

APPENDIX 1

Projects	Overview	What we want to achieve during the first year 2023-24 (milestones)	Update - December 2023
<p>1. Clean and Tidy Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfilling what was promised within the Council's Plan 2018-23 namely, 'for every community in Gwynedd to prosper' and that as people they 'enjoy a happy, healthy and safe life' by 'taking advantage of the County's natural beauty'. To facilitate physical improvements to the built environment within and in the vicinity of towns and villages in Gwynedd, by focusing on public open spaces, e.g., roads, streets, parks, promenades, etc. Promote local ownership and develop a sense of pride in the area by working at a cross-service level by building relationships with local groups/organisations, volunteers and the third sector. 	<p>To build on our engagement work, we intend to hold consultation sessions within our communities to share the principles of the Tidying-up Teams and to provide local members with the opportunity to express their views on the type of work that needs to be targeted and the best way of achieving this.</p>	<p>A customer satisfaction questionnaire has been placed within the Tidying Teams 'Hub' and feedback is recorded and shared with the Teams</p> <p>Considering that the Teams have been fully operational for over a year now, we hope to re-visit the 'Ardal Ni' consultation to measure the success of the Teams</p>
		<p>An opportunity has arisen to review other similar services within the Department and find out if they can be integrated into one Street Scene Service to significantly improve the cleanliness, tidiness and safety of the local built environment.</p>	<p>Following last year's restructuring, the Department took the opportunity to undertake a high-level review of the Service to find out whether there were any barriers preventing it from working effectively and efficiently.</p>
		<p>As well as the Ardal Ni Tidying Teams, there is potential to incorporate the Street Cleaning Service, Grounds Maintenance Service and the Street Services into the new integrated service. Such a move would allow resources and skills to be shared, align existing working practices, create efficiency savings and potentially save costs. Work to investigate this has already begun with a review of how</p>	<p>We have now incorporated the following services within one new Service, i.e., the Street Scene Service, to be able to focus on the look and image of our streets and roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Cleaning Street Enforcement

		the street cleaning service carries out its work. A similar exercise will be carried out on the other services over the coming months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •'Ardal Ni' Tidying-up Team <p>The Service is facing an overspend situation following a recent financial review. In addition, the savings plan will be presented in the next financial year. Recommendations from the review will be integral to the work to respond to the situation.</p>
2. Acting on flood risks	<p><u>Coastal Flood Risks</u></p> <p>Gwynedd has the largest coastline in Wales and due to the nature of our landscape a high percentage of our communities and the infrastructure that serves them, are on the coast.</p> <p>Naturally, risks arise from rising sea levels as well as more intense storms, which occur more frequently and have a worse impact on our communities.</p> <p>The project seeks to commit to the prioritisation of flood risks.</p>	<p>Have a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Gwynedd in place. Responsibilities for mitigating flood risks are split between the Council and Natural Resources Wales. For clarity, the aim is to produce a local flood strategy that includes all risks to Gwynedd residents.</p>	<p>We have considered how our Local Flooding Strategy is going to reduce risks to Gwynedd residents and set out our vision before the Leadership Team.</p>
	<p><u>Inland Flood Risks</u></p> <p>Climate change has a significant impact on floods and storms, periods of rain that become more intense and occur more frequently.</p>	<p>Create a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy as required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The Strategy must be consistent with the National Strategy published in October 2020. We also start from a position of reviewing Local Flood Risk Management Strategies in present-day Wales</p>	<p>A draft Strategy has been completed in line with the Welsh Government's timetable.</p>

	<p>Gwynedd is split into 15 fluvial catchment areas.</p> <p>It is possible to prioritise the catchment areas according to theoretical risk from the information in Natural Resources Wales maps, while also taking into account the information the department gathers after each incident of house flooding in Gwynedd (Gathering this information is a statutory role under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 - known as Section 19 reports).</p> <p>The project seeks to commit to the prioritising inland flood risks.</p>	<p>(2013) and actively align with related objectives, measures and policies and legislation on the 2020 National Strategy. This task needs to be completed by October 2023.</p> <p>Based on the priorities, the department will draw up catchment plans, which often include several small and large schemes throughout the catchment area. This is a fundamental change to the way flood plans were drawn up in the past with much more local projects being developed. Very often, such schemes would pass on problems and risk further down the catchment area and contribute to problems in other locations. The aim is to reduce this by</p>	<p>We will draw up plans within our catchment areas to help avoid/respond to current and growing threats.</p>
<p>3. Extending opportunities for play and socialising for the county's children and young people</p>	<p>Since the re-opening of playing fields after the pandemic, the County's provision has increased. The expectation of County residents is also higher, and they want to see high grade play equipment to ensure equal play opportunities. For many years there has been no investment in changing/adding to the play equipment and only a very small revenue budget has been available to maintain them. We face many challenges to ensure quality play opportunities and equipment for our communities. The scheme will therefore enable us to develop existing assets ensuring a safe and pleasing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the playgrounds that are high priority • Provide a prioritised work programme • Local collaboration with partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Asset List and equipment record / status in place •We will aim to review the list of information that includes the locations of the play fields/equipment to prioritise the work that will be part of this Project. •A bid for funding has been submitted via the internal process to improve play opportunities across the county •A letter will be sent to the community groups to open a discussion regarding

	area for our communities to use.		collaborative opportunities on any available grant applications •It should be noted that it is impossible to measure the use made of the playing fields, but engagement will be a foundation to the prioritisation work
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