County Council or partners might be more appropriately/effectively delivered by Town and Community Councils. This is welcomed but needs financial assistance too.
Where it is not appropriate or desirable to delegate service delivery, seek ways in which local information from communities might be used to enhance service delivery to better meet citizen needs.	Engage with relevant communities to better understand their needs and convey these in a coherent and constructive manner to the Council to inform service design and delivery.
Be clear about how devolved services can be discussed and agreed.	Use the agreed procedures if there is a wish to progress devolved services. Also it is important to follow up on Management Plan updates/revisions, Broughton Community Library as an example.
Consult and discuss with Town and Community Councils when considering devolving services to; sustain services, to provide better value for money and/or enhanced services.	Be clear about how any devolvement of services might sustain services for the future, providing better value for money and/or enhanced services.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
These may include Community Asset Transfers or alternative delivery models.	
Ensure accountability for all acquired or devolved activities.	Take responsibility for aspects of joint working that they are signed up to.
Support the transition of devolved services.	In partnership with the County Council identify areas of support needed, particularly initial finances.
In setting the level of council tax for the area, have regard to services being delivered by Town and Community Councils and the funding thereof. This will be with a view to avoiding 'double taxation' where possible.	In setting the annual precept, have regard to the plans for service delivery of both Flintshire County Council and the Town and Community Council for the coming year. We need to jointly encourage councillors to dispose of the "we can't increase the council tax" etc., and in particular the % rise as the monetary value is more important and relevant.
Where the provision of a service is devolved or transferred to a Town or Community Council, ensure agreement of any funding level between Flintshire County Council and the relevant Town or Community Council as part of an appropriate Service Level Agreement (SLA).	In advance of any services being devolved to a Town or Community Council the level of funding will be agreed before the transfer. Noted in relation to my comments above thank you.
Where capacity allows, offer Town and Community Councils access to support services, to enable them to take advantage of facilities such as photocopying, IT and purchasing at a mutually agreed price.	Follow procedures set out to access Flintshire County Council support services but also have the opportunity to make own arrangements. This is particularly relevant for street lighting, we are over 18 months in negotiation to "piggy back" onto FCC Streetlighting contract, but Management are refusing it. Also HR and legal advice? Refer to the latest Review of the purpose and accountability of Community and Town Councils and its eleven recommendations, relevant to FCC; copy available at: gen-ld17169-en.pdf

SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PLANNING

Town and Community Councils know and understand their local area and must be able to comment effectively on planning matters. Flintshire County Council is able to take an overview of the needs of the whole local area and make decisions, taking local views into account.

There are major communication issues with the planning department with email concerns and planning application comments not being acknowledged!

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Conform to the agreed planning procedures laid out.	Conform to the agreed planning procedures laid out.
Uphold its statutory duty to consult Town and Community Councils on all planning applications in their communities.	Make appropriate responses to Flintshire County Council recognising the parameters imposed by planning law and agreed planning policy. Agreed but courtesy responses from Planning Officers would be appreciated.
Inform Town and Community Councils in writing of a decision issued with respect to any planning applications in its area and facilitate access to the reasons behind the decision.	Ensure that Councillors receive training on planning issues from relevant Officers/bodies and have a sound understanding of how planning law works. Agreed! Material reasons only should be submitted.
Give Town and Community Councils information about relevant Planning Committee meetings so that they may attend as observers or participants in line with the Third Party Representation at Planning Committee Protocol.	Take up the opportunity to attend Planning Committee meetings to make representations on Applications in which they have an interest.
Where a Town or Community Council has been formally consulted on a planning issue, seek to inform them of the outcome of the decision issued and facilitate access to the reasons behind the decision; subject to confirmation within the Development Control Services Procedures Manual.	Provide the County Council with the up to date contact details of the Clerk to the Council.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Invite Town and Community Councils to any relevant Planning User Focus Group Meetings and use these meetings for training on relevant planning matters.	Encourage participation in the Planning User Focus Group Meetings.
Maintain the level of discussions with Town and Community Councils on how they can best contribute to the development and effective delivery of the Local Development Plan.	Seek to fully contribute to the development of and effective delivery of Flintshire County Council's Local Development Plan.
Where practicable support Town and Community Councils in the development of Community Plans.	Invite support from Flintshire County Council in the development of Community Plans if required.

SECTION 5: WELL-BEING AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

The [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) that aims to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales now and for the longer-term.

The Act is underpinned by seven 'well-being' goals and the five ways of working are known as the sustainable development principles.

Well-being Plan for Flintshire

We recognise the importance of the Well-being Plan as a strategic plan that sets the vision and priorities for partners in terms of improving local well-being. The Well-being Plan and its effectiveness is informed by the grass roots experiences from within our communities in addition to the shared intelligence of our partners. To inform the Well-being Plan an assessment of local well-being is undertaken. Both the Well-being Assessment and the Well-being Plan are periodically reviewed and updated, in line with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Well-being Plan supports both the well-being goals and the sustainable development principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and will demonstrate how Flintshire as a County of partners will contribute towards these.

The Council's own **Council Plan** aligns to and integrates with the Well-being Plan. It includes the themes and priorities that the Council will deliver upon in-year that align with the Well-being Plan.

The production of the Well-being Plan and its delivery is one of the core roles of the Public Services Board (PSB). Town and Community Councils are invited to join the board (Partnership Working Section, page 6).

Flintshire County Council will:	Town and Community Councils will: -
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Discuss with Town and Community Councils how they can best contribute to the development and effective delivery of the Well-being Plan for Flintshire.	Contribute to the development and effective delivery of the Well-being Plan for Flintshire. Hawarden and Broughton and Bretton Community Council have produced an Annual Report reflecting the seven well-being goals of the Welsh Government. This could be mirrored by all Community and Town Councils but more engagement with FCC maybe an item for revitalized Charter meeting?*
Discuss with Town and Community Councils how they can best contribute to the development and effective delivery of the Council Plan.	Contribute to the development and effective delivery of the Council Plan.

Flintshire County Council will:	Town and Community Councils will: -
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Involve Town and Community Councils in any consultation to inform both the Well-being Assessment and Plan.	Respond actively and fully to any consultation undertaken around both the Well-being Assessment and Plan.

Sustainability

We will work in ways that are sustainable, reconciling the long-term needs with those of the present and protecting and improving the quality of life of current generations without compromising the quality of life of future generations.

Flintshire County Council will:	Town and Community Councils will: -
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Assist Town and Community Councils with information on sustainable practices.	Proactively assess the sustainability of current practices and processes.
Outline how the Council is actively implementing sustainable development.	Encourage projects which contribute to sustainability where beneficial to the community. FCC provide toolkits for this!
Work in partnership with Town and Community Councils to promote sustainable social, economic, environmental and cultural development for the benefit of local communities, whilst seeking not to compromise the quality of life for future generations.	Work in partnership with Flintshire County Council to promote sustainable social, economic, environmental and cultural development for the benefit of local communities, whilst seeking not to compromise the quality of life for future generations. As above comment.*

Diversity and Equality

Flintshire County Council and the Town and Community Councils of the county are determined to eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote equality of opportunity. Diversity and Equality are at the heart of everything we do and we have a joint responsibility to ensure that everyone has equal access to our services.

We recognise that we have an important role to play in ensuring that all members of our

communities have a say in our shared future.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Meet the specific needs of individual members of the County Forum in relation to meeting arrangements to ensure all attendees can fully participate.	Identify any specific needs of members and inform Flintshire County Council of any specific requirements, such as providing documents in large print, Braille etc. Provide accessible venues for meetings.
Be clear about the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 when working in partnership with Town and Community Councils to deliver services.	Comply with the Equality Act 2010, where the Council and Town and Community Councils jointly provide services or work in partnership.
Assist Town and Community Councils with information on inclusive services.	Assess the extent to which their current practices promote equality.
Work in partnership with Town and Community Councils to celebrate diversity and promote Flintshire as a county where discrimination and harassment is not tolerated.	Wherever practicable encourage projects and initiatives that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Welsh Language Standards

We will work in ways that promote the Welsh language and facilitate its use and ensure that we do not treat the Welsh language less favorably than the English language.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Discuss with Town and Community Councils how we can identify and meet the preferred languages of individual members of the County Forum in relation to meeting arrangements.	Identify the preferred languages of individuals who attend meetings of the County Forum and inform Flintshire County Council of such preferences. Recognising that the second most common language in Flintshire is Polish?
Assist Town and Community Councils with information on bilingual practices.	Assess the extent to which their current practices promote the Welsh language and its sustainability.

Flintshire County Council will: -	Town and Community Councils will: -
Work in partnership with Town and Community Councils to promote the Welsh language and facilitate its use for the benefit of local communities and future generations.	Wherever practicable encourage projects/ initiatives which contribute to raising the visibility and audibility of the Welsh language in the county.
Work in partnership with Town and Community Councils to celebrate Welsh culture.	Wherever practical participate in initiatives to celebrate Welsh culture e.g. St David's Day.
Be clear about the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards with which Flintshire County Council will need to comply when jointly providing services with Town and Community Councils.	Comply with the Welsh language Standards where the Council and Town and Community Councils jointly provide services, and the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language.