

Report To: Conwy & Denbighshire PSB

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Title: Next Steps under the 'Empowering Communities' Priority

1. What is the report about?
Proposed Next Steps under the 'Empowering Communities' Priority, following a workshop designed and facilitated by Denbighshire County Council with support from Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council and Community and Voluntary Support Conwy.
2. What is the reason for making this report?
To inform PSB of the process followed to develop the next steps, and make recommendations of what the Next Steps should be, what would constitute success, and who should be involved in more detailed design and delivery.
3. What are the Recommendations?
 - 3.1 That PSB notes the process followed, and agrees that they are assured the process was robust.
 - 3.2 That PSB considers the ideas that came forward during the process, notes the recommendations, and provides feedback in order to agree those recommendations. The PSB should also consider what further engagement is needed as the next steps are progressed.
4. Report details
 - 4.1 Following formal sign-off of the Conwy & Denbighshire's PSB Plan, Denbighshire County Council agreed to lead on developing the Next Steps under the Empowering Communities priority, with the support of DVSC and CVSC, and considering activities under the following themes (acknowledging that they contribute to the resilience of communities):
 - i. Housing
 - ii. Employment Opportunities
 - iii. Capacity Building
 - iv. Provision of Health & Well-being Support
 - v. Infrastructure

- 4.2 A workshop was held in Ruthin on 27 June. A register of attendance was kept on the day, but was unfortunately only signed by 28 people. The invitation to attend was an open one circulated through all partner organisations and 60 officers responded with their interest to attend (see Appendix A). Although not all could attend in the end (a road traffic accident on the day caused difficulty for some), we know from a headcount that at least 40 people were present on the day, with good representation across partner organisations. We will continue our dialogue with this group by feeding back to them the outcome of the workshop and the PSB decision.
- 4.3 In-keeping with the PSB's principle of building on existing pledges from organisations' well-being plans in order to seek opportunities where collaboration would add value, delegates were presented with information about existing pledges under each theme (see Appendix B). They were then asked to discuss collaboration options in detail (see Appendix C). The output of the workshop is detailed in Appendix D.
- 4.4 The output has been considered by lead officers from DCC, DVSC and CVSC, and the projects at Appendix E are suggested as Next Steps, due to them offering strong collaboration potential (where collaboration adds value and does not duplicate work underway elsewhere), and tangible outputs being identified. Suggestions for key stakeholders/a project team have also been included at Appendix E.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the PSB considers whether further engagement is needed in relation to the community empowerment priority and notes the suggestion by DVSC that PSB partners consider making a collective commitment to coproduction as the approach that will lead to community empowerment and to ensuring that the workforce and partners have the skills, techniques and assign resources to embed this approach in services, delivery and engagement approaches to ensure community empowerment is realised in practice.
- 4.5 The idea for an electric-charging infrastructure could be considered under the Environment priority.