



Flintshire County Council

Core Principles for Public Engagement and Consultation

Purpose

To sit below, and complement, the [National Principles of Public Engagement](#), providing a set of overarching core principles for the organisation and all its services in the preparation and delivery of engagement and consultation activity.

To clearly define the minimum standards which can be expected by Flintshire Citizens when their views and opinions are sought.

Principles

1. When planning engagement/consultation activity the organisation and its employees will adhere to the National Core Principles of Public Engagement developed by Participation Cymru on behalf of Welsh Government.
2. The organisation will commit sufficient time to plan and prepare all its engagement/consultation activity creating an ethos of:
'the right process - the right people - the right time'
3. Engagement and consultation activity will be sufficiently planned and timed so as to inform Council decision making processes.
4. We will clearly set the scope for all engagement and consultation activity so that citizens have a clear understanding of exactly what their views and opinions can influence.
5. We will be clear and open about the processes we adopt. People will know when and how they can become involved and will be given sufficient time to 'have their say'. We will share outcomes and be clear about how people's views and opinions have influenced our final decisions.
6. Citizens of Flintshire can expect all engagement/consultation activity to take due account of their diverse needs and the Council will provide opportunities for all voices to be heard using a wide range of methodologies.
7. Council services will where appropriate work together to coordinate complementary engagement and consultation activity. This coordinated collaborative approach will also extend to other partner organisations wherever possible.

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